



Mrs. Lorine Franklin

October 28, 1935 - May 22, 2025

FRANKLIN, Mrs. Lorine - Age 89, passed away Thursday, May 22, 2025 at Heaven of Rest, Owosso, MI. Family hour 10:00 AM Saturday, May 31, 2025, at House of Prayer Missionary Baptist Church, 1851 W. Carpenter Rd., with funeral service commencing at 11:00 AM. Interment Evergreen Cemetery, G-3415 E. Hill Rd., Grand Blanc, MI. Friends and pallbearers will assemble at the funeral home 10:00 AM Saturday. Mrs. Franklin will lie in state in the Chapel of Lawrence E. Moon Funeral Home, 906 W. Flint Park Blvd., from 12:00 PM - 6:00 PM Friday, May 30, 2025. Lorine Harmon Franklin was born September 28, 1935 in Wabaseka, Arkansas. She was the fifth child born to Tommy Harmon and Robbie White Harmon. Loraine began her education at Holeman Elementary School in Wabaseka, Ark. Subsequently she graduated from Merrill High School located in Pine Bluff, Ark in 1956. Lorine moved to Flint, Michigan in 1958 to join her high school sweetheart, Joe L. Franklin. They married January 20, 1958. From this union, three sons were born: Richard (Ricky), Michael and Kenneth. Later a daughter joined the family, Renee Harmon. Lorine was the woman behind the great Joe L. Franklin. Her steady hand at home allowed Joe to build his community legacy. Together they formed the ideal family team. Lorine enjoyed traveling in their motor home with Joe at the wheel. Their travels included the Kentucky Derby, the Disney Complexes and their annual trip to Indianapolis 500. However, the vacation she valued most was her visit to the Holy Land in Israel. This trip allowed her to connect with the religious sights and places she studied in the

Bible. Lorine was also known for her outstanding sewing skills. She was an extraordinary seamstress who specialized in women's formal and casual attire. Lorine used her creative talent to make various dolls which included the cabbage patch doll. She even made Joe one of his favorite suits. The family loved her butter rolls and other delicious treats she would prepare. Lorine only worked outside of the home for five years. From 1976-1981, she was an employee of General Motors Corporation. Finding her job less than rewarding, she returned to her favorite role as chief homemaker of the Franklin Clan. Lorine was an avid bid whist player. She and Joe enjoyed card parties and fellowship with their friends. Lorine was a mainstay of the Kennedy Estates Block Club and a member of the Macedonia Missionary Baptist Church. Lorine Harmon Franklin, the matriarch of the Franklin family, departed this life on Thursday, May 22, 2025. Her passing was particularly devastating because the patriarch, Joe L. Franklin transitioned one week earlier on May 15, 2025. Lorine was preceded in death by her sisters Ruby Daniels, Elouise Milton, Doris Harmon and brothers, Raymond Harmon and James Hubbard. Lorine Harmon Franklin is survived by: sons, Richard "Ricky" (Janice) (Lake Spivey, GA), Michael (Charlotte NC.), Kenneth (Trina) (Farmington Hills, MI) and daughter Renee Harmon (Stuttgart AR); grandchildren, Deandre (Newberry, FL), Rikketta (Edgemoor, SC), Jovan (Burton, MI), Kenneth Jr. (Farmington Hills, MI) and great-grandson Elijah (Newberry, FL). Lorine had a special relationship with her nieces, Connie Kyle, Pat Williams, and Lavern Harmon (recently deceased), Debra Hubbard, Debra Milton, Cathy Harmon, and Regina Harmon. She will also be missed by special friends: Bernice Westrock, Shirley Sanders, Inez Taylor and Odessa Dotson along with a host of friends and relatives.

Services can be live streamed at:

https://www.youtube.com/live/eEbKHZrO6Nk?si=03h-P1foWN_IK9Yp

Cemetery Details

Evergreen Cemetery

G-3415 E. Hill Rd.
Grand Blanc, MI 48439

Previous Events

Lie In State

MAY 30. 12:00 PM - 6:00 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

MAY 31. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

House of Prayer Missionary Baptist Church
1851 W. Carpenter Rd.
Flint, MI

Service

MAY **31**. 11:00 AM (ET)

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Tribute Wall

NF

“Mrs. Franklin, your love and laughter will always hold a special place in my heart. I treasure our last conversation, filled with warmth as you lovingly reminded me of childhood memories I had forgotten. Thank you for being such an important part of my village and for the lasting impact you've made on my life. Rest in peace.

Love,
Norman "June Bug" Freeman

Norman Freeman - May 31, 2025 at 01:03 PM

JF

“Laughter is like taking a good medicine.”
“Laughter is the best medicine.” ... “and there is a season, a time to laugh.” This describes my only and my favorite mother-in-law!!! She had many innate gifts and my personal favorite was her always very present art form of telling jokes and making all those who were within earshot laugh. She had a signature kid-like, an unadulterated like sense of humor and joy that was contagious and spontaneous without fail. Her joyful laughter never-ever left her or failed her under any of life's circumstances good or bad. She would laugh at her own self, which was the funniest of all to me. She is well-loved by many of her nieces and nephews that I was awestruck at how they would always call and visit her, whether near or far, even till the end. Soooo much LOVE! Soooo much LOVE! Soooo much LOVE!
My mother- and father-in-law: “For better or for worse, for richer or poorer, in sickness and in health, until death do us part.” Even death did not keep them apart. A memorial service made for two: “JOE AND LO” TOGETHER FOREVER!!!



Janice McMullan Franklin - May 30, 2025 at 11:16 AM

DD

“ *Denise Dixon-Weatherspoon lit a candle in memory of Lorine Franklin*



Denise Dixon-Weatherspoon - May 29, 2025 at 05:29 PM

CB

“ *Christine Brown lit a candle in memory of Lorine Franklin*



Christine Brown - May 29, 2025 at 03:27 PM

BY

“ *Bryan Y. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Mrs. Lorine Franklin.*

Bryan Y. - May 29, 2025 at 02:11 PM

BY

“ *Bryan Y. purchased the Divine Peace Bouquet for the family of Mrs. Lorine Franklin.*



Bryan Y. - May 29, 2025 at 02:11 PM

DJ

“ *My Mom and Mrs. Franklin would take walks together. She was a kind person, who was there for her family.* ”

Debra Jackson - May 29, 2025 at 01:53 AM

DJ

“ *Debra Jackson lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Lorine Franklin* ”



Debra Jackson - May 29, 2025 at 01:07 AM

CE

“ *Christina Ebarb lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Lorine Franklin* ”



Christina Ebarb - May 28, 2025 at 01:52 PM

SJ

“ *Spencer Eason Jr lit a candle in memory of Lorine Franklin* ”



Spencer Eason Jr - May 27, 2025 at 04:26 PM

CK

“ *Camellia Key lit a candle in memory of Lorine Franklin*



Camellia Key - May 27, 2025 at 01:53 AM

LC

“ *Lois cunningham lit a candle in memory of Lorine Franklin*



Lois cunningham - May 26, 2025 at 08:05 PM

TW

“ *Tamora Watson lit a candle in memory of Lorine Franklin*



Tamora Watson - May 26, 2025 at 08:39 AM

OM

“ *Ollie Morris lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Lorine Franklin*



Ollie Morris - May 25, 2025 at 01:53 PM

JH

“ James and Carolyn Hudson sent a virtual gift in memory of Lorine Franklin



James and Carolyn Hudson - May 24, 2025 at 06:03 PM

MR

“ MICHELLE N ROBINSON lit a candle in memory of Lorine Franklin



MICHELLE N ROBINSON - May 24, 2025 at 05:01 PM

JF

“ Jody & Terry Franklin lit a candle in memory of Lorine Franklin



Jody & Terry Franklin - May 24, 2025 at 09:41 AM

PW

“ Pat Williams lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Lorine Franklin



pat williams - May 23, 2025 at 06:52 PM

VW

“ *Prayers and condolences to the entire family.*”



Violet Warner-Eldridge - May 23, 2025 at 04:00 PM