



## Mrs. Kawonda Patique Thomas Finney

April 3, 1977 - March 12, 2024

THOMAS-FINNEY, Mrs. Kawonda Patique - Age 46, passed away Tuesday, March 12, 2024, at her residence. Family hour 1:30 PM Saturday, March 23, 2024, from the Chapel of Lawrence E. Moon Funeral Home, 906 W. Flint Park Blvd. with funeral services commencing at 2:00 PM Evan. Dr. Carolyn Davis, officiating. Friends and family will assemble at the chapel 1:30 PM Saturday. Mrs. Finney will lie in state in the Chapel of Lawrence E. Moon Funeral Home and may be viewed March 22, 2024, from 12:00 PM - 6:00 PM.

Kawonda Thomas Finney was born in Flint, Michigan, on April 3, 1977, to Robert Steele and Lora Thomas. Kawonda attended Flint public schools and Baker College. After many years of work experience through various jobs, she was a hard worker. She often would acknowledge her grandfather, Calvin Thomas and his thirty plus year tenure as a General Motors shop worker. Kawonda understood work ethic and passed this down to her children. She was a full-time worker and manager at White Castle for 5 years.

Kawonda enjoyed spending time with her daughters, laughing, junk talking, comedy shows and watching her reality tv shows. Kawonda was known for being immerse with joy and excitement, hilarious inside jokes, and not taking any mess from anyone. Kawonda's passing was unexpected, but she was in the peace and comfort of her own home.

Kawonda was a daughter, mother, sister, niece, cousin and a god-grandmother (known affectionately by her god-granddaughter as “Gege KiKi”). She was a shining light of humor, wit, and laughter. Her smile could brighten up room and could bring joy to anyone’s life, but if you pressed the wrong button of her’s, watch out! She loved hard and fought harder. She didn’t let other opinions dictate her decisions.

Kawonda Thomas Finney leaves to cherish her memory: father, Robert (Linda) Steele Sr. of Flint, MI; mother in-law, Arlene (Odie) Grayer; 2 daughters, MoNeka and Imani Young, both of Flint, MI; stepson, Idris Finney Jr. of Flint, MI; god-daughter, Searis West-Brantley of Flint, MI; god-granddaughter, Searis “Aris” West-Green; sister, Tanisha “Nikki” Steele of Flint, MI; god-sister, Rochelle Grubbs of Arkansas; 2 brothers, Ken Hill Peoples and Robert “Lil Bob” Steele II; 9 aunts, Erma Eleanya of Arizona, Sheila (Lee Lewis) Thomas, Karen “Pebbie” (Billie Cain) Thomas, Dr. Carolyn D. Davis, Vivian Jones, Janice Steele-Anderson, Linda Steele, Marilyn (William) Steele-Orr, and Patricia (Terry) Rawls all of Flint, MI; 2 uncles, Kerry Thomas and Curtis Steele Jr.; 2 nieces, Aubree Steele and Shantazia Donaldson, both of Flint, MI; nephew, Robert “LB” Steele III; a host of cousins including special cousins, Melvin Steele, Bobby Jackson Jr., Jahmal Winbush, Jeanan Jackson, Le’cott “Boopa” Thomas, Cameron “Buddy” Thomas, Shayla Thomas, Joshua Harvey, Jevon Harvey, Jaya Thomas, Le’cott Thomas Jr., Harthana Thomas and Taylor “Pikachu” Cayton; and Best Friend Pamela Williams of Flint, MI; a host of other relatives and friends.

Kawonda was preceded in death by her mother, Lora Thomas; grandparents; Calvin and Lillie Mae Thomas, Curtis Sr and Vivian Steele; sister, Michelle Steele; brother, Shavante Pippins; aunts, Brenda Wilson and Cora Collins-Winbush; uncles, Douglas Keith Thomas, Odell Collins Sr, Tom Lewis and Rev. Dr. Terry Davis; cousins, Odell Collins Jr., Remarus Steele, Adrian “BoBo” Thomas, Sheena “Teekee” Thomas and Kerrington “KeKe” Thomas;

bonus son, Antjuan Young; special friends, Marlon “Big Henn” Young and Norma Wickware

The family would like to thank Kyle Palmer and the Palmer Family, Angie Walker and the Walker Family, the Vincent/Lewis Family, the West Family, the Williams Family, White Castle, The Verb Church Flint, Foss Ave. MBC, New Jerusalem FGBC, the Marathon on Corunna Road, Mrs. Celes from Tots & Lots and all of Kawonda’s childhood friends for their thoughtfulness and prayers.

# Previous Events

## Viewing

MAR **22**. 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

MAR **23**. 1:30 AM - 2:00 AM (ET)

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## Funeral Service

MAR **23**. 2:00 PM (ET)

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# Tribute Wall



“ *Lawrence E. Moon Funeral Home created a Webcast in memory of Mrs. Kawonda Patique Thomas Finney*



Lawrence E. Moon Funeral Home - March 23, 2024 at 08:11 AM

LB

*I'm sorry this happened to you. May you rest in internal love, peace, and comfort ❤️ my condolences to the family, and friends.*

ladeju Brown - March 23, 2024 at 02:18 PM

RH

“ *You ARE MY ANGEL 🙏  
YOU ARE MY SHINNING STAR ✨ YOU WILL  
ALWAYS BE IN MY HEART AND SOUL  
FOREVER. I LOVE YOU ❤️  
R.P.I.H MY.KAWONDA*



Ruthi Hill - March 29, 2024 at 05:21 PM

RF

“ *RENEE HILL-SYKES AND FAMILY sent a virtual gift in memory of Mrs. Kawonda Patique Thomas Finney*



RENEE HILL-SYKES AND FAMILY - March 23, 2024 at 07:54 AM

TR

“ *A very sweet person gone to soon*



trina - March 23, 2024 at 07:34 AM

SN

“ *Sharon Nichols lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Kawonda Patique Thomas Finney*



Sharon Nichols - March 22, 2024 at 08:17 PM

MH

“ *Minster Glenda Henderson lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Kawonda Patique Thomas Finney*



Minster Glenda Henderson - March 20, 2024 at 02:05 PM



“ *Serene Reflections Bouquet was purchased for the family of Mrs. Kawonda Patique Thomas Finney.*



March 20, 2024 at 01:04 PM

JB

“ *Jalila Bobb-Semple lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Kawonda Patique Thomas Finney*



**Jalila Bobb-Semple** - March 19, 2024 at 08:54 PM

TR

“ *Praying for my Great Nieces, my Brother Robert Earl & Family*

**Terry and Patricia (Steele) Rawls** - March 19, 2024 at 08:44 PM

MM

“ *Marva McDaniel lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Kawonda Patique Thomas Finney*



**Marva McDaniel** - March 19, 2024 at 08:00 PM

KD

“ *Keella Dukes-Fricks sent a virtual gift in memory of Mrs. Kawonda Patique Thomas Finney*



**Keella Dukes-Fricks** - March 19, 2024 at 05:30 PM

FT

“ From Ford Warranty Finance Team purchased the Sweetest Sunrise Bouquet for the family of Mrs. Kawonda Patique Thomas Finney.



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**From Ford Warranty Finance Team** - March 19, 2024 at 08:07 AM

RF

“ Rosa Finney lit a candle in memory of Kawonda Thomas Finney



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**Rosa Finney** - March 19, 2024 at 06:44 AM

RF

“ It was good knowing you .gone to soon.sending my condolences to her girls .



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**Rosa Finney** - March 19, 2024 at 06:43 AM



“ Pretty Please was purchased for the family of Mrs. Kawonda Patique Thomas Finney.



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March 18, 2024 at 03:58 PM

JF

“ Jamila Winbush and family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Mrs. Kawonda Patique Thomas Finney.

Jamila Winbush and family - March 18, 2024 at 03:58 PM

DC

“ Darlene Davis Calvert lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Kawonda Patique Thomas Finney



Darlene Davis Calvert - March 17, 2024 at 09:57 PM

MS

“ My deepest condolences to my great nieces Moneka & Imani and my brother Robert, during this time of sorrow. My niece, Kawonda, was a strong hardworking woman who dearly loved her daughters and she will be truly missed by all who had the opportunity to know her. My drive thru at White Castle will never be the same. Whenever I placed an order she would say “ Is that you Auntie “. Words cannot describe the sadness and pain of losing you so suddenly. RIH your work is well done. ❤️😭

Marilyn Steele-Orr - March 17, 2024 at 10:15 AM

JS

“ May God comfort my great Neices Moneka, Imani, my brother Robert & the Thomas-Finney Family during this difficult time.  
From: The Steele Family 🙏🙏🙏



Janice Steele-Anderson - March 17, 2024 at 09:57 AM

MS

“ *Marilyn Steele-Orr lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Kawonda Patique Thomas Finney*



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**Marilyn Steele-Orr** - March 17, 2024 at 09:54 AM

DK

“ *Delores Keith sent a virtual gift in memory of Mrs. Kawonda Patique Thomas Finney*



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**Delores Keith** - March 16, 2024 at 11:21 AM

JW

“ *Jahmal Winbush purchased the Full Of Love Bouquet for the family of Mrs. Kawonda Patique Thomas Finney.*



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**Jahmal Winbush** - March 16, 2024 at 09:47 AM

EC

“ Condolences to my two great nieces, Moneka, and Imani, & my brother Robert, and the rest of the Thomas family. Kawanda was one of a kind, and if she loved you, you knew it. And if she had a problem with you, you knew it. She was one of a kind. She was an excellent mom, and a hard worker. My prayer at this time, is that the family know: That there's no sorrow on Earth, that Heaven cannot heal. Asking the family to look to the hills, from which cometh their help, and their strength. It all will come from the Lord. He is an ever present help, in the time of need. Kawanda is already missed. RIH and take your rest my sweet niece, if it's theLord's will, we'll see you again one day 💔 🙏



Evangelist-Dr. Carolyn Davis & Children - March 15, 2024 at 11:59 PM

RH

Amen 🙏

Ruthi Hill - March 29, 2024 at 05:26 PM

SM

“ Shaunda Mosley lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Kawonda Patique Thomas Finney



Shaunda Mosley - March 15, 2024 at 03:31 PM

DW

“ Debra Watson lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Kawonda Patique Thomas Finney



Debra Watson - March 15, 2024 at 01:46 PM

MM

“ Marva McDaniel lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Kawonda Patique Thomas Finney



Marva McDaniel - March 15, 2024 at 12:41 PM

DC

“ Detroit White Castle purchased the Country Basket Blooms for the family of Mrs. Kawonda Patique Thomas Finney.



Detroit White Castle - March 15, 2024 at 12:25 PM

QD

“ To the family sorry for your loss childhood friends she most definitely will be miss by me love always and forever quinnie❤️❤️  
🙏

quinnie Davis - March 15, 2024 at 11:31 AM

DR

“ *Danny Rose lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Kawonda Patique Thomas Finney*



Danny Rose - March 15, 2024 at 10:16 AM

PG

“ *Lord I do I say goodbye to one of baby sisters??? To the girls I love yall, your mom was my Bundy St babies and was my sister from another mother. Way to memories to even begin. The lord will carry and guide you through this* ❤️

Priscilla Grubbs - March 15, 2024 at 06:36 AM

AR

“ *In loving memory of a wonderful person, my condolences to the family.*



Arlene - March 14, 2024 at 06:12 PM

RW

“ *To my dear Goddaughters, I send my sincere condolences to both of you, and trusting that God cover both of you with strength as you go through the painful moments. With love Mom West*

RWest - March 13, 2024 at 09:04 PM

PR

“ *Sending my deepest condolences and heartfelt prayers to The daughters of Kowanda, her father , & the entire Thomas family* 🕊️



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**Poon Rawls** - March 13, 2024 at 01:21 PM

WL

“ *Welton And Carolyn Lewis lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Kawonda Patique Thomas Finney*



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**Welton and Carolyn Lewis** - March 13, 2024 at 11:51 AM