



## Mother Mary Lee Stinnett

July 30, 1928 - April 30, 2024

STINNETT, Mother Mary Lee - Age 95, passed away Tuesday, April 30, 2024 at Hurley Medical Center. Family hour 10:30 AM Saturday, May 11, 2024 at Jackson Memorial C.O.G.I.C., G-3155 W. Carpenter Rd., with funeral service commencing at 11:00 AM. Pastor Kiemba Knowlin, officiating. Interment Sunset Hills Cemetery, G-4413 Flushing Rd., Friends and pallbearers will assemble at the church 10:30 AM Saturday. Mother Stinnett will lie in state in the chapel of Lawrence E. Moon Funeral Home, 906 W. Flint Park Blvd., and may be viewed Friday, May 10, 2024 from 12:00 PM - 6:00 PM, with family present from 4:00 PM-6:00 PM. Mary Lee Smith Stinnett was born in Denwood, Arkansas on July 30, 1928, the third of twelve children born to the union of Henry B. and Frances A. Smith. The family lived in Lula, Mississippi, Whitton, Tyronza, and Twist, Arkansas before eventually settling in Parkin, Arkansas. Here she met Cleveland Stinnett, who she married on December 27, 1946. Their union was blessed with 12 children.

The family moved to Flint, Michigan in 1953 where Cleveland found work at General Motors. Mother Mary was a domestic worker before becoming a salesperson at Sears and Roebuck, where she worked for 12 years. She left outside employment to devote herself to family and church life.

Mother Mary accepted Christ in 1951 and was later baptized at Elm Park Church of God in Christ (now Harris Temple). She later became an active and faithful member of Gospel Temple C.O.G.I.C. and Pilgrim Temple (now Jackson Memorial Temple). She was a member at Holy Hill C.O.G.I.C., where

she led the Mother's Board before returning to Jackson Memorial Temple C.O.G.I.C. under the leadership of the late Bishop H. J. Williams.

Mother Mary served as president of the Usher Board, Mother's Board, and the Young Women's Christian Council. She taught the adult women's Sunday school class, and was a member of the Sewing Circle, the 40 and Over Club, the Transportation Bus Ministry, and Kitchen Tribe Number 5. She also loved going to the Holy Convocation in Memphis, Tennessee.

Mother Mary enjoyed learning and caring for others. She took classes in furniture upholstery, jewelry-making and made many outfits for herself and others. She began high school in Tyronza, Arkansas and finished her G.E.D. in Flint. Her home was the gathering place for family and friends for many years. Known as a great cook, she often prepared meals for neighbors who were infirmed or recovering at home.

Mother Mary loved good preaching, teaching, and gospel singing. Some of her favorite artists were Sam Cooke and the Soul Stirrers, Sister Rosetta Tharpe, Dorothy Norwood, The Harmonizing Four, and the Five Blind Boys of Alabama. She would often respond to questions with "the Bible says" and when speaking of the future, she would always say "if it is the Lord's will."

Mother Stinnett was preceded in death by her husband of 58 years, Cleveland Stinnett, Sr.; 3 sons, Cleveland Stinnett, Jr., Harvey Stinnett Sr., and Bruce Stinnett; a daughter, Wanda Stinnett; her parents Henry B. Smith, Sr. and Francis A. Smith; 5 brothers, Henry B. Smith Jr., Andrew Smith, Joe Louis Smith, Robert Louis Smith, and Bruce Smith; 4 sisters, Pearl Lee Smith, Frances Ora Tillman, Dorothy Mae Wallace, and Esther Warren; 2 grandsons, Harvey Stinnett, Jr., and Baby Boy Stinnett; 2 great grandsons, Donavan Smith, Tyson Stinnett; and a son-in-law Walter Hall.

Mother Mary Stinnett leaves to cherish her memory: 8 children, Barbara White, Linda Stinnett, Verna (Larry) Kenebrew, Jacquetta Hall, and Harlen (Janet) Stinnett all of Flint, Michigan, Troy (Michelle) Stinnett of Troy, Michigan, Barton (Felecia) Stinnett, and Donald (Vanessa) Stinnett of Atlanta, Georgia; 34 grandchildren, 73 great-grandchildren, and 39 great-great-

grandchildren; two brothers, Lee Edward Smith of Ferguson, Missouri and Oscar Smith of Henrico, North Carolina; her only remaining first cousin Jessie Freeman of Odenton, Maryland; “adopted“ son, Cisero Hunt; and a host of nieces, nephews, cousins, and friends.

“I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, I have kept the faith. Finally, there is laid up for me the crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous Judge, will give me on that Day..” 2 Timothy 4:7-8

# Previous Events

## Viewing

MAY 10. 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 Present

MAY 10. 4:00 PM - 6:00 PM (ET)

Lawrence E. Moon Funeral Home, Inc., Flint  
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Flint, MI 48505  
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## Family hour

MAY 11. 10:30 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

Jackson Memorial Temple Church of God In Christ  
3155 W. Carpenter Rd.  
Flint, MI 48458

## Funeral Service

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MAY 11. 11:00 AM (ET)

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# Tribute Wall

NW

“ *Nicole Willis lit a candle in memory of Mother Mary Lee Stinnett*



Nicole Willis - May 11, 2024 at 02:50 PM

DP

“ *Dicy Powell lit a candle in memory of Mother Mary Lee Stinnett*



Dicy Powell - May 10, 2024 at 12:16 PM



“ *Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Mother Mary Lee Stinnett.*



May 10, 2024 at 11:52 AM



“ *You taught me so much in such a short time.....So much wisdom, It was an honor to have known such a powerful WOG, rest well.....sincerely Ramona Parrish*

Ramona Parrish - May 10, 2024 at 11:15 AM



“ *Sweetest Sunrise Bouquet was purchased for the family of Mother Mary Lee Stinnett.*



May 10, 2024 at 10:29 AM



“ *Love always, Niko's Family Diner purchased the Divine Peace Bouquet for the family of Mother Mary Lee Stinnett.*



**Love always, Niko's Family Diner** - May 10, 2024 at 08:30 AM



“ *Tiffany Nicole & Family purchased the Medium Dish Garden for the family of Mother Mary Lee Stinnett.*



**Tiffany Nicole & Family** - May 10, 2024 at 05:38 AM



“ *Sincerely, Alisa Malone purchased the Medium Dish Garden for the family of Mother Mary Lee Stinnett.*



**Sincerely, Alisa Malone** - May 10, 2024 at 12:21 AM

SM

“ Sincerely, Alisa Malone planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Mother Mary Lee Stinnett.

Sincerely, Alisa Malone - May 10, 2024 at 12:21 AM



“ Beautiful Dreams was purchased for the family of Mother Mary Lee Stinnett.



May 09, 2024 at 03:25 PM



“ Days of Sunshine Bouquet was purchased for the family of Mother Mary Lee Stinnett.



May 09, 2024 at 09:28 AM



“ Sweet Tenderness was purchased for the family of Mother Mary Lee Stinnett.



May 09, 2024 at 02:01 AM

DC

“ Deacon Board-Second Baptist Church purchased the Large Basket Garden for the family of Mother Mary Lee Stinnett.



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**Deacon Board-Second Baptist Church** - May 08, 2024 at 01:24 PM

BA

“ Brandon Adams lit a candle in memory of Mother Mary Lee Stinnett



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**Brandon Adams** - May 08, 2024 at 08:32 AM

JD

“ Jean Durrett lit a candle in memory of Mother Mary Lee Stinnett



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**Jean Durrett** - May 08, 2024 at 02:32 AM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Mother Mary Lee Stinnett.



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May 07, 2024 at 10:41 PM

Q(

“ I thank and praise God for allowing me to be able to care for a beautiful great woman of God Mother Mary Stinnett. Her warm smile brightens up my mornings. She taught me about forgiveness...to forgive people, cause what if God didn't forgive us. 🙏🙏 I enjoy our praise and worship time together. To the family I will be praying for your strength, and know that God is keeping you just like He kept Mother. Love & Blessings Qunita Horton 🙏💙🙏



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**Qunita Horton (Caregiver)** - May 07, 2024 at 06:00 PM

VK

“ To Barbara and family,Death has no sorrow,tha heaven cannot heal. Praying for you and your entire family,. God Bless.Vivian Kelley. 🙏  
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**Vivian Kelley** - May 07, 2024 at 04:11 PM

TW

“ From the Wade family to the entire Stinnett family, we send our love, hugs and condolences. Our families go wayyyy back to the good 'ole days of Pilgrim Temple COGIC, now known as Jackson Memorial. Mo. Stinnett has lived a very long, wonderful life beyond what God promised in the Bible. It is now her time to rest. We love you and pray that God will comfort as you celebrate the life of Mo. Mary Stinnett.



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**Tamera Wade** - May 07, 2024 at 03:11 PM

DC

“ Dwight And Yvette Collins lit a candle in memory of Mother Mary Lee Stinnett



Dwight and Yvette Collins - May 07, 2024 at 02:59 PM

FL

“ from : James White & Joyce Lang purchased the Crystal Cross Bouquet for the family of Mother Mary Lee Stinnett.



from : James White & Joyce Lang - May 07, 2024 at 12:36 PM

FL

“ from : James White & Joyce Lang planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Mother Mary Lee Stinnett.

from : James White & Joyce Lang - May 07, 2024 at 12:36 PM

JK

“ Jesse Kirksey lit a candle in memory of Mother Mary Lee Stinnett



Jesse Kirksey - May 06, 2024 at 07:54 PM

VK

“ *Vivian Kelley lit a candle in memory of Mother Mary Lee Stinnett*



**Vivian Kelley** - May 06, 2024 at 07:10 PM

CC

“ *Cheryl Cannon lit a candle in memory of Mother Mary Lee Stinnett*



**Cheryl Cannon** - May 06, 2024 at 12:36 PM

DP

“ *Denise Peters lit a candle in memory of Mother Mary Lee Stinnett*



**Denise Peters** - May 06, 2024 at 10:27 AM

CE

“ *Charles, Tushaun, CJ and Chanise Egbue purchased the Enchanted Cottage for the family of Mother Mary Lee Stinnett.*



**Charles, Tushaun, CJ and Chanise Egbue** - May 06, 2024 at 08:45 AM

JS

“ I remember growing up at Pilgrim Temple and Mother Stinnett was sweet and caring but when she said something that what she meant. She treated the kid's at church like one of her on. May God continue to give y'all strength to get thru this difficult time of grief.



**Jeanetta Starr** - May 05, 2024 at 08:57 PM

VS

“ Virginia Sanders sent a virtual gift in memory of Mother Mary Lee Stinnett



**Virginia Sanders** - May 05, 2024 at 02:00 PM

VD

“ Virginia Dantzler lit a candle in memory of Mother Mary Lee Stinnett



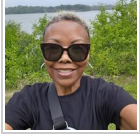
**Virginia Dantzler** - May 05, 2024 at 01:59 PM

SS

“ Sending condolences and prayers to my family. Cousin Mary was truly a blessing in my life. Love, Sonny Stinnett



**Sonny Stinnett** - May 05, 2024 at 01:14 PM



“ *Phylize Oliver-Latham lit a candle in memory of Mary Stinnett*



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**Phylize Oliver-Latham** - May 05, 2024 at 12:26 AM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Mother Mary Lee Stinnett.*



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May 04, 2024 at 07:45 PM



“ *So sorry to see Mary passed away. I knew her from the old sears store in 1965, such a nice woman. trishais the daughter of Pam and bunny and Pam were childhood friends. Bunny and I went to her son's funeral at old browns funeral home. Mary recognized me from the old sears store. All of us a had a. Nice talk. In 2018 I tried to go to her birthday party but bunny was really sick so I missed it. Prayers for all of family carol gick*

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**carol gick** - May 04, 2024 at 06:30 PM

CB

“ I THANK GOD FOR SHARING MOTHER with me. A WOMAN OF GOD, GRACE AND WISDOM. TO the ENTIRE STINNETT FAMILY THANK YOU FO TRUSTING ME WITH THE CARE OF MOTHER.  
Respectfully:  
Colette Brown



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**Colette Brown** - May 04, 2024 at 01:48 PM

AS

“ Aileen Spence sent a virtual gift in memory of Mother Mary Lee Stinnett



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**Aileen Spence** - May 04, 2024 at 01:27 PM

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**Aileen Spence** - May 04, 2024 at 01:27 PM

AS

“ Aileen Spence lit a candle in memory of Mother Mary Lee Stinnett



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**Aileen Spence** - May 04, 2024 at 01:26 PM

KS

“ *Katie Stewart lit a candle in memory of Mary Stinnett*



Katie Stewart - May 04, 2024 at 11:14 AM

FN

“ *Felicia Nunn lit a candle in memory of Mary Stinnett*



Felicia Nunn - May 04, 2024 at 06:52 AM

AS

“ *Praying for The Stinnett Family, my deepest condolences 🙏*



Alesia Summers-Peaks - May 03, 2024 at 05:26 PM

BW

“ *Mother Mary Stinnett is remembered as a dear and faithful worker at the Holy Hill Church of God in Christ and served as Head of the Mother's Board for many years under the leadership of Pastor Larry D. Williams. Our prayers and thoughts are with her Family.*



Buna Williams - May 03, 2024 at 11:04 AM

CH

“ *Cassandra Hayden lit a candle in memory of Mary Stinnett*



Cassandra Hayden - May 03, 2024 at 08:26 AM

DE

“ *Debra Evans lit a candle in memory of Mother Mary Lee Stinnett*



Debra Evans - May 03, 2024 at 01:02 AM

GP

“ *George And Amanda Colston Family Our Pra lit a candle in memory of Mother Mary Lee Stinnett*



George and Amanda Colston family our pra - May 03, 2024 at 12:59 AM

OB

“ *Just want to say I love you and thanks for everything*



Octum bell - May 02, 2024 at 09:01 PM

GJ

“ Gloria Jenkins sent a virtual gift in memory of Mother Mary Lee Stinnett



Gloria Jenkins - May 02, 2024 at 06:24 PM

RS

“ Sending love and prayers to my family. May God comfort, strengthen, and give you peace during this difficult time. Cousin Mary ran a good race and fought a good fight. We rejoice in knowing that she made it home to be with our Lord! 🙏❤️🙏  
Love,  
Cousin Renée Stinnett-Campbell



Renée Stinnett-Campbell - May 02, 2024 at 06:14 PM

RW

“ RWest lit a candle in memory of Mother Mary Lee Stinnett



RWest - May 02, 2024 at 10:02 AM

MP

We love you Mothet Stinnett, rest with the Lord.  
Sister Maxine and James Powell. Holy Hill COGIC

Maxine Powell - May 02, 2024 at 11:31 AM

BJ

“ *Brenda Jacob lit a candle in memory of Mother Mary Lee Stinnett*



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**Brenda Jacob** - May 02, 2024 at 06:40 AM

OC

“ *ORA CARTER lit a candle in memory of Mother Mary Lee Stinnett*



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**ORA CARTER** - May 01, 2024 at 10:19 PM

SM

“ *Sharon Mixon lit a candle in memory of Mother Mary Lee Stinnett*



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**Sharon Mixon** - May 01, 2024 at 11:15 AM

JW

“ *My thoughts and prayers to this Annette family*



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**James Wesley** - May 01, 2024 at 10:49 AM



“ *Robbie Grier sent a virtual gift in memory of Mother Mary Lee Stinnett*



Robbie Grier - May 01, 2024 at 09:08 AM

DP

“ *Praying for the family*



Dorothy Parrish - April 30, 2024 at 08:16 PM

LC

“ *Prayers for the Stinnett Family.*



Loria Corder - April 30, 2024 at 02:52 PM

JB

“ *James Lisa Blakley sent a virtual gift in memory of Mary Stinnett*



James and Lisa Blakley - April 30, 2024 at 11:51 AM