



## Lavera Rattler

August 10, 1943 - October 13, 2011

RATTLER, Mrs. Lavera "Luddie" - Age 68, passed away Thursday, October 13 2011 at her residence. Family hour 11 a.m. Wednesday, October 19, 2011 at First Union Baptist Church, 7004 Fleming Rd., with funeral service commencing at 12Noon. Pastor Jeffrey Hawkins, Sr., officiating, Pastor Morris A. Collins, Sr., presiding and Pastor Archie Powell, Jr., Host Pastor. Interment River Rest Cemetery, G-4413 Flushing Rd. Friends and pallbearers will assemble at the church 11 a.m. Wednesday. Mrs. Rattler will lie in state in the Chapel of Lawrence E. Moon Funeral Home, 906 W. Flint Park Blvd., and may be viewed from 4-8 p.m. Tuesday. Mother LaVera "Luddie" Rattler was born August 10, 1943, in Love Joy, Illinois, to the late Wilson and Octavia (Hunter) Rattler, Sr. She accepted Christ and was baptized at an early age. She moved to Saginaw, Michigan in the early 1960's, where she worked at the Elks for many years. In July 1983, she moved her family to Flint, Michigan. She was employed by a Flint based Janitorial Service for many years, and later employed by Alternative Services (Maple Road Group Home) where she retired in 2008. Mother Rattler loved the Lord. In 1993, she became a member of the Prince of Peace MBC, where she served faithful under the leadership of the late, Rev. Marcellus Wade, Sr., later under Rev. Jeffrey Hawkins, Sr. Mother Rattler believed in giving back to the Lord. She dedicated her time as President of the Adult Usher Board, worked in the kitchen, sang in the choirs, taught Sunday school part-time, and worked as the Secretary for the Sunday school department. Mother Rattler believed in working while it was

day. She successfully organized her own store in her home, and was known in the community as “The Candy Lady.” There was nothing in the world she enjoyed more than sharing the Good News of Christ. She didn’t care who you were, she would speak a word to you about the Lord, and would get so excited about one day being in heaven to place her gifts at her Saviors feet. Mother Rattler loved her family and church family. It was said, if you ever wanted to find her, call Carol. She believed in families staying together. And her favored quotes were; “Pray for the children”, and “If it is the LORD’S Will.” Mother never passed up an opportunity to go over her son’s house for a game of Monopoly, coffee and a good ole western. Her favored hymns were “The Old Rugged Cross”, “I Can Only Imagine” and her signature song, “I Go To The Rock.” Mother Rattler leaves to cherish her memories: 5 daughters, Sylvia (Elder Kenneth) Greene, both of Fayetteville, NC, Doloris L. Mixon of Atlanta, GA, Lavern Mixon of Flint, Carolyn Mixon of Mt. Morris, MI and Latres (Johnathan) Young, both of Rex, GA; 2 sons, Pastor Ryan (Twynette) Mixon of Flint and Johnny (Wendy) Young of Dallas, TX; 29 grandchildren; 12 great-grandchildren; 3 sisters, Dr. Joan (Billy) Sanders of Conway, AR, Mrs. Ivy Lamar of Defiance, OH and Ms. Brenda Burndette of Tacoma, WA; 5 brothers, Val Thomas of Bowling Green, KY, Wilson (Debie) Rattler of Brooklyn Park, MN, Ronald (Linda) Rattler of Cahokia, IL, Edward (Ramona) Rattler of Pipe Stone, MN and Edgar Rattler of Flint; a host of nieces, nephews, cousins, other relatives and friends. Mother Rattler was preceded in death by her son, Lonzie L. Rattler; parents, Mr. Wilson and Octavia (Hunter) Rattler, Sr.; sister, Bertina Jones; and brother, Andre Rattler. The family would like to express special thanks to Heartland Hospice, Hurley Medical Center ninth floor, Stat team, Rev. Jeffery Hawkins and Prince of Peace Church family and The Everlasting Church family.

# Tribute Wall



“ *Lavera Rattler*

October 09, 2023 at 07:02 AM



“ *?Mom ??Happy Mother's Day??? lit a candle in memory of Lavera Rattler*



**?Mom ??Happy Mother's Day??? - May 12, 2018 at 10:17 PM**



“ *Doloris (wishing You A Happy Mother's Da sent a virtual gift in memory of Lavera Rattler*



**Doloris (wishing you a Happy Mother's Da - May 12, 2018 at 10:13 PM**



“ *Aunt Luddie, I love you and I know you are in heaven ,, We have another angel looking down on us, im thankful for the advice you gave many years ago when things were stressful and i felt alone , i remember you told me to pray and talk to GOD about it,, I didnt know how then,, but as time passed i learned to call on GOD and I thank you for encouraging me to be strong,, you will remain in my heart,, Love "Angie"*

**Angela Octavia Adams - October 13, 2011 at 12:00 AM**

KC

“ You treated me & my family like we were your own kids & taught us color is only skin deep. We will miss you & forever cherish your memory.

*P.S. Thank you for the life Lessons*

*Love Karen Cutler*

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**karen cutler** - October 13, 2011 at 12:00 AM

MD

“ To the Rattler and Mixon family, I'm deeply sadden by the passing of Mrs Vera, I pray that the Lord will give you all strength in this time of breavement, Let God.....

*Love Mary Davis*

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**Mary Davis-Benjamin** - October 13, 2011 at 12:00 AM

MG

“ God's angel has escorted Luddie home to him. Hallelujah, Oh Happy Day. May His perfect peace bring comfort to all her family. Rest my Sistah in God's presence.

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**Mr. & Mrs Rodney Gross** - October 13, 2011 at 12:00 AM

DL

“ Dear Joan and Family,  
Just a few words to let you know that you and your family are in my thoughts and prayers.

*May God bless and keep you all.*

*Darlene Lisby*

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**Darlene Lisby** - October 13, 2011 at 12:00 AM

LN

“ *My sincerest condolences to you and your family.*

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**Linda Nimpson** - October 13, 2011 at 12:00 AM

CO

“ *God bless you and your family Soror Joan in the loss of your beloved sister.*

*May God be with you.*

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**Connie** - October 13, 2011 at 12:00 AM

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“ *May God bless you and your family Soror Joan in the loss of your beloved sister.*

*You are in my prayers*

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**Connie - Chapel 3** - October 13, 2011 at 12:00 AM

LS

“ *Joan & family, just want you to know how sorry I was to hear of the passing of your sister. You have my deepest sympathy. May God Bless & comfort you as you heal. Cherish your memories of your sister. I'll continue to think & pray for you & your family. Lots of love, YSIC, Liz*

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**Liz Silas** - October 13, 2011 at 12:00 AM

KT

“ *So sorry for your lost, i pray that God gives you all peace which passes all understanding, in Jesus Name Amen.*

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**Keesha (williams) Tripplett** - October 13, 2011 at 12:00 AM

SS

“ Dr. J,

*Our heartfelt condolences and love to you and your family. We miss you much and are praying for you all.*

*Be Blessed.*

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**Sherry Ann & Carl Scott** - October 13, 2011 at 12:00 AM