



## Mrs. Geraldine Evelyn Benman

May 13, 1929 - December 17, 2019

BENMAN, Mrs. Geraldine Evelyn - Age 90, passed away Tuesday, December 17, 2019 at her residence. Family hour 10:00 AM Saturday, December 21, 2019 at Grace Emmanuel Baptist Church, 3502 Lapeer Rd., with funeral service commencing at 11:00 AM Dr. Marvin Jennings Sr., officiating. Interment Sunset Hills Cemetery, G-4413 Flushing Rd. Friends and pallbearers will assemble at the church 10:00 AM Saturday. Mrs. Benman will be viewed during the family hour only.

Geraldine Evelyn Benman was born in Jonesboro, Arkansas, the daughter of Preston and Sybil Williams. Geraldine was the second eldest of nine children. She was a Christian, knew the Lord and was raised AME. After graduating from Booker T. Washington High School, she moved to Niles, MI where she met her husband to be William "Willie" Joseph Benman. To this union 8 children were conceived and 7 survived. Geraldine worked for a physician in South Bend, IN, she worked at Mass Bros and for Flint Public Schools. She also had a catering business while Bill was employed by Studebaker Auto Company. Shortly thereafter they moved to MI where they continued to grow their family living in both Flint and Detroit. Geraldine was a mother, grandmother, great-grandmother, sister, aunt, mother-in-law and a dedicated friend. Through her seed came a total of 70 as she had 7 children, 24 grandchildren and 40 great-grandchildren. She loved her family, she helped to raise many of them and until her recent illness she could call them all by name

and knew all of their birthdays from memory. Geraldine also loved doing things for her grandkids and others. She loved to dance and performed with a dance troupe. Her lifelong dream was to be a professional dancer. She was surrounded by her loving family at her passing.

Geraldine Evelyn Benman is survived by: children, Gilbert (Nannette) Benman of Houston, TX, Darlene Smalley of Flint, Ronald (Cindy) Benman of Seattle, WA, Terrie Huddleston of Flint, Marquette Ware of Mt. Morris, MI and Derek (Stacie) Benman of Flint; one remaining brother, Larry Williams of Jonesboro, AR; one remaining sister, Mildred Bates of Grand Blanc, MI; as well as 24 grandchildren; 40 great-grandchildren; a host of nieces, nephews, cousins and friends. Geraldine is also survived by: special daughters-in-law, Denise Benman of Chicago, IL and Alma Benman of Grand Blanc, MI; and special son-in-law, Henry "Mickey" Ware of Flint, MI; best friend, Lorraine Johnson.

Geraldine was preceded in death by her son, Ralph Allen Benman; parents, Preston & Sybil Williams; sisters, Katherine Cobbs, Dorothy Hester, Mary Williams, Bettye Echols, Helen Williams and Faye Williams; sons-in-law, Daniel Smalley and Mark Huddleston.

The family would like to express a special thank you to Pastor Marvin A. Jennings, Sr. and the Grace Emmanuel Baptist Church Family, Bro. Lawrence E. Moon Home for Funerals, Hurley Medical Center Nursing Staff and Dr. Michael Jaggi, The Medical Team Hospice Care and Reformation Home Health with special thanks to Mishari Ryan and granddaughter caregivers, Keundra Ware and Andrea Benman.

# Cemetery Details

## Sunset Hills Cemetery

G-4413 Flushing Rd.  
Flint, MI 48504

# Previous Events

## Family hour

DEC 21. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

Grace Emmanuel Baptist Church  
3502 Lapeer Rd.  
Flint, MI

## Service

DEC 21. 11:00 AM (ET)

Grace Emmanuel Baptist Church  
3502 Lapeer Rd.  
Flint, MI

# Tribute Wall



“ *Mrs. Geraldine Evelyn Benman*

October 09, 2023 at 07:02 AM



“ *RIH Mrs Gerri*



**Trina Watson** - January 01, 2020 at 11:53 PM



“ *Trina Watson sent a virtual gift in memory of Mrs. Geraldine Evelyn Benman*



**Trina Watson** - January 01, 2020 at 11:52 PM



“ *Ira Gilbert lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Geraldine Evelyn Benman*



**ira Gilbert** - December 21, 2019 at 08:56 AM



“ *Lavender Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Mrs. Geraldine Evelyn Benman.*



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December 20, 2019 at 05:02 PM



“ *A Jeffrey LaValley lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Geraldine Evelyn Benman*



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**A Jeffrey LaValley** - December 20, 2019 at 05:23 AM



“ *Sending healing prayers and comforting hugs. Mrs. Benman will remain in our hearts forever. Love, Sabrina Gaddy-Bollinger*

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**Sabrina** - December 20, 2019 at 03:06 AM



“ *Strength & Solace Spray was purchased for the family of Mrs. Geraldine Evelyn Benman.*



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December 20, 2019 at 02:59 AM



“ Sentiments of Serenity Spray was purchased for the family of Mrs. Geraldine Evelyn Benman.



December 19, 2019 at 08:24 PM



“ Dear Sis. Bianca,  
I am lifting you and your family up in prayer during this difficult time.  
Love, Sis. Dana Simmons



Dana Simmons - December 19, 2019 at 07:14 PM



“ Loria Corder lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Geraldine Evelyn Benman



Loria Corder - December 19, 2019 at 06:25 PM



“ Robert & Sandy West family purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Mrs. Geraldine Evelyn Benman.



Robert & Sandy West family - December 19, 2019 at 03:58 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Mrs. Geraldine Evelyn Benman.*



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December 19, 2019 at 03:27 PM



“ *Garden Cross was purchased for the family of Mrs. Geraldine Evelyn Benman.*



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December 19, 2019 at 08:52 AM



“ *Pam Williams sent a virtual gift in memory of Mrs. Geraldine Evelyn Benman*



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**Pam Williams** - December 18, 2019 at 09:44 AM

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“ *To the Benman Family:*

*I was sorry to hear about the passing of your loved one. Death is liken to a thief that comes and takes away our love ones. Or due to old age and sickness we lose that precious gift of life that leads to death.*

*However, have you ever asked: Is death the end of it all? Or is death the end of it all? The bible clears up any question we might have about death. It also shows that there is a real hope for persons who have faith.*

*Yours truly,  
Patricia*



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**Patricia Rison** - December 18, 2019 at 09:28 AM

MJ

“ *MINISTER JACKSON sent a virtual gift in memory of Mrs. Geraldine Evelyn Benman*



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**MINISTER JACKSON** - December 18, 2019 at 07:46 AM

TD

“ *Tracy Davis sent a virtual gift in memory of Mrs. Geraldine Evelyn Benman*



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**Tracy Davis** - December 17, 2019 at 11:14 PM

TJ

“ *Tanya Jefferson lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Geraldine Evelyn Benman*



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**Tanya Jefferson** - December 17, 2019 at 09:56 PM



“ *Pink Tribute Spray was purchased for the family of Mrs. Geraldine Evelyn Benman.*



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December 17, 2019 at 08:41 PM

TD

“ *Light a candle in the memory of Mrs Geraldine Benman . Praying for the Benman family.*



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**Tracy Davis** - December 17, 2019 at 05:53 PM