



Ms. Helena Montrose Brooks

July 29, 1948 - January 2, 2022

BROOKS, Ms. Helena Montrose - Age 73, passed away Sunday, January 2, 2022, at Regency at Grand Blanc, Grand Blanc, MI. Family hour 10:30 AM Saturday, January 15, 2022, at Canaan Baptist Church, 910 E. Gillespie St., with funeral service commencing at 11:00 AM Pastor Charles E. Roots, officiating. Interment Sunset Hills Cemetery, G-4413 Flushing Rd. Friends and pallbearers will assemble at the church 10:30 AM Saturday. Ms. Brooks 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 Friday. Ms. Helena Montrose Brooks was born July 29, 1948, in Kernersville, NC to parents Isaac and Ruby Brooks. Helena was a resident of Flint, MI. She attended Flint Northern High School and graduated in 1968. She went on to take nursing classes while working at Hurley Medical Center as a dietary food service worker. She retired from Hurley in 2009 after 39 years of service. Helena was the matriarch of the family and was often referred to as the “funny aunt” or the “cool granny”. She was also affectionately called “Annabelle”, “Big Mama”, “Big Shirley” and “Granny”. Helena was well known for feeding everyone in the neighborhood and making people laugh with her witty humor and dirty jokes. Some of her favorite things to do were playing her daily lottery, completing crossword puzzles and watching television, especially old westerns, shows from the 60’s, 70’s and 80’s, Jerry Springer, Judge Judy and Judge Mathis. Helena enjoyed traveling and going different places, including back home to North Carolina and on her annual sisters’ trip. Some of her

greatest joys were listening to gospel music, talking on the phone, being in “the know” and letting you know she was “in the know”. She loved, loved, loved being surrounded by family and friends, especially her daughter and grandsons. Helena leaves to cherish her memory daughter, Tanisha Lattimore of Flint, MI, grandsons Tyrone and Tyrese Smith of Flint, MI, siblings Pam (Anthony) Keyes of Galloway, OH, Anthony Brooks of Flint, MI, Edward Brooks of Flint, MI, Kimberlee (Ryan) LeFear of Flushing, MI and Cassandra Brooks of Flushing, MI; nephews Ernest Jr (Tomika) Brooks, Anthony II (Monica) Keyes, D’Mitri LeFear, Quentin LeFear, JaNairo (Tori) LeFear, Desmond Brooks, Brandon Kinzer, Christopher Taylor and Malik Brooks; nieces EToya Moore, Roshonda Brooks, Angela (Eric) Miles, Alicia (Bobby) Watt and Le’Sha (Gerald) Rose; God granddaughter JayShauna Riley, sister-in-law Earlie Brooks, Tanisha’s significant other and Helena’s private chef Norman Collins and a host of other nephews, nieces, family members and friends. Helena was preceded in death by her daughter Baby Girl Brooks, parents Isaac and Ruby Brooks, grandparents Eddie and Minnie Brooks and Roy and Irene Hairston, brother Ernest Brooks, aunt Josephine Townsend, nieces Monique Brooks and Alexis Keyes, special friends Sandra Jefferson and Edward Lattimore and other aunts and uncles. The family would like to thank Pastor Charles E. Roots and the entire Canaan Baptist Church family. They would also like to express their sincere appreciation to Nurse Practitioner Jamie Braden, Hurley Medical Center, Regency of Grand Blanc and Lawrence E. Moon Funeral Home for the care and concern shown to Helena. She is with God now and can finally take her rest.

Cemetery Details

Sunset Hills Cemetery

G-4413 Flushing Rd.
Flint, MI 48504

Previous Events

Public Viewing

JAN **14**. 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

JAN **15**. 10:30 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

Canaan Baptist Church
910 E. Gillespie St.
Flint, MI

Service

JAN 15. 11:00 AM (ET)

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Flint, MI

Tribute Wall



“ *Ms. Helena Montrose Brooks*

October 09, 2023 at 07:02 AM



“ *Mary Kidd & Family lit a candle in memory of Ms. Helena Montrose Brooks*



Mary Kidd & Family - January 18, 2022 at 10:59 PM



“ *My sincere condolences to her daughter Tanisha and grandsons. Praying for your peace, strength, and comfort. Love, Carol/Nana*



Carol Gardner - January 18, 2022 at 10:09 PM



“ *Glynis Rice lit a candle in memory of Ms. Helena Montrose Brooks*



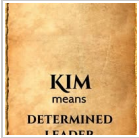
Glynis Rice - January 17, 2022 at 06:17 PM

BW

“ *Barbara Wilkins lit a candle in memory of Ms. Helena Montrose Brooks*



Barbara Wilkins - January 16, 2022 at 10:10 PM



“ *Kim Turner lit a candle in memory of Ms. Helena Montrose Brooks*



Kim Turner - January 14, 2022 at 10:57 PM

NB

“ *Nellie Bacon lit a candle in memory of Ms. Helena Montrose Brooks*



Nellie Bacon - January 14, 2022 at 04:27 PM

MM

“ *Mike and Paula Milks purchased the Country Basket Blooms for the family of Ms. Helena Montrose Brooks.*



Mike and Paula Milks - January 14, 2022 at 10:32 AM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Ms. Helena Montrose Brooks.*



January 14, 2022 at 09:43 AM



“ *Ricki Brooks lit a candle in memory of Ms. Helena Montrose Brooks*



Ricki Brooks - January 12, 2022 at 11:51 AM



“ *Gloria Garland lit a candle in memory of Ms. Helena Montrose Brooks*



Gloria Garland - January 11, 2022 at 12:36 AM



“ *Helena was a very nice and pleasant woman to work with at Hurley Hospital. Always helping staff, patients and Doctors. My deepest condolences to her family. Victoria Thompson*



Victoria Thompson - January 10, 2022 at 07:37 PM

LN

“ *Lara Nkume lit a candle in memory of Ms. Helena Montrose Brooks*



lara Nkume - January 09, 2022 at 07:23 PM

VE

Helena was a loving caring person, worked with her for years, she loved her family, my deepest sympathy to you all. Vaneva Ewell.

Vaneva Ewell - January 13, 2022 at 02:32 PM

TL

Thanks for the condolences. I really appreciate it. she was my super woman!!

TANISHA LATTIMORE - April 10, 2022 at 10:49 PM

LN

“ *My condolence and prays to the Helena Brooks family. Helena and I were very close friends in school when we were at Lowell and in the old neighborhood (St. John Street} She was such a wonderful, Humorous and sincere person, I know she will be greatly missed. Rest in Peace Helena.*

Lara Grier Nkume

lara Nkume - January 09, 2022 at 07:09 PM

TL

Yes she will, thx for the condolences!! From daughter Tanisha lattimore....

Tanisha lattimore - January 29, 2022 at 10:58 PM

BN

“ I remember Ms. Helena Brooks from the St. John St. area and the old Flint Northern High. Her parents were entrepreneurs, tax preparers/shoe repair. Rest in peace.

Billy Riley Las Vegas, Nevada - January 09, 2022 at 06:16 PM

TL

Thx for the condolences & yes we still have that entrepreneurs in our blood...

Tanisha lattimore - January 29, 2022 at 11:00 PM

JG

“ Jeanette Grady lit a candle in memory of Ms. Helena Montrose Brooks



Jeanette Grady - January 09, 2022 at 12:30 PM

TL

Thx for the condolences....

Tanisha lattimore - January 29, 2022 at 11:01 PM

MW

“ Helena and worked together for years at Hurley Medical Center and had several friends that we shared. she was always kind and good hearted and loved to joke and laugh, you can laugh with some of our friends that's gone on before RIP dear friend you will be missed but thought of often. Praying for the family that God gives you strength at this time ❤️ y'all



Marlene Williams - January 09, 2022 at 09:55 AM

TL

Thx aunt Marlene, thx for the condolences..

Tanisha lattimore - January 29, 2022 at 11:03 PM

TL

Love you!!

Tanisha lattimore - January 29, 2022 at 11:05 PM

TD

“ *Thanks for the prayers & blessings from everyone, My mom was a beautiful & wonderful person, she will truly be missed!!*



Tanisha Lattimore daughter - January 09, 2022 at 08:27 AM

BG

“ *Tanisha, and the entire Brooks family you guys have my deepest sympathy. We all love Helena. She will be missed immensely.*



Bobbie Gilbert - January 09, 2022 at 02:14 AM

TL

I'm going to miss you asking where is Big Shirley!! Lol 🤔😂😭😇

Tanisha lattimore - January 29, 2022 at 11:06 PM

EP

“ Evelyn Pitts sent a virtual gift in memory of Ms. Helena Montrose Brooks



Evelyn Pitts - January 08, 2022 at 05:31 PM

FG

“ I remember Helena as a quiet but pleasant young lady when she assisted her parents at their Shoe Repair Shop on St. John Street. She had a beautiful smile. I send my deepest heartfelt sympathy and prayers to the family and friends. RIP Helena.



Ricky Gist

Fredricka “Ricky” Gist - January 08, 2022 at 01:08 PM

TL

Thx for the condolences...

Tanisha lattimore - January 29, 2022 at 11:07 PM

EH

“ Edna Elam (Small)Elam Of Hurley sent a virtual gift in memory of Ms. Helena Montrose Brooks



Edna Elam (Small)Elam of Hurley - January 07, 2022 at 09:59 PM

TF

“ Our prayers and sympathy. May God bless and strengthen all of you during this. Love you!



The Kidd Family - January 07, 2022 at 05:37 PM

BM

Helena was a quiet pleasant person when I first met her at Hurley Medical center she is truly missed.love you Ms Helena Brooks

Brenda Mcgaughy - January 08, 2022 at 11:14 PM

BF

“ Condolences from the ST JOHN Historical Committee. We remember her from her parent's Shoe repair shop

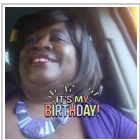
Brenda Fluker - January 07, 2022 at 01:08 PM

BF

“ Brittany Welch (K. Lefear DHHS family) purchased the 5.5" EBN Kneeling & Praying Angel for the family of Ms. Helena Montrose Brooks.



Brittany Welch (K. Lefear DHHS family) - January 07, 2022 at 12:06 PM



“ Sharon Mixon lit a candle in memory of Ms. Helena Montrose Brooks



Sharon Mixon - January 07, 2022 at 07:57 AM

BD

“ Prayers and condolences to the family. R. I. P.
Helena



Bobie Holmes Douglas - January 06, 2022 at 10:58 PM

RE

“ My condolences to the family Helena was good employee and
friend and a very hard worker rest in peace.
Renell Echols 🙏🙏🙏

Renell Echols - January 06, 2022 at 05:40 PM

LB

“ Lois Bell lit a candle in memory of Ms. Helena
Montrose Brooks



Lois Bell - January 06, 2022 at 08:49 AM

LC

“ Lois Cunningham lit a candle in memory of
Ms. Helena Montrose Brooks



Lois Cunningham - January 06, 2022 at 05:25 AM



“ *Sending my prayer and condolences to the Brooks family*



Earline McFadden - January 05, 2022 at 03:41 PM



“ *Nathaniel Mckinzie lit a candle in memory of Ms. Helena Montrose Brooks*



Nathaniel Mckinzie - January 05, 2022 at 12:41 PM



“ *I worked with Helena in the Dietary Department of Hurley Medical Center. She was a hard Dedicated worker!*



Nathaniel Mckinzie - January 05, 2022 at 12:40 PM



“ *One of my dearest friends from Hurley Hospital....Rest in Peace Ms. Brooks*



Charlie Goldsberry - January 05, 2022 at 09:19 AM

MJ

“ *Margaret, Tonya, And Tammy Jackson lit a candle in memory of Ms. Helena Montrose Brooks*



Margaret, Tonya, and Tammy Jackson - January 05, 2022 at 12:11 AM

TH

“ *Toni Hicks lit a candle in memory of Ms. Helena Montrose Brooks*



Toni Hicks - January 04, 2022 at 09:52 PM

EB

“ *EARLIE BROOKS sent a virtual gift in memory of Ms. Helena Montrose Brooks*



EARLIE BROOKS - January 04, 2022 at 11:00 AM

EB

“ *EARLIE BROOKS lit a candle in memory of Ms. Helena Montrose Brooks*



EARLIE BROOKS - January 04, 2022 at 10:58 AM

MJ

“ My sincere condolences to the family of Helena Brooks. We went to school together (Roosevelt) and Lowell. I use to visit with her after school. I hadn't seen her in so long.



Marva Johnson - January 04, 2022 at 10:40 AM

TC

“ Tracey Cavette lit a candle in memory of Ms. Helena Montrose Brooks



Tracey Cavette - January 04, 2022 at 08:12 AM

DR

“ Duke Rawls sent a virtual gift in memory of Ms. Helena Montrose Brooks



Duke Rawls - January 04, 2022 at 08:09 AM

KE

Hey bro love you

Keith - January 04, 2022 at 10:22 AM



“ *Vera Styles lit a candle in memory of Ms. Helena Montrose Brooks*



Vera Styles - January 03, 2022 at 08:47 PM

DR

“ *Duke Rawls sent a virtual gift in memory of Ms. Helena Montrose Brooks*



Duke Rawls - January 03, 2022 at 07:40 PM

JK

“ *Jake&Bernice Kendall sent a virtual gift in memory of Ms. Helena Montrose Brooks*



Jake&Bernice Kendall - January 03, 2022 at 02:38 PM