



Lelah Ratliff

November 12, 1917 - December 25, 2007

RATLIFF, Mrs. Lelah B. - Age 90, passed away Tuesday, December 25, 2007 at Avalon Hospice. Family hour 10:30AM Monday, December 31, 2007 at Antioch Missionary Baptist Church, 1083 E. Stewart Ave., with funeral service commencing at 11AM. Pastor Lewis Randolph, officiating. Interment River Rest Cemetery, G-4413 Flushing Rd. Friends and pallbearers will assemble at the church 10:30AM Monday. Mrs. Ratliff will lie in state in the Chapel of Lawrence E. Moon Funeral Home, 906 W. Flint Park Blvd., and may be viewed from 10AM-8PM Sunday. Mrs. Ratliff was born November 12, 1917 in Memphis Tennessee, the daughter of the late Robert and Lelah Bradford-Holmes. She attended Geeta High School in Memphis. In February 1937, she married Mr. James L. Ratliff and relocated to Flint in 1945. Mrs. Ratliff accepted Christ at an early age. Upon moving to Flint she united with the Antioch Baptist Church under the leadership of Rev. Arnold, where she was a very active and faithful member. Mrs. Ratliff was a member of the North Side Circle. She loved to sing and sang with Choir #2 until her health began to fail. Reading her Bible was her joy and cooking was her passion. Mrs. Ratliff leaves precious memories with her children, 4 daughters, Erma Bell of Flushing Michigan, who was her primary caregiver for the last 4 years, Lorene Randall of Flint, Sylvia (James) Avery, Sr. of Henderson NV and Freda (Dandre') Ratliff-Williams of Flint; 2 sons, Lawrence Ratliff of Flushing and James Ratliff, Jr. of Flint; brother, Hardin (Virginia) Holmes of Detroit; daughter-in-law, Barbara Ratliff of Flint; sisters-in-law, Catherine Holmes of

White Haven, TN, Vivian Holmes of Flint, Eliza Calvin of St. Louis, MO, Creamola R. Moore, Arnett Jones, Lee Ethel (Jake) Matlock and Edmonia Powell all of Kansas City, MO; 22 grandchildren; a host of great-grandchildren, great-great grandchildren, nieces, nephews and cousins. Mrs. Ratliff was preceded in death by her husband, James Ratliff, Sr.; parents, Robert and Lelah Bradford-Holmes; daughter, Jeanette Ratliff; son, Calvin Ratliff; brothers, Earnest (Skeeter) Holmes, Robert Holmes, Jr., Bradford Holmes, Sr. and Eddie Holmes; sister, Mrs. Alice Brooks. The family would like to thank everyone for their prayers, calls, cards and words of comfort during Mrs. Ratliff's illness. A special "Thank You" to Rev. and Mrs. Palmer and family for all the wonderful acts of kindness. You were there whenever needed. Mike, Thank you for keeping the driveway clear so I could get out in a hurry. grandson, Frank Bell Jr. for being there in time of need. Rev. Otha Hill and Rev. Gilbert Anderson for all your visits and prayers, Dr. Randolph Schumacher MD, Lisa Lindsey NP, Shawn Badal FNPC, and the entire staff at the Hurley Geriatrics Center, Dr. and Mrs. Paul Musson and Staff, Dr. Ahmad Akl, Dr. Pasupuleti, the Hurley Medical Center Staff and the staff at Avalon Hospice. Also Pastor Latrelle Holmes and The Greater Galilee Baptist Church Family and Pastor Lewis Randolph and the Antioch Missionary Baptist Church Family.

Tribute Wall



“ *Lelah Ratliff*

October 09, 2023 at 07:02 AM



“ *I miss you so much nana*

Quee-ng Nail-Stylist - December 10, 2016 at 12:14 AM



“ *Grandma I miss you so much and you are the reason I am who I am.*

I love you

Britt

Brittney Ratliff - December 25, 2007 at 12:00 AM



“ *Oif I HAD THE WING OF A DOVE I;LLFLY AWAY AND BE AT REST.HI SYLVIA DEAR,MAY YOU FIND COMFORT AND SUPPORT FROM THOSE AROUND YOU DURING THIS DIFFICULT TIME. MY MOM PASSED,ON THE 29TH OF DECEMBER,WE WILL BE LEAVING SUNDAY 1/06/08 GOING TO LOUISIANA FOR HER HOME GOING MEMORIAL SERVICES.REMEMBER US IN PRAYER. LOVE ,ERMA*

Erma Green - December 25, 2007 at 12:00 AM



“ *I love you*

janiya - December 25, 2007 at 12:00 AM

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“ I HANK YOU MOTHER FOR THE VALUES YOU TAUGHT ME. ESPECIALLY TO TREAT OTHERS AS YOU WOULD WANT TO BR TREATED. YOU WERE THE PERFECT ROLE MODEL IN MY LIFE
I WILL ALWAYS TREASURE THE BEAUTIFUL MEMORIES WE SHARED. MAY YOU REST IN PEACE IN THE ARMS OF THE LORD FOR EVERMORE. THANKS TO MY WONDERFUL FRIENDS FOR YOUR ACTS OF KINDNESS. A SPECIAL THANK YOU TO MY SISTER ERMA FOR GIVING MOTHER THE BEST OF CARE
OUR MOTHER WAS A PRECIOUS JEWEL.

LORENE RANDALL - December 25, 2007 at 12:00 AM

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“ *My thoughts and prayers are with you and your family.*

*Much Love & Respect
Mandy*

Amanda Bonilla - December 25, 2007 at 12:00 AM

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“ *May you rest in peace. You were truly loved and will be truly missed. Thank you for the memories.*

Randy

Frank Randall III (Randy) - December 25, 2007 at 12:00 AM

JR

“ I love you and miss you dearly. I will never forget your presence. You were very special and deserved every blessing bestowed upon you. I'll miss your cooking and your personality. I was off tryna get my life together, chasing my dreams. So I was unable to support you or help in your last days. I truly wish I could of been there to see you take your last breathe. But I'll just keep my memories of you in my head, and smile when I think of you. R.I.P. love always

Jermaine Randall - December 25, 2007 at 12:00 AM

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“ To my Mother, Mrs. Lelah B. Ratliff. She was the greatest mother on eaarth. I have so many precious memories. I am going to miss her dearly. I just want to "Thank" everyone for all of the cards, calls, and words of confort durning this time and through the past 4 years that she was ill. She would be so happy to know that all of you took time out to pray for her. Please keep our family on your prayer list Again, "Thank you"

*Freda
Youngest Daughter*

Freda Ratliff - December 25, 2007 at 12:00 AM

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“ My prayers of comfort in this sad time to Freda and her family. May you remember the wonderful memories that were shared over the years and keep them close.

*Cindy Simons
Cancer Registry
Hurley Medical Center*

Cindy Simons - December 25, 2007 at 12:00 AM