



## Mrs. Juanita Banks-Rutherford

March 22, 1936 - October 9, 2025

BANKS-RUTHERFORD, Mrs. Juanita - Age 89, passed away Thursday, October 9, 2025, at Her residence.

Family hour 10:30 AM Wednesday, October 15, 2025, from the Chapel of Lawrence E. Moon Funeral Home, 906 W. Flint Park Blvd., with funeral service commencing at 11:00 AM, Pastor George W. Hodges, officiating, Pastor Floyd U.H. Fuller, Eulogist. Interment, River Rest Cemetery, G-4413 Flushing Rd. Friends and pallbearers will assemble at the Funeral Home, 10:30 AM Wednesday. Mrs. Banks-Rutherford will lie in state in the Chapel of Lawrence E. Moon Funeral Home and may be viewed from 12:00 PM-6:00 PM Tuesday.

JUANITA BANKS-RUTHERFORD, affectionately known as “Neat”, entered the gates of Heaven on Thursday, October 9, 2025, at the age of 89, at her residence. Born on March 22, 1936, in Birmingham, Alabama, Juanita Cotton was the fifth of nine children born to Reverend John Thomas and Zadie (Williams) Cotton. Her spiritual journey began at the young age of eight years old when she accepted Jesus Christ as her Lord and Savior at Mt. Olive Community Church in Birmingham, Alabama, where her beloved father, the late Reverend John Thomas Cotton, led the congregation. She was baptized by her father in 5 Mile Creek.

Juanita graduated from Parker High school in Birmingham, Alabama. On November 5, 1953, she united in marriage with Bobby L. Banks Sr., and relocated to Flint, Michigan. Their union was blessed with 4 children (3 daughters and 1 son): Belinda A. Banks, Debra J. Banks, Reverend Bobby L. Banks Jr., and Redonna L. Banks. Bobby L. Banks Sr. preceded her in death on October 5, 1969.

On June 26, 1996, Juanita married George V. Rutherford, embracing 12 bonus children into her heart and home. George V. Rutherford preceded her in death on August 27, 2007. She was a cherished and devoted wife, mother, and grandmother whose life radiated love, faith, and compassion. Her gentle spirit touched everyone she met, and she nurtured her family with wisdom, grace, and unwavering care while instilling in them to value education, hard work, and embrace the love of God.

Juanita dedicated many years of service to Flint Osteopathic Hospital until her well-earned retirement. Beyond her professional life, she found joy and peace in her creative passions - the art of sewing, quilting, knitting, and cooking. Her legendary pound cakes were a true expression of her love and a source of comfort and delight to all who had the privilege to enjoy them.

Her faith remained the cornerstone of her life. As a devoted member of True Light Missionary Baptist Church, Juanita served faithfully as a missionary board member, usher, and Mother of the church. Her presence and heart full of compassion was a blessing. Her steadfast faith, kind words, and helping hands blessed countless lives. She was truly a remarkable woman whose legacy of love and service continues to inspire generations.

Juanita leaves to cherish her memory, 3 children: Belinda A. Banks of Phoenix, Arizona, Reverend Bobby L. Banks Jr. of Flint Township, and Redonna L. Banks of Grand Blanc; 3 bonus daughters: Shirley (Ellis)

McGee, Mildred Elaine, and Pam (Re'Ven) McMillon; 5 bonus sons: Richard Young, Anthony (Alfreda) Rutherford, Steven (Patricia) Rutherford, Vincent (Cecelia) Rutherford, and Carl Franklin Rutherford; 4 granddaughters: Kimberly Banks of Avon, Indiana, T'Nika (Marzell) Hall of Mesa, Arizona, Shameika (Bryan) Banks-Wilson of Flint Township, and Dionna Goodrum-Brown of Oak Park; 5 grandsons: T'Challa (Tonya) Banks of Flint, Dion (Tiffani) Goodrum-Brown of Flint, Tarnell (Amber) Banks of Laveen, Arizona, Dion Jones and James Jones, both of Flint; 3 sisters: Annie L. Rice, Boncile Hodge, and Truenetta Meadows; 2 brothers: Rufus J. Cotton, Sr., and George P. Cotton, Sr.; 3 sisters in law: Pamela Cotton, Beverly Buford, and Luvenia Carr; and a host of great-grandchildren, nieces, nephews, extended family, and friends who will forever hold her memory close Juanita shared a beautiful sisterhood with Betty Banks, woven with love, laughter, and an unbreakable bond. She was also deeply loved by Alberta and Melvon Williams, who held her close in their hearts, loving her with the kind of deep affection that feels just like that of a devoted daughter and son. Among her many cherished friends were Mr. & Mrs. Vince and Suzie Conrad, Gregory Rodgers, Dorsey Cummings, Jr., Inez Jones, Mary Barnes, Marva Dukes, Rose Beavers, Alice Gibson, Mary Rice Burnes, Johnnie Rawls, Virginia Higgerson and the Vanderson family.

The family extends heartfelt gratitude to Dr. Caroline Mathew, Dr. Sandeep Grewal, Dr. Wilfredo Rivera, Dr. Sunita Tummala, Dr. Anne Carlton, Residential Home Health Care & Hospice (Jessica & Soshalyn), and Karmonas Cancer Center for their compassion and exceptional care.

Juanita was preceded in death by her daughter: Debra J. Banks; daughter in law: Roslynn Banks; father: Reverend John T. Cotton, Sr.; mother: Mrs. Zadie (Williams) Cotton; bonus

children: Beverly Morris, Melvin

Rutherford, George B. Rutherford, and Johnnie Rutherford; brothers: John T. Cotton, Jr., and Morris L. Cotton; sister: Nora C. Jones; sisters and brothers in law: Minnie Cotton, Mae Willie Cotton, Willie Joyce Cotton, Lottie Rutherford, Thomas C. Jones, Sr., James Rice, Jr., Sam Earl Hodge, Sr., Herphon and Sylvester Banks.

Though Juanita has gone home to glory, her spirit of love, kindness, and faith will forever live on in the hearts of those who knew her.

Mrs. Banks-Rutherford service will be webcasted on the day of the funeral service.

# Cemetery Details

## River Rest Cemetery

G-4413 Flushing Rd.  
Flint, MI 48504

# Previous Events

## Public Viewing

OCT **14**. 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://lawrencemoonfuneralhome.com>

## Family hour

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

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## Funeral Service

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# Tribute Wall



“ *Lawrence E. Moon Funeral Home created a Webcast in memory of Mrs. Juanita Banks-Rutherford*



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**Lawrence E. Moon Funeral Home** - October 15, 2025 at 08:07 AM

CL

“ *Colleen Liggins lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Juanita Banks-Rutherford*



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**Colleen Liggins** - October 25, 2025 at 09:58 PM

JH

“ *Hi family, for Auntie will truly be missed. For the ones who talked with her we will truly miss how she ended her conversation with you. Love you, Auntie and Auntie would say I Love you more, then I would come back with but I Love you morer, and she top it off by saying but I Love you the Mostest. And she would give her sweet laughter and you could feel the love and the hugs in her voice. I miss that sooooo much. Rest well, Auntie for our love will continue to flow with the memories you have place in our hearts. Love you, Belinda, Bobby and Redonna - always Joannet*

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**Joannet Hodge** - October 16, 2025 at 10:43 AM

NB

“ *Sis. Juanita was absolutely a beautiful person inside and out. Prayers for the family she will truly be missed.*  
*Nadie Holmes & Deacon J. R. Holmes*

Nadie Brackins-Holmes - October 15, 2025 at 11:09 AM

NR

“ *Nadie Brackins-Holmes & J R lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Juanita Banks-Rutherford*



Nadie Brackins-Holmes & J R - October 15, 2025 at 11:07 AM

CC

“ *Love Cheryl Campbell, Jo'Von and Andre' Rutherford and Family* ❤️



Cheryl Campbell - October 15, 2025 at 10:39 AM

CC

“ *Cheryl Campbell lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Juanita Banks-Rutherford*



Cheryl Campbell - October 15, 2025 at 10:33 AM

GB

“ Gloria Boone lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Juanita Banks-Rutherford



gloria boone - October 15, 2025 at 10:29 AM

/G

“ Sending prayers and love to the family.



/s/Danon D. Goodrum-Garland - October 14, 2025 at 11:50 PM

DE

“ A Mother's Love is the greatest gift we receive. You were Blessed to have a caring lady. Our Prayers are with you during this difficult time. We will truly miss a Beautiful woman. Love Deacon James & Cynthia Elam



Deacon James & Cynthia Elam - October 14, 2025 at 10:14 PM

CA

“ Sending my deepest sympathy to the Banks family 🙏



Crystal Ashburn - October 14, 2025 at 04:32 PM

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Crystal Ashburn - October 14, 2025 at 04:32 PM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Mrs. Juanita Banks-Rutherford.



October 14, 2025 at 09:50 AM

SF

“ Many condolences and prayers to the Banks and Rutherford family. God is in control. Love y'all always. Richard and Sandra Ferguson.

Sandra Ferguson - October 14, 2025 at 09:46 AM

TW

“ Tamera Wade lit a candle in memory of Juanita Banks-Rutherford



Tamera Wade - October 14, 2025 at 09:26 AM

CS

“ I want to give my deepest condolences to the family and friends of Mother Banks. I was also a member of True Light M.B. Church. She was a faithful member and a very close friend and sister in Christ to my mother Sis.

Josephine Sharp. Her son Rev. Banks and his children are my siblings in Christ! Nika, Nell, Challa and Rev. Banks I will continue to keep you in my prayers and thoughts during this difficult time. I love you all!

Casandra Sharp



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**Casandra Sharp** - October 14, 2025 at 07:49 AM

ST

“ Redonna, sorry for your loss. My thoughts and prayers are with you and your family.  
Samonia Thompson (Hickmon)



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**Samonia Thompson** - October 14, 2025 at 12:02 AM

CS

“ Cathryn Sanders lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Juanita Banks-Rutherford



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**Cathryn Sanders** - October 13, 2025 at 11:38 PM

GT

“ Gene & Shirley Tolbert lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Juanita Banks-Rutherford



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**Gene & Shirley Tolbert** - October 13, 2025 at 10:07 PM

AM

“ Ashley Motley lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Juanita Banks-Rutherford



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**Ashley Motley** - October 13, 2025 at 08:20 PM

CB

“ Christine Brown lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Juanita Banks-Rutherford



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**Christine Brown** - October 13, 2025 at 07:01 PM

DG

“ Precious Memories of Mrs. Juanita Banks. I called her Aunt Neat growing up as a child. My mom and her were best of friends. She will surely be Missed. To the family, The Lord will never let You down and I'm going to keep lifting you up in prayer. May He Bless you Abundantly 🙏 Dominick (Mickey) Gale 🌹



Dominick ( Mickey) Gale - October 13, 2025 at 06:52 PM



“ Sweetest Sunrise Bouquet was purchased for the family of Mrs. Juanita Banks-Rutherford.



October 13, 2025 at 06:10 PM

BM

“ Bernadette McCracklin planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Mrs. Juanita Banks-Rutherford.

Bernadette McCracklin - October 13, 2025 at 06:10 PM

AK

“ To The Banks and Rutherford Family.. you all have my sincere prayers and condolences may god bless you all , APRIL Kelley

April Kelley - October 13, 2025 at 05:41 PM

IL

“ Irena & Linda and Gena Lewis purchased the Arrive in Style for the family of Mrs. Juanita Banks-Rutherford.



Irena & Linda and Gena Lewis - October 13, 2025 at 03:28 PM

IL

“ Irena & Linda and Gena Lewis planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Mrs. Juanita Banks-Rutherford.

Irena & Linda and Gena Lewis - October 13, 2025 at 03:28 PM

LB

“ To the Banks-Rutherford Family, please accept our deepest sympathy in the loss of your beloved mother. We are keeping you in our thoughts and prayers as you celebrate you mother's life and legacy. - With love and prayers, Irena & Linda Burns and Gena Lewis.



Linda Burns - October 13, 2025 at 03:06 PM

VM

“ Condolences to the family and friends 🙏 for comfort and strength 🙏🙏



Victoria McCreay - October 13, 2025 at 02:23 PM

DB

“ *Dennis and Lona Boykins lit a candle in memory of Juanita Banks-Rutherford*



**Dennis and Lona Boykins** - October 13, 2025 at 01:05 PM

CA

“ *Prayers and condolences to the Banks-Rutherford family. God heals all sorrows.*



**Cheryl Adkins** - October 13, 2025 at 10:10 AM

SC

“ *Sandra Cabine lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Juanita Banks-Rutherford*



**Sandra Cabine** - October 12, 2025 at 07:27 PM

LC

“ *I met Mrs. Banks through Mrs.Adams. She was a blessing to talk to. She was a wonderful person and friend.*



**Lillian F Chandler** - October 12, 2025 at 07:13 PM

CE

“ Praying for Redonna and family during this difficult time. Earth has no sorrow that heaven cannot heal.



Carletta Evans - October 12, 2025 at 06:32 PM

EC

“ To my Godmothet Redonna and family, prayers and sympathy on the loss of your beautiful Mother, who was always so sweet and kind to me when I use to stay over on the weekends, may she rest peacefully in Heaven  
Ebony Caldwell



Ebony Caldwell - October 12, 2025 at 05:16 PM

DC

“ Condolences and Prayers to Redonna, Shameka, Charles and the entire Bznks family on the loss of their Mother and Grandmother.  
From Deborah CaldwellThompson and family.



Deborah CaldwellThompson - October 12, 2025 at 05:12 PM

DC

“ Deborah CaldwellThompson lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Juanita Banks-Rutherford



Deborah CaldwellThompson - October 12, 2025 at 05:01 PM

DC

“ Deborah CaldwellThompson lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Juanita Banks-Rutherford



Deborah CaldwellThompson - October 12, 2025 at 04:56 PM

TB

“ Tony, Freda, and Brandon. purchased the Divine Peace Bouquet for the family of Mrs. Juanita Banks-Rutherford.



Tony, Freda, and Brandon. - October 12, 2025 at 02:32 PM

TB

“ Tony, Freda, and Brandon. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Mrs. Juanita Banks-Rutherford.

Tony, Freda, and Brandon. - October 12, 2025 at 02:32 PM

DM

“ Heartfelt condolences to Redonna, Shameka and the entire family. With love, Diane and Nigel



Diane Melton-Perry - October 12, 2025 at 11:44 AM

RA

“ *ReGina Adams lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Juanita Banks-Rutherford*



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**ReGina Adams** - October 12, 2025 at 09:55 AM

QB

“ *Sending love and prayers to the entire family. Aunt Neet was our favorite Aunt. We will miss her dearly. May the Lord provide you with comfort and strength.*  
*Love, Quentela, Jessica, Ashley & De'Andre*

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**Quentela Bryant** - October 12, 2025 at 08:20 AM

QB

“ *Quentela Bryant lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Juanita Banks-Rutherford*



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**Quentela Bryant** - October 12, 2025 at 07:57 AM

SC

“ *Suzie Conrad lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Juanita Banks-Rutherford*



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**Suzie Conrad** - October 12, 2025 at 02:02 AM

SB

“ Extending my deepest sympathy and sincere condolences to the Banks and Rutherford families. Ms. Juanita was a long time family friend and my mother's best friend. Praying God's comfort, strength and peace surround the families at this difficult time.



Sheila Bailey - October 12, 2025 at 12:55 AM



“ Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Mrs. Juanita Banks-Rutherford.



October 11, 2025 at 04:53 PM

LB

“ Lisa Blakley sent a virtual gift in memory of Mrs. Juanita Banks-Rutherford



Lisa Blakley - October 11, 2025 at 02:24 PM

CW

“ Cleola Wright-Griffis lit a candle in memory of Juanita Banks-Rutherford



Cleola Wright-Griffis - October 11, 2025 at 11:14 AM

CF

“ *Corliss (Warner) Fisher lit a candle in memory of Juanita Banks-Rutherford*



Corliss (Warner) Fisher - October 11, 2025 at 09:26 AM

DQ

“ *Dea, Bill & Ruthy Quarles sent a virtual gift in memory of Juanita Banks-Rutherford*



Dea, Bill & Ruthy Quarles - October 11, 2025 at 08:50 AM

BQ

“ *Bill R Quarles lit a candle in memory of Juanita Banks-Rutherford*



Bill R Quarles - October 11, 2025 at 08:48 AM

DE

“ *Deacon James & Sister Cynthia Elam sent a virtual gift in memory of Mrs. Juanita Banks-Rutherford*



Deacon James & Sister Cynthia Elam - October 10, 2025 at 08:27 PM

JH

“ *Janice Holbrook lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Juanita Banks-Rutherford*



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**Janice Holbrook** - October 10, 2025 at 06:15 PM

LW

“ *Lois White lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Juanita Banks-Rutherford*



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**Lois White** - October 10, 2025 at 05:46 PM

JR

“ *Our prayers and condolences to the entire Banks and Rutherford family, just remember Those we love don't go away, they walk beside us everyday...Un seen, Unheard, but always near, still loved, still missed, and very dear. may God continue to comfort and strengthen you all everyday. Bro. & Sis. John Rawls & Family.*

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**Johnnie Rawls** - October 10, 2025 at 05:11 PM

MZ

“ *Miriam Z. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Mrs. Juanita Banks-Rutherford.*

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**Miriam Z.** - October 10, 2025 at 03:40 PM



“ *Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Mrs. Juanita Banks-Rutherford.*



October 10, 2025 at 03:40 PM



“ *Yolanda r brown*



**Yolanda Brown** - October 10, 2025 at 02:50 PM



“ *Yvette Denise Milton lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Juanita Banks-Rutherford*



**Yvette Denise Milton** - October 10, 2025 at 12:43 PM



“ *Tanya & Tony Meeks lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Juanita Banks-Rutherford*



**Tanya & Tony Meeks** - October 10, 2025 at 12:13 PM

BR

“ *Belinda Ross sent a virtual gift in memory of Mrs. Juanita Banks-Rutherford*



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**Belinda Ross** - October 10, 2025 at 12:12 PM

SM

“ *Sharon Mixon lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Juanita Banks-Rutherford*



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**Sharon Mixon** - October 10, 2025 at 09:19 AM

VJ

“ *Sending our love and prayers to our special Banks friends in the passing of Mother Banks-Rutherford. Mom will miss her dear friend.*



*Valerie Jones  
Rev. Theodore & Mother Inez Jones*

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**Valerie Jones** - October 10, 2025 at 02:05 AM

MA

*Sending prayers to the Banks-Rutherford family. Mother Banks was sweet, kind and dedicated member at Truelight. God knows when our work is done on this earth.*

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**MARTHA** - October 13, 2025 at 06:04 PM