



## Mrs. Gloria Dean Alford

April 5, 1928 - August 29, 2016

ALFORD, Mrs. Gloria Dean - Age 88, passed away Monday, August 29, 2016 at her residence. Family hour 11:00 AM Wednesday, September 7, 2016 at Greater Galilee Baptist Church, 4418 Industrial Ave., with funeral services commencing at 12:00 Noon Pastor Ronnie Williams officiating. Interment Flint Memorial Park, 9506 N. Dort Hwy. Friends and pallbearers will assemble at the church 11:00 AM Wednesday. Mrs. Alford 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 - 8:00 PM Tuesday, with the family present from 4:00 PM - 8:00 PM to receive friends.

Gloria ... was known to most as "Dean" or Big Mama was born April 5, 1928 in Little Rock Arkansas, the daughter of Willie James Yarbrough and Mattie Marshall-Yarbrough. She came to Flint Michigan in 1946 shortly after she married Austin Alford, Jr. and later started her family having three children. He preceded her in death on November 23, 1983. Gloria was employed at Flint General Hospital as a head cook for many years, cooking up excellent meals for many patients and staff. She also took pride in her community by helping and giving to families in need, not only did she take care of her children, she would also watch out for all the neighbor kids. She took in Darryl and Teine as part of her family. She loved to spend time with her family as it grew with grandchildren, Sunday dinners and get-togethers were a tradition she took pride in and knowing her family was together. Gloria later started and organized the Alma Street Block Club and was elected as president for five

years where she got funding through the City of Flint to have yard lamps installed in most of the neighbor's front yards. Gloria later received a community service award from the City of Flint. In earlier years, she was an eastern star, part of the Lady Mason Shriners. Loving the Lord, she joined Second Friendship Missionary Baptist church has been a member for many years. She enjoyed working in her yard cleaning and planting flowers and sweeping the streets and her music. Gloria became a collector of ceramic angel figurines that she have throughout the house. She enjoyed cooking, shopping and going out to restaurants to eat and meet people. Gloria's motto for life was "Just keeping on living."

Gloria Dean Alford leaves to cherish her memory: 3 daughters, Phyllis Jenkins, Barbara Alford and Teine Deal; son, Harold Alford; grandchildren, Maurice Alford, Terrance Alford, all of Flint, Timikia Suttle (Marcus) of Fort Wayne, IN, Marque Alford of Flint, and Arieal Johnson of Texas; great-grandchildren, Latonya King of Lansing , MI, Likita Alford, Maurice Alford, Jr., both of Flint, Trinity Vaughn of Saginaw, MI, Tah-jai Alford and Jada Alford; great-great-grandson, Kemarion Alford, all of Flint; sisters, Wilberlene Street of Pontiac, MI, Ola Mae Dotson of Flint; special nieces, Gwendolyn Huddleston and Marva Porter; special cousins, Gladys Dawkins and Gracie Mae McCraw-Kelley; sisters-in-law, Cleora Magee, Rose Yarbrough and Mattie Alford; brother-in-law, Theodis Dotson; a host of other nieces, nephews, cousins, other relatives and friends including special friends, the Strozier family, Ceolia Mosley, Vicki Reaves, Sylvia Teamer, Katie Robertson, Evelyn Beverly, Joyce Lee and many more.

Mrs. Alford was preceded in death by husband, Austin Alford, Jr.; son, Darryl Deal; mother, Mattie Marshall-Yarbrough; father, Willie James Yarbrough; sisters, Bertha Lee Willis, Kathryn Hall and Esterlena Yarbrough; brothers, Elmer Yarbrough, Earl Yarbrough, Willie James Yarbrough, Jr. and Freddy Lee Yarbrough; aunts, Alberta Johnson, Lillie Alexander and Marie Yarbrough; uncles, Joseph Yarbrough and William Marshall; sisters-in-law, Marie Nash, Cleo Ambers, Cora Malone, May Frances Gray and Athalene Alford; brothers-

in-law, Leo Alford, Ben Alford, Robert Lee Alford, Furdy Willis and Morris Street, Sr.

The family would like to express special thanks to Dr. Tommie Stevens and the staff at Hurley Medial Center 9th Floor and 6 East, the Medical Team Hospice and AZ Hospice Care, Alma Street Block Club.

# Cemetery Details

## Flint Memorial Park Cemetery

G-9506 N. Dort Hwy.  
Mt. Morris, MI 48458

# Previous Events

## Family Present

SEP 6. 4:00 AM - 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>

## Public Viewing

SEP 6. 12:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

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## Family hour

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SEP 7. 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM (ET)

Greater Galilee Baptist Church  
4418 Industrial Ave.  
Flint, MI

## Service

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SEP 7. 12:00 PM (ET)

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# Tribute Wall



“ *Mrs. Gloria Dean Alford*

October 09, 2023 at 07:02 AM



“ *Aunt Dean love you and miss you already, didn't want you to leave us but God needed you more now you are with your Heavenly family your....Dad and Mom your brother's and sister's and son ....will cherish all the good memories of Alma st so much fun will never forget you and Unc A.J. love yall Rest In Paradise give my Daddy a big hug and the rest blesssings to the entire Alford Family love all my cousins dearly.*



**Renea Yarbrough** - September 09, 2016 at 09:46 PM



“ *Elder Michael & Phyllis Leslie lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Gloria Dean Alford*



**Elder Michael & Phyllis Leslie** - September 09, 2016 at 12:05 AM



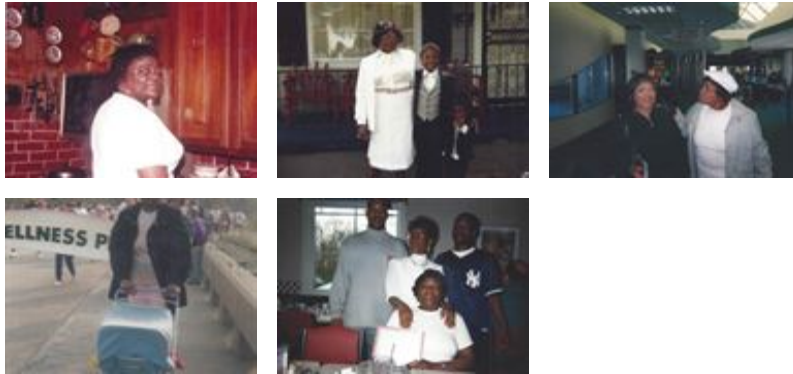
“ *I have no words that can take away the pain that you all feel but I can send prays for all of you that God give you peace and strength from his holy hand I love you all and very sorry for your lost. God be with you all*



**Teresa Crawford** - September 06, 2016 at 09:20 AM



“ 55 files added to the album *Life Tributes*



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**Lawrence E. Moon Funeral Home** - September 05, 2016 at 07:54 PM

RW

“ *Rick L Williams lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Gloria Dean Alford*



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**Rick L Williams** - September 05, 2016 at 11:25 AM

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“ *Praying for you family...!*



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**L'Tanya Green (Pebbles)** - September 05, 2016 at 09:49 AM

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“ Praying for you family...!



L'Tanya Green (Pebbles) - September 05, 2016 at 09:47 AM



“ I love you dearly Aunt Dean. Thank you for all the wonderful memories. Stephanie Yarbrough Quinn

Stephanie Quinn - September 05, 2016 at 06:51 AM

HR

“ To the ALFORD family,  
We are Praying that the Lord will surround you with His peace, encourage you in His love and strengthen you with His presence



Harold T. & Linda A. Ryan - September 03, 2016 at 08:07 PM

MR

“ My sincere condolences to the family. Mrs. Alfred was a second Mother to us when we lived on York Ave. I will always remember those slaps on the head from her when I needed them(and I needed them quiet often).  
May you feel the presence of the Lord today and draw strength and hope as you trust Him to be your comfort.

Mr. & Mrs. Harold T. Ryan - September 03, 2016 at 04:43 PM

HR

“ *Harold & Linda Ryan lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Gloria Dean Alford*



Harold & Linda Ryan - September 03, 2016 at 04:26 PM

KD

“ *Karen Dixon lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Gloria Dean Alford*



Karen Dixon - September 02, 2016 at 08:46 AM

KD

*Praying for you and your family. Sendings my condolences and prayers your way.*

Karen Dixon - September 02, 2016 at 08:47 AM

DB

“ *May God bless you and your family during your time of sorrow. I would like to share a scripture that has helped me during time of grief ( Psalms 34;18) it tells you that Jehovah is close to the brokenhearted.May your hearts soon be filled with the wonderful memories of joyful times together as you celebrate a life well lived.*



Daisy M Boone - September 01, 2016 at 08:10 AM

CT

“ I love you Aunt Dean. To all of my family in Flint, we are so sorry for you your loss. We will always miss you. I remember that she always took charge of the family and wanted to make sure everyone was okay. We love you. Your niece, Carolyn

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**Carolyn Talley** - September 01, 2016 at 06:59 AM

SR

“ So sorry for your loss. Did you know that God hates death. He views it as an enemy 1Corinthians15:26. He has a yearning to conquer that enemy, to undo death by means of the resurrection. He longs to bring back those who are in his memory an to see them live on earth again. Job14:14,15.

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**S. Ross** - August 31, 2016 at 09:05 AM

TF

“ The Epps Family sent a virtual gift in memory of Mrs. Gloria Dean Alford



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**The Epps Family** - August 30, 2016 at 09:39 PM

MM

“ Marva Mcdaniel lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Gloria Dean Alford



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**marva mcdaniel** - August 30, 2016 at 03:25 PM

SP

“ *Sandra Payne lit a candle in memory of Mrs.  
Gloria Dean Alford*



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**sandra payne** - August 30, 2016 at 12:07 PM