



## Juanita McLemore

January 21, 1943 - January 7, 2011

McCLEMORE, Mrs. Juanita - Age 67, passed away Friday, January 7, 2011 at Genesys Health Park. Mrs. Juanita McLemore was born on January 21, 1943 in Orville, Alabama to Lonnie and Earline Rayford, later becoming a resident of Flint, MI. Juanita accepted Christ in her life many years ago. She was a former member of the Inner City Outreach Church on North Saginaw St, Flint. Juanita was known for her cooking capabilities at church, where everyone called her "Big Mama." She was a dedicated Foster Parent at Alternatives for Children Agency, retiring in 2004. Juanita McLemore was a well devoted and loving mother who enjoyed her family, especially her grandchildren and great-grandchildren. She loved helping others, cooking, gardening, traveling and enjoying the outdoors. Her life was always about helping and caring for others. She cared for her kids, sisters, brothers, friends, neighbors, and even children in the neighborhood who needed care. I am sure all of us in this room received help from Mama in one way or another. Juanita was one that you can count on and definitely depend on. She was one who would give you her last dime if you needed it, and it made her happy to be able to give it to you. Juanita was able to give you good advice and whether or not you liked what she'd say to you, she would tell you just how she felt about the situation and she didn't care if you liked it or not... "That's just Mama." There are not enough words to say about Juanita, better known to all of us as "Mama." She did what God led her to do; Give, Give and Give... that was just her. Juanita was "The Solid Rock" of this family in which we all will truly miss."

Mrs. She leaves to cherish her memory: 2 daughters, Carrie (Lee) Pelton of Flint Township and Jacquandre McLemore of Flint; 8 sons, Napoleon (Venetia) Petteway of Flushing, MI, Robert and Roy Petteway, Lavon, Leslie, Tariq, Jesse and Robert McLemore, all of Flint; stepchildren, Arthur McLemore, III of Flint, Orlandris McLemore of Rochester, MI and Wanda Collins of Oakland, CA; grandchildren, Bryant Allen, Jr. of Saginaw, MI, Darnita and Shynita Petteway, both of Flint, Shakera Williams of Pine Bluff, AR, Porsche Jackson, Marquavis Whitaker, Quanita and Jacquan McLemore, all of Flint and Marcus Lewis of Grand Rapids, MI; great-grandchildren, Laynita Allen of Flint and Marcus Lewis, Jr. of Grand Rapids, MI; sisters, Margaret Huddleston of Flint, First Lady Oneita Robinson, Edna Smart, Willie Esther Beulah, all of Mobile, AL and Joanne Rayford of Orville, AL; brothers, Eugene, Charles and Lonnie Eugene Rayford, all of Mobile, AL and Mark Rayford of Orville, AL; special daughter-in-law, Lashaun Holmes of Flint; special nieces, Charline Smart of Hampton, GA and Lisa Robinson; special sister, Oneita Robinson; special neighborhood sons, Ryelan Cotton and Eric White, both of Flint; a host of other relatives and friends. Mrs. McLemore was preceded in death by her daughter, Cherica McLemore.

# Tribute Wall



“ *Juanita McLemore*

October 09, 2023 at 07:02 AM



“ *Wow, you know some people, will be so quick to say, I'm sorry for your loss, " I know how you feel ; when in fact, they have absolutely No Idea, unless ! they have definitely experience such a lost of a Mom, " the very main source of the family, listen, know that there's. going to be days that are hard to handle and or deal with-from that date forward, especially those most memorable. Days; regardless of how many days and years that go by, her memories, presence and thoughts , will always be there, and Mom ! will always be there, for you as well , to talk to, and to listen, moments like this are unforgettable, but we learn to go on,*

**Robert** - November 05, 2015 at 02:44 PM



“ *You will truly be missed love the williams family*

**barbara williams** - January 07, 2011 at 12:00 AM



“ *You will truly be miss we love you from the Savage family*

**Brenda Savage** - January 07, 2011 at 12:00 AM



“ *You will truly be missed love the Law Family*

**Mary Law** - January 07, 2011 at 12:00 AM

DA

“ *You will be truly missed love you*

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**Darlene Smart Allen** - January 07, 2011 at 12:00 AM

JM

“ *Our Family is a chain that needs every link. The Oldest link, Aunt Nig, the one who wanted the family to always stay together, we love you and God knows me miss you dearly.*

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**Justin Dejuan McCloud** - January 07, 2011 at 12:00 AM

BR

“ *"AUNT JUANITA"  
AUNT JUANITA, YOUR PRESENCE WILL BE MISSED,I COULD  
HAVE NEVER PREPARED MYSELF FOR A TIME SUCH AS THIS.*

*I WILL NEVER FORGET YOU, I LOVED YOU SO MUCH, BUT I  
AM THANKFUL YOU DON'T HAVE TO SUFFER NO MORE,ALL  
YOUR HURTING AND PAIN IS ALL GONE AWAY, BUT YOUR  
LOVE WILL NOT DIE FOR IT IS HERE TO STAY.*

*EVENTHOUGH, I AM HURTING AND MY HEART IS VERY SAD, I  
KNOW YOU WOULD WANT ME TO SMILE AND BE GLAD.  
(BECAUSE YOU ARE IN A BETTER PLACE WITH GOD)  
I LOVE YOU AND MISS YOU SO MUCH!!  
LOVE YOUR NIECE LISA*

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**BE'LISA RODGERS-ROBINSON** - January 07, 2011 at 12:00 AM

PJ

“ WORDS CAN'T EXPRESS HOW OR WHAT I FEEL. HOW CAN SOMEONE WITH A HEART AS LARGE AS THE WORLD, LEAVE SO SOON. MY SPIRIT CRIES OUT, IN SONG, "OH LORD, I WANT YOU TO HELP ME, OH LORD I WANT YOU TO HELP ME, HELP ME ON THIS JOURNEY, HELP ME ON MY WAY, OH LORD, I WANT YOU TO HELP ME!!!!  
YOU WILL BE DEEPLY MISSED  
I WILL NEVER FORGET YOU, AUNT NIG

LOVE ALWAYS  
PAT/OR AS YOU SAY TRISH

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**Patricia A. Jackson** - January 07, 2011 at 12:00 AM

MS

“ Auntie you will be truly missed. Love You

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**Mr. & Mrs. Isaac Smart** - January 07, 2011 at 12:00 AM

LW

“ Auntie you will be truly missed. Love you

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**Leroy Williams** - January 07, 2011 at 12:00 AM

CF

“ We are really going to miss the fun times we had at your home. You were a warm and open hearted person. You made everyone feel so welcomed. We will also miss your beautiful smile. But we know that you are in a better place where you can rest in the arms of Jesus, and will not have to hurt any longer.

Love  
Your Nephew Curtis L Robinson Sr  
and Family

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**Curtis L and Cynthia W Robinson and Family** - January 07, 2011 at 12:00 AM

SB

“ She was the best Mother ever friends to everyone

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**Sharon E. Burnett** - January 07, 2011 at 12:00 AM

PB

“ Just know that I am wrapping my arms around you and your family in prayer.

My heart is heavy today for your loss. I knew your mom briefly, but she left a wonderful impression on me of being a kind and loving soul. I will remember her kindness always.

God bless you today Carrie and family, and remember she is in the loving arms of our savior Jesus Christ.

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**Pat Berry** - January 07, 2011 at 12:00 AM

ES

“ Sister Juanita Its hard to say goodbye. But in my heart I cry, But God called you to a better place In the sky so you can look down on me when I cry. I find it so very hard to believe That the sister I love is dead and gone but through Gods love I know Im not alone Sometimes memories bring comfort and makes me smile but I know its gone be hard to get over it for a while,looking back at our childhood memories I smile because only me and you had the best times for a while. An Angel whispered and said you where gone but I still could'nt believe it not even on my own. You may be dead and gone but your soul is still here and I want you to know that " I Love You" dear. Im glad that you don't have to suffer anymore but It was just that time for God to open that door.

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**Edna Smart** - January 07, 2011 at 12:00 AM

BW

“ Our deepest sympathy' may GOD bless & keep you all, R.I.P Mrs. Juanita

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**Barb Warthon-Hall** - January 07, 2011 at 12:00 AM

DA

“ The Rayford family have lost another precious love one. We will miss you dearly and know that God dont make no mistakes. Love you R.I.P. the Rivers Family.

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**Delois Rivers Adu** - January 07, 2011 at 12:00 AM

JS

“ Auntie you will be missed.Love Pig, R.I.P.

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**Jeanette Rivers Smith** - January 07, 2011 at 12:00 AM

TR

“ Aunt Nig,

*I thank God for the opportunities and the moments that he allowed us to have during my stay in MI.*

*Your generosity of Heart and Spirit will never be forgotten.*

*I love you, and miss you dearly,*

*Mika*

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**Tomika Rayord** - January 07, 2011 at 12:00 AM

JJ

“ Auntie we will truly miss you. Love Janice and the Rivers Family.

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**Janice Rivers Jones** - January 07, 2011 at 12:00 AM

MS

“ Auntie it's hard to say goodbye, but the Lord knows best. I love you and you will be miss.

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**Mr.& Mrs.Charlene Smart-Obarakpor** - January 07, 2011 at 12:00 AM