



## Mother Florine Verdun

May 12, 1929 - April 13, 2016

VERDUN, Mother Florine - Age 86, passed away Wednesday, April 13, 2016 at Hurley Medical Center. Family hour 10:00 a.m. Thursday, April 21, 2016 at Harris Memorial Church of God In Christ, 4317 Lippincott Blvd., Burton, MI, with funeral service commencing at 11:00 a.m. Supt. Eric C. Bogan officiating. Interment Sunset Hills Cemetery, G-4413 Flushing Rd. Friends and pallbearers will assemble at the church 10:00 a.m. Thursday. Mother Verdun will lie in state in the Chapel of Lawrence E. Moon Funeral Home, 906 W. Flint Park Blvd., and may be viewed from 12:00 p.m. - 8:00 pm. Wednesday.

Florine Verdun was adored by many. A nurturer by nature, she selflessly sacrificed for her church, husband, children, family and the many who sought her out in their times of need. Mother Verdun fed the hungry and homeless, wiped the brow of the sick, saved homes, befriended the lonely, comforted the heartbroken, chauffeured multitudes, advised amid confusion, listened into clarity and loved through it all. Through all her generosity, the thing that drew people to Mother Verdun, was that love; pure, unconditional and a seemingly infinite amount of it to spread around. Her children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren are rich in the legacy of our Mother's unconditional love.

One of Florine Verdun's mantras was "If you don't have anything good to say, it is best to say nothing." Florine Verdun's word was impeccable. Her speech was filled with the reliable truth and her promises were fulfilled. Her voice

smiled and was full of her heart. She spoke with laughter, joy, strength and power. So people listened and came back to hear more.

Florine's family was second only to God. Her parents, Bessie and Joseph McGowan were sharecroppers in the Mississippi Delta. Florine and her sisters, Annie (Henry) Fielder, and Carrie (Dargan) McNair prepared meals and did housework while her brothers Ray (Jessie), Charles (Fannie), Lewis James and Sonny Boy planted and harvested cotton. The entire family eventually left Mississippi and settled in Flint, Michigan in the 1940s. We pray that Florine rejoices in Heaven at the feet of our Savior with her parents and siblings.

When Florine moved to Flint, she just happened to live around the corner from Vincent Verdun. She met him on the bus stop, they married and Florine's legacy emerged. First there were 8 children: Frankie Mae Pascoe, Douglas Pascoe, Velberia (Leon) Woods, Aubrey (Pat) Verdun, Daniel Verdun, Vincene (Art) Verdun Cox, Joseph Criss (Harriett) Verdun and Roslyn (Curtis) Freeman. That would only tell a part of the story since not only did Florine raise her children in the fear and admonition of the Lord in Harris Temple Church of God in Christ, but she was a hands on grandmother, devoted to her 15 grandchildren (and their spouses): Monifa Yvonne, Douglas Pascoe, Jr., Latefa (James) Duhart, Shaune Anderson Verdun, Aubrey (Nicole) Verdun, Jr., Rea (Christopher) Woods Yates, Joshua Ingram, Corie Latimer Verdun, Vincent Ingram, Vineece Verdun, Jasen Freeman, Leah Verdun, Joseph Verdun, Jr., Clarence Verdun and Langston Freeman. From the youngest to the oldest, Florine had a special relationship to each and every grandchild. All lived comfortably in their relationship with her, loving her, respecting her and always excited about spending time at 1405 Lippincott Blvd. Florine also has 15 great-grandchildren: DeQuan Woods, David Little, Halle Little, Cruz Duhart, Kristian Verdun, Madison Ingram, Eden Yates, Paige Ingram, Anais Yates, Hope Ingram, Solomon Yates, Aubrey Verdun III, Ava Verdun, Monroe Verdun

and Addison Verdun. Of her 7 siblings only she and Raymond had children. Florine adored the son of her brother, Raymond (Johann) McGowans and their daughters, Jasmine, Aja and Zoe. Florine mourned the passing of her husband and three of her children, baby Frankie Mae, Douglas, Daniel, and one grandchild, Shaune, and we pray that she rejoices in heaven with them now.

In addition to her immediate family, Florine Verdun was a matriarch in the huge Verdun clan. Her nieces and nephews are numerous and they gravitated to Aunt Florine for advice, guidance, acceptance and love. They called and visited often and they prayed for her as she prayed for them.

Florine Verdun loved Harris Temple, COGIC and was a founding member of the church serving under Elder T.R. Harris. Florine worked tirelessly preparing dinners weekly for lunch breaks for factory workers and Sunday dinner for church members and the community. She was also active in Young Women's Christian Council and later served in the Food Bank. To say Harris Memorial Church of God in Christ and the many friends and extended family she had there were a significant part of Mother Verdun's life is an understatement. From 17 years old when she joined the church to 86 years old when God called her home, the Harris Memorial family loved Mother Verdun. She spent a lifetime praising the Lord, serving the community, living and loving with them.

In the midst of all this Florine Verdun had a career. When she first came to Flint she worked for a small family business, the Davis Food Center. After the birth of her seventh child, Florine began working for Hurley Hospital in the laundry. After successfully passing several civil service exams, continuing her education to get her high school diploma and becoming certified as a Dietician at Mott community College, Florine became a supervisor in the kitchen at Hurley Hospital (back then the food was really good). While Florine never fulfilled her dream of becoming a nurse, she did get the education she always

wanted and retired from Hurley Hospital after working 25 years.

The family would like to express a special thanks to The Universal Ambulance staff, Dr. Kodsey and the Visiting Physicians Staff, Mary and Jean and the Pinnacle staff, Dr. Almaroof and Margai, Hurley Medical Center Emergency Room staff, CICU AND ICU staff, and Dr. Thomas, Dr. Osama and Davita Dialysis Center staff. The family would like to also thank Supt. Eric C. Bogan, First Lady Karleen Bogan and Harris Memorial Church family.

# Cemetery Details

## Sunset Hills Cemetery

G-4413 Flushing Rd.  
Flint, MI 48504

# Previous Events

## Public Viewing

APR **20**. 12:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

Lawrence E. Moon Funeral Home Chapel, Flint  
906 W. Flint Park Blvd.  
Flint, MI 48505  
(810) 789-MOON (6666)  
lemoonfhflint@gmail.com  
<http://www.lawrenceemoonfuneralhome.com>

## Family hour

APR **21**. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

Harris Memorial C.O.G.I.C.  
4317 Lippincott Blvd  
Burton, MI 48519

## Service

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APR **21**. 11:00 AM (ET)

Harris Memorial C.O.G.I.C.  
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# Tribute Wall



“ *Mother Florine Verdun*

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October 09, 2023 at 07:02 AM



“ *N. Jean Riddle-Jefferson & Family lit a candle  
in memory of Mother Florine Verdun*



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**N. Jean Riddle-Jefferson & Family** - May 28, 2016 at 09:29 PM



“ *Doris Moore-White lit a candle in memory of  
Mother Florine Verdun*



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**Doris Moore-White** - May 05, 2016 at 12:26 PM

PM

“ Family, I don't know Mother Florine, but her obituary touched my spirit so "Let the work that she has done speak for itself". Obviously she will be missed by many and her legacy will live on in those lives she has touch over the years. May God continue to bless you during the days, weeks, months and years to come. Praying for your strength.

Yours in Christ,  
Pamela



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**Pamela-Saginaw, MI** - April 22, 2016 at 11:41 AM

CH

“ Chantelle Hubbard lit a candle in memory of Mother Florine Verdun



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**Chantelle Hubbard** - April 22, 2016 at 09:00 AM

JM

“ Jean Montgomery lit a candle in memory of Mother Florine Verdun



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**Jean Montgomery** - April 20, 2016 at 09:39 PM

CH

“ Carl and Donna Hicks purchased the Written in the Stars for the family of Mother Florine Verdun.



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**Carl and Donna Hicks** - April 20, 2016 at 08:36 PM

KV

“ Thank you all I loved my grad mama and I know she would love this

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**Kristian Vredun** - April 20, 2016 at 07:43 PM

RW

“ Regina M Williams sent a virtual gift in memory of Mother Florine Verdun



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**Regina M Williams** - April 20, 2016 at 04:16 PM

RW

“ Regina M Williams lit a candle in memory of Mother Florine Verdun



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**Regina M Williams** - April 20, 2016 at 04:16 PM



“ *Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Mother Florine Verdun.* ”



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April 20, 2016 at 02:27 PM



“ *BARBARA Jean Terrell lit a candle in memory of Mother Florine Verdun* ”



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**BARBARA Jean Terrell** - April 20, 2016 at 02:23 PM



“ *YuLisa sent a virtual gift in memory of Mother Florine Verdun* ”



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**YuLisa** - April 20, 2016 at 12:46 PM

YU

*When Jesus comes He will send His angels to gather the elect...  
Angels take God's servants at their death to a place of blessedness...  
Moma Florine, we know you have been called to work!*

*Angels minister to the physical needs of God's children  
Angels are charged to protect those who follow the Lord  
Angels protect God's servants from their enemies  
Angels deliver God's servants from peril and evil  
Angels cheer God's servants in hardship and seeming danger  
Angels reveal God's purposes to His servants  
Angels show God's servants what to do  
The law was given through the angels  
Angels will come with the Son of Man when He comes to judge the  
nations and to execute judgment on the wicked.*

*To mom, dad, my sisters- Latefa & Monifa and the rest of my family: Be  
encouraged and know that God has us ALL in His hand. I'm here for  
you!*

*Ms. YuLisa, Prince Jaden, and Princess Jordyn*

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**YuLisa** - April 20, 2016 at 01:02 PM

FF

“ *Fowler Family lit a candle in memory of  
Mother Florine Verdun*



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**Fowler Family** - April 20, 2016 at 09:11 AM

FF

*To the Verdun family, we are sorry for your loss and our prayers are  
with you in your time of sorrow. May God continue to bless you and  
keep you. Mrs. Verdun will be missed.*

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**Fowler Family** - April 20, 2016 at 09:17 AM



“ *Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Mother Florine Verdun.*



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April 19, 2016 at 05:48 PM



“ *Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Mother Florine Verdun.*



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April 19, 2016 at 03:07 PM



“ *I'm so saddened to hear about Aunt Florine.. She was always so kind and loving to me. She will be missed dearly. I'm sorry I can't make it to Flint for the service. I'll be sending flowers and my love. Shaun Wright-Verdun & family.*

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**Shaun Wright-Verdun** - April 19, 2016 at 01:23 PM



“ *Donna Hicks lit a candle in memory of Mother Florine Verdun*



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**Donna Hicks** - April 19, 2016 at 09:30 AM

DH

*My prayers are with you and your family, I pray our God will keep and comfort you doing this time, know that you are loved and God has his hands on you and you'll see her again.*

**Donna Hicks** - April 19, 2016 at 09:32 AM

CS

“ *My prayers and thoughts are with you all. I pray for God to comfort you and give you peace. Aunt Florine was a earth angel, a blessing to many. She was at every family event supporting and being a pillar of strength to all who loved and knew her. She had the biggest heart and passes on a great legacy! RIH Aunt Florine.  
Love cousin Cindy, Mike and the Simmons-Bagley family*

**cindy simmons-bagley** - April 19, 2016 at 03:33 AM



“ *Wanda Baker sent a virtual gift in memory of Mother Florine Verdun*



**Wanda Baker** - April 18, 2016 at 02:27 PM

PW

“ *Pam Williams sent a virtual gift in memory of Mother Florine Verdun*



**Pam Williams** - April 17, 2016 at 09:41 PM

BW

“ *Barbara Washington lit a candle in memory of Mother Florine Verdun*



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**Barbara Washington** - April 17, 2016 at 09:25 PM

DK

“ *Doris E. Keels lit a candle in memory of Mother Florine Verdun*



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**Doris E. Keels** - April 17, 2016 at 06:44 PM

JS

“ *Lincoln & Donna Ward just informed us of the passing of Mother Verdun. My mother, Mrs Iva Davis & family would like to share our deepest condolences to all of the Verdun family. Our hearts are heavy at this moment, knowing how much her presence will be missed, in so many hearts. I, Jihad Sharif (aka Jerome Davis) spent so much of my young days running around your families house. Going there was just like being at home, with Mrs Verdun's welcoming smile and laughter. If you were raised in Elm Park, you were a child raised by a village, with concerned neighbors and loving adults on every block. She was one of those loving adults I remember most. We were Blessed.*

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**Jihad Hassan Sharif** - April 17, 2016 at 03:21 PM

RH

“ *Mother Verdun had a very caring spirit and was truly a blessing to our mother and our family.  
The Norman, Etherly, and Whitehead families.*



Rhonda - April 17, 2016 at 09:03 AM

PW

“ *Pam Williams lit a candle in memory of Mother Florine Verdun*



Pam Williams - April 17, 2016 at 01:12 AM

JM

“ *Jason Marks lit a candle in memory of Mother Florine Verdun*



Jason Marks - April 16, 2016 at 06:47 PM

DW

“ *Diane Williams lit a candle in memory of Mother Florine Verdun*



Diane Williams - April 16, 2016 at 04:57 PM



“ To the Verdun family, condolences from the Lincoln Ward family. Also, from Janet (Ward) Summers. Your Mom was a beautiful woman with a beautiful spirit. She has gone on to her reward with GOD to that mansion especially built for her. She earned it with her GODLY love for people. I will never forget that big beautiful smile she always had on her face. Remember memories are forever, keep them close to your hearts always, because you will see her after while.



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**Lincoln Ward** - April 16, 2016 at 02:26 PM

CC

“ The Verdun family has our prayers and deepest sympathy.

*The Campbell Family*

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**Clarence Campbell** - April 16, 2016 at 12:33 PM

MC

“ Marc Callahan lit a candle in memory of Mother Florine Verdun



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**Marc Callahan** - April 16, 2016 at 10:03 AM

RW

“ Regina Williams lit a candle in memory of Mother Florine Verdun



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**Regina Williams** - April 16, 2016 at 08:38 AM

MG

“ *Mother Verdun was a Beautiful person inside and out.* ”



Marilyn Gillespie - April 16, 2016 at 07:21 AM

NE

“ *My Deepest Condolences to the Family. May it comfort you to know that God's word the Bible assures us the soon "death will be swallowed up forever and tears wiped from all faces" (Isaiah 25:8). May our "Most High God" continue to give your family love and peace.* ”



Neighbor - April 16, 2016 at 06:28 AM



“ *My thoughts and prayers are with you. May you find comfort in your memories of Mother Verdun* ”



Darla Broden - April 16, 2016 at 12:39 AM

JG

“ *Julia M. Gamble lit a candle in memory of Mother Florine Verdun* ”



Julia M. Gamble - April 15, 2016 at 09:28 PM

CH

“ Our prayers are with Mrs. Verdun's entire family. Because of her the lives of many are much better. The person I met was a good natured individual and generally kind. She will be missed.  
*Conrade & Janet Hinds*

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**Conrade & Janet Hinds** - April 15, 2016 at 09:16 PM

JV

“ Jackie Verdun lit a candle in memory of  
Mother Florine Verdun



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**jackie verdun** - April 15, 2016 at 06:38 PM

LC

“ We will always remember Ms Florine. She lives in all of her children  
and grandchildren. Rest in peace. Love Linda

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**Linda Chavis** - April 15, 2016 at 06:15 PM

ST

“ Shelley Reaves Thorn lit a candle in memory  
of Mother Florine Verdun



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**Shelley Reaves Thorn** - April 15, 2016 at 04:00 PM

DB

“ *My condolences to the family of Mother Verdun. Death can be difficult to go through, but through God prayer and his word at Romans 6:23 you can find encouragement peace and understanding.*



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**Daisy Boone** - April 15, 2016 at 03:30 PM