



Mrs. Lottie LaFa'e Collins

August 13, 1941 - August 9, 2025

COLLINS, Mrs. Lottie LaFa'e - Age 83, passed away, Saturday, August 9, 2025 at Sugarbush Living Facility. Family hour 10:00 AM Saturday, August 23, 2025 from the Chapel of Lawrence E. Moon Funeral Home, 906 W. Flint Park Blvd., with funeral service commencing at 11:00 AM. Pastor Alfonso Williams officiating, Interment, Gracelawn Cemetery, 5710 N. Saginaw Street. Friends and pallbearers will assemble at the Chapel 10:00 AM Saturday, August 23, 2025. Mrs. Collins will be viewed during Family hour only. Mrs. Lottie Lafa'e Collins began her life journey in this world August 13th, 1941 in Alexandria, Louisiana. The daughter of Mercedes Washington and Joseph Washington. Lottie graduated from Central High School and furthered her education graduating from University of Michigan- Flint. Lottie was a dedicated educator and community advocate, who made significant contributions to the city of Flint through employment and various roles downtown city hall. She worked for Buick known as General Motors today and made history of being the first black woman in the office. She was a valued and respected employee of Beecher School district. She taught all levels of education for the Beecher School District and was a dedicated teacher to every student she taught. Mrs. Collins was a loving and devoted wife, mother, grandmother, great grandmother, teacher, and a "second mother" to many. She leaves behind her legacy that resonates like a strong, phenomenal, independent, and motivated woman. She lovingly leaves to cherish her memories with: 1 son: Rau-Phi'L (Rasool A. Ali) Rufus Collins Sr., of Flint Michigan; 6 grandchildren:

Charmione Chyna Laru Collins, Kimiata Rauchele Collins, Dashon Antoni Dewayne Hardy, Rau-Phi'L Rufus Collins Jr., Rahmiyyah Lottie Julia Ali, and Yusuf Allen Ali, of Flint Michigan; 1 great grandchild: Avaiyah Danielle Hardy, of Flint Michigan; several nieces: Kendra R. Brown, Antoinette Nyree Coutee, Patrice (Donald) Haywood, Letitia (Xavier) Epps etc. all of Flint, Michigan; several nephews: Rodney Brown, Kevin Brown, William (Emma) Epps III, etc. of Flint, Michigan; Great Nieces: Kendrya Mercedes Hill, India Coutee, Donnell Scandruck etc. of Flint Michigan; Great nephews: Deyonis Hinton of Detroit, Michigan, David Perez, Daniel Perez of Flint, Michigan etc. and a host of cousins and friends.

She was preceded in death by husband, Rufus Irvin Collins, parents, Joseph and Mercedes Washington, siblings Beverly Joann Epps, Joseph Washington Jr., Apostle Jacqueline M. Washington Brown, and Donald R Washington, Sr., nephew, Allen Deonco Brown and niece La Shaun Nicole Brown Perez. I would like to give a special thanks to her niece Kendrya Mercedes Hill and her forever friend March'ae Alexander Nelson for providing excellent and supportive care to Mrs. Lottie Lafa'e Collins during great moments leading to transitioning!

Cemetery Details

Gracelawn Cemetery

5710 N. Saginaw St.
Flint, MI 48505

Previous Events

Family hour & viewing

AUG 23. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

Lawrence E. Moon Funeral Home Chapel, Flint
906 W. Flint Park Blvd.
Flint, MI 48505
(810) 789-MOON (6666)
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Funeral Service

AUG 23. 11:00 AM (ET)

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Tribute Wall



“ *Lawrence E. Moon Funeral Home created a Webcast in memory of Mrs. Lottie LaFa'e Collins*



Lawrence E. Moon Funeral Home - August 23, 2025 at 08:27 AM



Someone in this family, please call me! Frankie Murphy Harris (Lois) in Inglewood, Ca

Frankie Harris - October 11, 2025 at 12:07 PM



“ *Faye and family Joan, Jr, Mercedes , Joseph, Senior who we called Jobie were family in Alexandria, La. I named my first daughter, Beverly Joan. They moved to Flint when we were kids but kept in touch. I have been trying to call Lottie Fay . We talked often. I a*

Frankie Harris - October 11, 2025 at 12:03 PM



“ *Frankie Harris lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Lottie LaFa'e Collins*



Frankie Harris - October 11, 2025 at 11:53 AM

WS

“ Wanda Stitt lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Lottie LaFa'e Collins



Wanda Stitt - August 22, 2025 at 08:03 PM

CS

“ Lamentations 3:21-24



21

Yet this I call to mind^[L]_[SEP] and therefore I have hope:

22

Because of the Lord's great love we are not consumed,^[L]_[SEP] for his compassions never

I say to myself, "The Lord is my portion,^[L]_[SEP] therefore I will wait for him." God bless you Mrs. Collins rest easy and peaceful

Crystal Spencer - August 21, 2025 at 06:57 AM

CC



chyna collins - August 22, 2025 at 12:17 AM

JF

“ Sorry to hear this. What a classy lady! An inspiration to all women. I had the pleasure of knowing Lottie for over a year. She sure did leave a special spot in my heart. 💕 fly high sweetie.

Jamie K Farner - August 20, 2025 at 05:51 PM

KC

“ Me and my grandma, God rest her soul.



Kimmie Collins - August 20, 2025 at 01:08 PM

CC



chyna collins - August 22, 2025 at 12:17 AM

CC

“ IT WAS a PLEASURE SERVING WITH
LOTTIE ON THE BOARD OF REVIEW FOR
THE CITY OF FLINT



Claudia CROOM - August 20, 2025 at 12:52 PM

MM

“ Mayrene C McGruder lit a candle in memory
of Lottie Collins



Mayrene C McGruder - August 18, 2025 at 02:21 PM

NO

“ *Narotha Ogden lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Lottie LaFa'e Collins*



Narotha Ogden - August 18, 2025 at 03:58 AM

CC

“ *My grandma and her friends* ❤️



chyna collins - August 16, 2025 at 09:24 PM

DS

“ *Debora Stitt lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Lottie LaFa'e Collins*



Debora Stitt - August 16, 2025 at 07:36 PM

L-

“ *L-Doll sent a virtual gift in memory of Mrs. Lottie LaFa'e Collins*



L-Doll - August 16, 2025 at 07:31 PM

BD

“ *Bobie Holmes Douglas lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Lottie LaFa'e Collins*



Bobie Holmes Douglas - August 14, 2025 at 11:22 PM

EW

“ *Elder Charles & Linda Woods lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Lottie LaFa'e Collins*



Elder Charles & Linda Woods - August 13, 2025 at 04:47 PM

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“ *Elder Charles & Linda Woods lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Lottie LaFa'e Collins*



Elder Charles & Linda Woods - August 13, 2025 at 04:46 PM

SC

“ *St. John Street Historical Committee lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Lottie Collins*



St. John Street Historical Committee - August 13, 2025 at 01:34 PM

FW

“ Fredricka “Ricky” Washington-Gist lit a candle
in memory of Mrs. Lottie LaFa'e Collins



Fredricka “Ricky” Washington-Gist - August 12, 2025 at 06:09 PM

DH

“ I'll love you forever! Thank you for everything
❤️



Deyonis Hinton - August 12, 2025 at 12:06 PM

AL

“ Alicia Leverette-Williams lit a candle in
memory of Mrs. Lottie Collins



Alicia Leverette-Williams - August 12, 2025 at 10:21 AM

CB

“ Christine Brown lit a candle in memory of Mrs.
Lottie LaFa'e Collins



Christine Brown - August 10, 2025 at 04:30 PM

BF

“ *Brenda Fluker lit a candle in memory of Mrs.
Lottie LaFa'e Collins*



Brenda Fluker - August 10, 2025 at 01:41 PM