



Mother Mary L. Terry

April 14, 1927 - November 3, 2016

TERRY, Mother Mary L. - Age 89, passed away Thursday, November 3, 2016 at her residence. Family hour 10:30AM Saturday November 12, 2016 at New Zion Baptist Church, 1601 Chippewa Street, with funeral service commencing at 11:00 AM Pastor Jacob Hawkins Jr. officiating. Interment Sunset Hills Cemetery, G-4413 Flushing Rd. Friends and pallbearers will assemble at the church 10:30 AM Saturday. Mother Terry will lie in state in the Chapel of Lawrence E. Moon, 906 W. Flint Park Blvd., and may be viewed from 2:00 PM - 8:00 PM Friday, with the family present from 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM to receive friends.

Mother Mary L. Terry was born April 14, 1927 in Longview, Texas, the daughter of Willie Hollins and Fannie Fisher, she moved to Henderson, TX at an early age, where she completed elementary and secondary education. Mother Terry then went on to attend Fisk University and Tennessee State College in Nashville, TN. She received a B.A. degree from Arkansas Baptist College. Additionally, she completed twenty-one hours of graduate school at Bishop College in Marshall, TX. Mother Terry taught school in Texas and Tennessee. She married Dr. W.G. Terry, Pastor of New Zion Baptist Church.

Mother Terry's steps were ordered by the Lord, serving in many capacities including; Instructor for V.B.S. in East Texas District Baptist Congress, Director of the Sunshine Band and Young Peoples Department of the Tennessee

Baptist Convention, Instructor of the Tennessee B.M.E. Convention, Instructor in the Mississippi Valley Association. She also was one of the Founders for the Tennessee B.M.E. Youth Encampment, President of the Baptist and Inter-Denominational Ministries' Wives of Jackson, TN. Presently, Mother Terry served as Program Chairperson for Pastor's Wives in the National Baptist Convention, USA, Incorporated, serving in that capacity for over 40 years. She was a beloved matriarch, mentor, and coordinator, locally, statewide and nationally. Additionally, she served as Co-Director of Christian Education at New Zion Baptist Church, where her husband Dr. W.G. Terry was Pastor. Mother Terry had worked with various organizations including Church Women United of Flint. All of her steps were laid out and ordered in the Lord's architectural draft. Her favorite Bible verse and her life's philosophy was directed by Proverbs 3:5-6; "Trust in the Lord with all thine heart; and lean not unto thine own understanding. In all thy ways acknowledge him, and he shall direct thy paths" KJV. Her greatest desire was just to light a small candle in the corner where she stood.

Mother Mary Lois Terry leaves to cherish her loving memory: daughter, Linda (Ray) Spivey; 2 grand-daughters, Tina and Tracy Spivey, all of St. Louis, MO; nieces, Loretta Hurd of San Antonio, TX and Brenda Blackburn of Flint; nephew, Herman (Carolyn) Blackburn Jr. of Grovetown, GA; great-nieces, Samecika (Nathaniel) Williams, and Camiya Nicholson; great-nephews, Nathaniel Williams Jr., Nataevion Williams and Tyrien Griffin, all of Flint; 3 brothers-in-law, Norris (Bertha) Terry of Tacoma, WA; Bishop T.T. (Virginia) Terry of Dallas, TX, and Harry (Bernice) Terry of Henderson, TX; other family and special friends including, Nora Cannon, Ina C. Whitaker, Pauline Pryor, Futha Williams, Hildria Richmond, Rev. Jacob Hawkins Jr. and the New Zion Missionary Baptist Church family.

Mother Terry was preceded in death by her husband, Reverend Dr. W.G. Terry; parents, Willie Hollins and Fannie Fisher; sister, Pazetta Blackburn;

aunt, Corrie Bryant; uncles, Matthew and Oscar Moss.

The family would like to express special thanks to caregivers: Dea. & Sis. Thuster Cannon, Sis. Anne Randolph, Bro. Henry Lomax, Shawana Vance, Tymeisha Jenkins, Latonia Fletcher-Townsend, Owner of Valley Assisted Care, Absolute Care, the New Zion Missionary Baptist Church, Ebenezer Ministries and St. Mark Missionary Baptist Church families.

Cemetery Details

Sunset Hills Cemetery

G-4413 Flushing Rd.
Flint, MI 48504

Previous Events

Public Viewing

NOV 11. 2:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

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

Family hour

NOV 12. 10:30 AM (ET)

New Zion Baptist Church
1601 Chippewa St.
Flint, MI

Service

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

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Tribute Wall



“ *Mother Mary L. Terry*

October 09, 2023 at 07:02 AM



“ *Robbie Grier sent a virtual gift in memory of Mother Mary L. Terry*



Robbie Grier - November 11, 2016 at 11:03 PM



“ *Brenda J. Greer lit a candle in memory of Mother Mary L. Terry*



Brenda J. Greer - November 11, 2016 at 10:36 PM



“ *Pastor & Sis. Freelon Threlkeld Jr. sent a virtual gift in memory of Mother Mary L. Terry*



Pastor & Sis. Freelon Threlkeld Jr. - November 11, 2016 at 10:30 PM

LJ

“ *Linda Jennings lit a candle in memory of Mother Mary L. Terry*



Linda Jennings - November 11, 2016 at 03:21 PM

Norris
Terry Jr.

“ *Norris Terry Jr. lit a candle in memory of Mother Mary L. Terry*



Norris Terry Jr. - November 11, 2016 at 01:28 PM

AJ

“ *Annie Lois Moss, Breneda Mathis and Eva Jones. purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Mother Mary L. Terry.*



Annie Lois Moss, Breneda Mathis and Eva Jones. -
November 10, 2016 at 12:43 PM

BW

“ *Barbara Wright lit a candle in memory of Mother Mary L. Terry*



Barbara Wright - November 10, 2016 at 10:24 AM

TB

“Who can find a virtuous woman? For her price is far above rubies.”
"Mama Terry" was truly exemplary of a virtuous woman. To God be the glory!



The Ellison Sisters & Brothers - November 10, 2016 at 03:26 AM

MP

“Marcia Pennington-Bell lit a candle in memory of Mother Mary L. Terry



Marcia Pennington-Bell - November 09, 2016 at 07:54 AM

TI

“You're free now, no more pain, until we meet again. Thank you so much for all you taught me.



Tina - November 08, 2016 at 06:23 PM

RB

“Renee Beckley lit a candle in memory of Mother Mary L. Terry



Renee Beckley - November 08, 2016 at 02:35 PM

RB

“ God has a sweet lady now. The wonderful Mrs. Mary Terry. My condolences to her family and New Zion Baptist church..on the passing of your great former first lady. I learned a lot from her and husband. God Bless.



Renee Beckley - November 08, 2016 at 02:34 PM

LB

“ Lynn Barbee lit a candle in memory of Mother Mary L. Terry



Lynn Barbee - November 08, 2016 at 10:03 AM

TC

“ May God Bless the Terry family, it was an honor to know Rev & Mother Terry. Love & will miss the both of you. R.I.P

Tamika Cox - November 08, 2016 at 01:05 AM

BJ

“ Bonnie Johnson lit a candle in memory of Mother Mary L. Terry



Bonnie Johnson - November 06, 2016 at 05:44 AM

SI

“ *Sonya Ivory lit a candle in memory of Mother Mary L. Terry*



Sonya Ivory - November 06, 2016 at 04:19 AM

SI

“ *Sonya Ivory lit a candle in memory of Mother Mary L. Terry*



Sonya Ivory - November 06, 2016 at 04:18 AM

FR

“ *Freda Ratliff-Williams lit a candle in memory of Mother Mary L. Terry*



Freda Ratliff-Williams - November 05, 2016 at 12:50 PM



“ *Gloria Jenkins lit a candle in memory of Mother Mary L. Terry*



Gloria Jenkins - November 05, 2016 at 11:24 AM

SP

“ *Sandra Payne sent a virtual gift in memory of Mother Mary L. Terry*



sandra payne - November 05, 2016 at 10:50 AM

SH

“ *My heart goes out to Mary Terry family RIH Mother love you*



Shawana - November 05, 2016 at 10:03 AM

SJ

“ *Shirley Jones sent a virtual gift in memory of Mother Mary L. Terry*



Shirley Jones - November 04, 2016 at 11:48 PM

LD

“ *La Jean Duncan sent a virtual gift in memory of Mother Mary L. Terry*



La Jean Duncan - November 04, 2016 at 08:44 PM

LD

“ *La Jean Duncan lit a candle in memory of Mother Mary L. Terry*



La Jean Duncan - November 04, 2016 at 08:44 PM

MM

“ *Min. David M. Martin sent a virtual gift in memory of Mother Mary L. Terry*



Min. david m. martin - November 04, 2016 at 07:01 PM

DB

“ *I'm sorry for the loss of Mrs. Terry. I hope you can find comfort in knowing that she's in the memory of our loving father Jehovah who is yearning to bring her along with the works of his hands back to enjoy life in a paradise earth. (Psalms :37: 9-11.*



Daisy M Boone - November 04, 2016 at 06:19 PM

CS

“ *Carolyn Spight lit a candle in memory of Mother Mary L. Terry*



Carolyn Spight - November 04, 2016 at 04:51 PM

SH

“ *Shirlene sent a virtual gift in memory of Mother Mary L. Terry*



shirlene - November 04, 2016 at 01:42 PM

TW

“ *Terry & Cynthia Walls sent a virtual gift in memory of Mother Mary L. Terry*



Terry & Cynthia Walls - November 03, 2016 at 08:18 PM