



## Mrs. Martha Day Tapo

May 12, 1930 - October 4, 2024

TAPO, Mrs. Martha Day - Age 94, passed away Friday, October 4, 2024, at her residence. Family hour 10:00 AM Saturday, October 12, 2024 at North Central Church Of Christ, 2001 N. Saginaw St., with funeral service commencing at 11:00 AM, Evangelist Robert Clark, officiating, Brother Javaris Burke, Eulogist. Interment River Rest Cemetery, G-4413 Flushing Rd. Friends and pallbearers will assemble at the Church 10:00 AM Saturday. Mrs. Tapo will lie in state in the Chapel of Lawrence E. Moon Funeral Home, 906 W. Flint Park Blvd., and may be viewed from 12:00 PM-6:00 PM Friday, with family present to receive friends from 4:00 PM-6:00 PM. Martha Day (Harper) Tapo was Born May 12, 1930, in Lebanon, TN, the seventh of ten children of Mary and Emmett Harper, Sr. Her father found work in Flint, MI during the early days of World War II and the family followed soon after the War. Martha graduated from Central High School in Flint, MI in 1948. She joined the WAC Women's Army Corps, soon thereafter. She was in the first company of the WACs and is featured in the Military Women's Memorial in Washington D.C. After the military she worked in nursing at the Neonatal Department of Hurley Hospital until she retired 17 years later.

She met Clifton Tapo, Jr. at Fort Ord in California while they both were serving in the military. They married June 11, 1950. Their union was blessed

with three beautiful children Celestian, Cherryl and Byron.

She accepted Christ and was baptized at a young age into the Church of Christ. Martha enjoyed supporting the church where she had a rich history including being one of the founding members of the congregation of North Central Church of Christ. She was an active member of the congregation for over 80 years.

Martha and Clifton were diligent and devoted caregivers to their daughter Celestian Timmons and their granddaughter Angela Timmons until each of them passed in 1979 and 1985 respectively.

Martha enjoyed game shows, playing games with family and crossword puzzles. She also had many hobbies over the years such as gardening, crocheting and canning. She and her husband enjoyed traveling and spending time with family and friends.

Martha had a competitive spirit and a quick wit. She enjoyed beating her children and grandchildren at UNO and Scrabble.

She passed away Friday, October 4th, at 7:30pm at her home surrounded by family. She was preceded in death by her husband of 69 years Clifton P. Tapo Jr, her daughters Celestian Timmons and Cherryl Kagen, her granddaughter Angela Timmons and her Grandson Byron Tapo Jr.

She leaves to cherish her memory:

Her son Byron (Sherri) Tapo, Sr., Son-in-law Steve Kagen, grandchildren

Chester (Devan) Green, Sheena (Rashad) Simmons, great grandchildren: Anquinisha, D'Angelo, Myiles, Josiah, Marrieo, Havana, Daniel and Gabriel, niece Patricia Gibson, grand niece Patrice Gibson, and a host of other nieces, nephews, great great grandchildren; relatives and friends.

Mrs. Tapo was Honorably Discharged from the United States Army.

# Cemetery Details

## River Rest Cemetery

G-4413 Flushing Rd.  
Flint, MI 48504

# Previous Events

## Public Viewing

OCT 11. 12:00 PM - 6:00 PM (ET)

Lawrence E. Moon Funeral Home, Inc., Flint  
906 W. Flint Park Blvd.  
Flint, MI 48505  
(810) 789-6666  
[lemoonfhflint@gmail.com](mailto:lemoonfhflint@gmail.com)  
<https://lawrenceemoonfuneralhome.com>

## Family Present

OCT 11. 4:00 PM - 6:00 PM (ET)

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## **Family hour**

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OCT **12.** 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

North Central Church of Christ  
2001 N. Saginaw St.  
Flint, MI

## **Funeral Service**

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OCT **12.** 11:00 AM (ET)

North Central Church of Christ  
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Flint, MI

# Tribute Wall

LA

“ *Lois A.Cunningham lit a candle in memory of Martha Tapo*



Lois A.Cunningham - October 19, 2024 at 10:15 AM

ML

“ *Michael Leslie lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Martha Day Tapo*



Michael Leslie - October 12, 2024 at 02:33 PM

LA

“ *My condolences.*

Latasha Anderson - October 11, 2024 at 01:01 PM

JC

“ *Condolences To Mrs. Pat Gibson and Family*  
🙏❤️.

*Earia & Jessie Cloman*



Jessie Cloman - October 11, 2024 at 11:38 AM

WH

“ Wanda Harrison lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Martha Day Tapo



Wanda Harrison - October 10, 2024 at 03:32 PM

LW

“ Linda F Winfrey lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Martha Day Tapo



Linda F Winfrey - October 09, 2024 at 09:12 PM

LC

“ Lydia Coleman lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Martha Day Tapo



Lydia Coleman - October 09, 2024 at 07:44 PM

BM

“ Barbara McKeown lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Martha Day Tapo



Barbara McKeown - October 08, 2024 at 07:50 PM

SA

“ *The Family will be in my Prayers. Sis will be much missed.* ”



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**Storm E Abrams** - October 08, 2024 at 05:55 PM

PA

“ *Pamela lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Martha Day Tapo* ”



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**Pamela** - October 08, 2024 at 12:48 PM

KL

“ *Sorry for your loss sister Martha Day Tapo was a very nice person and she will be truly missed seeing her at church.* ”



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**Krystal and Audrey Leslie** - October 08, 2024 at 11:07 AM

FG

“ *So sorry for your loss. I will miss talking with her. Keeping the family in prayer* ”



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**Flo Greer** - October 08, 2024 at 09:45 AM

JJ

“ Jovita Johnson lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Martha Day Tapo



Jovita Johnson - October 07, 2024 at 12:27 PM

JM

“ Judy (Tisdale) Moore lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Martha Day Tapo



Judy (Tisdale) Moore - October 07, 2024 at 11:22 AM

VS

“ Vera Styles lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Martha Day Tapo



Vera Styles - October 06, 2024 at 02:14 PM

VM

“ Virginia McDaniel sent a virtual gift in memory of Mrs. Martha Day Tapo



Virginia McDaniel - October 06, 2024 at 12:55 PM

VM

“ Virginia McDaniel sent a virtual gift in memory of Mrs. Martha Day Tapo



Virginia McDaniel - October 06, 2024 at 12:54 PM

KC

“ Kim E. Carpenter lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Martha Day Tapo



Kim E. Carpenter - October 06, 2024 at 09:26 AM

MS

“ Mary Ann Stewart sent a virtual gift in memory of Martha Tapo



Mary Ann Stewart - October 05, 2024 at 08:22 PM

BH

“ So glad I got to visit with you on my last visit home. I'm going to miss the talks we had when I did see you. My condolences to my cousin, Byron and his family . So sorry for your loss. I know how special your mom was to you. 🙏🌸



Brenda Harper - October 05, 2024 at 03:56 PM

MH

“ Our condolences and prayers to the Tapo family. Sister Tapo will truly be missed.

Menden & Patsy Holder - October 05, 2024 at 02:27 PM

VM

“ Virginia McDaniel sent a virtual gift in memory of Martha Tapo



Virginia McDaniel - October 05, 2024 at 01:33 PM

VM

“ Virginia McDaniel sent a virtual gift in memory of Martha Tapo



Virginia McDaniel - October 05, 2024 at 01:32 PM

VM

Sis. Tapo was a true Soldier for the Lord. And you're going to be missed. Love Virginia

Virginia McDaniel - October 06, 2024 at 12:57 PM

JS

“ JavarisBurks Sr lit a candle in memory of Martha Tapo



JavarisBurks Sr - October 05, 2024 at 12:33 PM



“ *Otis & Debra Cheatom lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Martha Day Tapo*



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**Otis & Debra Cheatom** - October 05, 2024 at 10:47 AM



“ *Menden & Patsy Holder sent a virtual gift in memory of Mrs. Martha Day Tapo*



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**Menden & Patsy Holder** - October 05, 2024 at 10:19 AM