



Mrs. Lydia Handley

May 27, 1926 - December 27, 2021

HANDLEY, Mrs. Lydia - Age 95, passed away Monday, December 27, 2021 at her residence. Family hour 10:30 AM Friday, December 31, 2021, From the Chapel of Lawrence E. Moon Funeral Home, 906 W. Flint Park Blvd., with funeral service commencing at 11:00 AM, Rev. Dianne Beverly, officiating. Interment Sunset Hills Cemetery, G-4413 Flushing Rd.. Friends and pallbearers will assemble at the Chapel 10:30 AM Friday. Mrs. Handley will lie in state in the Chapel of Lawrence E. Moon Funeral Home and may be viewed from 12:00 PM-6:00 PM Thursday. Lydia "Lottie" Mae Smiley Moore Handley, the second child of three born to the late Martin and Amanda Smiley on May 27, 1926. Lydia graduated from Flint Northern High School in 1943. She spent her entire life in Flint enjoyed her early childhood on Maine St. and Grant St. Lydia was a former member of James Chapel on Campau Street near St. John St. James Chapel was later named St. James CME Church and relocated to 310 W. Wood St. Lydia passed away peacefully on December 27, 2021 with her children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren at her side. Lydia was formerly employed at the Flint Board of Education (Potter Elementary School), Sears & Roebuck, and she was a Licensed Cosmetologist. She loved styling hair and designing nails. Lydia also sold lots of "Home Interior" designs for the home. She was a member the Nu-Lite Chapter of The American Business Women's Association (ABWA) where she recruited her daughter, Linda, who is a 30-year member of the same chapter. Lydia was a fun-loving mom, but very strict in raising her 12 children. When

she said you better stop... you had better and if you didn't, she'd say "Go get a switch from the weeping willow tree out back and don't come back with a short branch." She always had a couple of long branches hidden. Lydia loved decorating her home and huge yard. One mom's favorite things to do was going to Las Vegas with "Linda's Group." She was always a big winner but you never knew how big!!! When she went to Soaring Eagle Casino and come home with her winnings, she'd tell the grandkids to go get a handful of coins-if you were good on that day. (You know the kids were always good on that day). Her other favorite place was vacationing in "The Bahamas." she loved her family so much that she had backyard picnics with the kid and grandkids weekly. Lydia also enjoyed her Wednesday Bible Studies with the grandkids. Mom was also recognized as the sharp lady driving her Pink (dressed-down) GEO Tracker with her white floppy hat cocked to the side. They always said "There goes Mrs. Handley, better watch out." She also loved going to Yard and Estate Sales. Lydia "Mae Handley leaves to cherish her wonderful memories: 8 daughters, Linda (Melvin) Hamilton, Diane Moore, Julie Handley, Mary Handley, Cynthia Handley, Myra Handley, Michelle Handley-Nard and Monique Reynolds; 3 sons, King Luther (Alaska) Moore, Julius Handley III and Leon (Margreat) Handley; 28 grandchildren; 56 great-grandchildren; 5 great-great-grandchildren; special nieces, Marcia Banks and Kimberly Milton; special nephews, Donald Smiley and Dana Milton; a host of other nieces, nephews, other relatives and friends. Lydia was preceded in death by her husband, Julius Handley Jr.; son, Dennis Moore; grandson, Billy Nard; great-grandsons, Isaiah Jericho and Terrance McClain III; parents, Martin and Amanda Smiley; sister, Ruth Euman; 4 nephews, Arnold Smiley Jr., Martin Smiley, James Smiley and Eugene Smiley; brother and sisters-in-law, Milton and Blanche Smiley. The family would like to express special thanks to Pulmonary Associates PC, The Medical Team Hospice, caregivers, Jennifer, Erin and Peyonca.

Previous Events

Public Viewing

DEC **30**. 12:00 PM - 6:00 PM (ET)

Lawrence E. Moon Funeral Home, Inc., Flint
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Flint, MI 48505
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<https://lawrenceemoonfuneralhome.com>

Family hour

DEC **31**. 10:30 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

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Service

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Burial

JAN 3. 11:00 AM (ET)

Sunset Hills Cemetery
G-4413 Flushing Rd.
Flint, MI 48504

Tribute Wall



“ *Lawrence E. Moon Funeral Home created a Webcast in memory of Mrs. Lydia Handley*



Lawrence E. Moon Funeral Home - December 31, 2021 at 07:24 AM



“ *Mrs. Lydia Handley*

October 09, 2023 at 07:02 AM



“ *Shelia Hayman sent a virtual gift in memory of Mrs. Lydia Handley*



Shelia Hayman - January 01, 2022 at 09:30 PM



“ *Teresa Claxton Williams lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Lydia Handley*



Teresa Claxton Williams - January 01, 2022 at 11:55 AM

CH

“ *Chimene Hill lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Lydia Handley*



Chimene Hill - December 31, 2021 at 03:10 PM

DH

“ *My condolences goes our to your family.*



DeWinter Holloway - December 31, 2021 at 03:10 PM

TS

“ *Tunderaya Stinson lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Lydia Handley*



Tunderaya Stinson - December 31, 2021 at 02:35 PM

RC

“ *Rocella Carlisle lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Lydia Handley*



Rocella Carlisle - December 31, 2021 at 12:45 PM

MB

“ *Marcia Smiley Banks lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Lydia Handley*



Marcia Smiley Banks - December 31, 2021 at 11:27 AM

RH

“ *My Prayers and My Love to My Family. I Can't Think Of A More Cheerful, Sweeter Person Than My Cousin Lydia. There Has Never Been A Time That I Haven't Seen Her Without A Big Happy Smile On Her Face. She Had So Much Love In Her Heart To Give. She Loved Her Family, They Meant The World To Her. Cousins You Guys Were Blessed To Have Her As Your Mother. She Was A One Of A Kind Wonderful, Strong, Caring Mother. Everyone Who She Met Loved Her Adorable Spirit. You Will Always Be Loved, But Missed In So Many Hearts, Minds And Souls I Love You, R.P.I.H 🕊️💖 MRS. LYDIA HANDLEY*



Ruthi Hill - December 31, 2021 at 11:21 AM

DK

“ *Doris Keels lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Lydia Handley*



Doris Keels - December 31, 2021 at 09:52 AM

KM

“ Thank You for allowing me to absorb some of your wisdom over the year’s I love you Granny you’ll be missed



Kimberly McDonald - December 31, 2021 at 09:30 AM

RC

“ Roosevelt & Sandra Crawford lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Lydia Handley



Roosevelt & Sandra Crawford - December 30, 2021 at 08:19 PM

DC

“ Our Condolences to the family. This beautiful spirited woman of God will be missed. We're Praying that God will give you the strength you'll need, at this most difficult time. 🙏💙



Dr. Carolyn D. Davis & Children - December 30, 2021 at 07:16 PM

KW

“ Kawanda Webster lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Lydia Handley



Kawanda Webster - December 30, 2021 at 04:05 PM

TB

“ Terry Boone-Love lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Lydia Handley



Terry Boone-Love - December 30, 2021 at 01:19 PM

AE

“ My condolences to the Handley family.



Antwan Edson - December 30, 2021 at 10:33 AM



“ Enchanted Cottage was purchased for the family of Mrs. Lydia Handley.



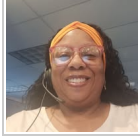
December 30, 2021 at 09:50 AM

JN

“ Jerry & Cynthia Nard lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Lydia Handley



Jerry & Cynthia Nard - December 30, 2021 at 09:10 AM



“ *My sincerest condolences to the family of Mrs. Handley....she was one of the sweetest ladies that I know, with her soft voice and beautiful smile. She will definitely be missed. Blessings and Love from Traci Threlkeld Jones and my mother Pat Threlkeld*

Traci Threlkeld - December 29, 2021 at 11:08 PM



“ *Granny you will be missed. Thanks for all the life lessons you taught me. I Love You!*



Crystal Jane - December 29, 2021 at 05:57 PM



“ *Teresa Claxton Williams lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Lydia Handley*



Teresa Claxton Williams - December 29, 2021 at 04:02 PM



“ *Teresa Claxton Williams sent a virtual gift in memory of Mrs. Lydia Handley*



Teresa Claxton Williams - December 29, 2021 at 04:00 PM



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Teresa Claxton Williams - December 29, 2021 at 04:00 PM



“ *Ms. Terry Smiley lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Lydia Handley*



Ms. Terry Smiley - December 29, 2021 at 02:51 PM



“ *Ms. Terry Smiley & Family lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Lydia Handley*



Ms. Terry Smiley & Family - December 29, 2021 at 02:50 PM



Mrs. Marcia Smiley Banks and Family sent LOVE and A lit candle in of Mrs. Lydia Handley

Marcia Smiley Banks - December 31, 2021 at 11:24 AM

OB

“ *Otissteen Blair-Brown lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Lydia Handley*



Otissteen Blair-Brown - December 29, 2021 at 02:32 PM

VS

“ *Deepest sympathy to Linda and family. Your Mom was a very sweet, friendly and classy lady. She will be missed. From the Stuart family*

Vivian Stuart - December 29, 2021 at 02:12 PM

CE

“ *Charles And Edna Elam sent a virtual gift in memory of Mrs. Lydia Handley*



Charles and Edna Elam - December 29, 2021 at 11:07 AM

CE

“ *Charles And Edna Elam sent a virtual gift in memory of Mrs. Lydia Handley*



Charles and Edna Elam - December 29, 2021 at 11:06 AM

CE

“ Charles And Edna Elam lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Lydia Handley



Charles and Edna Elam - December 29, 2021 at 11:04 AM

DA

“ Doris Allen lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Lydia Handley



Doris Allen - December 29, 2021 at 03:26 AM

GM

“ GLORIA MOSES-COLEN lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Lydia Handley



GLORIA MOSES-COLEN - December 28, 2021 at 11:04 PM

ER

“ My deepest sympathy to the Family from the Hill Family. We have been neighborhood friends for years. We will keep you in prayer.



Elaine Hill Richmond - December 28, 2021 at 06:27 PM

VW

“ *Velma Jean Washington lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Lydia Handley*



Velma Jean Washington - December 28, 2021 at 04:27 PM

CC

“ *Clorender Cheatom lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Lydia Handley*



Clorender Cheatom - December 28, 2021 at 01:23 PM

GR

“ *Gail Ross lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Lydia Handley*



Gail Ross - December 28, 2021 at 11:33 AM

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TM

“ *Tanya & Tony Meeks lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Lydia Handley*



Tanya & Tony Meeks - December 28, 2021 at 11:32 AM

ST

“ *My Thoughts and Prayers are with the Family, Rest In Peace Mrs. Handley.*



Sondra Taylor - December 28, 2021 at 09:49 AM

NH

“ *My deepest sympathy to Linda and the entire family.*



Nadie Holmes - December 28, 2021 at 09:06 AM

SI

“ *Sonya Ivory lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Lydia Handley*



Sonya Ivory - December 28, 2021 at 09:01 AM



“ *My condolences to the Handley family. I have known them since my Root Street days back in the 60's. Praying for you and your family.*
Gregory and Michelle Brock



Michelle Bowie Brock - December 28, 2021 at 07:52 AM



“ *SABRINA CLARK lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Lydia Handley*



SABRINA CLARK - December 28, 2021 at 12:20 AM



“ *Cynthia Y. Jones lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Lydia Handley*



Cynthia Y. Jones - December 27, 2021 at 07:03 PM



“ *Debby Taylor lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Lydia Handley*



Debby Taylor - December 27, 2021 at 06:03 PM

TN

“ *Tanya Neely sent a virtual gift in memory of Mrs. Lydia Handley*



Tanya Neely - December 27, 2021 at 04:19 PM

CW

“ *Carolyn Lewis And Welton lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Lydia Handley*



Carolyn Lewis and welton - December 27, 2021 at 03:56 PM

RD

“ *Lit a candle for Ms. Lydia Handley*



Rudolph Wheaton DDS,MPA - December 27, 2021 at 01:32 PM

RD

“ *Lit a candle for Ms. Lydia Handlet*



Rudolph Wheaton DDS,MPA - December 27, 2021 at 01:31 PM



“ *Betty Wiggins lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Lydia Handley*



Betty Wiggins - December 27, 2021 at 12:05 PM

KC

“ *Kim E. Carpenter lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Lydia Handley*



Kim E. Carpenter - December 27, 2021 at 12:01 PM

WM

“ *Warren & Annette Marks lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Lydia Handley*



Warren & Annette Marks - December 27, 2021 at 11:51 AM

DE

“ *To the Handley family. I am so sorry for the loss of your mom. Mrs Handley was like a mother to me. I remember going over to her house when I was growing up. Her daughters were my friends. I will be praying for the family. Love Deb Edson.*

Deborah Edson - December 27, 2021 at 11:02 AM