



Mrs. LaJoyce Reaves

August 2, 1932 - August 23, 2016

REAVES, Mrs. LaJoyce M. - Age 84, passed away Tuesday, August 23, 2016 at her residence. Family hour 11:30 AM Saturday, September 3, 2016 at Blackwell AME Zion Church, 1901 Sonny Street, with funeral service commencing at 12:00 Noon Rev. Darrin Overton Host Pastor, Rev. Oneil Whiley officiating. Interment Sunset Hills Cemetery, G-4413 Flushing Rd. Friends and pallbearers will assemble at the church 11:30 AM Saturday. Mrs. Reaves 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 - 8:00 PM Friday, with the family present from 4:00 PM - 7:00 PM to receive friends.

Mrs. LaJoyce Reaves was born August 2, 1932 in Columbus, Mississippi, the daughter of Theodore Sparks and Lemanda (Brooks) Sparks. LaJoyce was a resident of Flushing, MI. She was a lifelong member of Blackwell A.M.E. Zion Church in Flint, where she sang in the choir for many years. LaJoyce attended Detroit Public Schools, graduating from Miller High in 1949. LaJoyce retired from AC Spark Plug. Before her illness, she loved to travel, cook, bowl, play cards, go to casinos and spend time with her grandchildren.

Mrs. LaJoyce Reaves leaves to cherish her memory: 3 children, Joya (Mary) Reaves-Embry of Flushing, MI, Blake (Leslie) Reaves of Durham, NC and Philip Reaves of Flushing, MI; 14 grandchildren, Makayla and Jovan Embry of Flushing, MI, Brittany (Marcus) Zollicoffer, Blake II and Niya Reaves of Durham, NC, Alexis Reaves of Atlanta, GA, Chani Reaves of Ypsilanti, MI, Shannon Reaves of Detroit, MI, Schnell, Monica and Erik Reaves of Flint, MI,

Toyai (Shannon) Alexander of Jefferson Parrish, LA, Antonio Bryer of Detroit, MI, Ishmael Hamilton of Flint; 13 great-grandchildren and 1 on the way; great-great-granddaughter; a host of nieces including Venetia Petteway, nephews, cousins, including Geraldine Bond of Detroit, MI; 2 sisters-in-law, Effie Reaves of Flint and Hermie Sparks of Mt. Morris, MI; daughters-in-law, Ruby Bryer of Detroit, MI and Toksun "Lisa" Reaves of Flint; special friends, William "Billy" (Sharon) Broadway, Willie and Angeline Spencer and Maxine Clemons. Mrs. Reaves was preceded in death by her husband of 59 years, Alfred Reaves; brothers, Theodore "Sonny" Sparks and Charles "Toots" Sparks; 3 sons, Scott Chaney, Chedrick "Ricky" Reaves and Kevin Reaves; 2 grandchildren, Andre Bryer and Philip Reaves, Jr.; 6 brothers-in-law, Charles, Leon, Calvin, Lendy and Harrell Reaves.

The family would like to express special thanks to the staff of Kindred at Home and in particular: Penny, Shannon and Amber for the special care and attention that was given to our "Sugah" during this time.

Cemetery Details

Sunset Hills Cemetery

G-4413 Flushing Rd.
Flint, MI 48504

Previous Events

Family Present

SEP 2. 4:00 PM - 7:00 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>

Public Viewing

SEP 2. 12:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

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Family hour

SEP 3. 11:30 AM (ET)

Blackwell AME Zion Church
1902 Sonny St.
Flint, MI 48504

Service

SEP 3. 12:00 PM (ET)

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1902 Sonny St.
Flint, MI 48504

Tribute Wall



“ *Mrs. LaJoyce Reaves*

October 09, 2023 at 07:02 AM



“ *To Joya and the Reaves Family,
I am so sorry for your loss. I pray God keeps you in his loving arms
and comforted during this most difficult time.*

Vera Perry - September 18, 2016 at 06:05 PM



“ *Janet Mollay lit a candle in memory of Mrs.
LaJoyce Reaves*



Janet Mollay - September 03, 2016 at 11:58 AM



“ *May you find comfort in knowing that Joy is now with those who also
love her.*

Janet Mollay - September 03, 2016 at 11:57 AM



“ *A true Gem has taken her place in heaven.
May God comfort you during this difficult time.
Your mother was full of love and that will
remain with you forever.*



Tujuana Fowlkes - September 03, 2016 at 08:47 AM

JW

“ *Jerri Winfrey-Carter lit a candle in memory of Mrs. LaJoyce Reaves*



Jerri Winfrey-Carter - September 02, 2016 at 07:47 PM

VS

“ *Valerie Southall lit a candle in memory of Mrs. LaJoyce Reaves*



valerie southall - September 02, 2016 at 07:47 PM

CW

“ *Joya and family,
I am so sorry for your loss. My heart and prayers are with you during this difficult time. I pray you find comfort by embracing the sweet memories...*



Cheeketa Washington - September 02, 2016 at 04:46 PM

CW

“ *Joya and family,
I am so sorry for your loss. My heart and prayers are with you during this difficult time. I pray you find comfort by embracing the sweet memories...*



Cheeketa Washington - September 02, 2016 at 04:40 PM

KW

“ *Kathy White lit a candle in memory of Mrs. LaJoyce Reaves*



Kathy White - September 02, 2016 at 03:41 PM

GB

“ *geraldine bond purchased the Divine Peace Bouquet for the family of Mrs. LaJoyce Reaves.*



geraldine bond - September 02, 2016 at 12:33 PM

CW

“ *Joya and family, I am so sorry for your loss. My heart and prayers are with you during this difficult time. I pray you find comfort by embracing the sweet memories...*



Cheeketa Washington - September 02, 2016 at 11:42 AM

CW

“ *Joya and family, I am so sorry for your loss. My heart and prayers are with you during this difficult time. I pray you find comfort by embracing the sweet memories...*



Cheeketa Washington - September 02, 2016 at 11:39 AM

JT

“ *Jettie M. Thompson lit a candle for Mrs. LaJoyce Reaves. I send condolence to the Reaves and Embry Family.*



Jettie M. Thompson - September 02, 2016 at 08:53 AM

SA

“ *Please accept our deepest sympathies on the loss of your beloved mother. While we acknowledge that the depth of your loss can never be measured, may you take some solace in the thought that she is now at peace resting in the arms of the Heavenly Father. You remain in our prayers.*

Sincerely,

Herman and Stephanie Anthony and the entire Robb Family

s anthony - September 01, 2016 at 10:49 PM



“ *50 files added to the album LifeTributes*



Lawrence E. Moon Funeral Home - September 01, 2016 at 06:57 PM

SB

“ *Sonya & Bernard sent a virtual gift in memory of Mrs. LaJoyce Reaves*



Sonya & Bernard - September 01, 2016 at 06:39 PM

SO

Your neighbors are praying for your entire family, Be Blessed

Sonya - September 01, 2016 at 06:40 PM



“ *Summer's Light Bouquet was purchased for the family of Mrs. LaJoyce Reaves.*



September 01, 2016 at 05:03 PM



“ *Beatrice Horton lit a candle in memory of Mrs. LaJoyce Reaves*



Beatrice Horton - September 01, 2016 at 05:00 PM



“ *RE-NAYE SANDERS lit a candle in memory of Mrs. LaJoyce Reaves*



RE-NAYE SANDERS - September 01, 2016 at 03:54 PM



“ *Trina Stewart lit a candle in memory of Mrs. LaJoyce Reaves*



Trina Stewart - September 01, 2016 at 11:03 AM



“ *Strength & Solace Spray was purchased for the family of Mrs. LaJoyce Reaves.*



September 01, 2016 at 09:44 AM



“ *Tonya Jackson-Battle lit a candle in memory of Mrs. LaJoyce Reaves*



Tonya Jackson-Battle - August 31, 2016 at 09:31 PM

CJ

“ Calvin And Deborah Jones lit a candle in memory of Mrs. LaJoyce Reaves



Calvin and Deborah Jones - August 31, 2016 at 12:04 PM

HC

“ Please accept our heartfelt prayers as you celebrate the life and memories of this awesome lady. Herb met her, along with your father when he first moved to Flint. He had nothing but good things to say about them. I found them all to be true as we were members of the same church for a season. She will be missed, but God is faithful to keep you and the family in His love and strength.

Herbert & Juanita Crump - August 31, 2016 at 11:56 AM

TD

“ May the Lord bless you and keep you. May He give you peace during your time of loss. Love you.

Traci J. Dantzler

Traci J. Dantzler - August 31, 2016 at 09:55 AM

LB

“ Lynn Barbee lit a candle in memory of Mrs. LaJoyce Reaves



Lynn Barbee - August 31, 2016 at 09:39 AM

BS

“ *Brenda Shipman lit a candle in memory of Mrs. LaJoyce Reaves*



Brenda Shipman - August 31, 2016 at 09:10 AM

TE

“ *Trayce Epps lit a candle in memory of Mrs. LaJoyce Reaves*



Trayce Epps - August 31, 2016 at 08:56 AM

RG

“ *I was honor to serve as sis. Reaves pastor. She was faithful and a wonderful woman. I pray that God will continue to bless this family as that prepare to honor her with a home going celebration.*

Rev. Andre' Greene - August 31, 2016 at 08:19 AM

CH

“ *"Beautiful ~n~ Precious woman, inside ~n~ out. I am missing her already. My deepest condolences to her entire family. " <3 #NoMoreSuffering #NoMorePain*



Charlie - August 31, 2016 at 06:45 AM

MP

“ Michele Kirksey Parker lit a candle in memory of Mrs. LaJoyce Reaves



Michele Kirksey Parker - August 30, 2016 at 10:00 PM

AM

“ Andre N Felicia McGee lit a candle in memory of Mrs. LaJoyce Reaves



Andre n Felicia McGee - August 30, 2016 at 09:11 PM



“ Antonia Mathews lit a candle in memory of Mrs. LaJoyce Reaves



Antonia Mathews - August 30, 2016 at 08:52 PM

JM

“ To the family of LaJoyce Reaves. May the memories that mean the most to you live forever in your heart.



Jerry and Rosalee Minor - August 30, 2016 at 02:59 PM

LM

“ LANITA/ SHIRLEY MURRAY lit a candle in memory of Mrs. LaJoyce Reaves



LANITA/ SHIRLEY MURRAY - August 30, 2016 at 02:18 PM

LJ

“ Lisa Johnson sent a virtual gift in memory of Mrs. LaJoyce Reaves



Lisa Johnson - August 30, 2016 at 12:31 PM

OG

“ Ondria Kirksey Gillespie lit a candle in memory of Mrs. LaJoyce Reaves



ondria kirksey gillespie - August 29, 2016 at 11:42 AM

DB

“ Debra Brady lit a candle in memory of Mrs. LaJoyce Reaves



Debra Brady - August 29, 2016 at 05:24 AM

OG

“ *Ondria Kirksey Gillespie lit a candle in memory of Mrs. LaJoyce Reaves*



ondria kirksey gillespie - August 28, 2016 at 09:58 PM

DB

“ *Debra Brady lit a candle in memory of Mrs. LaJoyce Reaves*



Debra Brady - August 28, 2016 at 07:59 PM

PJ

“ *Pat Jones-Polk lit a candle in memory of Mrs. LaJoyce Reaves*



Pat Jones-Polk - August 28, 2016 at 07:48 PM

SS

“ *Sheila Summers lit a candle in memory of Mrs. LaJoyce Reaves*



Sheila Summers - August 28, 2016 at 04:20 PM



“ *Janice Green Williams lit a candle in memory of Mrs. LaJoyce Reaves*



Janice Green Williams - August 28, 2016 at 03:47 PM

LR

“ *"Ma" has been my mom since I met Joya in 8th grade. She always made me feel loved and a part of the family. Psalm 116:15 reads, Precious in the sight of the Lord is the death of his faithful servants. I love you so much and I'll miss you.*

Leslie Reaves

Leslie Reaves - August 28, 2016 at 03:40 PM

PJ

May prayers go out to the family. I will always remember the Good Old Days!!!!

Pat Jones-Polk - August 28, 2016 at 08:16 PM

DB

“ *I'm sorry for your loss. I hope you can find comfort in knowing that she's in the memory of our loving Father Jehovah 'who is yearning to bring her along with the works of his hands back to enjoy life on a paradise earth according to (Psalms : 37:9-11)*



Daisy M Boone - August 28, 2016 at 02:56 PM

NO

“ *Narotha Ogden lit a candle in memory of Mrs. LaJoyce Reaves*



Narotha Ogden - August 28, 2016 at 02:53 PM

GB

“ *Geraldine Bond lit a candle in memory of Mrs. LaJoyce Reaves*



geraldine bond - August 28, 2016 at 02:38 PM

EP

“ *Erwin & Carmen Patterson lit a candle in memory of Mrs. LaJoyce Reaves*



Erwin & Carmen Patterson - August 28, 2016 at 05:19 AM

GB

“ *you will truly be missed and always have a place in my heart from your sister geraldine bond*

geraldine bond - August 27, 2016 at 09:50 PM

MY

“ Please accept my deepest sympathy on the loss of Mrs. Reaves It will be only a short time till we welcome her back—beautiful and vital!” JEHOVAH's purpose regarding those asleep in death is sure to be fulfilled. (Isaiah 55:11; Luke 18:27) God bless your family with strength as I know how difficult it is to cope with a love one passing, but you can take comfort in prayer to Jehovah and his words at Revelation:(21:3,4)

Mya - August 27, 2016 at 07:55 PM



“ Strength & Solace Spray was purchased for the family of Mrs. LaJoyce Reaves.



August 27, 2016 at 12:43 PM

SM

“ Sharon Mixon lit a candle in memory of Mrs. LaJoyce Reaves



Sharon Mixon - August 27, 2016 at 10:30 AM

VW

“ My heartfelt condolences goes out to Joya and Blake. Your mom was a phenomenal woman. She was there with a loving touch. An outstretched hand to all she met. She, also, will put you in your place, if need be. Your mom was such a loving, kind, warm- Spirited woman. Continue to walk as she walked. Continue to smile as she smiled. Continue to help as she helped. Continue to make a difference as she did. God will see you both through. Love you both.

Valerie Williams - August 27, 2016 at 09:23 AM

VW

“ Valerie Williams lit a candle in memory of Mrs. LaJoyce Reaves



Valerie Williams - August 27, 2016 at 08:30 AM

VW

“ Sending my heartfelt and sincere condolences to Joya and Blake. Your mom was a phenomenal woman. She was kind, loving, always there with a helping hand to all people she met. She would also put you in your place if need be. Continue to walk as mom walked. Continue to love as mom loved. Continue on that journey that mom lift as a testimony to her. Love you both. Praying that God's grace be with you both.



Valerie Williams - August 27, 2016 at 08:26 AM

BA

“ *Barbara A.Silas lit a candle in memory of Mrs. LaJoyce Reaves*



Barbara A.Silas - August 27, 2016 at 03:57 AM


Cynthia Wingate

“ *Cynthia Wingate lit a candle in memory of Mrs. LaJoyce Reaves*



Cynthia Wingate - August 26, 2016 at 11:26 PM



“ *May God grant you peace at this time and the comfort of knowing that she is with God.*



Nancy Burkhardt - August 26, 2016 at 11:14 PM


Freddie Houston

“ *Freddie Houston lit a candle in memory of Mrs. LaJoyce Reaves*



Freddie Houston - August 26, 2016 at 10:50 PM

FH

“ Freddie Houston lit a candle in memory of Mrs. LaJoyce Reaves



Freddie Houston - August 26, 2016 at 10:49 PM

DS

“ Dee Scott lit a candle in memory of Mrs. LaJoyce Reaves



Dee Scott - August 26, 2016 at 10:31 PM

AO

“ Alice Odneal lit a candle in memory of Mrs. LaJoyce Reaves



Alice Odneal - August 26, 2016 at 08:44 PM

LL

“ Luke Lang lit a candle in memory of Mrs. LaJoyce Reaves



Luke Lang - August 26, 2016 at 07:20 PM

LL

“ Luke Lang lit a candle in memory of Mrs. LaJoyce Reaves



Luke Lang - August 26, 2016 at 07:17 PM

AL

“ Deepest condolence Alesia Summers-Harris & family



Alesia - August 26, 2016 at 06:59 PM

DM

“ Duane McFadden lit a candle in memory of Mrs. LaJoyce Reaves



Duane McFadden - August 26, 2016 at 06:51 PM

JH

“ Julius & Mary Hobson lit a candle in memory of Mrs. LaJoyce Reaves



Julius & Mary Hobson - August 26, 2016 at 06:00 PM

SE

“ *Sandra Epps sent a virtual gift in memory of Mrs. LaJoyce Reaves*



Sandra Epps - August 26, 2016 at 05:19 PM

TH

“ *Tracy Harvey lit a candle in memory of Mrs. LaJoyce Reaves*



tracy harvey - August 26, 2016 at 03:51 PM

SP

“ *Sharon & Angel Perryman lit a candle in memory of Mrs. LaJoyce Reaves*



Sharon & Angel Perryman - August 26, 2016 at 11:29 AM

AP

“ *Angela L Whaley And Son Perrie lit a candle in memory of Mrs. LaJoyce Reaves*



Angela L Whaley and son Perrie - August 26, 2016 at 09:39 AM

AP

Our Love, thoughts and prayers are with you Joya and your family.

Angela L Whaley and son Perrie - August 26, 2016 at 09:43 AM

BL

My prayers go out to the Reaves family and my long time friend Joya. Love you!

Beverly Lawler - August 26, 2016 at 05:04 PM

FA

“*Fred And Carolyn Amthony lit a candle in memory of Mrs. LaJoyce Reaves*



Fred and Carolyn Amthony - August 25, 2016 at 10:42 PM

TS

“*Trina Stewart lit a candle in memory of Mrs. LaJoyce Reaves*



Trina Stewart - August 25, 2016 at 08:47 PM

DM

“*Joya, my condolences to you and your family in the loss of your Mother. May God's comfort, peace and presence be very real to you now and in the coming days. Dianne, your Kindred Thursday Volunteer caller.*

Dianne Mills - August 25, 2016 at 04:38 PM

SJ

“ *Sonya & Bernard Jackson sent a virtual gift in memory of Mrs. LaJoyce Reaves*



Sonya & Bernard Jackson - August 25, 2016 at 04:25 PM

RH

“ *Renee Hill sent a virtual gift in memory of Mrs. LaJoyce Reaves*



Renee Hill - August 25, 2016 at 11:37 AM

BR

“ *Brett Reaves lit a candle in memory of Mrs. LaJoyce Reaves*



Brett Reaves - August 25, 2016 at 10:24 AM

TJ

“ *Tonya Jackson-Battle sent a virtual gift in memory of Mrs. LaJoyce Reaves*



Tonya Jackson-Battle - August 25, 2016 at 03:12 AM

EL

“ *Elder Michael & Phyllis Brown Leslie lit a candle in memory of Mrs. LaJoyce Reaves*



Elder Michael & Phyllis Brown Leslie - August 25, 2016 at 01:57 AM

MW

“ *May God continue to bless and strengthen you all. He will never leave nor forsake you! Our love and deepest Sympathy, Martha Wiley & family*



Martha Wiley - August 24, 2016 at 10:23 PM

DC

“ *Dwight & Yvette Tucker Collins lit a candle in memory of Mrs. LaJoyce Reaves*



Dwight & Yvette Tucker Collins - August 24, 2016 at 04:14 PM

JK

“ *Jesse & Dorothy Kirksey sent a virtual gift in memory of Mrs. LaJoyce Reaves*



Jesse & Dorothy Kirksey - August 24, 2016 at 03:11 PM

JK

“ Jesse & Dorothy Kirksey lit a candle in memory of Mrs. LaJoyce Reaves



Jesse & Dorothy Kirksey - August 24, 2016 at 03:09 PM

SF

“ Sandy T Neal And Family lit a candle in memory of Mrs. LaJoyce Reaves



Sandy T Neal and Family - August 24, 2016 at 01:32 PM

SF

“ Sandy T Neal And Family sent a virtual gift in memory of Mrs. LaJoyce Reaves



Sandy T Neal and Family - August 24, 2016 at 01:31 PM

DB

“ David & Dana Bush lit a candle in memory of Mrs. LaJoyce Reaves



David & Dana Bush - August 24, 2016 at 11:50 AM

PB

“ Patricia Barker sent a virtual gift in memory of Mrs. LaJoyce Reaves



Patricia Barker - August 24, 2016 at 11:24 AM

PB

“ Patricia Barker lit a candle in memory of Mrs. LaJoyce Reaves



Patricia Barker - August 24, 2016 at 11:24 AM

MB

Gerald and Joy Browning send there love to the entire LaJoyce Reaves family for the lost of there beloved Mother.

Mr.&Mrs.Gerald &Joy Browning - August 31, 2016 at 07:14 PM