



Mrs. M.C. Lavinia Hartfield

January 6, 1923 - May 29, 2022

HARTFIELD, M C Lavinia- Age 99, passed away Sunday, May 29, 2022, at her residence. Mrs. Hartfield will lie in state at Macedonia Missionary Baptist Church, G-5443 N. Saginaw St. and may be viewed Monday, June 13, 2022, from 11:00 AM to 2:00 PM Interment Great Lakes National Cemetery, G-4200 Belford Rd., Holly, MI. To view services please click on link below: <https://youtube.com/channel/UCM4VI3gzDL9c9SziY7W9Adg>

MC Lavinia Hartfield was born on January 6, 1923, in Risen, Arkansas to the late Rev. Ira and Elnora Watkins. The family moved to Flint, MI in 1928 where MC Lavinia departed this earth, at home, on May 29, 2022.

MC Lavinia married Freeman Busby(deceased) and had three children: LaWanda (deceased), Jerone, and Eleanor. In 1954 she married Turner S. Hartfield (deceased), a union that lasted 66 wonderful years. She leaves 2 children, Jerone (Tampa, FL) and Eleanor; 4 grandchildren (Michelle, Jaison (LaVonna), Melvin, and Allen (Sylvia); 4 great-grandchildren J'nai, Jaiden, Dailia, Davon, Ryan, A.J., Sheri; and 1 great-great-grandchild Marley. She also leaves 3 sisters-in-law (Lois and Verniece Watkins and Rose Hartfield. There are many nieces, nephews, and cousins in the Watkins, Williams, Cox, Young, and Hartfield families. MC Lavinia was the last of the seven Watkins children to take their flight from this earth: Ivory, Christeen, Larry, Jay, Leion, Sylvester, and MC. MC is the last of the 7 Watkins sisters and brothers who

began their traditional Watkins Christmas Day Breakfast over 80 years ago.

MC Lavinia attended Flint schools, including Northern High School and Mott Junior College. As a child, she sang and played the piano with her mother throughout the city. Later she sang solos throughout the state and on a national level with the International Free and Accepted Modern Masons and Order of Eastern Star, including the Bahamas Islands and Puerto Rico.

MC Lavinia's parents kept her involved in the work of the church that continued throughout her life. Her 89-year service at Macedonia Church has included Director of the general broadcast and Chairperson of the broadcast committee, General music director of the Church music department, Director of the Melody Choir, Assistant Director of the Senior Choir, member of the Inspirational Voices Choir, General church school secretary and Worship leader, Chairperson of annual Women's Day services, General chairperson of the Entering Day Service of the new church edifices.

MC Lavinia's service extended beyond her local church:

Member of the Urban League, NAACP, Great Lakes District Educational and Leadership

Congress Choir, Registrar for the Congress for over 30 years, Dean's office of the

Wolverine State Congress, Coordinator of the Lucie E. Campbell Music Workshop of the

National Baptist Congress and was an original member of the first workshop class held.

MC Lavinia Hartfield was in the organization of the International F.&A.M Masons Order of Eastern Star. She was in the first Supreme Convention and was elected to be Supreme Recording Secretary holding that position for over 40 years, served as Grand Matron of

the Edith Sampson Grand Chapter, Order of Eastern Star, and received many plaques and awards for outstanding achievements in growth and leadership, National District Grand Matron of the National Midwest District (7 States), Executive officer in the Exalted Degree Department of the Stars and the Sphinx Council of the Shrine Ladies, National Supreme Board member of International Mason's and OES Supreme Board of Directors and the Recording Secretary of the International Masson's Inc., Radio Station (FM 107.5) and Television station (WGPR) Board Directors.

MC Lavinia Hartfield was elected International Woman of the Year by Zeta Phi Beta Sorority in 1975, along with many other community recognitions.

Cemetery Details

Great Lakes National Cemetery

G-4200 Belford Rd.
Holly, MI 48442

Previous Events

Viewing

JUN 13. 11:00 AM - 2:00 PM (ET)

Macedonia Missionary Baptist Church
G-5443 N. Saginaw Street
Flint, MI 48505

Tribute Wall



“ *Mrs. M.C. Lavinia Hartfield*

October 09, 2023 at 07:02 AM



“ *To the Hartfield Family I am just now aware that your Mom passed away last year I truly had to say something of encouragement to you that will lift you up remembering her singing with Miss Stigger at Macedonia and Mrs Garrett these are my memories and she sung it well may the comfort of the Holy Spirit be with you forever I will cherish those moments growing up at Macedonia love you much, my Heartfelt condolence and my prayer's that God will be that Mother to you in your lowest moments missing your Mom God Bless...*



Gloria Blacksure - February 26, 2023 at 11:06 AM



“ *Judge Herman Marable lit a candle in memory of Mrs. M.C. Lavinia Hartfield*



Judge Herman Marable - July 15, 2022 at 01:03 PM



“ Prayers & condolences to Dr. Goodman & family. She was such a beautiful lady! God bless you all. So saddened to hear of her passing.



Jacqueline Bridges - June 17, 2022 at 10:24 PM

BH

“ Betty Hobson-Rosborough lit a candle in memory of Mrs. M.C. Lavinia Hartfield



Betty Hobson-Rosborough - June 17, 2022 at 06:55 AM

BH

“ Betty Hobson-Rosborough lit a candle in memory of Mrs. M.C. Lavinia Hartfield



Betty Hobson-Rosborough - June 17, 2022 at 06:46 AM



“ Lula Lewis sent a virtual gift in memory of Mrs. M.C. Lavinia Hartfield



Lula Lewis - June 13, 2022 at 08:20 AM

LC

“ *Lois Cunningham lit a candle in memory of Mrs. M.C. Lavinia Hartfield*



Lois Cunningham - June 12, 2022 at 08:43 PM



“ *Vera Styles sent a virtual gift in memory of Mrs. M.C. Lavinia Hartfield*



Vera Styles - June 10, 2022 at 10:16 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Mrs. M.C. Lavinia Hartfield.*



June 10, 2022 at 06:23 PM

MT

“ *Meriann Taylor lit a candle in memory of Mrs. M.C. Lavinia Hartfield*



Meriann Taylor - June 10, 2022 at 12:00 PM

BT

“ Beatrice Taylor sent a virtual gift in memory of Mrs. M.C. Lavinia Hartfield



Beatrice Taylor - June 10, 2022 at 11:59 AM

BT

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Beatrice Taylor - June 10, 2022 at 11:59 AM

MT

“ Meriann Taylor lit a candle in memory of Mrs. M.C. Lavinia Hartfield



Meriann Taylor - June 10, 2022 at 11:58 AM

MT

“ Meriann Taylor sent a virtual gift in memory of Mrs. M.C. Lavinia Hartfield



Meriann Taylor - June 10, 2022 at 11:58 AM

JB

“ *Jeanette Brown lit a candle in memory of Mrs. M.C. Lavinia Hartfield*



Jeanette Brown - June 09, 2022 at 07:24 PM

GD

“ *Greg & Cynthia Davis lit a candle in memory of Mrs. M.C. Lavinia Hartfield*



Greg & Cynthia Davis - June 09, 2022 at 03:24 PM



“ *Wanda Baker lit a candle in memory of Mrs. M.C. Lavinia Hartfield*



Wanda Baker - June 09, 2022 at 12:49 PM

MF

“ *Deepest Sympathy to the Hartfield & Watkins Families*



Maurice & Jackie Fielder - June 09, 2022 at 07:28 AM

VW

“ *Velma Williams lit a candle in memory of Mrs. M.C. Lavinia Hartfield*



Velma Williams - June 08, 2022 at 07:29 PM

VW

“ *Velma Williams sent a virtual gift in memory of Mrs. M.C. Lavinia Hartfield*



Velma Williams - June 08, 2022 at 07:28 PM

BF

“ *Brenda Fluker sent a virtual gift in memory of Mrs. M.C. Lavinia Hartfield*



Brenda Fluker - June 08, 2022 at 01:06 PM

BF

“ *Another Great one gone on. She is a part of my history. Condolences to her family. She was a great WOMAN*



Brenda Fluker - June 08, 2022 at 01:05 PM

ER

“ Elvia Roberson sent a virtual gift in memory of Mrs. M.C. Lavinia Hartfield



Elvia Roberson - June 08, 2022 at 09:07 AM

ER

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JD

“ Jean Durrett lit a candle in memory of Mrs.
M.C. Lavinia Hartfield



Jean Durrett - June 08, 2022 at 03:56 AM

ER

“ Eugene Rutledge lit a candle in memory of
Mrs. M.C. Lavinia Hartfield



Eugene Rutledge - June 08, 2022 at 12:19 AM

PP

“ Preston & Josie Perry lit a candle in memory
of Mrs. M.C. Lavinia Hartfield



Preston & Josie Perry - June 07, 2022 at 04:15 PM

FO

“ Faye Orange lit a candle in memory of Mrs.
M.C. Lavinia Hartfield



Faye Orange - June 07, 2022 at 12:27 PM

HG

“ Our thoughts and prayers are with the Hartfield and Watkins families. Mrs. Hartfield taught us many hymns which we still love to sing.

Deacon Henry C and Gwendolyn Gaines

Henry C. and Gwendolyn Gaines - June 07, 2022 at 11:12 AM

MT

“ Mrs. Beatrice Taylor sent a virtual gift in memory of Mrs. M.C. Lavinia Hartfield



Mrs. Beatrice Taylor - June 07, 2022 at 03:12 AM

DT

“ Dr. Meriann Taylor lit a candle in memory of Mrs. M.C. Lavinia Hartfield



Dr. Meriann Taylor - June 07, 2022 at 03:10 AM

PJ

“ Pauline Jones lit a candle in memory of Mrs. M.C. Lavinia Hartfield



Pauline Jones - June 06, 2022 at 04:57 PM

LP

“ *Louis And Dee Perry lit a candle in memory of Mrs. M.C. Lavinia Hartfield*



Louis and Dee Perry - June 06, 2022 at 12:34 PM

EM

“ *Eddie And Paulette McGhee lit a candle in memory of Mrs. M.C. Lavinia Hartfield*



Eddie and Paulette McGhee - June 06, 2022 at 11:41 AM

JT

“ *Janice Tooson lit a candle in memory of Mrs. M.C. Lavinia Hartfield*



Janice Tooson - June 06, 2022 at 11:14 AM

IH

“ *ILL George Hill sent a virtual gift in memory of Mrs. M.C. Lavinia Hartfield*



ILL George Hill - June 06, 2022 at 10:01 AM

RC

“ Our Condolences, and much love to the family. As far as I can remember back Mrs. Hartfield has always been an encouraging inspiration to me, and other women. She was a role model and an awesome woman of God. RIH Grand Mother 💜



Rev. Dr. Carolyn D. Davis & Children - June 06, 2022 at 07:22 AM

DS

“ Deidre Spight-Woodson sent a virtual gift in memory of Mrs. M.C. Lavinia Hartfield



Deidre Spight-Woodson - June 06, 2022 at 02:12 AM



“ Vera Styles sent a virtual gift in memory of Mrs. M.C. Lavinia Hartfield



Vera Styles - June 05, 2022 at 08:13 PM



“ Vera Styles lit a candle in memory of Mrs. M.C. Lavinia Hartfield



Vera Styles - June 05, 2022 at 08:11 PM



“ *Vera Styles lit a candle in memory of Mrs. M.C. Lavinia Hartfield*



Vera Styles - June 05, 2022 at 08:08 PM

JW

“ *Janice Williams lit a candle in memory of Mrs. M.C. Lavinia Hartfield*



Janice Williams - June 05, 2022 at 06:37 PM

WH

“ *Wanda Harrison lit a candle in memory of Mrs. M.C. Lavinia Hartfield*



Wanda Harrison - June 05, 2022 at 05:45 PM

TF

“ *The English Family lit a candle in memory of Mrs. M.C. Lavinia Hartfield*



The English family - June 05, 2022 at 04:49 PM

SB

“ Shirley Bailey-Jones lit a candle in memory of Mrs. M.C. Lavinia Hartfield



Shirley Bailey-Jones - June 05, 2022 at 04:19 PM

RG

“ Renee Pollard Gentry lit a candle in memory of Mrs. M.C. Lavinia Hartfield



Renee Pollard Gentry - June 05, 2022 at 12:36 PM

RG

Cousin M.C. take your rest easy. Glad to have been a part of your beautiful life you lived here amongst us. Truly will be missed by the Pollard family and other family members.

Renee Pollard Gentry - June 08, 2022 at 08:34 PM

RF

“ Rose Hartfield Lyons And Family sent a virtual gift in memory of Mrs. M.C. Lavinia Hartfield



Rose Hartfield Lyons and Family - June 05, 2022 at 12:00 PM

RF

“ Rose Hartfield Lyons And Family sent a virtual gift in memory of Mrs. M.C. Lavinia Hartfield



Rose Hartfield Lyons and Family - June 05, 2022 at 11:58 AM

RF

“ Rose Hartfield Lyons And Family lit a candle in memory of Mrs. M.C. Lavinia Hartfield



Rose Hartfield Lyons and Family - June 05, 2022 at 11:35 AM

RF

“ Rose Hartfield Lyons And Family lit a candle in memory of Mrs. M.C. Lavinia Hartfield



Rose Hartfield Lyons and Family - June 05, 2022 at 11:07 AM

RC

“ Ray Clemons lit a candle in memory of Mrs. M.C. Lavinia Hartfield



Ray Clemons - June 04, 2022 at 04:39 PM



“ Iris Hare lit a candle in memory of Mrs. M.C. Lavinia Hartfield



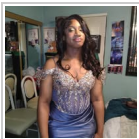
Iris Hare - June 04, 2022 at 04:30 PM



“ Frances Palmer sent a virtual gift in memory of Mrs. M.C. Lavinia Hartfield



Frances Palmer - June 04, 2022 at 09:03 AM



“ Frances Palmer sent a virtual gift in memory of Mrs. M.C. Lavinia Hartfield



Frances Palmer - June 04, 2022 at 09:02 AM



“ Pamela L Williams lit a candle in memory of Mrs. M.C. Lavinia Hartfield



Pamela I Williams - June 03, 2022 at 10:55 PM



“ *Jimmye Maxwell lit a candle in memory of Mrs. M.C. Lavinia Hartfield*



Jimmye Maxwell - June 03, 2022 at 09:58 PM



“ *Thelma Sue Sawyer And Family lit a candle in memory of Mrs. M.C. Lavinia Hartfield*



Thelma Sue Sawyer and Family - June 03, 2022 at 09:17 PM



“ *Prayers for her daughter & other family, Mrs Hartfield was the sweetest soul. I will never forget the conversations she and I had when guiding me along the way to become the Registrar for Great Lakes District & she invited me into her home her and Dean Hartfield, very encouraging and supportive on my tenure to serve. She was a faithful servant. Earth has no sorrow that Heaven cannot heal.*



Loria Corder - June 03, 2022 at 05:04 PM

KS

“ *KATIE STEWART lit a candle in memory of Mrs. M.C. Lavinia Hartfield*



KATIE STEWART - June 03, 2022 at 12:10 PM

MW

“ *Mr & Mrs Roderick Watkins lit a candle in memory of Mrs. M.C. Lavinia Hartfield*



Mr & Mrs Roderick Watkins - June 03, 2022 at 08:43 AM



“ *Lula Lewis sent a virtual gift in memory of Mrs. M.C. Lavinia Hartfield*



Lula Lewis - June 03, 2022 at 07:43 AM

LA

“ *The Anderson family*



Lynn Anderson - June 03, 2022 at 05:48 AM

RJ

“ Her song was good morning Jesus.Now praise God she is with zJesus.

Rev.Ray Jones - June 03, 2022 at 12:51 AM

J(

“ James & Sharon Owensby (Arizona) lit a candle in memory of Mrs. M.C. Lavinia Hartfield



James & Sharon Owensby (Arizona) - June 02, 2022 at 03:45 PM

MW

“ Marie Hartfield Washington sent a virtual gift in memory of Mrs. M.C. Lavinia Hartfield



Marie Hartfield Washington - June 02, 2022 at 01:28 PM

MW

Rest in peace Auntie M.C. kiss my uncle Snoot y'all together again.
Marie Hartfield Washington

Marie Hartfield Washington - June 02, 2022 at 01:34 PM

FG

“ Fredricka “Ricky” Gist sent a virtual gift in memory of Mrs. M.C. Lavinia Hartfield



Fredricka “Ricky” Gist - June 02, 2022 at 10:34 AM

LM

“ Lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Lavina Hartfield
🙏 Linda Mayfield



Linda Mayfield - June 01, 2022 at 11:38 PM

LM

“ Sending my condolences and prayers to the family, we shared such good times in the company of the late Dr. Turner and Sis. Turner your physical presence will be missed but your spirit lives on in all. R.I.P. my sister/friend! Gone but not forgotten ❤️ Mrs. Martha Mays



Linda Mayfield - June 01, 2022 at 11:35 PM

LS

“ Condolences and praying for the family. Will always remember the love shown to me.



Lougirtha Kellum Savage - June 01, 2022 at 09:33 PM

AH

“ Anthony And Carol Hill lit a candle in memory of Mrs. M.C. Lavinia Hartfield



Anthony and Carol Hill - June 01, 2022 at 07:38 PM

TL

“ Toni K. Adams & Mary F. Lyle lit a candle in memory of Mrs. M.C. Lavinia Hartfield



Toni K. Adams & Mary F. Lyle - June 01, 2022 at 06:32 PM

LM

“ Lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Lavinia Hartfield 🙏 Linda Mayfield



Linda Mayfield - June 01, 2022 at 04:01 PM

LM

“ Sending my condolences and prayers to the Family, we shared such good times in the company of the late Dr. Turner Hartfield and my sister Mrs. M.C. Lavinia Hartfield, your physical presence will be missed but your spirit lives on in all. R.I.P. my Sister/Friend! Gone but not forgotten ❤️ Mrs.Martha Mays



Linda Mayfield - June 01, 2022 at 03:41 PM

PL

“ The Lewis family send our heartfelt sympathies to the Hartfield family.



PL - June 01, 2022 at 02:39 PM

GB

“ Gwendolyn Barnett lit a candle in memory of Mrs. M.C. Lavinia Hartfield



Gwendolyn Barnett - June 01, 2022 at 01:17 PM

OC

“ ORA CARTER lit a candle in memory of Mrs. M.C. Lavinia Hartfield



ORA CARTER - June 01, 2022 at 01:01 PM

OC

“ Otis & Debra Cheatom lit a candle in memory of Mrs. M.C. Lavinia Hartfield



Otis & Debra Cheatom - June 01, 2022 at 12:21 PM

PC

“ Pamela Coles lit a candle in memory of Mrs. M.C. Lavinia Hartfield



Pamela Coles - June 01, 2022 at 10:52 AM

SM

“ Sharon Mixon lit a candle in memory of Mrs. M.C. Lavinia Hartfield



Sharon Mixon - June 01, 2022 at 10:14 AM

DM

“ Dolorise (Dee Dee) Moman sent a virtual gift in memory of Mrs. M.C. Lavinia Hartfield



Dolorise (Dee Dee) Moman - June 01, 2022 at 07:10 AM

DM

“ Dolorise (Dee Dee) Moman sent a virtual gift in memory of Mrs. M.C. Lavinia Hartfield



Dolorise (Dee Dee) Moman - June 01, 2022 at 12:01 AM

DM

“ Dolorise (Dee Dee) Moman sent a virtual gift in memory of Mrs. M.C. Lavinia Hartfield



Dolorise (Dee Dee) Moman - June 01, 2022 at 12:00 AM

BD

“ Heartfelt prayers and condolences to the family.
Such an awesome woman of God



Bobie Holmes Douglas - June 01, 2022 at 12:00 AM

TS

“ Trina Stewart lit a candle in memory of Mrs.
M.C. Lavinia Hartfield



Trina Stewart - May 31, 2022 at 07:52 PM

RG

“ Reverend John W. Gray lit a candle in
memory of Mrs. M.C. Lavinia Hartfield



Reverend John W. Gray - May 31, 2022 at 04:51 PM

MD

“ Michelle Doby lit a candle in memory of Mrs.
M.C. Lavinia Hartfield



Michelle Doby - May 31, 2022 at 04:01 PM

BL

“ Barbara. Lakes lit a candle in memory of Mrs. M.C. Lavinia Hartfield



Barbara. Lakes - May 31, 2022 at 01:53 PM

CH

“ Rest Auntie. I will always remember the time spent with u and Uncle Turner once week are fun time family time that's what I will hold In my heart. Now Heaven has 2 more Angles Be bless. Hartfield family



Cheryl Hartfield - May 31, 2022 at 11:14 AM



“ My condolences and prayers to the family during this transitional period. Mother Hartfield was a wonderful person, and her instruction and advice will be a part of me always.



A Jeffrey LaValley - May 31, 2022 at 10:29 AM

Cherie Johnson

“ I have fond memories of the Hartfield's. As a young girl, I was taught piano lessons by Eleanor and had the privilege of visiting their home for my piano lessons. Memories of various trips to the National Baptist Congress, and growing up at Macedonia Missionary Baptist Church under the guidance of MC & Turner Hartfield and so many others who God has called home.

Cherie Johnson - May 31, 2022 at 10:23 AM

 Cherie
Johnson

“ *Cherie Johnson lit a candle in memory of Mrs.
M.C. Lavinia Hartfield*



Cherie Johnson - May 31, 2022 at 10:14 AM

MC

My condolences to Eleanor and family. I enjoyed my regular visits with you and your mother. May God bless you and keep you. Minnie Cabine

Minnie Cabine - June 04, 2022 at 11:00 AM

BS

“ *My heart goes out to the family as I send my condolences and provide my prayers. Mrs. Hartfield was truly a blessing who will be missed by many especially the Macedonia M.B. Church family.*

BENITA L. SMITH - May 31, 2022 at 10:12 AM

RC

I will always remember the hymns that she sang that only she knew the tune to sing them in. She was a classy lady. The senior choir of Macedonia still misses her

Ray Clemons - June 04, 2022 at 05:16 PM