



Mrs. Gency Mae Black

August 25, 1925 - June 19, 2023

BLACK, Mrs. Gency - Age 97, passed away Monday, June 19, 2023 at her residence. Family hour 10:00 AM Tuesday, June 27, 2023 at St. Paul Baptist Church, 2115 Coldwater Rd., with funeral service commencing at 11:00 AM. Pastor Michael Pettigrew, officiating. Interment Gracelawn Cemetery, 5710 N. Saginaw St. Friends and pallbearers will assemble at the church 10:00 AM Tuesday. Mrs. Black 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 PM - 6:00 PM Monday. Mother Gency Mae Black was born August 25, 1925 in Natchez, Alabama. She was the beloved daughter of the late Jodie Millender and Willie Odom.

Mother Black resided in Beatrice, Alabama and confessed Christ at an early age, where she united with New Purchase CME Church. She was a dedicated member, participating in numerous ministries.

Mother Black was blessed with an abundance of gifts and talents. She was a seamstress, an upholsterer and provided catering services to many. She was a melodious singer, and two of her favorite songs were, Precious Lord and I Won't Complain. Mother Black was a member of The Freedom Quilting Bee in Lower Peachtree, Alabama which was started in 1966 and was created by African American women as a battle for economic survival during the civil rights movement, all while raising her children. Some of their quilts were displayed in the Smithsonian Institution and sold in The Washington Mall during the 1960s and '70s.

Mother Black was a founding member and the lead singer of The Gospel Harmonettes Quintet in Beatrice, Alabama. She was also an active member of the NAACP and was very involved in the Civil Rights Movement. She protested in The March on Washington in 1963, when Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. gave his famous, I Have A Dream Speech, as well as, The Selma to Montgomery March across The Edmund Pettus Bridge in Selma, Alabama in 1965.

In 1975, Mother Black relocated to Flint, Michigan and united with The Antioch Missionary Baptist Church under the leadership of Rev. L.W. Pryor, Dr. Lewis Randolph and Rev. Christopher Taylor. Most recently, Mother Black was under “watch care” at St. Paul Baptist Church under the leadership of Rev. Michael Pettigrew. Mother Black was a devoted Christian lady who loved the Lord and her fellowman. She was involved in many ministries which included: Sunday School, Bible Study, the Mass Choir, Choir #2, Senior Choir, The Floral Club, Pastors Aide, the Mother’s Board, The Esther Circle and Director of the Culinary Ministry. All who had the privilege of indulging in her food would agree that it was very delicious! Some of her specialties were fried chicken, cornbread dressing, collard greens, pound cake and oxtails. Mother Black was the oldest member of The Flint City Wide Choir and had been a member since its inception in 2003.

Mother Black was a faithful, generous, devoted and loving mother, grandmother, great-grandmother, great-great grandmother, mentor and friend to many. Her hobbies were shopping, traveling the world, bowling with Big Brothers and Big Sisters, cooking, sewing and spending time with family and friends.

Mother Gency Black leaves to cherish her memory: 4 sons, Joseph King of Flint, MI, George (Shirley) King of Beatrice, AL, Prince (Karen) Black of Lancaster, SC, and James (Alice) Black of Prosper, TX; 6 daughters, Sherra King, Dianne King, Linda Black-Turner, Jodie “Loretta” Black, Cynthia (Minister Charles) Clarke Sr. all of Flint, MI, and Dorothy Black of Glenn Heights, TX; and 3 daughter-in-laws Rose King, Lyndia Black both of Flint, MI

and Sharen Black of Myrtle Beach, SC, ; 50 grandchildren, 68 great-grandchildren and 25 great-great grandchildren. She had many adopted children and grand children that are too numerous to name as well as very special relative Tyrone Hicks Sr. and close friends.

Mother Black was preceded in death by her father Willie Odom, mother Jodie Millender, sister Erma Lee Pryor, four sons Harris (Don) King, Thomas Black, Harold Black and Bill King; grandson Andre King.

Cemetery Details

Gracelawn Cemetery

5710 N. Saginaw St.
Flint, MI 48505

Previous Events

Viewing

JUN 26. 12:00 PM - 6:00 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

JUN 27. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

St. Paul Missionary Baptist Church
2115 Coldwater Rd.
Flint, MI 48505

Funeral Service

JUN 27. 11:00 AM (ET)

St. Paul Missionary Baptist Church
2115 Coldwater Rd.
Flint, MI 48505

Tribute Wall



“ *Mrs. Gency Mae Black*

October 09, 2023 at 07:02 AM



“ *Rev Robert D Jones, Detroit sent a virtual gift in memory of Mrs. Gency Mae Black*



Rev Robert d Jones, Detroit - July 13, 2023 at 11:40 AM



“ *Carol (Gates) Andrews lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Gency Mae Black*



Carol (Gates) Andrews - July 05, 2023 at 10:55 AM



“ *Continued prayers for the entire family. Love, James and Delores Richardson and family.*



Delores Richardson - June 30, 2023 at 01:15 AM

PW

“ Pam Williams lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Gency Mae Black



Pam Williams - June 28, 2023 at 11:01 PM

MH

“ Marsha Hill sent a virtual gift in memory of Mrs. Gency Mae Black



Marsha Hill - June 28, 2023 at 03:44 AM

MS

“ Our condolences and PRAYERS to the family of Mrs. Black. A beautiful lady who always had a smile.

Benny & Mae Vern Spence

Marietta GA.



Mae Vern Spence - June 27, 2023 at 10:08 PM

HD

“ May God Bless and Strengthen the Black Family. Mother Black Rest in Peace.

Sister Helen Donald Antioch Church



helen donald - June 27, 2023 at 02:39 PM

JP

“ Jennifer F. Parker lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Gency Mae Black



Jennifer F. Parker - June 27, 2023 at 09:04 AM

MM

“ I'm certainly in prayer with all of you. She was such a special lady.

Mia McNeil - June 27, 2023 at 08:21 AM

JD

“ Jean Durrett lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Gency Mae Black



Jean Durrett - June 26, 2023 at 10:53 PM

EC

“ Our Condolences to the Black family. Mother Black was one of the best cooks in Flint. It did my mom proud, for her to come over and get apples and peaches, when the trees were ripened for her pies. This great woman of God will surely be missed. RIH Mother Black 🧡



Evangelist-Dr. Carolyn Davis & Children - June 26, 2023 at 07:42 PM



“ Renee Massey lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Gency Mae Black



Renee Massey - June 26, 2023 at 05:59 PM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Mrs. Gency Mae Black.



June 26, 2023 at 02:50 PM



“ Ira Gilbert lit a candle in memory of Gency Black



Ira Gilbert - June 26, 2023 at 01:44 PM



“ Cherry Brown lit a candle in memory of Gency Black



Cherry L. Brown - June 26, 2023 at 12:27 PM

CJ

“ Our condolences, thoughts and prayers,
during the transition of your mother,
grandmother and great- grandmother.

RIH cousin Gency! 🌹

Sincerely,

The Millender's

Cynthia, Rena, Kenneth, Marco & Tamika



Cynthia Y. Jones - June 26, 2023 at 10:57 AM

GD

“ Gloria Dukes lit a candle in memory of Mrs.
Gency Mae Black



Gloria Dukes - June 26, 2023 at 09:57 AM

CS

“ Clifton Sykes sent a virtual gift in memory of
Mrs. Gency Mae Black



Clifton Sykes - June 26, 2023 at 09:51 AM

TL

“ Terry Lynn Love lit a candle in memory of
Mrs. Gency Mae Black



Terry Lynn Love - June 26, 2023 at 09:12 AM

JW

“ Praying for the family of Mrs. Black!!



Jeanette Wiley - June 26, 2023 at 06:45 AM

MD

“ Michael Davis lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Gency Mae Black



Michael Davis - June 26, 2023 at 06:43 AM

AJ

“ Abby Johnson lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Gency Mae Black



Abby Johnson - June 26, 2023 at 06:42 AM

JM

“ Jason Marks lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Gency Mae Black



Jason Marks - June 26, 2023 at 04:58 AM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum* was purchased for the family of Mrs. Gency Mae Black.



June 25, 2023 at 08:27 PM



“ *Christine Brown* lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Gency Mae Black



Christine Brown - June 25, 2023 at 07:55 PM



“ *James E.* planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Mrs. Gency Mae Black.

James E. - June 25, 2023 at 06:57 PM

SE

“ Heartfelt sympathy to the entire Black and King Families and Friends:

*Mother Black was a one special lady!
Whenever I paid her a visit, we would have interesting and lengthy conversations! She loved to share with others, which meant I never left her house empty handed! 😊
God's blessings and peace to the family today and in the days ahead.*



Rest well Mother Black 🕊️❤️

Shirley Edwards-Jackson - June 25, 2023 at 05:43 PM

NB

“ Nancy Bell lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Gency Mae Black



Nancy Bell - June 25, 2023 at 04:39 PM

JP

“ Jacqueline Parks lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Gency Mae Black



Jacqueline Parks - June 25, 2023 at 10:01 AM



“ *Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Mrs. Gency Mae Black.*



June 25, 2023 at 08:09 AM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Mrs. Gency Mae Black.

June 25, 2023 at 08:09 AM



“ *William And Dr. Joanne Odom lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Gency Mae Black*



William and Dr. Joanne Odom - June 24, 2023 at 08:17 PM



“ *Dea. Jesse Mosley lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Gency Mae Black*



Dea. Jesse Mosley - June 24, 2023 at 04:44 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Mrs. Gency Mae Black.*



June 24, 2023 at 02:59 PM



“ *I have met a lot of people in my life. Ms. Gency has to be one of the sweetest. She will be missed. Condolences to the family.*

*Pastor Cunningham
Lancaster South Carolina*

Pastor Ronald Cunningham - June 24, 2023 at 02:40 PM



“ *Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Mrs. Gency Mae Black.*



June 24, 2023 at 01:17 PM



“ *Cynthia Payton-Hines lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Gency Mae Black*



Cynthia Payton-Hines - June 24, 2023 at 09:20 AM

EL

“ *Elder Michael & Phyllis Leslie sent a virtual gift in memory of Mrs. Gency Mae Black*



Elder Michael & Phyllis Leslie - June 23, 2023 at 10:15 PM

EW

“ *Edith Walker lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Gency Mae Black*



Edith Walker - June 23, 2023 at 09:01 PM

MP

“ *Mr. and Mrs. Robert and Shirley Page purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Mrs. Gency Mae Black.*



Mr. and Mrs. Robert and Shirley Page - June 23, 2023 at 03:28 PM

DQ

“ *Dea. & Ruthy Quarles sent a virtual gift in memory of Gency Black*



Dea. Bill & Ruthy Quarles - June 23, 2023 at 01:32 PM

EW

“ *Earnestine Williams Burnett*

Earnestine Williams - June 23, 2023 at 12:47 PM

EW

“ *Earnestine Williams lit a candle in memory of Gency Black*



Earnestine Williams - June 23, 2023 at 12:44 PM

VH

“ *Valerie Humphries lit a candle in memory of Gency Black*



Valerie Humphries - June 23, 2023 at 12:32 PM

MH

“ *Marsha Hill sent a virtual gift in memory of Mrs. Gency Mae Black*



Marsha Hill - June 23, 2023 at 03:45 AM

KT

“ *Kim Turner lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Gency Mae Black*



Kim Turner - June 23, 2023 at 01:11 AM



“ *Praying for peace and comfort during this time.*



Sheila Johnson-Toins - June 22, 2023 at 08:57 PM

KJ

“ *Mrs. Gency Black was an amazing woman! I ❤️ her and her family. She was the greatest cook, seamstress, and baker. She was a true child of God and Christian. Praying for the family to remember her as the best mother, grandmother, cousin, and friend. I'm so thankful and appreciative to have had her in my life and all her prayers.*
Khris Johnson

Khris Johnson - June 22, 2023 at 07:32 PM

KJ

“ *Khris Johnson sent a virtual gift in memory of Mrs. Gency Mae Black*



Khris Johnson - June 22, 2023 at 07:27 PM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Mrs. Gency Mae Black.



June 22, 2023 at 05:14 PM



“ Velma Williams sent a virtual gift in memory of Mrs. Gency Mae Black



Velma Williams - June 22, 2023 at 02:16 PM



“ Condolences to the family.
Mother Gency Black 🙏❤️



Joy Edwards - June 22, 2023 at 12:22 PM



“ Theresa Watson sent a virtual gift in memory of Mrs. Gency Mae Black



Theresa Watson - June 22, 2023 at 11:57 AM

TW

“ Tammy Webb-Blount sent a virtual gift in memory of Mrs. Gency Mae Black



Tammy Webb-Blount - June 22, 2023 at 10:30 AM

RM

“ No matter how old we are, it's never easy to lose a parent. My thoughts and prayers are with you as you grieve. The Morse Family



Rosalyn Morse - June 22, 2023 at 08:25 AM

EJ

Mrs. Black was such a lovely lady , thanks for sharing her with us. A wonderful cruising buddy. Ethel Johnson

Ethel Johnson - June 22, 2023 at 02:07 PM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Mrs. Gency Mae Black.



June 22, 2023 at 12:20 AM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Mrs. Gency Mae Black.

June 22, 2023 at 12:20 AM

TJ

“ Tonya Jackson-Battle sent a virtual gift in memory of Mrs. Gency Mae Black



Tonya Jackson-Battle - June 22, 2023 at 12:04 AM

LI

“ Linda?Boose lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Gency Mae Black



Linda?Boose - June 21, 2023 at 10:54 PM

GL

“ Gail LaFleur lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Gency Mae Black



Gail LaFleur - June 21, 2023 at 09:51 PM

J)

“ James & Sharon Owensby (Arizona) lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Gency Mae Black



James & Sharon Owensby (Arizona) - June 21, 2023 at 09:51 PM



“ *Lula Lewis sent a virtual gift in memory of Mrs. Gency Mae Black*



Lula Lewis - June 21, 2023 at 09:33 PM

AJ

“ *Arlene Jackson lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Gency Mae Black*



Arlene Jackson - June 21, 2023 at 09:01 PM

KR

“ *Kendall Reaves lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Gency Mae Black*



Kendall Reaves - June 21, 2023 at 08:03 PM

FR

“ *Freda Ratliff-Williams lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Gency Mae Black*



Freda Ratliff-Williams - June 21, 2023 at 07:55 PM

IB

“ Ivy Blount lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Gency Mae Black



Ivy Blount - June 21, 2023 at 04:41 PM

LH

“ Larry & Shirley Henderson lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Gency Mae Black



Larry & Shirley Henderson - June 21, 2023 at 02:00 PM

VR

“ Verma Rosborough lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Gency Mae Black



Verma Rosborough - June 21, 2023 at 12:32 PM

LJ

“ LaGreta Johnson lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Gency Mae Black



LaGreta Johnson - June 21, 2023 at 11:22 AM

PW

“ *Condolence for the entire Black family, God will continue to bless your family.*



Patricia Williams - June 21, 2023 at 07:21 AM

AB

“ *Arthur And Dorthy Burns lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Gency Mae Black*



Arthur and Dorthy Burns - June 20, 2023 at 08:09 PM



“ *My heartfelt sympathy to her family! Mother Black was such an awesome woman of God! I'll continue to keep you all lifted in prayer! Sending lots of love to you all! The Bridges family! ❤️🙏*



Jacqueline Bridges - June 20, 2023 at 07:44 PM

AP

“ *Sending love and condolences to the entire Black Family. May you know your extended family is in prayer with you. Deacon Shelton And Anna Pinnix*



Anna Pinnix - June 20, 2023 at 04:03 PM

BT

“ Betty Tipper lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Gency Mae Black



Betty Tipper - June 20, 2023 at 02:41 PM

TJ

“ Tanya Jefferson sent a virtual gift in memory of Mrs. Gency Mae Black



Tanya Jefferson - June 20, 2023 at 10:53 AM

LC

“ Prayers, going up for the entire family. Mrs Gency has certainly earned her crown, she was an outstanding seamstress, and if you needed a good home cook meal, her home was the place to be, most importantly she loved the Lord. During this difficult time remember earth has no sorrow that heaven cannot heal. Prayers continuously for family here in Michigan and those traveling for her great celebration of a life well respected and lived. 🙏🙏🙏



Loria Corder - June 20, 2023 at 10:43 AM

EJ

*My prayers are for the cousins, The Black Family.
Blessings for All !!!
COUSIN,
Esther Montgomery Shields Jones.
Los Angeles, CA*

Esther M Shields Jones - June 21, 2023 at 11:51 PM



MaGency will be missed here so much. However, I am excited to know that we will get to spend eternity together with MaGency and Jesus. Now she really has, "...a whole lot of Jesus, no money needed". We will see her there, as we occupy til He comes! Love and prayers to the family! ❤️🙏🏾. Cynthia/SC

Cynthia Frazier - June 23, 2023 at 12:36 PM



“ *Wanda Baker sent a virtual gift in memory of
Mrs. Gency Mae Black*



Wanda Baker - June 20, 2023 at 10:15 AM

DB

“ *Legacy! A true virtuous woman. So many fond memories of a woman well loved by all!*

Prayers for the Black family ❤️

DeNise Blake - June 20, 2023 at 09:22 AM