



## Mrs. Mayme Lee Cleveland

July 23, 1929 - February 11, 2023

CLEVELAND, Mrs. Mayme Lee - Age 93, passed away Saturday, February 11, 2023, at her residence. Family hour 10:00 AM Saturday, February 25, 2023, at Mt. Olive Missionary Baptist Church, 424 Kennelworth Ave., with funeral service commencing at 11:00 AM Pastor Jevon Catlett, Host Pastor. Interment Gracelawn Cemetery, 5710 N. Saginaw St. Friends and pallbearers will assemble at the church 10:00 AM Saturday. Viewing will be during the family hour only. Mayme Lee (Pool) Cleveland of Flint, Michigan was born July 23, 1929 in Bryan, Texas. As a young woman, she was joined in holy matrimony to James Werson 'Jake' Cleveland. Shortly thereafter, the couple moved to Michigan. To their union 4 children were born: Janet, James, Elizabeth, and Sandra. Mrs. Cleveland took on domestic work until she hired into AC Spark Plug, a division of General Motors Corporation where she remained employed until retirement. She also sold Avon for many years. Mayme accepted Jesus Christ as her Savior at an early age. She loved the Lord and upon moving to Flint became a dedicated member of Mt. Olive Missionary Baptist Church where she worshipped for more than 65 years. For a time, she led the Sunshine Band, served on the Usher Board and taught Sunday School. Eventually, she joined the Chancel Choir where she sang for over 40 years and spent time as the group's treasurer. A spiritual woman of strong faith, she could often be heard quoting one of her favorite verses, '... With God all things are possible' Matthew 19:26. Mrs. Cleveland was widely admired for her beauty and strength. She loved to help others and could often

be found serving the sick and shut in. Mayme especially enjoyed seniors and faithfully volunteered at Willowbrook Manor every week while she was able. She was a virtuous woman, loyal friend, and well-respected by those who knew her. Mayme was never short on advice and was known to speak her mind. 'Big Mama' was extremely proud of her family and didn't care who knew it. When her children were young, she was an active and vocal member of the school PTO. Mrs. Cleveland enjoyed square dancing, playing bridge, and traveling. She was a health enthusiast, avid gardener, awesome cook, and had an herbal remedy for every ailment. Mrs. Cleveland had a generous spirit and often gave away loaves of zucchini bread and fresh or canned produce from her garden. She was a stylish woman known for her love of jewelry and 'church' hats. Mrs. Cleveland would often encourage others by saying, 'You can do anything you set your mind to.'

Mother Cleveland was preceded in death by her husband, James Werson Cleveland; her two oldest children, Janet Louise McMullan and James Cleveland; grandson, Derek Cleveland; and brother, Clarence 'Bo' Stepney. Mother Mayme Cleveland leaves to cherish sweet memories: 2 daughters, Elizabeth Bingham and Sandra (Jeffrey) Nelson; daughter-in-law, Martha Hammond; 2 sisters, Ruby Williams and Joann (John) Jordan; 3 brothers, Perry Stepney, Edward 'Bud' (Lavell) Stepney, and Johnnie (Ida Nell) Stepney; 10 grandchildren including special grandson, Rhaman Cleveland; 29 great-grandchildren; 7 great-great-grandchildren; a host of nieces and nephews; godchildren Joni Wynn and Johnathan Foxworth; and special sister-friend, Madeline Mills. The family wishes to express gratitude to Mother Cleveland's daughter Elizabeth for faithfully serving as her caregiver. They would also like to acknowledge the Valley Area Agency on Aging and Harmony Cares Hospice for their support.

# Cemetery Details

## Gracelawn Cemetery

5710 N. Saginaw St.  
Flint, MI 48505

# Previous Events

## Visitation & Family Hour

FEB **25**. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

Mt. Olive Missionary Baptist Church  
424 Kennelworth Ave  
Flint, MI 48503

## Service

FEB **25**. 11:00 AM (ET)

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# Tribute Wall



“ *Mrs. Mayme Lee Cleveland*

October 09, 2023 at 07:02 AM



“ *Rest in peace Mrs. Mayme. Such a sweet lady .*

**Kiesha** - August 22, 2023 at 08:43 AM



“ *Sandy Neal lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Mayme Lee Cleveland*



**Sandy Neal** - March 02, 2023 at 08:31 AM



“ *Tony Jackson lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Mayme Lee Cleveland*



**Tony Jackson** - February 25, 2023 at 02:45 PM

MC

“ OHHHHHHHHH how I loved my Mama Cleveland... she was an inspiration and a God-fearing woman. She lived her life with the Lord each and every day. I admired her so, and was very proud to be her DAUGHTER-in-law.❤️ U Mama



Martha Hammond Cleveland - February 25, 2023 at 12:47 PM

CT

“ Charles Thompson lit a candle in memory of Mayme Cleveland



Charles Thompson - February 25, 2023 at 10:47 AM

TJ

“ Tonya Jackson-Battle lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Mayme Lee Cleveland



Tonya Jackson-Battle - February 24, 2023 at 08:24 PM

RR

“ Robert Rawls lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Mayme Lee Cleveland



Robert Rawls - February 24, 2023 at 06:06 PM

KB

“ *Kim Buckner sent a virtual gift in memory of Mrs. Mayme Lee Cleveland*



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**Kim Buckner** - February 24, 2023 at 04:16 PM

TB

“ *I enjoyed her wisdom that she shared with me during her hair appointments.*



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**Tracie Bryant** - February 24, 2023 at 01:58 PM



“ *Jimmye Maxwell lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Mayme Lee Cleveland*



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**Jimmye Maxwell** - February 24, 2023 at 09:40 AM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Mrs. Mayme Lee Cleveland.*



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February 23, 2023 at 07:04 PM

OC

“ *Otis & Debra Cheatom lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Mayme Lee Cleveland*



**Otis & Debra Cheatom** - February 23, 2023 at 12:24 PM

RB

“ *Roberta Boron lit a candle in memory of Mayme Cleveland*



**Roberta Boron** - February 23, 2023 at 08:01 AM

MB

“ *Condolences to Elizabeth Cleveland & family from the entire Benton family. Heaven has truly received an Angel..!!*



**Marvin A. Benton** - February 22, 2023 at 11:01 PM

DC

“ *Dennie Caldwell lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Mayme Lee Cleveland*



**Dennie Caldwell** - February 22, 2023 at 11:17 AM

KT

“ Keith & Pamela Tipper lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Mayme Lee Cleveland



Keith & Pamela Tipper - February 21, 2023 at 09:09 PM

KT

“ Keith & Pamela Tipper lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Mayme Lee Cleveland



Keith & Pamela Tipper - February 21, 2023 at 08:58 PM

BD

“ Brenda Duckett-Greer lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Mayme Lee Cleveland



Brenda Duckett-Greer - February 21, 2023 at 06:10 PM

RM

“ Rev Phyllis McCree lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Mayme Lee Cleveland



Rev Phyllis McCree - February 20, 2023 at 01:07 PM



MW

“ *Mary Wilkes lit a candle in memory of Mayme Cleveland*



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**Mary (Keels) Wilkes** - February 19, 2023 at 11:29 PM

CB

“ *Cassandra Burks lit a candle in memory of Mayme Cleveland*



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**Cassandra Burks** - February 19, 2023 at 07:49 PM

SC

“ *A life well lived. I will always remember her smile and kindness to me. God bless and give peace and comfort to the family the family.*



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**Sheila Carter** - February 19, 2023 at 07:05 PM

RH



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**RENEE HILL-SYKES** - February 18, 2023 at 09:17 PM

DB

“ *Dafora Burnett lit a candle in memory of Mayme Cleveland*



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**Dafora (Hawkins) Burnett** - February 18, 2023 at 01:14 PM

OV

“ *Rhoda, I loved your sweet grandma. She Was a Beautiful strong woman. My condolences to you. I love you. May God give you strength thru this hard Time and an even greater love for Him.*

*Sis. Ollie VanBuren*

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**Ollie VanBuren** - February 18, 2023 at 09:43 AM

AP

“ *Sending prayers to the family. Shelton and Anna Pinnix*



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**Anna Pinnix** - February 16, 2023 at 07:40 PM

CH

“ *Carolyn A. Holliman lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Mayme Lee Cleveland*



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**Carolyn A. Holliman** - February 16, 2023 at 07:40 PM

CJ

“ *My deepest condolences to Elizabeth and Sandy in the loss of their beautiful mother. Sharing in your sorrow with love and friendship.*



**Colleen Jenkins-Roberts** - February 16, 2023 at 06:26 PM

AB

“ *Althea Barbee lit a candle in memory of Mayme Cleveland*



**Althea J Barbee** - February 16, 2023 at 03:24 PM

RM

“ *Renee Massey lit a candle in memory of Mayme Cleveland*



**Renee (Hawkins) Massey** - February 16, 2023 at 12:43 PM

LG

“ *Linda Gulley lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Mayme Lee Cleveland*



**Linda Gulley** - February 16, 2023 at 06:30 AM

CB

“ *Cassandra Burks lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Mayme Lee Cleveland*



**Cassandra Burks** - February 15, 2023 at 08:21 PM

EP

“ *With our Heartfelt Sympathy and Condolences.  
Earnest & Nancy Pouncy*



**EARNEST/NANCY POUNCY** - February 15, 2023 at 08:02 PM

DP

“ *Dorothy Payton sent a virtual gift in memory of Mrs. Mayme Lee Cleveland*



**Dorothy Payton** - February 15, 2023 at 04:29 PM

JW

“ *Jackie Webster-Williams lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Mayme Lee Cleveland*



**Jackie Webster-Williams** - February 15, 2023 at 12:11 PM

RM

“ *Rev. Phyllis McCree lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Mayme Lee Cleveland*



Rev. Phyllis McCree - February 15, 2023 at 12:06 PM

LC

“ *Lois Cunningham lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Mayme Lee Cleveland*



Lois Cunningham - February 15, 2023 at 06:52 AM

LC

“ *Lois Cunningham lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Mayme Lee Cleveland*



Lois Cunningham - February 15, 2023 at 06:51 AM



“ *Tim and Sheri Kirkland*



Sheri Kirkland - February 14, 2023 at 06:46 PM

BW

“ To Daughters of Mrs Mayme Cleveland,my heart is hurting Mrs Cleveland was a true to life Lady ,ever Sunday she would have on a beautiful hat,dress to the T. Praying for you Liz and Sandy,knowing that Lord will take care of you both.



Barbara Morris Wright - February 14, 2023 at 06:13 PM

BB

“ Betty Harriford Brown lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Mayme Lee Cleveland



Betty Harriford Brown - February 14, 2023 at 06:11 PM

CW

“ Craig Williams lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Mayme Lee Cleveland



Craig Williams - February 14, 2023 at 05:45 PM

PT

“ Paula Truss lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Mayme Lee Cleveland



Paula Truss - February 14, 2023 at 04:48 PM

LP

“ Lisa Payton sent a virtual gift in memory of Mrs. Mayme Lee Cleveland



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**Lisa Payton** - February 14, 2023 at 04:00 PM

MM

“ Sending prayers of condolences from Mt Olive Floral Ministry



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**Mt Olive MBC Floral Ministry** - February 14, 2023 at 03:08 PM

JP

“ Sending prayers of peace and comfort to Liz and all affected by the passing of Sis. Cleveland 🙏❤️



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**Janet Poole-Little** - February 14, 2023 at 03:06 PM

CW

“ Ms. Cleveland always met me with that beautiful smile. My condolences to the family.



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**Crystal Williams** - February 14, 2023 at 02:52 PM



“ *Jimmye Maxwell lit a candle in memory of Mayme Cleveland*



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**Jimmye Maxwell** - February 14, 2023 at 12:22 PM



“ *Kimberly Whitmore-Herron lit a candle in memory of Mayme Cleveland*



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**Kimberly Whitmore-Herron** - February 14, 2023 at 11:16 AM



“ *Betty Tipper lit a candle in memory of Mayme Cleveland*



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**Betty Tipper** - February 14, 2023 at 11:08 AM



“ *My deepest condolences to everyone. Mrs Cleveland was such a loving and kind hearted neighbor. I am praying and know that God will comfort you during this time of bereavement.*



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**Felicia Reeves-Nunn** - February 14, 2023 at 03:00 AM



HH

“ *Harold Hill lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Mayme Lee Cleveland*



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**Harold Hill** - February 13, 2023 at 04:26 PM

LB

“ *Lynn Barbee lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Mayme Lee Cleveland*



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**Lynn Barbee** - February 13, 2023 at 04:00 PM

VW

“ Prayers and heartfelt condolences to Mayme Cleveland entire family and friends. Aunt Mayme was a Jewel. She was not afraid to tell you what she thought, and she meant it because she did it in love. Because she's so comical and shared her wealth of wisdom and life experiences, the impact she had on my life will always be a cherished blessing. So, I cherish all the lovingly advice she provided, because she was an inspiration to me and a lot of people at Mt. Olive. She was full of grace and compassion and loved everyone. May you find peace, comfort, and all the love you need in the days to come. Cherish all the beautiful memories of your Mom. For our earthly house has dissolved, but we have a building of God. A house not made with hands, but eternal in the heavens. Rest on in Jesus' arms, Mrs. Mayme Cleveland



Love,  
Mrs. Valerie (Anthony) Williams

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Valerie Williams - February 13, 2023 at 02:32 PM

CS

My heart felt sympathy and prayers I offer at one of the most difficult times. Your Mom was such a beautiful soul. Mrs. Cleveland's beauty and wisdom will be missed by all who loved her. I will hold dear her memory. Sending love to Lizzie, Sandy and your families.

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Cathryn Williams Sanders - February 15, 2023 at 06:55 AM

DP

“ Dicy Powell lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Mayme Lee Cleveland



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Dicy Powell - February 13, 2023 at 01:01 PM

RK

“ *Russell & Diane Kirksey lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Mayme Lee Cleveland*



Russell & Diane Kirksey - February 13, 2023 at 12:50 PM

BK

“ *I remember Mrs. Cleveland from Church. Always had a pretty welcoming smile. Rest in Heavenly peace now Mrs. Cleveland* 🙏



Brenda Kimble - February 13, 2023 at 11:08 AM



“ *Pandoretta Jackson lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Mayme Lee Cleveland*



Pandoretta Jackson - February 13, 2023 at 08:20 AM



“ *Brenda Dilworth lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Mayme Lee Cleveland*



Brenda Dilworth - February 13, 2023 at 08:00 AM



“ *Bern Stewart lit a candle in memory of Mayme Cleveland*



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**Bern Stewart** - February 12, 2023 at 08:54 AM

LR

*We Are Truly Blessed To Have Known Her. Our Love And Sympathy To The Family*

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**Lorene Randall** - February 20, 2023 at 07:24 AM

VK

*To the Cleveland and extended families.my sincerest condolences. I have very fond memories of Mrs.Cleveland while at Mt.Olive Baptist Church.,always gracious,. Such a beautiful lady,always dressed classy,never in church without a hat..Rest on Mrs Cleveland,.Heaven has gained a angel for sure. 🌹🙏😭*

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**Vivian Kelley** - February 23, 2023 at 10:07 AM