



Elder Jessie Darrough

September 7, 1945 - May 26, 2026

DARROUGH, Elder Jessie - Age 80, passed away Tuesday, May 26, 2026, at McLaren - Flint. Family hour 10:00 AM Wednesday, June 3, 2026, at New Jerusalem Full Gospel Baptist Church, 1035 E. Carpenter Rd., Pastor Alfred Harris Jr., presiding, Pastor Doloris Grays-Smith Eulogist. Interment Flint Memorial Park Cemetery, G-9506 N. Dort Hwy, Mt. Morris, MI. Friends and pallbearers will assemble at the Church 10:00 AM Wednesday. Elder Darrough 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 Tuesday, with family present to receive friends from 3:00 PM-6:00 PM. HER LIFE & LEGACY

With Those Left to Cherish Her Memory

Elder Jessie Pearson-Darrough Obituary

On September 7, 1945, in Goldsboro, North Carolina, God entrusted Johnnie Freddie Pearson and Naomi Whitehead-Pearson with a precious daughter who would grow to become a faithful servant, devoted wife, loving mother, respected Elder, gifted author, and pillar within her community.

With hearts full of gratitude for a life beautifully lived, Elder Jessie Pearson-Darrough leaves behind a legacy of faith, wisdom, service, and unconditional love that will continue to shine through the generations she nurtured and inspired.

She leaves to cherish her memory her devoted husband, Freddie G. Darrough of Flint, Michigan, whose companionship and love blessed her later years. She was the loving mother of Terry Austin Payton, LaWanda Jo Payton-Davis, DeWayne Payton (Jazelle Payton), and Alicia Payton. She was also a devoted stepmother to Freddie Darrough, Kenneth Darrough, and Osborn Darrough. Her legacy continues through her beloved grandchildren, Maurice Woodson III, Antwuan LeGardye, Roxanne Franklin-Woolley, Sophia Kapri Amodia, Aliah Stinnett, and Alexis Stinnett. She also leaves her cherished step-grandchildren, Mykel Darrough, Frashaun Darrough, Destiny Darrough, Tashima Darrough, Tariah Darrough, Kenneth Darrough, Kanea Darrough, Tamia Darrough, Omarion B. Darrough, Keymiyah Darrough, and Idela L. Darrough.

She was further blessed to witness the joy of her great-grandchildren, Andrew Julian Alvarado, Dalylah Solario, Aiden LeGardye, and Alanna Wharton.

She leaves behind her cherished sisters, Jeannie Pearson, Joyce Pearson, and Patricia Pearson Smith-Gelly; and her beloved brothers, Johnnie Freddie Pearson and James Edward Pearson. She was preceded in death by her brothers, Jerry Wayne Pearson and Jeffrey Allen Pearson.

She also leaves a host of loving nieces, nephews, great-nieces, great-nephews, cousins, extended family members, church family, spiritual sons and daughters, and dear friends whose lives were forever enriched by her prayers, guidance, encouragement, and unwavering faith.

Among those who held a special place in her heart were Tina Milton, the Dunam Family, and Tracey Murphy, along with countless others whose names may not appear here, but whose lives were deeply touched by her presence.

Elder Darrough was an exceptional student and athlete. During her years in Germany, she excelled in both basketball and volleyball while pursuing her education. In the mid-1970s, she gave her life to Christ and never looked back. She dedicated nearly 21 years of service to General Motors while faithfully pursuing her calling in ministry. Under the tutelage of Pastor Burkett of Truelight Missionary Baptist Church, she began teaching in the youth and

women's ministries. From 1996 to 1999, she co-facilitated the "Just For You" Deliverance Ministry for Hurting Women. Under the leadership of Pastor Randolph at Chevrolet Avenue Christian Center, she taught youth ministry and faithfully served on the Executive Board. For many years, she also served as a volunteer chaplain at the Genesee County Jail, ministering hope and encouragement to countless individuals.

In 2006, she founded "Elect Ladies," an intercessory team of godly women dedicated to prayer and intercession. She later graduated from Victory Bible College with a two-year certificate and went on to teach some of the institution's most rigorous courses, including Bible Doctrine. A gifted writer, scholar, and lifelong student of God's Word, Elder Darrough was also a four-time published author whose writings reflected her deep faith, spiritual insight, and commitment to helping others grow in their walk with Christ. Through both the spoken and written word, she inspired, educated, and encouraged countless lives.

Under the leadership of Pastor Connie Wilkerson and Pastor Recco Richardson at Lighthouse Tabernacle, she was appointed as an Elder and later ordained by Pastor Recco Richardson under a cloud of witnesses. As the culmination of a lifelong spiritual journey, Elder Darrough and her husband, Deacon Freddie Darrough, partnered together to found Dunamis Evangelistic Outreach under the guidance and mentorship of Pastor Clarence Lewis of New Beginnings Ministry.

Her love was a shelter. Her wisdom was a compass. Her faith was a light. Though she has entered eternal rest, the seeds she planted through kindness, service, prayer, and love will continue to bloom for generations to come.

Cemetery Details

Flint Memorial Park Cemetery

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

Previous Events

Public Viewing

JUN 2. 12:00 PM - 6:00 PM (ET)

Lawrence E. Moon Funeral Home, Inc., Flint
906 W. Flint Park Blvd.
Flint, MI 48505
(810) 789-6666
lemoonfhflint@gmail.com
<https://lawrenceemoonfuneralhome.com>

Family Present

JUN 2. 3:00 PM - 6:00 PM (ET)

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Family hour

JUN 3. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

New Jerusalem Full Gospel Baptist Church
1035 E. Carpenter Rd.
Flint, MI 48505

Funeral Service

JUN 3. 11:00 AM (ET)

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Tribute Wall

LA

“ *Lynn Anderson lit a candle in memory of Jessie Darrough*



Lynn Anderson - June 08 at 10:29 PM

CP

“ *Claudette Pittman lit a candle in memory of Jessie Darrough*



Claudette Pittman - June 07 at 06:45 PM

MD

“ *My prayers are with my friend Alicia and her entire family.*



MONICA DAVIS - June 05 at 01:19 PM

CW

“ *My condolences to the family sending prayers of peace*



Cheryl Banister- Walker - June 04 at 08:39 PM

CP

“ *Cerese Pennington sent a virtual gift in memory of Elder Jessie Darrough*



Cerese Pennington - June 04 at 04:12 PM

CH

“ *Cynthia Hodges lit a candle in memory of Elder Jessie Darrough*



Cynthia Hodges - June 03 at 02:51 PM

DJ

“ *Sending sincere prayers and condolences to Deacon Payton and family.*



Deacon Jerry Johnson - June 03 at 11:30 AM

CY

“ *Cynthia Young lit a candle in memory of Jessie Darrough*



Cynthia Young - June 03 at 08:49 AM

SL

“ SHEILA LOMAX lit a candle in memory of
Elder Jessie Darrough



SHEILA LOMAX - June 03 at 01:06 AM

JJ

“ Joann Ross Jordan



Joann Ross Jordan - June 03 at 12:43 AM

MT

“ Meriann Taylor sent a virtual gift in memory of
Elder Jessie Darrough



Meriann Taylor - June 02 at 04:37 PM

BR

“ Belinda Gail Ross lit a candle in memory of
Jessie Darrough



Belinda Gail Ross - June 02 at 02:13 PM

MH

“ A very Dear Sister/ Friend whom I will miss tremendously! Words can't express the impact you had on my life! Much Love ❤️



Mary Hughes - June 02 at 05:04 AM

KH

“ Kelli Holbrook lit a candle in memory of Elder Jessie Darrough



Kelli Holbrook - June 01 at 01:21 PM

NJ

I knew Aunt Jessie through my mom Marcia who was married to her brother Johnny Pearson. I just loved her smile . Met her and the family when I was a little girl coming from Jamaica. My condolences and love to the entire family . Her smile was very infectious . She will be missed... I love you guys . Nadine A. Wright

Nadine jeter - June 02 at 10:58 PM

MM

“ Marcie Knapp Moore lit a candle in memory of Elder Jessie Darrough



Marcie Knapp Moore - June 01 at 12:53 PM

DW

“ *Debbie Wilson planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Elder Jessie Darrough.*

Debbie Wilson - May 31 at 10:32 PM

SP

“ *Sheryl Payton lit a candle in memory of Elder Jessie Darrough*



Sheryl Payton - May 31 at 06:13 PM

LP

“ *LJ Pearson purchased the Bright and Beautiful S pray for the family of Elder Jessie Darrough.*



LJ Pearson - May 31 at 05:13 PM

LP

“ *LJ Pearson planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Elder Jessie Darrough.*

LJ Pearson - May 31 at 05:13 PM

CH

“ *Crystal Harris lit a candle in memory of Elder Jessie Darrough*

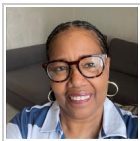


Crystal Harris - May 31 at 04:59 PM

CH

“ *Grandma Jessie was a beautiful woman inside and out. Her smile brightened any room and her kind spirit touched many hearts. When my daughter Dalylah was young, which was her great grand daughter, Grandma Jessie would often call to check on us and see how we were doing. She would offer me words of encouragement as a mother and would pray over me and my daughter by phone. We didn't get to see her often since we live in California but anytime we did was a blessing. Grandma Jessie was a woman of God which was evident by the dignified and classy way she carried herself. Thank you for the love and memories you leave behind. Rest in peace Queen.*

Crystal Harris - May 31 at 04:57 PM



“ *A dear sweet lady. Jessie spoke at my mother's memorial service in Feb 2025 sharing stories of when her, mom and their dear friend, Lorraine, were in their early twenties. Now all three are in heaven with our Lord. On behalf of the Bryson family, we send our deepest condolences to the family.*



Paris Bryson - May 31 at 02:29 PM

TL

“ Tonya LaGrone lit a candle in memory of Elder Jessie Darrough



Tonya LaGrone - May 31 at 01:43 PM

LT

“ Leslie Tate-Carter lit a candle in memory of Elder Jessie Darrough



Leslie Tate-Carter - May 31 at 01:34 PM

MO

“ What a beautiful woman - inside and out. Elder Darrough taught me the true meaning of God's word and became a real mentor and friend. I will always remember and cherish her kindness. Condolences to her family.



Monique - May 31 at 10:38 AM

DB

“ David & Dana Bush lit a candle in memory of Elder Jessie Darrough



David & Dana Bush - May 31 at 09:39 AM

SW

“ Sonya Denise Wilkes lit a candle in memory of Elder Jessie Darrough



Sonya Denise Wilkes - May 30 at 10:47 PM

DR

“ Demetrius & Kyrra Richmond sent a virtual gift in memory of Elder Jessie Darrough



Demetrius & Kyrra Richmond - May 30 at 09:41 PM



“ Such a beautiful woman and beautiful spirt! I got to know her from New Beginnings Church and Bible study, and I always love her messages about the goodness of God..Rest at his right hand 🙏



Doris Motley - May 30 at 08:16 PM

KR

“ Kermit & Genell (Crain) Reeves lit a candle in memory of Elder Jessie Darrough



Kermit & Genell (Crain) Reeves - May 30 at 07:17 PM

SB

“ We, the Breed Family who resided over the fence as neighbors for many years from Comstock Avenue connected back yards to Brownell Blvd, send our condolences and prayers to the family with blessings.

*Breed Family
Comstock Avenue*

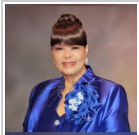
Sonia Breed - May 30 at 11:23 AM

YW

“ It's taking me a minute to post on here because this hit me hard in my chest because Elder Jessie has been so inspirational and supportive towards me when I was caregiving for my own mother. Every week Elder Jessie would send me words of encouragement even though her plate was full. God bless the family and I'm sending prayers your way.



Yvonne Williams - May 30 at 07:02 AM



“ Carolyn D Davis sent a virtual gift in memory of Elder Jessie Darrough



Carolyn D Davis - May 29 at 10:39 PM

AJ

“ *Alma Johnson lit a candle in memory of Elder Jessie Darrough*



Alma Johnson - May 29 at 09:42 PM

JM

“ *Jeannie Mayberry lit a candle in memory of Elder Jessie Darrough*



Jeannie Mayberry - May 29 at 09:11 PM

RL

“ *Rhonda Lowe lit a candle in memory of Elder Jessie Darrough*



Rhonda Lowe - May 29 at 08:16 PM

VL

“ *Prayers of comfort and peace to the family of Elder Jessie Darrough!!!*



Valerie Leslie - May 29 at 06:30 PM

AW

“ Alberta Williams lit a candle in memory of Elder Jessie Darrough



Alberta Williams - May 29 at 05:38 PM

LB

“ Loretta Black lit a candle in memory of Elder Jessie Darrough



Loretta Black - May 29 at 04:48 PM

VT

“ Valerie Toles lit a candle in memory of Elder Jessie Darrough



Valerie Toles - May 29 at 02:18 PM

DW

“ Diane Williams lit a candle in memory of Elder Jessie Darrough



Diane Williams - May 29 at 01:54 PM

LP

“ *Louis And Dee Perry lit a candle in memory of Elder Jessie Darrough*



Louis and Dee Perry - May 29 at 12:53 PM

PN

“ *Pat Newton-Moore lit a candle in memory of Elder Jessie Darrough*



Pat Newton-Moore - May 29 at 12:53 PM

SM

“ *My deepest condolences to the family.*



Stephen Mayfield - May 29 at 12:49 PM

EJ

“ *Elder Anna Johnson lit a candle in memory of Elder Jessie Darrough*



Elder Anna Johnson - May 29 at 12:11 PM

KC

“ *Kim E. Carpenter lit a candle in memory of Elder Jessie Darrough*



Kim E. Carpenter - May 29 at 11:08 AM

CC

“ *My prayers and condolences for Elder Darrough family. May God grant you the peace that surpasses all understanding 🙏*



Charlene Antoinette Causey - May 29 at 02:13 AM

LW

“ *Sweet memories of a precious soldier!*



Lois Watkins - May 29 at 02:01 AM

HG

“ *Howard Grigsby lit a candle in memory of Elder Jessie Darrough*



Howard Grigsby - May 29 at 02:00 AM

CC

“ Claudia Croom lit a candle in memory of Elder Jessie Darrough



Claudia Croom - May 28 at 11:11 PM

WF

“ WOODSON FAMILY lit a candle in memory of Elder Jessie Darrough



WOODSON FAMILY - May 28 at 11:05 PM

XB

“ Xavier Bainster purchased the Divine Peace Bouquet for the family of Elder Jessie Darrough.



Xavier Bainster - May 28 at 10:44 PM

XB

“ Xavier Bainster planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Elder Jessie Darrough.

Xavier Bainster - May 28 at 10:44 PM

NP

“ *Natalie (Jones) Patterson sent a virtual gift in memory of Elder Jessie Darrough*



Natalie (Jones) Patterson - May 28 at 10:33 PM



“ *Much love and prayers to the Darrough family. May you all find comfort during this difficult time. Jessie and Marcheta Todd.*



Marcheta Todd - May 28 at 09:37 PM

EW

“ *My friend for years. May the work that you ministered for the Kingdom of God speaks loudly in the hearts of those who applied it to their hearts and spirit. Your friend, Evangelist Dorothy Waldon, Powder Springs, GA*

Evang Dorothy Waldon - May 28 at 09:25 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Elder Jessie Darrough.*



May 28 at 07:16 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Elder Jessie Darrough.

May 28 at 07:16 PM



“ A great teacher of the word, beautiful inside and out to be absent from the body is to be present with the Lord



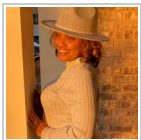
Delores A Mosley- Childs - May 28 at 07:15 PM



“ Lenore Garrett lit a candle in memory of Elder Jessie Darrough



Lenore Garrett - May 28 at 07:02 PM



“ My deepest sympathy to you Alicia and the entire family. I pray that God gives you strength and peace . Rest well beautiful queen.



Joi Askew - May 28 at 07:01 PM

YW

“ Yolanda Williams lit a candle in memory of Elder Jessie Darrough



Yolanda Williams - May 28 at 06:50 PM

SN

“ Our deepest condolences 🙏. May her love live in your hearts forever.

Love The Nettles



Sabrina Nettles - May 28 at 06:40 PM

TW

“ Tonia Walker lit a candle in memory of Elder Jessie Darrough



Tonia Walker - May 28 at 06:20 PM

AJ

“ Abby Johnson lit a candle in memory of Elder Jessie Darrough



Abby Johnson - May 28 at 06:17 PM

MC

“ *Marlene Cleveland lit a candle in memory of
Jessie Darrough*



Marlene Cleveland - May 28 at 04:02 PM

RR

“ *Rodney Richardson lit a candle in memory of
Elder Jessie Darrough*



Rodney Richardson - May 28 at 02:41 PM

DB

“ *Debora Baker lit a candle in memory of Elder
Jessie Darrough*



Debora Baker - May 28 at 12:44 PM

MT

“ *Mr. Clemie Thornton*



Mr Thornton - May 28 at 12:33 PM

MT

“ *May God comfort the family of Elder Jessie, a wonderful woman.*



Margo Thompson - May 28 at 11:38 AM

CL

“ *Clarence And Barbara Lewis lit a candle in memory of Elder Jessie Darrough*



Clarence and Barbara Lewis - May 28 at 10:22 AM

DO

“ *Deloris Odom lit a candle in memory of Elder Jessie Darrough*



Deloris Odom - May 28 at 10:08 AM

CS

“ *Carl & Te'Mekka Straham lit a candle in memory of Elder Jessie Darrough*



Carl & Te'Mekka Straham - May 28 at 09:02 AM

AG

“ Alvin Gayden lit a candle in memory of Elder Jessie Darrough



Alvin Gayden - May 28 at 08:50 AM

CK

“ Camellia Key lit a candle in memory of Jessie Darrough



Camellia Key - May 28 at 03:07 AM

VT

“ Valerie Toles lit a candle in memory of Elder Jessie Darrough



Valerie Toles - May 28 at 02:55 AM

TW

“ I'm so sorry to hear about Mama Jessie passing I will continue to keep you all in my prayers. Tangyla Woodson-Demby



Tangyla Woodson-Demby - May 28 at 12:05 AM

CE

“ Cynthia Faye Elam sent a virtual gift in memory of Jessie Darrough



Cynthia Faye Elam - May 27 at 11:36 PM

YM

“ Yvette Milton lit a candle in memory of Jessie Darrough



Yvette Milton - May 27 at 10:34 PM

VL

“ Vincent Lipford lit a candle in memory of Jessie Darrough



Vincent Lipford - May 27 at 08:49 PM

VJ

“ Valerie Jones lit a candle in memory of Elder Jessie Darrough



Valerie Jones - May 27 at 05:27 PM

BL

“ *Barbara Lakes lit a candle in memory of Elder Jessie Darrough*



Barbara Lakes - May 27 at 02:56 PM

SP

“ *Sandra Payne sent a virtual gift in memory of Elder Jessie Darrough*



Sandra Payne - May 27 at 01:30 PM

LM

“ *On behalf of the McGee's we are praying for the entire Payton family. Rest in eternity Mrs Jessie* ❤️❤️❤️❤️

Lela Mcgee - May 27 at 01:25 PM