



## Mrs. Louise E. Archer

May 22, 1922 - February 2, 2014

ARCHER, Mrs. Louise E. - Age 91, passed away Sunday, February 2, 2014 at The Oaks at Woodfield-Grand Blanc, MI. Family hour 10 a.m. Friday, February 7, 2014 at Zion Missionary Baptist Church, 721 Johnson St., Saginaw, MI, with funeral service commencing at 11 a.m. Pastor Rodrick Smith, Host Pastor, Dr. Richard Murphy, officiating. Interment Mt. Olivet Catholic Cemetery, 3440 South Washington Rd., Saginaw, MI. Friends and pallbearers will assemble at the church 10 a.m. Friday. Mrs. Archer will lie in state in the Chapel Lawrence E. Moon Funeral Home, 906 W. Flint Park Blvd., Flint, MI, and may be viewed from 4p.m-6p.m on Wednesday. Mrs. Archer will also lie in state at Evans and Browne's Funeral Home, 441 N. Jefferson Ave., Saginaw, MI, and may be viewed from 12 noon-6 p.m. Thursday with family present from 1-4 p.m.

Ms. Louise E. Archer was born on May 9, 1922 in Eudora, Arkansas, the second child born to the late Lula King and Sterling Hawkins, Sr. Louise attended school in Natchez, Mississippi, and earned a Bachelor of Arts degree from Arkansas State University. She was an Elementary Teacher in Arkansas and Louisiana before relocating to Saginaw, Michigan in 1947. Not long after moving to Saginaw, she became the first African American cashier in the City. In 1952, Louise began working for the city of Saginaw as its first African American Recreation Supervisor. Additionally, she completed graduate coursework at Michigan State University in music, voice, and art as well as

recreation administration. In 1976 when the City of Saginaw opened its new Civitan Recreation Center, the Civitan Club paid special tribute to Louise in honor of the services she rendered to the youth of Saginaw. She retired as the senior citizens' activities coordinator in 1982. Louise also served as a Senior Musician at Zion Missionary Baptist Church for 55 years, making her the longest tenured musician in the denomination in the Saginaw area. While at Zion, she partnered with several other members to create the Male Chorus and the Gospel Chorus. In addition to her professional achievements, Louise has been active in a number of civic and professional organizations including the American Business Women's Association, the Board of Housing Appeals, Nomads Inc., the Young Women's Christian Association Board of Directors, the Gospel Music Workshops of America, NAACP, Big Sisters of America, Michigan Recreation Association, and the Association of Health and Physical Education. Louise sacrificed her time and energy to ensure that Saginaw citizens received educational and recreational enrichment to promote good mental and physical health. She was never too busy to help anyone. On countless occasions she served as a mentor to young people. In fact, her encouragement and support influenced many to succeed in school, pursue a college education and become students of music. Louise's dedication to helping others is a true testament of how one life can influence so many.

Mrs. Archer leaves to cherish her memory: 2 daughters, Peeti Greene of Grand Blanc, MI and Audrey McKandes of Saginaw, MI; granddaughter, Chawn A. Greene-Farmer of Grand Blanc, MI.; siblings, Charles (Olivia) Smith and Jon Evelyn Wettlin both of Saginaw, MI; A host of nieces and nephews.

Mrs. Archer was preceded in death by her husband, Tillman Archer and brother, the late Sterling Hawkins.

# Previous Events

## Public Viewing

FEB 5. 4:00 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>

## Public Viewing

FEB 6. 12:00 PM - 6:00 PM (ET)

Evans & Browne's Funeral Home  
441 Jefferson Avenue  
Saginaw, MI 48607  
(989) 754-0481  
evansbrownes@gmail.com  
<https://www.evansbrownesfuneralhome.com>

## Family Present

FEB 6. 1:00 PM - 4:00 PM (ET)

Evans & Browne's Funeral Home  
441 Jefferson Avenue  
Saginaw, MI 48607  
(989) 754-0481  
evansbrownes@gmail.com  
<https://www.evansbrownesfuneralhome.com>

## **Family hour**

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FEB 7. 10:00 AM (ET)

Zion Missionary Baptist Church  
721 Johnson St.  
Saginaw, MI

## **Service**

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FEB 7. 11:00 AM (ET)

Zion Missionary Baptist Church  
721 Johnson St.  
Saginaw, MI

# Tribute Wall



“ *Mrs. Louise E. Archer*

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October 09, 2023 at 07:02 AM



“ *February 7, 2014*

*Dear Peeti and Chawn,*

*Mrs. Archer truly exemplified the love of Christ. She was elegant, thoughtful, and magnanimous. For example, Mrs. Archer observed one day that I collect Christmas ornaments. The following day, a gorgeous ornament from her private collection appeared on my desk.*

*She joyously shared her time, talents, and resources. Louise was indefatigable as she encouraged all whom she met. Mrs. Archer touched the lives of faculty and students at Lowell Accelerated Academics Academy.*

*Glory Elzy*

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**Glory Elzy** - February 07, 2014 at 07:23 PM

AW

“ My love and prayers to the family of Momma Louise. She was a dear sweet spirit filled with so much love. I will always miss you and will cherish each memory. We talked so much about life in such a short time. I was so amazed at the devotion of her family and friends. It is a testament to the character and love of her. I always looked forward to seeing her each day. She even adopted me for the short time we had because my mother passed so very long ago. She always gave hugs and greeted me with a smile and held out her hand in love. I want to thank the family and GOD for this beautiful, kind and loving lady. You will shine bright in Heaven and I know you are singing and dancing. Love, hugs and blessings especially to her devoted daughter and granddaughter.



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**Aileen Wright** - February 06, 2014 at 10:13 AM

LR

“ To Peeti Greene and family,  
  
My Sincere Sympathy,  
  
Lorene Randall

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**Lorene Randall** - February 06, 2014 at 09:02 AM

SW

“ Susan White sent a virtual gift in memory of Mrs. Louise E. Archer



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**Susan White** - February 05, 2014 at 06:46 PM

SW

“ *Susan White lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Louise E. Archer*



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**Susan White** - February 05, 2014 at 06:45 PM

RL

“ *Let me start by saying I loved Mrs. Archer. When I worked in Saginaw, she took me in like family. She fed me and gave a place to sleep. You could not help but love her. We had lost touch over the years but my heart is sadden over her passing. To Petti and the family, you are in my prayers. I currently live in Atlanta, GA, so I will not be in attendance of the funeral. Please don't let my absence be an indication of how much I will miss her.*

*Robert LeFlore*

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**Robert LeFlore** - February 05, 2014 at 04:33 PM

RB

“ *Rob Boyler lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Louise E. Archer*



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**Rob Boyler** - February 05, 2014 at 12:42 PM

SH

“ Out of my 13 years of being a caregiver I've never been attached to anyone that I took care of the way I was with Mrs. Archer. When we first met we clicked instantly. She was truly a special lady. Beautiful woman inside and out. She was a woman of God. She was always praying with me and we would pray for each other. We would read Bible scriptures together and discuss how far God had brought both of us. She would always sing to me and called me her "baby". She was like a grandmother to me because I never knew one of my grandmother's and the other one lived down south and passed away. She would always give me advice and had so much wisdom. Kept a smile on her face and alot of mornings when I was feeling down just seeing her face brightened up my day. I would hide out in her room everyday because I loved talking to her. So everyone knew if they couldn't find me I was in her room. Lol. I miss her so much and wish I could just see her one more time. Just to hear her tell me she loves me. She told me that every day. 91 years on this earth is a true blessing. God needed her so He took her. I know she's here in spirit and just knowing that I will see her again one day makes me feel better. She was loved by many people and will be missed. I pray that all those who loved her are able to get through this difficult time.

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**Shantele** - February 05, 2014 at 12:05 PM

AT

“ So sorry for your loss and you are all in my prayers. Wendi, hold on to all of the fond memories that you have of Nana and she will always be with you in spirit!

Love you,  
Anita & Kirk Taylor

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**Anita Taylor** - February 05, 2014 at 11:53 AM

AT

“ Anita & Kirk Taylor lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Louise E. Archer



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Anita & Kirk Taylor - February 05, 2014 at 11:50 AM

BP

“ On behalf of the Parker family, I remember Mrs. Archer, Ms. Green & her daughter coming to our church when Pastor Shelton was pastor. We pain for the separation of Ms. Archer here on earth, but God is rejoicing for her celebration in heaven! My daughter took real good care of Ms. Archer at The Oaks! She is now singing in the heavenly choir! Family, be encouraged and be blessed! Love, the family of Shantele Parker, and Barbara Parker, her mother, the retired mail lady!

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Barbara Jean Parker - February 05, 2014 at 09:01 AM

MM

“ To the Family of Mrs. Louise Archer,

*Our thoughts and prayers are with you in the passing of our beloved Mrs. Louise Archer. On behalf of Carl Mosley and myself, we are appreciative of her gift of ministering through the medium of music and the impact it had upon our lives and that of the Music Ministry at Zion Missionary Baptist Church. On behalf of Carl, myself and the entire Music Ministry at Zion, we thank God for the life of Mrs. Louise Archer and for her ministry of music. The Heavenly Choir now has a "one of a kind" musician!*

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Mary McDonald - February 03, 2014 at 09:03 PM

MM

“ *Mary McDonald lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Louise E. Archer*



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**Mary McDonald** - February 03, 2014 at 08:37 PM