



Ms. Lee R. Dukes

June 13, 1925 - May 13, 2019

DUKES, Ms. Lee R. - Age 93, passed away Monday, May 13, 2019 at Willowbrook Manor. Family hour 10:30 AM, Monday, May 20, 2019 from the Chapel of Lawrence E. Moon Funeral Home, 906 W. Flint Park Blvd., with funeral service commencing at 11:00 AM, Pastor Robert Blake, officiating. Interment Flint Memorial Park Cemetery, G-9502 N. Dort Hwy., Mt. Morris, MI. Friends and pallbearers will assemble at the Chapel 10:30 A.M. Monday. Ms. Dukes will lie in state in the Chapel of Lawrence E. Moon Funeral Home, viewing will only be held during family hour. May we cherish good memories of Lee Dukes, who was a

“Village” within herself to many. Lee was a strong and determined person, never missing an opportunity to show love and compassion. Her belief was that you leave people like you found them or better (no scars, pain or unhappiness.) “Leave them like you found them.”

Family was priority. She lived her life for others; honoring her parents, Hamp and Alma Dukes faithfully. When asked “How would you like to be remembered?” Without hesitation, she answered “A good (kind) and loving person.” She lived that belief by caring for her family - showing love, kindness and giving many refuge.

Her love was unconditional and constant. Not only was she benevolent, she guided and taught her siblings from the oldest,

Bertha Cribbs to the youngest, Robert Dukes, Ernestine Moore, Sylvia Rice and surviving sister, Carrie McCree.

Many of her siblings' children were too young to remember her sacrifices to provide. But, an aunt, Lula Brown (one year older than Lee) living in Memphis, Tennessee, remembers well.

She nurtured Bertha's, Robert's, Ernestine's and Sylvia's children: Shirley Mills, Teresa Woodland, Linda Cribbs, Larry Lindsey (Sandra), Michael Lindsey, Angela Moore, Larry Dukes (Gloria), Venita Brittenum (James), Clifford Ray Rice (Minnie), and deceased siblings' children: Betty Parker, Delores Woodard, Robert Cribbs, Robert Dukes, Jr., Ralph Dukes and Sophia Lindsey. Surviving great niece and nephews: Rita Gones, Rickey Jones and Maurice Dean were under her care.

She was a member of Progressive Church.

Lee attended Mt. Zion Church School in Hughes, Arkansas and Memphis City Public Schools.

Chicago, employed at Dobbs House (Chicago O'Hare Airport) in 1964 and retired in 1970 to care for her family.

With the help of John, she kept in contact and visited first cousins during failing health: Alma Brown, John Smith, Johnny Smith, Jessie Simpson (Grover), Charles Smith, Walter Smith and Barbara Ann Grundy.

After the death of her partner, best friend and caretaker, John Kidd, she moved to Flint, Michigan. November 14, 2014 (after sixty-one years from Chicago).

Lee had been to Flint numerous times, but never without John. He was with her throughout many of her family illnesses, mother, sister (Memphis) brother in Chicago and sister in Detroit.

Coming to Flint must have been devastating (she was ill,

and without John), but, she took it in stride, never mentioning any regrets. Relocating at 89!

She enjoyed looking out the window observing the neighbors, scenery, going to the grocery, farmer's market and shredding junk mail.

Since being in Flint, much love has been shown to her by Gloria Barnett (Oscar) Imogene Dantzler, Mr. Lynch, Pastor Robert Blake (Desiree) and neighbors. She enjoyed phone calls from Myris "Curly" Brown, Walter Mosley, Lula Brown and Ernestine Goston, who called frequently.

She was elated when nephews "Mankie" and "Bo" visited her from Memphis, June 18, 2018, J.H. from Grand Rapids, and a friend's daughter, Jackie from Memphis.

Carrie was very fortunate and elated to have her role model, "second mother," and a good and loving sister so close everyday. Lee was unique and very special who will truly be missed.

Cemetery Details

Flint Memorial Park Cemetery

G-9506 N. Dort Hwy.
Mt. Morris, MI 48458

Previous Events

Family hour & viewing

MAY 20. 10:30 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

Lawrence E. Moon Funeral Home Chapel, Flint
906 W. Flint Park Blvd.
Flint, MI 48505
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Service

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Tribute Wall



“ *Ms. Lee R. Dukes*

October 09, 2023 at 07:02 AM



“ *Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Ms. Lee R. Dukes.*



May 19, 2019 at 05:51 PM



“ *T Turner lit a candle in memory of Ms. Lee R. Dukes*



T Turner - May 18, 2019 at 07:12 PM



“ *Marva & Meghan Williams purchased the Full Of Love Bouquet for the family of Ms. Lee R. Dukes.*



Marva & Meghan Williams - May 18, 2019 at 02:10 PM

MR

“ *Always in our Hearts.
Love Forever.
Cliff and Minnie*



minnie rice - May 16, 2019 at 08:56 PM

TD

I wish I wouldn't known about her passing in time to make the funeral. I know that you guys don't know me, but I'm Ralph's son. It would have been great to connect with family.

TaDarius Dukes - December 28, 2020 at 10:50 AM

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“ *Trina Turnrt lit a candle in memory of Ms. Lee R. Dukes*



Trina Turnrt - May 15, 2019 at 09:45 PM

MC

“ *Mrs. Roberta Clark sent a virtual gift in memory of Ms. Lee R. Dukes*



Mrs. Roberta Clark - May 15, 2019 at 07:02 PM

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“ To the entire families of Lee R. Dukes my deepest condolences during this transition. Indeed a pleasure to meet family and friends that knew you well and told great stories of you.

Carolyn Randolph-Witcher-FMP



Carolyn Randolph-Witcher - May 15, 2019 at 02:22 PM

MP

“ MINISTER PAM lit a candle in memory of Ms. Lee R. Dukes



MINISTER PAM - May 15, 2019 at 08:36 AM

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