



Mrs. Lorce Willie Blake

September 15, 1926 - January 9, 2019

BLAKE, Mrs. Lorce Willie - Age 92, passed away Wednesday, January 9, 2019 at Briarwood Manor. Family hour 10:00 AM Saturday, January 19, 2019 at Jackson Memorial Temple Church of God In Christ, 3155 W. Carpenter Rd., with funeral service commencing at 11:00 AM. Bishop J. Drew Sheard, officiating. Interment Lovedale Memorial Cemetery, G-5175 E. Bristol Rd., Burton, MI. Friends and pallbearers will assemble at the church 10:00 AM Saturday. Mrs. Blake 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.

Mother Lorce Willie Blake was born on September 15, 1926 in Middleton, Tennessee, the daughter of Woodard and Mary Guy. She attended school in the rural area around Middleton, TN. Lorce went on to attend Lane College in Jackson, TN and received her Teaching Certificate. She was a School Teacher for 44 years. Lorce began her career teaching in a one room school in Mississippi, and went on to teach elementary and finally to her passion, Special Education. She married Leonard N. Blake Sr. in March of 1953 and looked forward to starting her family. After 3 years of marriage she was told by doctors that she could not have children. Their union was blessed with ten children. In 1953, Lorce and Leonard moved to Flint, Michigan. He worked for General Motors and she taught school and attended School. Lorce attended Eastern University in Ypsilanti, MI. When she received her Bachelor Degree in

1965 she had 7 children. Lorce received her Master Degree in 1972; she had 10 children and 1 grandchild. Lorce also received her Specialist Degree in 2004. She worked towards her Doctorate Degree until her health faded. Her hobbies were doing Crossword Puzzles, dealing and collecting antiques, and playing solitaire on her laptop. She gave her life to Christ at an early age. Mother Blake's 2 daughters were attending Jackson Memorial Temple formerly Pilgrim Temple Church Of God In Christ. She wanted to see what was keeping her daughter so interested in that church. They would come home and tell her different things that the pastor had said. Lorce visited the church for herself, and a short time later she joined the church and was a member for over 50 years. She served faithfully in various capacities and the only thing that stopped her was when her health began to fail which was just a few years ago. She served as Sunday School Teacher, Altar Attendant, Church Usher, Jurisdictional State Usher, Mother's Board Chairperson for Homecoming Committee 2004, President of Board of Christian Education Department under the Board of Christian Department she established a Church Library and held a ribbon cutting and dedication ceremony. Also, under that umbrella, she spearheaded the vacation Bible School activities every year. Mother Blake loved her ushering job so much that when standing and balancing became challenging for her you could yet see her standing on her post with walking stick "Ushering". Nothing could sit her down and she ushered up until just a few years ago when her health began to fail in her late 80's. She loved her church, her pastor. She loved listening to the choir and the musicians. She often referred to them as "MY CHOIR" and "MY ORCHESTRA" Church was her life and she was missed when she wasn't at church sitting on the left side, 2nd row end seat.

Mother Lorce Willie Blake leaves to cherish her memory: daughter, Deborah Blake; 4 sons, Michael Blake and Frank Blake, all of Flint, Kenneth (Shakana) Blake of Jackson, MI and Leonard (Janine) Blake Jr. of Grand Blanc, MI; 7 granddaughters, LaTocha Blake, Bionca Blake, LaQuashia Blake, and

Carmiela (James) Haymer, all of Flint, Tanika Blake of Warren, MI, Marshiela Blake of Detroit, MI, Kenadi Blake of Jackson, MI; 8 grandsons, William (LaBrea) Dorsey IV of Knoxville, TN., Dante (Jamila) Dorsey of Ypsilanti, MI., Kenneth Blake Jr. of Grand Rapids, MI, Lynn Blake Jr., Keith Blake and Mark Blake, all of Flint; a host of other relatives and friends.

Mother Blake was preceded in death by her husband, Leonard N. Blake Sr.; 3 daughters, Phyllis Blake, Patricia Dorsey and Brenda Blake; 2 sons, Lynn Blake Sr. and Lemuel Blake; 2 grandchildren, Katina Blake and Barry Blake; and parents, Woodard and Mary Guy.

Cemetery Details

Lovedale Memorial Cemetery

G-5175 E. Bristol Rd.
Burton, MI

Previous Events

Public Viewing

JAN **18**. 12:00 PM - 8:00 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

JAN **19**. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

Jackson Memorial Temple Church of God In Christ
3155 W. Carpenter Rd.
Flint, MI 48458

Service

JAN 19. 11:00 AM (ET)

Jackson Memorial Temple Church of God In Christ
3155 W. Carpenter Rd.
Flint, MI 48458

Tribute Wall



“ *Mrs. Lorce Willie Blake*

October 09, 2023 at 07:02 AM



“ 🌹 *Praising God for the life of Mother Blake. To me she was my 6th grade teacher at Dort Elementary school. We had an all girls class. Mrs Blake was so awesome. She taught us how to make deodorant among other things. 🌹 She was the reason why Me and some other students had the opportunity to attend the Flint Institute of Arts. 🌹 She also taught us to sew. I will never forget her. She displayed some of the clothes we made in the showcases at the top of the stairs at Dort. 🌹 She was the reason my Daddy bought me a sewing machine. He was so proud of the suit I made. 🌹 Lord I can't tell it all right now of how Mother Blake impacted my life. She didnt take no mess. She loved us kids, like we were her own. Rest well Mother Blake.*

😊 *Many daughters have done virtuously, but thou excellest them all.*

Give her of the fruit of her hands; and let her own works praise her in the gates. Proverbs 31: 29, 31

🙏Our sincere prayers and sympathy to The Blake Family.🙏

Maryk - January 22, 2019 at 05:11 PM



“ *Doris E. Keels lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Lorce Willie Blake*



Doris E. Keels - January 21, 2019 at 11:28 PM

MA

“ Marie Allen lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Lorce Willie Blake



Marie Allen - January 20, 2019 at 07:55 PM

DJ

“ My sincere condolences goes out to the Blake family. She was a beautiful lady inside and out. I did not have the privilege to have her as a teacher at Dort School, but she was a mentor to the neighborhood. She lived at 752 E. Dayton St. ad I lived at 752 E. Baker St. and we were friends with her children. I remember Diane, Deborah, Lynn, Michael and I think it was Sabrina. Lyn and I were in the same grade. She has truly earned her wings.



Sincerely,

Deborah Johnson & Family

Shreveport, LA

Deborah Johnson - January 19, 2019 at 09:35 PM

CB

“ To the Blake family. My condolence to you all . Mrs Blake was a sweet lady. She was my teacher in 6th grade. Praying for you all.



Cassandra Burks - January 19, 2019 at 04:31 PM

DB

“ Duane Benton purchased the Sweet Tenderness for the family of Mrs. Lorce Willie Blake.



Duane Benton - January 18, 2019 at 10:37 PM

SF

“ Sheila, Ed, Henri and Ric (Watkins family) purchased the Rose Impression Casket Spray for the family of Mrs. Lorce Willie Blake.



Sheila, Ed, Henri and Ric (Watkins family) - January 18, 2019 at 08:52 PM

LR

“ Lawrence & Marcia Ratliff lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Lorce Willie Blake



Lawrence & Marcia Ratliff - January 18, 2019 at 08:41 AM

VT

“ Veronica Thompson lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Lorce Willie Blake



veronica thompson - January 18, 2019 at 12:35 AM

VT

“ *Praying for my family*



veronica thompson - January 18, 2019 at 12:34 AM

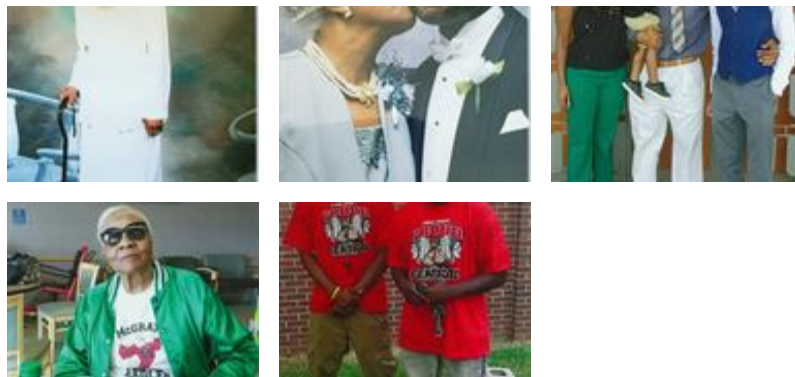
EW

“ *May The Lord continue to Bless the Blake Family, Mother Blake was my fourth grade teacher at Dort Elementary School in the 1960's. On one day I was attending a service at Jackson Memorial Church, and looked over to the other side of the church, and there was Mrs. Blake. After the service Mrs. Blake and I were so glad to see each other, we had'nt seen each other in years. From that time on when I went to Jackson Memorial I looked for Mrs. Blake she was a Great Saint Of God, and one of the Best teachers Ever. She taught every child about life, thank you Mother Blake.*

Elder Gerald and Mary Wilson - January 17, 2019 at 07:25 PM



“ *48 files added to the album Life Tributes*



Lawrence E. Moon Funeral Home - January 17, 2019 at 01:38 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Mrs. Lorce Willie Blake.*



January 17, 2019 at 09:41 AM



“ *Paula Colter lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Lorce Willie Blake*



Paula Colter - January 17, 2019 at 08:42 AM



“ *I thought Mrs Blake was "the" most beautiful woman and I loved seeing her immaculate grey french twist when she came in to do her banking at the NBD Bank/Chase Bank on Atherton Rd. Rest In Paradise, Mrs Blake surrounded by God's loving Grace and He has said "Servant, job well done".*

Romi Jean Jones - January 17, 2019 at 07:33 AM



“ *Jesse and Reba Cannon send our love, thoughts and prayers to the Blake family in the passing of Mother Lorce Blake. She is at rest now and we look forward to a happy reunion with her in heaven. May God bless you all.*

Loretta Cannon - January 16, 2019 at 07:39 PM

IB

“ *Irma Baker lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Lorce Willie Blake*



Irma Baker - January 16, 2019 at 07:25 PM

NB

“ *Nicole Berry lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Lorce Willie Blake*



Nicole Berry - January 16, 2019 at 12:49 AM

AC

“ *Annette (Tuttie) Carlysle lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Lorce Willie Blake*



Annette (Tuttie) Carlysle - January 14, 2019 at 09:29 PM

MA

“ *Maryk lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Lorce Willie Blake*



Maryk - January 14, 2019 at 06:30 PM

LM

“ *Lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Lorce Willie Blake gone but not forgotten, you will truly be missed at Briarwood. R.I.P. Mrs. Blake*

Linda Mayfield - January 14, 2019 at 06:05 PM

TF

“ *The English Family lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Lorce Willie Blake*



The English Family - January 14, 2019 at 01:49 PM

BT

“ *RIP my friend, coworker, and sister in Christ. May God grant comfort and peace to the family. You will always remain in my memories . Well done Lorce Blake.*

Beverly Toles, Desoto, Texas

B. Toles - January 14, 2019 at 10:28 AM

BT

“ *B. Toles lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Lorce Willie Blake*



B. Toles - January 14, 2019 at 10:09 AM

KM

“ Sending my condolences my thoughts n my love to the Blake family.
In this time of need. Bless all

Karo Mills - January 14, 2019 at 08:40 AM

DR

“ Deborah Relerford lit a candle in memory of
Mrs. Lorce Willie Blake



Deborah Relerford - January 14, 2019 at 07:52 AM

DR

“ Deborah Relerford sent a virtual gift in memory
of Mrs. Lorce Willie Blake



Deborah Relerford - January 14, 2019 at 07:50 AM

DK

“ Doris Keels lit a candle in memory of Mrs.
Lorce Willie Blake



Doris Keels - January 13, 2019 at 05:11 PM

BW

“ *Bernadette Woods lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Lorce Willie Blake*



Bernadette woods - January 13, 2019 at 03:40 PM

JJ

“ *Jodie Journey lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Lorce Willie Blake*



Jodie Journey - January 13, 2019 at 01:33 PM

EK

“ *Eric & Victoria Kilgore lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Lorce Willie Blake*



Eric & Victoria Kilgore - January 13, 2019 at 07:45 AM

DD

“ *May Gods love, word and comfort give you peace/understanding during this difficut time. Kelly Family*



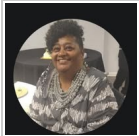
debra davis - January 13, 2019 at 07:13 AM



“ *Melinda Pitts lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Lorce Willie Blake*



Melinda Pitts - January 12, 2019 at 07:27 PM



“ *Patricia Smith Thompson lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Lorce Willie Blake*



Patricia Smith Thompson - January 12, 2019 at 06:18 PM



“ *Shelia Diltz lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Lorce Willie Blake*



Shelia Diltz - January 12, 2019 at 02:53 PM



“ *To the Blake Family I am so sorry for your loss. Your mom was such a sweet and beautiful lady. ~Chimene (Baxter) Hill and Family~*



Chimene Hill - January 12, 2019 at 01:31 PM

RB

“ Ricki Brooks lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Lorce Willie Blake



Ricki Brooks - January 12, 2019 at 11:36 AM

IG

“ Ira Cam Gilbert lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Lorce Willie Blake



Ira Cam Gilbert - January 12, 2019 at 10:47 AM

CS

“ Carolyn Spight lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Lorce Willie Blake



Carolyn Spight - January 11, 2019 at 10:58 PM

ED

“ Elaine Dorsey???? sent a virtual gift in memory of Mrs. Lorce Willie Blake



Elaine Dorsey???? - January 11, 2019 at 09:32 PM

EF

“ *Elaine Dorsey And Family sent a virtual gift in memory of Mrs. Lorce Willie Blake*



Elaine Dorsey and Family - January 11, 2019 at 09:30 PM

TJ

“ *Tanya Jefferson lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Lorce Willie Blake*



Tanya Jefferson - January 11, 2019 at 08:46 PM

SS

“ *Sonya Spight lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Lorce Willie Blake*



Sonya Spight - January 11, 2019 at 08:31 PM

DS

“ *Deidre Spight-Woodson lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Lorce Willie Blake*



Deidre Spight-Woodson - January 11, 2019 at 05:00 PM

PM

“ Again the family of Jackson Memorial has lost another part .Praying for the entire Blake family in this heavy time of bereavement.

Patsy Marshall - January 11, 2019 at 01:04 PM

LG

“ Linda Gulley lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Lorce Willie Blake



Linda Gulley - January 11, 2019 at 11:31 AM

ZE

“ Praying for the family of Mother Blake. God bless you all. The Abron Family



Zadia Abron Edmond - January 11, 2019 at 02:46 AM

BE

“ Bey-Woodson lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Lorce Willie Blake



Bey-Woodson - January 10, 2019 at 04:07 PM

JF

“ *Josalyn Austin & Family lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Lorce Willie Blake*



Josalyn Austin & Family - January 10, 2019 at 01:04 PM

MP

“ *MINISTER PAM sent a virtual gift in memory of Mrs. Lorce Willie Blake*



MINISTER PAM - January 10, 2019 at 07:46 AM

MP

“ *MINISTER PAM lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Lorce Willie Blake*



MINISTER PAM - January 10, 2019 at 07:46 AM



“ *T Marie Marshall lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Lorce Willie Blake*



T Marie Marshall - January 09, 2019 at 10:48 PM

SC

“ *Sandra Brown Copeland lit a candle in
memory of Mrs. Lorce Willie Blake*



Sandra Brown Copeland - January 09, 2019 at 06:26 PM