



## Mrs. Gladys Dawkins

June 1, 1922 - November 29, 2017

DAWKINS, Mrs. Gladys - Age 95, passed away Wednesday, November 29, 2017 at McLaren-Lapeer, MI. Family hour 10:30 AM Monday, December 11, 2017 from the Chapel of Lawrence E. Moon Funeral Home, 906 W. Flint Park Blvd., with funeral service commencing at 11:00 AM Pastor Johnnie Brown III officiating. Interment Lovedale Memorial Cemetery, 5175 E. Bristol Rd., Burton, MI. There will be no public viewing.

On November 29, 2017, Gladys (Woodson) Dawkins went home to be with Lord at McLaren Hospital, in Lapeer, Michigan. Gladys was born June 1, 1922 in Marvell, Arkansas, the eldest daughter of thirteen children born to Percy and Irene Woodson. In December 1943, Gladys married Thomas Dawkins Sr. in Marvell, AR. In the early 1940's she and Thomas Dawkins Sr. , along with their two eldest children, Thomas Jr. and Bettie Jean to Flint, MI. After moving to Flint, she and Thomas Sr. became the parents of five other children: Percy William "P. W.", Toni Lenda, Lawrence Carlton, Rudy Burnell and Quinn Anthony. Gladys was a fiercely independent woman, who was never known to back down from a challenge. Gladys' determination to meet a challenge head on is evidenced in the fact that she taught herself to type, attended Community College, learned to drive and worked as a Genesee County Environmental Health Technician for Genesee County, all after she had reached the age of 50. In addition to her professional accomplishments, Gladys was a solid friend and steadfast parent, who was always true to her

word. Gladys was an expert seamstress, who enjoyed baking and canning. Even though she spent her adult life in Flint, she loved to reminisce about her early years in Marvell, AR when she would share funny stories about the likes of the ornery mule her family owned that would purposely entangle itself in the plow traces, when he didn't want to work. But most importantly, Gladys accepted Jesus Christ as her Lord and Savior, was forever faithful to give praise to God. She put her trust in Jesus for her life's blessings and the protection of her family. One of Gladys' first church homes after moving to Flint was Canaan Baptist Church, where she was one of the first members of the Canaan Mothers Club. She also enjoyed a long church affiliation with Morningstar Missionary Baptist Church.

Mrs. Dawkins leaves to cherish her memory: children, Toni Lenda Dawkins—Couch (John), Lawrence Carlton Dawkins, Rudy Bernell Dawkins, and Quinn Anthony (Lynne) Dawkins; daughter-in-law, Delois Dawkins, all of Flint; grandchildren, Ernest Morris Jr. of Flint, Trina Patterson (Timothy) of Minneapolis, MN, Kenyatta Dawkins (Angela) of Grand Blanc, MI, Carmon Dawkins of Ft. Wayne, IN, Toryn Dawkins of Lilburn, GA, Savannah Dawkins of Flint, Natiera Dawkins of Flint, Quinn Dawkins Jr. of Flint and Devonte Windom of Flint; great grandchildren, DeJon Morris (Earnest) of California, Donovan Patterson (Trina) of Minneapolis, MN, Trenton Patterson (Trina) of Minneapolis, MN, Kennedi Dawkins (Kenyatta) of Grand Blanc, MI, Lauren Harris (Carmon) of Dallas, TX, Courtney Harris (Carmon) of Ft. Wayne, IN, Venice Walker (Earnest) of Detroit, MI and Faryn Holloway (Toryn) of Lilburn, GA; 2 sisters, Mamie Hagans and Irene Sims, both of Buffalo, NY; 2 sisters-in-law, Elnora Dawkins of Marvell, AR and Doris Dawkins; brother-in-law, Glenn (Delores) Dawkins, all of St. Louis, MO; a host of other relatives and friends.

Gladys (Woodson) Dawkins was preceded in death by: her husband, Thomas Dawkins Sr.; 2 sons, Percy Williams "PW" Dawkins and Thomas Dawkins Jr.; daughter, Bettie (Dawkins) Holmes; mother, Irene Woodson; father Percy

Woodson; 3 sisters; and 6 brothers.

# Cemetery Details

## Lovedale Memorial Cemetery

G-5175 E. Bristol Rd.  
Burton, MI

# Previous Events

## Family hour

DEC 11. 10:30 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

Lawrence E. Moon Funeral Home Chapel, Flint  
906 W. Flint Park Blvd.  
Flint, MI 48505  
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## Service

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# Tribute Wall



“ *Mrs. Gladys Dawkins*

October 09, 2023 at 07:02 AM



“ *Beverly Trahan lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Gladys Dawkins*



**Beverly Trahan** - December 17, 2017 at 10:12 AM



*I always think of Mrs Dawkins when I see or eat a peach cobbler. She could make something tasty out of most anything, out of an "empty" refridgerator even!. My best friend Toni and I spent more time in her kitchen than our own, and laughed the whole time. Her stories, her love for everybody, and her "tell it like it T I S" attitude was very endearing to all. I will always remember her fondly, those hats. those high heel shoes and her ability to see through untruths. Those old-timey sayings, the neat and clean house, the old pistol on the porch. "One lives forever in the hearts of those who remember." My sincere condolences to all of the Dawkins and Woodsons and the little ones. I hope I will get to see her again, I know where she will be. Faith will get us all through these times.*

**Beverly Trahan** - December 17, 2017 at 10:23 AM

MS

“ Prayers go out to Toni and the family in the home going of your mother. You have our sincere sympathy and love. Will continue to pray for the family.

*Benny & Mae Vern Spence  
Marietta Ga.*

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**Mae Vern Spence** - December 11, 2017 at 05:03 PM

DR

“ Deborah Allen Relerford lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Gladys Dawkins



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**Deborah Allen Relerford** - December 11, 2017 at 11:53 AM

LM

“ LaVern McCann lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Gladys Dawkins



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**LaVern McCann** - December 10, 2017 at 10:28 AM

SE

“ Sandra Epps lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Gladys Dawkins



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**Sandra Epps** - December 06, 2017 at 02:32 PM

TD

“ When I younger I loved spending nights and weekends with Granny. She would let me make shish kabobs out of grapes and straws. She would give me blankets to make forts. I was so nosey and loved exploring the house so if I found a box of stuff she would always go thru it with me. No matter what she cooked it always tasted amazing. No matter how many times I went thru the family photos albums she would explain who everyone was. She would always quiz me and of course I never remembered who was who, especially when it came down to my dad (Rudy) and Uncle Jr. Whenever I saw pictures I wanted she promised to make me copy so I could have my own family album. She answered every single question I asked about my grandad and when I would say I wished I could've met him, she would respond “me too”. My favorite memory is struggling to climb into her 8 foot high bed, eating pieces of white bread while she read me books. I would only eat the actually bread she always finished the crust. I still know the house phone number by heart and still hear the excitement in her voice when she realized it was me calling. I am going to miss her so much. Toryn

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**toryn dawkins** - December 05, 2017 at 12:15 PM

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**toryn dawkins** - December 05, 2017 at 11:25 AM

JR

“ Jerome Deborah Relerford lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Gladys Dawkins



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**Jerome Deborah Relerford** - December 03, 2017 at 11:15 PM

DE

“ *Deborah lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Gladys Dawkins*



Deborah - December 03, 2017 at 11:13 PM

KC

“ *Kermit & Genell Crain-Reeves lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Gladys Dawkins*



Kermit & Genell Crain-Reeves - December 02, 2017 at 04:17 PM

HR

“ *To Toni & the entire Dawkins Family  
So sorry for your lost*

*Our deepest sympathy  
Harold T. & Linda A. Ryan*



Harold & Linda Ryan - December 01, 2017 at 11:05 PM

HR

“ *Harold & Linda Ryan lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Gladys Dawkins*



Harold & Linda Ryan - December 01, 2017 at 10:55 PM

MJ

*Please accept my sincere sorrow for the loss of the beloved Mrs. Dawkins. Tony I haven't been in touch and I'm sorry for that. I am now living in Bolivar, Tennessee. I wish you well and will write you.*  
*Mercedes Jones*

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**mercedes Jones** - December 17, 2017 at 01:59 AM