



Mrs. Mary Frances Cross

April 26, 1937 - August 12, 2017

CROSS, Mrs. Mary Frances - Age 80, passed away Saturday, August 12, 2017 at Hurley Medical Center. Family hour 10:00 AM Monday, August 21, 2017 at Macedonia Missionary Baptist Church, G-5443 Saginaw St., with funeral service commencing at 11:00 AM Pastor Samuel Berry III officiating. Family and friends will assemble at the church 10:00 AM Monday. Mrs. Cross will lie in state in the Chapel of Lawrence E. Moon Funeral Home, 906 W. Flint Park Blvd., and may be viewed from 10:00 AM - 6:00 PM Sunday with the family present to receive friends from 1:00 PM - 4:00 PM. Sister Mary Frances Cross, aka "Silver Fox", went home to be with the Lord on Saturday, August 12, 2017. She was born April 26, 1937 to the parents of Frank M. Wright and Bessie (Smalley) Gaines, in Lebanon, Kentucky. Frances was a devoted wife to Hershell for 38 years and to this union eight children were born. She was the oldest of seven children and matriarch to many. Sister Cross graduated from Flint Northern High School in June 1955. Sister Cross accepted Jesus Christ at the early age of seven and at the age of twelve she was the first pianist of the Macedonia Missionary Baptist Church Junior Choir, organized under the leadership of the late Rev. Ira Watkins in April of 1949. She later sang in the Young Adult Choir. Sister Cross was the first female member of the Trustee Board, and later served as the Vice Chairperson. She was a faithful member of Usher Board #2, Macedonia Mass Choir, Sunday School Class #7, and a former member of The High Light Community Gospel Chorus. She was an active and faithful member of Macedonia Missionary Baptist

Church her entire life. Sister Cross had the heart of a servant, and was a firm believer that everything should be done decent and in order. She was called upon many times to help lead, plan, serve and organize numerous committees and events. God gave her mental, physical, and intellectual strength to rise up and meet the challenge. At 526 E. Dayton Street, the Cross house was the gathering place in the community. If you came to the Cross house Mrs. Cross instantly became your “momma” where you would get a whooping just like her children—absolutely, no one was exempt! She lived the African Proverb— “...it takes a whole village to raise a child.” Sister Cross was employed at the Flint Community Schools as a Paraprofessional and retired after 18 years of service. Her service to the Lord, her family, church, and community shall always be a testament of how she lived her life.

Sister Mary Frances Cross leaves to cherish her loving memory, children: Jeffrey (Yolonda) Cross, Sr. of Flushing, MI, Roberta Cross of Live Oak, FL, LaShell (Cross) Brown, Vance Cross, all of Flint, Kimberly Cross of Miami, FL, Kim Cross of Flint, David Cross, Grayson, GA; grandchildren, Montel Cross, Meecko (Leroy) Taylor, Shena (Mike) Randolph, Tynesha Cross, Jeffrey Cross Jr., Crashana (Darron) Gaddis, Rodney Akins, D’Marque Dansby, Amia Dansby, Shayla Cross, Myia (Deandre) Cross-Webb, Janae Bivens, Edwin Bivens, Ebony Bivens, Aguinaldo Bonner, Crystal (Terrence) Hughes and Yolanda Fields; 20 great-grandchildren; siblings, George (Esther) Smalley of San Antonio, TX, Nancy (Charles) Murphy, Henry (Gwen) Gaines, Patricia (Rev. Leon) Adams, Joseph (Sheila) Gaines, all of Flint, Elizabeth Wright (Stepmom) of Kentucky, Nettie (Burnace) Overstreet of Arizona, Mary “Penny” (Milton) Smith, Robert (Frances) Williams, Ann (Lawrence) Winburn, Mr. & Mrs. Jimmy Wright, Sarah Bradford, Jean (Chuck) Moran, Barbara Dow, Joyce Wright, Timmy (Florence) Wright, all of Kentucky, and Debbie Wright of Texas; sister-in-law, Mary Alice Taylor of California; a host of nieces, nephews, cousins, other relatives and friends.

Sister Cross was preceded in death by her husband, Hershell Cross; sons, Bruce Cross and Hilton V. Cross; parents, Frank M. Wright, Henry & Bessie Gaines; siblings, Irish Gaines, Howard, Charlie, Johnny, and Richard Wright.

Previous Events

Public Viewing

AUG 20. 10:00 AM - 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>

Family Present

AUG 20. 1:00 PM - 4:00 PM (ET)

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Family hour

AUG 21. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

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

Service

AUG **21**. 11:00 AM (ET)

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Tribute Wall



“ *Mrs. Mary Frances Cross*

October 09, 2023 at 07:02 AM



“ *Mr. and Mrs. James And Sharon Owensby lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Mary Frances Cross*



Mr. and Mrs. James and Sharon Owensby - August 25, 2017 at 01:29 PM



“ *Lyz Wilkins lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Mary Frances Cross*



Lyz Wilkins - August 24, 2017 at 10:58 AM



“ *Cleo Thompson sent a virtual gift in memory of Mrs. Mary Frances Cross*



Cleo Thompson - August 22, 2017 at 08:25 PM

SM

“ SHARON MCINTOSH lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Mary Frances Cross



SHARON MCINTOSH - August 22, 2017 at 03:42 AM

PP

“ Phyllis Patton-Hill lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Mary Frances Cross



Phyllis Patton-Hill - August 21, 2017 at 07:52 AM

BC

“ Brigitt A Copedge lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Mary Frances Cross



Brigitt A Copedge - August 21, 2017 at 04:13 AM

VH

“ Vencent Hill sent a virtual gift in memory of Mrs. Mary Frances Cross



Vencent Hill - August 21, 2017 at 12:42 AM

AK

“ To my second family The Crosses. You have my sincere condolences and prayers. I have such fond memories of staying overnight at your house and Mrs Cross treating me like I was her daughter. RIH beautiful lady and I will never forget you. Love April Kelley

April Kelley - August 20, 2017 at 09:17 PM

VK

“ Vivian Kelley lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Mary Frances Cross



Vivian Kelley - August 20, 2017 at 09:05 PM

VM

“ Frances was a beautiful lady. We worked together for many years at Dort Elementary.School. She will be truly missed. We will keep the the family in our prayers. With Our Deepest Sympathy. David and Versie Munerlyn

Versie Munerlyn - August 20, 2017 at 06:21 PM

DM

“ Deborah Milling lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Mary Frances Cross



Deborah Milling - August 20, 2017 at 06:13 PM

NR

“ *N. Rippy lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Mary Frances Cross*



N. Rippy - August 20, 2017 at 05:16 PM

BK

“ *Barbara Kirkland lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Mary Frances Cross*



Barbara Kirkland - August 19, 2017 at 04:21 PM

LC

“ *Lois A Cunningham lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Mary Frances Cross*



Lois A Cunningham - August 19, 2017 at 11:35 AM

TP

“ *Keeping memories of your warm smile, kind heart, and caring way's @ Dort School, close to our hearts forever. God Bless our Cross Family. We Love You!*



The Poindexters - August 19, 2017 at 11:29 AM

NO

“ Praying for the family.....



NaRotha Ogden - August 19, 2017 at 11:04 AM

CM

“ Carolyn McClendon lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Mary Frances Cross



Carolyn McClendon - August 19, 2017 at 10:58 AM

DS

“ Deidre Spight~Woodson sent a virtual gift in memory of Mrs. Mary Frances Cross



Deidre Spight~Woodson - August 18, 2017 at 09:50 PM

DC

“ Deborah Collins lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Mary Frances Cross



Deborah Collins - August 18, 2017 at 08:28 PM

GT

“ *What a wonderful Woman of God I had the pleasure of knowing most of my life! The memories she left will be cherished by many! May God continue to strengthen and comfort your family as she makes her transition to her heavenly home! God bless you all! Deaconess Gloria Jordan Thompson. Macedonia MBC!*

Gloria Thompson - August 18, 2017 at 01:08 PM

RT

“ *Rose Thomas-Murchison lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Mary Frances Cross*



Rose Thomas-Murchison - August 18, 2017 at 09:50 AM

DB

“ *DENISE BRIDGES lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Mary Frances Cross*



DENISE BRIDGES - August 18, 2017 at 09:13 AM

EO

“ *Etheyl Outlaw lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Mary Frances Cross*



Etheyl Outlaw - August 18, 2017 at 08:21 AM

TF

“ *The Moman Family sent a virtual gift in memory of Mrs. Mary Frances Cross*



The Moman Family - August 18, 2017 at 06:00 AM

DJ

“ *Doretha Nancine Jackson lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Mary Frances Cross*



Doretha Nancine Jackson - August 18, 2017 at 01:35 AM



“ *A Jeffrey LaValley lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Mary Frances Cross*



A Jeffrey LaValley - August 18, 2017 at 01:07 AM

LB

“ *Lisa Cooley Banks lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Mary Frances Cross*



Lisa Cooley Banks - August 17, 2017 at 07:33 PM

MS

“ We send our sincere condolences and prayers to the family.
Will continue to pray for the family in the loss of a beautiful
Woman. God Bless you

*Benny & Mae Vern Spence
Marietta Ga.*

Mae Vern Spence - August 17, 2017 at 06:05 PM

SG

“ Sheba Garth lit a candle in memory of Mrs.
Mary Frances Cross



Sheba Garth - August 17, 2017 at 05:55 PM

TF

“ The Garth Family lit a candle in memory of
Mrs. Mary Frances Cross



The Garth Family - August 17, 2017 at 05:52 PM

JD

“ Jean Durrett lit a candle in memory of Mrs.
Mary Frances Cross



Jean Durrett - August 17, 2017 at 01:41 PM

UT

“ UTMS E2E Team purchased the Full Of Love Bouquet for the family of Mrs. Mary Frances Cross.



UTMS E2E Team - August 17, 2017 at 01:36 PM

EJ

“ I am so glad I had the chance for her to be a part of my life, she would talk!!!!, listen, love on you and then tell you I learned something from our talk the little she would let me say.:) She was a grand lady and I loved her for that. Gone for now but never forgotten. With that cheery smile and a wave of a hand, I believe she's resting in great getting up land.
Praying with and for the family.



Elder Anna & Craig Johnson - August 17, 2017 at 11:57 AM

VA

“ Virlyn Allen-Poe lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Mary Frances Cross



Virlyn Allen-Poe - August 17, 2017 at 10:29 AM

VA

My GOD's presence continue to surround the entire Cross and Gaines family during this time of bereavement. Truly Luv ya more.

Virlyn Allen-Poe - August 17, 2017 at 10:32 AM



“ *Country Basket Blooms was purchased for the family of Mrs. Mary Frances Cross.*



August 17, 2017 at 09:35 AM



“ *Can't think of my childhood memories without thinking about the Cross family,so much fun down on Dayton...I want to express my condolences to the family and know that the Moman's shares your grief, love you all be blessed*

Dolorise Moman - August 17, 2017 at 09:19 AM



“ *Gregg Bailey lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Mary Frances Cross*



Gregg Bailey - August 17, 2017 at 08:14 AM



“ *Charles Tootle lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Mary Frances Cross*



Charles Tootle - August 17, 2017 at 08:13 AM

OM

“ Ollie Morris lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Mary Frances Cross



Ollie Morris - August 17, 2017 at 08:06 AM

FG

“ Fatonya Green lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Mary Frances Cross



Fatonya Green - August 17, 2017 at 08:00 AM

FR

“ Freda Ratliff-Williams lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Mary Frances Cross



Freda Ratliff-Williams - August 17, 2017 at 07:56 AM

DW

“ Denise Winston lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Mary Frances Cross



Denise Winston - August 17, 2017 at 06:47 AM

MC

“ *Ms Fredricka Cross sent a virtual gift in memory of Mrs. Mary Frances Cross*



Ms Fredricka cross - August 17, 2017 at 12:55 AM

TW

“ *As you go through this journey of sadness, just know that God continues to watch over your entire family through this hardship. May God bless and be with your family because he continues to show only love.*



TW - August 16, 2017 at 09:40 PM



“ *Doris Moore-White lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Mary Frances Cross*



Doris Moore-White - August 16, 2017 at 06:29 PM

JT

“ *Jerri Thomas lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Mary Frances Cross*



Jerri Thomas - August 16, 2017 at 05:22 PM

FT

“ *Fra Thomas lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Mary Frances Cross*



Fra Thomas - August 16, 2017 at 05:02 PM

CJ

“ *Continued Prayers to the entire Cross family.*



Colleen Johnson - August 16, 2017 at 04:57 PM

DL

“ *Praying for the Cross Family. Wishing you peace and comfort. You are in our thoughts. Charles and Daphne Lewis*

Daphne Lewis - August 16, 2017 at 04:19 PM

TJ

“ *Tonya Jackson-Battle lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Mary Frances Cross*



Tonya Jackson-Battle - August 16, 2017 at 03:25 PM

FC

“ Fred & Lois Chapman lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Mary Frances Cross



Fred & Lois Chapman - August 16, 2017 at 01:18 PM

NT

“ Heaven gained another angel. Prayers go out the cross family. I had the pleasure to meet such a beautiful, wise, good hearted woman. May you rest in peace.

Nicole Troutman-willis - August 16, 2017 at 11:54 AM

TM

“ I sure am going to miss talking to my mom on the phone and the other line rings and she tells me "let me call you back Frances on the other line". I immediately adopted you as my "auntie Frances" because you meant so much to my mom.. you two were peas in a pod, but most of all because you were an all around beautiful person. Thanks for backing up my fuss sessions when I would tell Mama to slow down and take a break from things. May God rest your soul, you will truly be missed by so many. I love you "Auntie Frances"



Trina Moss-Gates - August 16, 2017 at 10:32 AM

MF

“ Beautiful Woman of God....RIP Diva ♡♡



Maurice & Jackie Fielder - August 16, 2017 at 10:08 AM

JT

“ Javonka Thorns lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Mary Frances Cross



Javonka Thorns - August 16, 2017 at 09:56 AM

CW

“ Thinking of the entire Cross and Gaines family



Carolyn Walker - August 16, 2017 at 02:28 AM

YC

“ R.I.H my Beautiful Mother in law...loved and missed!



Yolonda Cross - August 16, 2017 at 12:07 AM

DS

“ Dixie Smith lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Mary Frances Cross



Dixie Smith - August 16, 2017 at 12:04 AM

FP

“ Frances Palmer sent a virtual gift in memory of Mrs. Mary Frances Cross



Frances palmer - August 15, 2017 at 11:50 PM



“ Yvette Milton lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Mary Frances Cross



Yvette Milton - August 15, 2017 at 11:10 PM

JO

“ James And Sharon Owensby lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Mary Frances Cross



James and Sharon Owensby - August 15, 2017 at 11:10 PM

VK

“ *Vivian Kelley lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Mary Frances Cross*



Vivian Kelley - August 15, 2017 at 11:09 PM

CT

“ *Craig & Susie Tucker lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Mary Frances Cross*



Craig & Susie Tucker - August 15, 2017 at 08:55 PM

CT

“ *May God Bless the Cross family today & always. We are sorry to hear of the passing of our "mother" Mrs. Frances Cross. There are some people in your life that treat you like family and the Cross's have always made us feel this way. I'm so glad we gave her her flowers while she was alive! What a glorious & joyful life! We love you all & look forward to seeing you soon.*
Craig & Susie Tucker

Craig & Susie Tucker - August 15, 2017 at 08:55 PM

TJ

“ *Theresa Jackson lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Mary Frances Cross*



Theresa Jackson - August 15, 2017 at 04:40 PM

AW

“ ANGELA WHALEY



Angela L Whaley - August 15, 2017 at 04:01 PM

PP

“ *Preston & Josie Perry lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Mary Frances Cross*



Preston & Josie Perry - August 15, 2017 at 03:57 PM

PP

“ *Preston & Josie Perry lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Mary Frances Cross*



Preston & Josie Perry - August 15, 2017 at 03:55 PM

AB

“ *Althea Barbee lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Mary Frances Cross*



Althea Barbee - August 15, 2017 at 03:27 PM

GS

“ Gwendolyn Sims lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Mary Frances Cross



Gwendolyn Sims - August 15, 2017 at 02:43 PM

BR

“ Betty Rosborough lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Mary Frances Cross



Betty Rosborough - August 15, 2017 at 02:01 PM

OS

“ Omar And Donyale Sims lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Mary Frances Cross



Omar and Donyale Sims - August 15, 2017 at 11:25 AM

SE

“ Sandra Epps sent a virtual gift in memory of Mrs. Mary Frances Cross



Sandra Epps - August 15, 2017 at 11:01 AM

RS

“ Roderick Scroggins lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Mary Frances Cross



Roderick Scroggins - August 15, 2017 at 10:02 AM

RS

Sister Cross, was one of the Sweetest People, I have ever met... She will be truly Missed by The Macedonia Family...

Roderick Scroggins - August 15, 2017 at 10:05 AM

ES

“ Eddie & Shirlene Simmons lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Mary Frances Cross



Eddie & Shirlene Simmons - August 15, 2017 at 10:00 AM

AW

“ Time will heal a heart. Memories are forever. Love is everlasting. The Cross and Miller families have such much Love and many memories to reflect on. My condolences to the family. RIP Ms. Frances.



The Millers, Frances, ToeJoe, Ann and Brent

Angela L Whaley - August 15, 2017 at 09:53 AM

AM

“ Audrey McNeal sent a virtual gift in memory of Mrs. Mary Frances Cross



Audrey McNeal - August 15, 2017 at 08:42 AM

AM

“ Audrey McNeal sent a virtual gift in memory of Mrs. Mary Frances Cross



Audrey McNeal - August 15, 2017 at 08:41 AM

TW

“ Tommy "Poochie" Williams sent a virtual gift in memory of Mrs. Mary Frances Cross



Tommy "Poochie" Williams - August 15, 2017 at 08:21 AM

MW

“ Mary & Diane Williams lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Mary Frances Cross



Mary & Diane Williams - August 15, 2017 at 08:20 AM

AH

“ Anthony And Carol Hill lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Mary Frances Cross



Anthony and Carol Hill - August 15, 2017 at 07:50 AM

RC

“ Robyn Cobbin-Hall lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Mary Frances Cross



Robyn Cobbin-Hall - August 15, 2017 at 07:02 AM

DJ

“ Delois Jackson lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Mary Frances Cross



Delois Jackson - August 14, 2017 at 11:06 PM

 Katie Stewart

“ Katie Stewart lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Mary Frances Cross



Katie Stewart - August 14, 2017 at 08:59 PM

Katie Stewart

“ *Katie Stewart sent a virtual gift in memory of Mrs. Mary Frances Cross*



Katie Stewart - August 14, 2017 at 08:58 PM

VM

“ *My condolences goes out to the Cross family my God give you'll the strength as you going thru your bearevment.RIH Mrs. Mary Cross*



Vicky Mccreay - August 14, 2017 at 07:33 PM

JR

“ *John & Tujunana Reaves lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Mary Frances Cross*



John & Tujunana Reaves - August 14, 2017 at 05:52 PM

CA

“ *Christine Andrews lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Mary Frances Cross*



Christine Andrews - August 14, 2017 at 05:04 PM

TS

“ *Praying for the Cross Family*



Trina & Jalen Stewart - August 14, 2017 at 04:32 PM

DH

“ *Rest in peace my friend you will be missed
Love You
Dorothy Hawkins*



Dorothy Hawkins - August 14, 2017 at 04:21 PM

DH

“ *Dorothy Hawkins sent a virtual gift in memory
of Mrs. Mary Frances Cross*



Dorothy Hawkins - August 14, 2017 at 04:08 PM

IH

“ *Iris Hare lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Mary
Frances Cross*



Iris Hare - August 14, 2017 at 03:16 PM

BL

“ *Barbara Lakes lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Mary Frances Cross*



Barbara Lakes - August 14, 2017 at 03:16 PM

LB

“ *Lynn Barbee lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Mary Frances Cross*



Lynn Barbee - August 14, 2017 at 03:12 PM

RF

“ *Prayers for the family and friends. Mrs. Cross will truly be missed*



Renee Hill and Family - August 14, 2017 at 02:14 PM

SH

“ *Sharing the loss of your Mother. Another family member gone to soon. Cherishing my memories of her. Love, Sondra Huddleston*

Sondra Huddleston - August 14, 2017 at 02:12 PM



“ *Wanda Baker lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Mary Frances Cross*



Wanda Baker - August 14, 2017 at 02:08 PM

AP

“ *Anthony Paxton lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Mary Frances Cross*



Anthony Paxton - August 14, 2017 at 12:22 PM

VL

“ *Remembering the wonderful and fun days with the Highlight Choir. You were always so kind and loving to me! Now you can sing in that heavenly choir! My condolences to the family! Love Valerie Hatchett Lee!*

Valerie Lee - August 14, 2017 at 12:19 PM

SY

“ *Sharon Young sent a virtual gift in memory of Mrs. Mary Frances Cross*



Sharon young - August 14, 2017 at 11:35 AM

SY

“ Sharon Young lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Mary Frances Cross



Sharon young - August 14, 2017 at 11:34 AM

PB

“ Patricia Barker sent a virtual gift in memory of Mrs. Mary Frances Cross



Patricia Barker - August 14, 2017 at 10:55 AM

PB

“ Patricia Barker lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Mary Frances Cross



Patricia Barker - August 14, 2017 at 10:54 AM