



## Eula Thigpen

December 18, 1919 - October 16, 2011

THIGPEN, Mrs. Eula M. - Age 91, passed away Sunday, October 16, 2011 at her residence. Family hour 10 a.m. Saturday October 22, 2011 at Macedonia Missionary Baptist Church, G-5443 N. Saginaw St., with funeral service commencing at 11 a.m. Min. Adelaide Evans, officiating. Interment River Rest Cemetery, G-4413 Flushing Rd. Friends and pallbearers will assemble at the church 10 a.m. Saturday. Mrs. Thigpen will lie in state at the church and may be viewed Saturday during family hour only. Paying homage to the hand that rocked our cradle. Her life story: Mrs. Eula Marcelle Lewis-Thigpen was born December 18, 1919 in Meridian, Mississippi to Estelle Wilson-Lewis and Rev. William Henry Lewis. She was the second of three children. At the tender age of three, she and her siblings lost their mother. Their father remarried. His new bride was Margaret Collins. Eula inherited a rich legacy of faith, family, character, music and leadership from her parent's example. Her father was a founding member of SCLC in the state of Mississippi. He also was the first black owner of a radio station in Mississippi – reaching millions through affiliations with ABC, NBC and CBS stations. This is the stock from which she came. Eula committed herself to getting an education. She completed her early education in Meridian, MS and graduated from Harris High School in Meridian, where her mother Margaret taught. Eula earned a degree in education from Talledega College in Alabama. She taught English in Meridian, MS. Eula's strong devotion to Christ was instilled in her from her father. Under his pastoral leadership in the Church of God community, she became a

devoted follower of Christ. She was a faithful member of Church of God until her marriage to Justus Thigpen. At that time she adopted the Baptist faith. In February 1942, Eula was united in Holy Matrimony with Justus Thigpen during a ceremony officiated by her father, Pastor William Henry Lewis. From this union, two children were born: Margaret Thigpen and Justus H. Thigpen. The Thigpen family relocated to Flint, Michigan in 1952 and united with Macedonia Baptist Church on Hickory Street. As the church relocated, so did the Thigpen family, to its current location. She was a faithful and devoted member for 59 years – serving in various positions until her health failed. Over the years, she served as Youth Director, Sunday school teacher, member of the Missionary Society, choir pianist, and choir directress for the senior choir – just to name a few. Eula was willing to serve whenever and however she could. She loved church. Along the way, she earned awards and acknowledgements for her accomplishments. She earned an award for 40 years of dedicated service as financial secretary for the parent body of Great Lakes Baptist District Association under Dr. A.J. Pointer, moderator – awarded to her November 13, 1998. She was awarded for 15 years of dedicated service as youth director at Macedonia Baptist Church on May 19, 1974. Eula leaves to cherish her memory and continue her legacy: two loving and devoted children, Margaret Thigpen of Milwaukee, WI and Justus H. Thigpen, Sr., of Flint; 3 grandchildren, Reba (Eric) Thigpen-Cooper of Flint, Justus (LaChelle) Thigpen, Jr. of Columbus, OH and Quentin Joiner (Crystal) of Milwaukee, WI; 8 great-grandchildren, Kavona, Kashonda, Juwann, all of Flint, Quentin Jr., Alexis and Jordan, all of Milwaukee, WI, Alexis and Jadyne, both of Columbus, OH; great-great-grandson, Jamari of Flint; a host of other relatives and friends too numerous to name. Mrs. Thigpen will be welcomed into heaven by those who preceded her: her loving husband, Rev. Justus Thigpen; mother, Estelle; father, Pastor William Henry Lewis; stepmother, Margaret; brother, Joe Lewis; sister, Johnnie Annie Bell Lewis-Wilson; brothers-in-law, Marvin Wilson and Glaston Thigpen; and sister-in-law, Ann Thigpen. The family of Eula Thigpen has been overwhelmed by the many acts of kindness and love shown us

during our time of bereavement. We will always remember your love, phone calls, prayers, cards and concern. We would like to express special thanks to Grace Hospice, nurse Roseanne Swartz, Chaplain Jowanne Carrigan, Dr. Tom Belford, Dr. Syed Sattar, Vickie Jones, caregivers: Dorianne Jones and Armilda "Chic" Clark. Special thanks to granddaughter, Rebe Thigpen-Cooper. God Bless you all.

# Tribute Wall



“ *Eula Thigpen*

October 09, 2023 at 07:02 AM



“ *Justus & Margaret, I am sorry for your loss. My thoughts and prayers are with you. Hold to Gods unchanging hand and know that He can see you though.  
Love Yolanda*

**Yolanda Macklin-Shumpert** - October 16, 2011 at 12:00 AM



“ *Reba & Justus, I'm truly sorry for your loss. To be absent from the body is to be present with the Lord...and God is keeping her in perfect peace. Imagine Rev. Thigpen (he married my parents) welcoming her.*

**Marcia Fair-Stevens** - October 16, 2011 at 12:00 AM



“ *Mrs. Thigpen is truly a Saint and God knew what he did when her soul was created. She has touched so many lives and has reaped her harvest. Continue to carry on her legacy for all she has done. Rejoice in her homegoing and enjoy the memories.*

**Douglas R. Gibbs** - October 16, 2011 at 12:00 AM



“ *Thig, so sorry to hear of your mother's passing. You have our deepest sympathy. Love you, Barbara & Fernando*

**Barbara & Fernando Terrell** - October 16, 2011 at 12:00 AM

MS

“ Keeping you in my prayers, I send my love to you and your family.

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**Mrs. Vivian Steele** - October 16, 2011 at 12:00 AM

RD

“ We send our heartfelt sympathy, love and prayers. May God continue to be with at this time and days and years to come. Remember God is to wise to make a mistake. Earth's loss is heaven's gain. Be Blessed.

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**Rev., Dr. Terry and Carolyn (Steele) Davis** - October 16, 2011 at 12:00 AM

SM

“ I pray that the Lord is always your strength. My parents went to Northern in the 60s with the children and I went to school with the grandchildren in the 80s. Mrs. Thigpen was our hall monitor @ Flint Academy also. May she rest in the loving hands of the Lord.

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**Stacy McGee-Dixon** - October 16, 2011 at 12:00 AM

MB

“ Justin,

*Please know that you and your family are in my prayers.*

*The Van Buren Family*

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**Ms. Carol Van Buren** - October 16, 2011 at 12:00 AM

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“ *Earth has no sorrow that Heaven cannot heal...  
We, the Flint Academy Class of 1987, extend our love and  
condolences to the family of Mrs. Thigpen. It takes a village to raise  
a child and this wonderful lady was a member of the village that  
raised the students of Flint Academy. She will be truly missed but  
know that her memory lives on in each and every student. May God  
bless and keep you.*

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**Flint Academy c/o 1987** - October 16, 2011 at 12:00 AM

LS

“ *My condolences goes out to The Thigpen Family. May God bless  
you and keep you strong.*

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**Loretta Sweeney** - October 16, 2011 at 12:00 AM

CP

“ *To the family of Mrs. Thigpen my deepest condolence at thi time.  
I remember her walking the halls of Flint Academy High school the  
old Flint Northern High School protecting us. She was a very nice  
person and I will remember her fondly.*

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**Candia Peterson/Payne** - October 16, 2011 at 12:00 AM

EW

“ To the Thigpen Family, God has truly blessed your family. Mrs. Thigpen was blessed with a long life in which she touched many people. I was blessed to be one of them. I had the pleasure of working with Mrs. Thigpen at the Flint Academy School (the old Northern High School). I first met Justus and Reba at Merrill School, (some of her grandchildren). I then met her son Justus and then I met Mrs. Thigpen. What a wonderfully blessed family. I was always happy to run into family members of the Thigpen Family. I would always receive a praise report on Mrs. Thigpen. She was a fine Christian woman and her family mirrored her. My family thoughts and prayers are with you. Keep your hand in Jesus's hand.

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**Elder Charles Woods** - October 16, 2011 at 12:00 AM

MP

“ You have my deepest sympathy for the loss of a mother who was a model for us all. We who grew up when Mrs. Thigpen was in her prime were blessed to be raised in a village of nurturing, conscious, God submitted Black women who understood love as action. I had no personal relationship with Mrs. Thigpen, but I witnessed her walking her convictions and I was influenced by her example to walk upright as a mother and an educator. You are in my thoughts and prayers.

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**Marcella (Marcia) Pendergrass** - October 16, 2011 at 12:00 AM