



Mrs. Mary J. Shelby

April 20, 1940 - October 15, 2023

SHELBY, Mrs. Mary J. - Age 83, passed away Sunday, October 15, 2023, at her residence. Family hour 11:00 AM Saturday, October 21, 2023, at Morningstar Missionary Baptist Church, 4075 E. Atherton Rd., with funeral service commencing at 12:00 PM Pastor Keith Bigelow, officiating. Interment, Gracelawn Cemetery, 5710 N. Saginaw St. Friends and pallbearers will assemble at the church 11:00 AM Saturday. Mrs. Shelby 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. Mrs. Mary Jenetta Shelby was born April 20, 1940 in Lake, Mississippi, the daughter of Mr. & Mrs. Jimmie and Bennie Mae Jones. Mary was the fourth of eleven children. As the oldest daughter, she was like a mother to her younger siblings when their parents weren't present. They saw her as "The Boss". Mary attended and graduated from Sherman High School in Forest, MS in 1960. She moved to Flint, Michigan in the early 60's and accepted employment with Fisher Body I, a division of General Motors until retirement. She became a faithful member of Morning Star Missionary Baptist Church under the leadership of the late Rev. Henry Robinson where she served on various ministries including the Nurses Guild, Hospitality Committee and sang with the Senior and combined choirs as a Tenor. Mary met the loved of her life, Mr. Wesley Shelby and was married for over 30 years. Mrs. Shelby fulfilled her vows of "in sickness and in health" and "until death do us part" to her husband, until his transition in 2001. From this union two sons were birthed, Javier Cepeda and Ralston Trevor. Even

though Mary only had sons, she loved all her nieces as though they were her daughters.

Mary LOVED to cook for her family and friends. When she cooked she fed the multitude. She loved to dress and wear fancy hats, spending time with and talking on the phone with family and friends all day, sewing, knitting, traveling to Mississippi, and helping others. She enjoyed volunteering at McLaren-Flint, GCCARD, various food pantries and ensured her grandchildren volunteered as well. Mary delighted in shopping for her grandchildren at Tots and Lots and Laurie's and Timothy's. She was a part of the Red Hat Society, Eastern Star, and Boy Scouts of America Leader.

Around 2008, she joined Agape Faith Fellowship in Birch Run, MI under the leadership of Dr. Joseph Rodriguez Sr. and was a faithful member. Due to the weekly drive becoming a lot for her, she rejoined Morning Star Missionary Baptist Church under the leadership of Pastor Keith Bigelow and remained a member until God called her home.

Mrs. Mary Jenetta Shelby leaves to cherish her memory: 4 sons, Wesley Xavier Sr. of Cincinnati, OH, Joseph Quintin (Kimberly) of Fenton, MI, Javier Cepeda (Veronica) of Lewisville, TX and Ralston Trevor Sr. (Kara) of Flint; grandchildren, Marika (Mario) Moore, Antoine Shelby, Whitney (Burt) Beam, LaTonya Shelby, Chrystina Shelby, all of Michigan, Janda Hill of Georgia, Ralston Shelby Jr., Wesley Shelby Jr, both of Michigan, Za'Taia Shelby of Florida, Aliyah Shelby of Texas, Ryelan and Samara Shelby, both of Michigan; 3 sisters, Dorothy Peterson of Lake, MS, Shirley (Thomas) Alsobrook of Mt. Gilead, NC and Glennie Rowland of Columbus, GA; 2 brothers, Charles Albert Jones and Willie Earl (Loretta) Jones of Jackson, MS; aunt, Hilton Jones Gordon; 2 uncles, Joe Louis Jones and Prentiss (Fannie) Norris, all of Michigan; sister-in-law, Dessie M. McGhee; bonus sons, David Henderson, Tracey Elam and Anthony Fulgham; god-son, Jon DePaul Burns; god-daughter, Catryna Brown; a host of nieces, nephews other relatives and friends including special friends, Teola Scott and best friend since childhood, Emmaneil Hamilton.

Mrs. Shelby was preceded in death by her husband, Wesley Shelby; parents, Jimmie and Bennie Jones; great-grandbaby, Makais Lee Shelby-Adams; mother-in-law, Bessie L. Norris; brothers, Carl Jones, John Calvin Jones, James Howard Jones, Bobby Glenn Jones Sr. and Jimmie Lee Jones; sisters-in-law, Mary Giles, Villia Mae Jones, Flora Jones and Ruby Jones; special friend, Emma Belt; and “play mother”, Lillie Fields.

The family would like to express special thanks to Dr. Henry P. Mendoza and staff, Flint Hospice Care especially Dawn, Lawrence E. Moon Funeral Home and staff, Pastor Keith J. Bigelow and the Morning Star Missionary Baptist Church family, the Miller family, caregivers, Ralston Shelby Sr., LaTonya Shelby, Antoine Shelby and Lurenda Williams-Shelby.

Link to Live stream service: <http://www.facebook.com/MSMBCBURTON48519?mibextid=LQQJ4d>

Cemetery Details

Gracelawn Cemetery

5710 N. Saginaw St.
Flint, MI 48505

Previous Events

Public Viewing

OCT **20**. 12:00 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>

Family hour

OCT **21**. 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM (ET)

Morningstar Missionary Baptist Church
4075 E. Atherton Rd.
Burton, MI 48519

Service

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Tribute Wall



“ *Lawrence E. Moon Funeral Home created a Webcast in memory of Mrs. Mary J. Shelby*



Lawrence E. Moon Funeral Home - October 20, 2023 at 01:39 PM

CW

Sending prayers & healing energy to the family. Mrs Shelby was such a very beautiful and sweet lady. Fly high Queen

Craig & Jenn Williams - October 21, 2023 at 02:38 PM

CM

“ *My condolences to the Shelby family and friends may God give you all strength in this time of sorrow* 🙏🙏🙏



Charlotte McCoy - October 25, 2023 at 03:35 PM

SM

“ *Sharon Mixon lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Mary J. Shelby*



Sharon Mixon - October 25, 2023 at 12:22 PM

MY

“ Our Aunt Mary J truly was amazing. She will be missed by us all. We have soooo many memories of her that still brings smiles to our faces.

Praying for our family members at this time.

-The Jones-Croft and Rankins Family



Mykela - October 22, 2023 at 12:41 PM

CJ

“ Chylawn Jackson lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Mary J. Shelby



Chylawn Jackson - October 21, 2023 at 10:11 AM

CP

“ Aunt Jeanetta God how I miss you. You impacted my life in such a positive and loving way I miss you so much aunty my heart hurts so bad I have been broken since you passed God I can't stop the tears. Rest peacefully my love.

Consuela Peterson - October 21, 2023 at 07:18 AM

IH

“ Ida Harkless-Gibson lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Mary J. Shelby



Ida Harkless-Gibson - October 20, 2023 at 07:59 PM

CH

“ Carolyn Hawkins lit a candle in memory of Mary Shelby



Carolyn R Hawkins - October 20, 2023 at 01:37 PM



“ Joya Embry lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Mary J. Shelby



Joya Embry - October 20, 2023 at 08:06 AM

CP

“ Cliff And Sandra Payne sent a virtual gift in memory of Mrs. Mary J. Shelby



Cliff and Sandra Payne - October 20, 2023 at 04:22 AM



“ Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Mrs. Mary J. Shelby.



October 19, 2023 at 11:59 PM

TF

“ *The Smith Family purchased the Emerald Garden Basket for the family of Mrs. Mary J. Shelby.*



The Smith Family - October 19, 2023 at 09:40 PM

TF

“ *The Smith Family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Mrs. Mary J. Shelby.*

The Smith Family - October 19, 2023 at 09:40 PM

SP

“ *Shelly Poplar lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Mary J. Shelby*



Shelly Poplar - October 19, 2023 at 09:28 PM

LS

“ *Our Smith Family extend our deepest condolence to the Shelby and Jones family... Aunt Jeanetta as she was so Lovingly called will be deeply missed... Her Laughter, Smile, Spirit and Warm hospitality radiated through out our hearts and the entire community... She was full of Love and THAT we'll ALWAYS remember.*

Larry Smith - October 19, 2023 at 09:26 PM

GH

“ Gloria And Ken Harden lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Mary J. Shelby



Gloria and Ken Harden - October 19, 2023 at 08:15 PM

GH

“ Mrs Shelby you truly will be missed....Rest easy my ❤️

Gloria and Ken Harden - October 19, 2023 at 08:14 PM



“ Sentiments of Serenity Spray was purchased for the family of Mrs. Mary J. Shelby.



October 19, 2023 at 06:37 PM

JM

“ Jimmye Maxwell lit a candle in memory of Mary Shelby



Jimmye L Maxwell - October 19, 2023 at 03:52 PM

MF

“ Miller's Family sent a virtual gift in memory of Mary Shelby



Miller's Family - October 19, 2023 at 03:12 PM



“ Crystal Cross Bouquet was purchased for the family of Mrs. Mary J. Shelby.



October 18, 2023 at 05:50 PM

NY

“ My condolences family 🙏🙏🙏 for you all love y'all

Nay Young - October 17, 2023 at 10:31 PM

SW

“ Aunt Jeanetta, I miss you so much. My heart hurts and is heavy. Rest Well my "Thelma" and know how much you impacted my life. I love you. Tell the folks hello for me.

Stephanie Whiteside - October 17, 2023 at 08:06 PM

LB

“ *Linda Russell Boyd lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Mary J. Shelby*



Linda Russell Boyd - October 17, 2023 at 06:12 PM

MW

“ *Mary (Keels) Wilkes lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Mary J. Shelby*



Mary (Keels) Wilkes - October 17, 2023 at 03:34 PM

WK

“ *Wil And Clarice King lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Mary J. Shelby*



Wil and Clarice King - October 17, 2023 at 02:26 PM

WF

“ *Woodard Family lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Mary J. Shelby*



Woodard Family - October 17, 2023 at 02:16 PM

J&

“ *Jacqueline Woodard & Family lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Mary J. Shelby*



Jacqueline Woodard & Family - October 17, 2023 at 02:15 PM

LS

“ *Mrs. Shelby will truly be missed! 🌹 She was such a caring, loving, and beautiful lady! She left a beautiful legacy for my daughter and son, as well as all of her grandchildren! You will forever be missed and in my heart! ❤️*



Lurenda Shelby - October 17, 2023 at 01:41 PM

CF

“ *Claudia Croom And Family lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Mary J. Shelby*



Claudia Croom and Family - October 17, 2023 at 12:26 PM

GA

“ *Gloria Acker sent a virtual gift in memory of Mrs. Mary J. Shelby*



Gloria Acker - October 17, 2023 at 12:12 PM

GA

“ *Gloria Acker lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Mary J. Shelby*



Gloria Acker - October 17, 2023 at 12:11 PM

BP

“ *My deepest sympathy for your loss. God chose to give her the ultimate healing. Please know that He understands your sorrow and grief. I pray that the Lord comfort you all with His love, grace and mercy during this difficult time.*

Bonnie Thames Price

Bonnie Price - October 17, 2023 at 10:48 AM

BP

“ *Bonnie Price lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Mary J. Shelby*



Bonnie Price - October 17, 2023 at 10:34 AM

MF

“ *Mackey-Smith-Jones Family lit a candle in memory of Mary Shelby*



Mackey-Smith-Jones Family - October 16, 2023 at 05:56 PM

PM

“ *Pat Moore lit a candle in memory of Mary Shelby*



Pat Moore - October 16, 2023 at 05:30 PM

CS

“ *Cliffton Sykes sent a virtual gift in memory of Mary Shelby*



Cliffton Sykes - October 16, 2023 at 03:06 PM

JP

“ *June Smiley Perkins lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Mary J. Shelby*



June Smiley Perkins - October 16, 2023 at 01:28 PM

RC

“ *Rahsheem J Covington lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Mary J. Shelby*



Rahsheem J Covington - October 16, 2023 at 11:01 AM

TF

“ Terry Finklea-Arnold lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Mary J. Shelby



Terry Finklea-Arnold - October 16, 2023 at 10:09 AM