



Mrs. Melbia Benson

May 8, 1935 - January 10, 2013

BENSON, Mrs. Melbia - Age 77, passed away Thursday, January 10, 2013 at McLaren-Flint. Family hour 10:30 a.m. Saturday, January 19, 2013 at Antioch Missionary Baptist Church, 1083 E. Stewart Ave., with funeral service commencing at 11 a.m. Pastor Lewis Randolph officiating. Interment Lovedale Memorial Cemetery, G-5175 E. Bristol Rd. Friends and pallbearers now lies assemble at the church 10:30 a.m. Mrs. Benson will lie in state in the Chapel of Lawrence E. Moon Funeral Home, 906 W. Flint Park Blvd., and may be viewed from 12 noon-8 p.m. today.

Mrs. Melbia Dean Benson was born May 8, 1935 in Louisville, Mississippi, the daughter of Joe and Ludie (Hoskins) Brown. Melbia was employed at Heartland Manor before retiring with 36 years of service. She loved her family, sewing, cooking, casino trips, shopping and gardening. Melbia also enjoyed movies starring Denzel Washington and collecting wind chimes and elephant figurines.

She leaves to cherish her memory: daughter, Kim McNeal; 2 sons, Joe (Barbara) Brown and Gerald Benson, all of Flint; 2 stepchildren, Albert Benson, Jr. and Diane Benson of Alabama; grandchildren, DeAnte, Symphani, Ashanti, Sioni, Ky-Mani, Brandie, Candace, Timetrice, JaMareon, Jordan, LaTonya, Delano, Joe Jr., Colette, Jeanette and Stephanie; 24 great-grandchildren; mother, Ludie (Hoskins) Yarbrough of Flint; step sister, Roxie

Lewis of Las Vegas, NV; 2 step brothers, Vernon Yarbrough of Flint and Les Paul (Pearl) Yarbrough of Las Vegas, NV; 4 aunts, Catherine Riddle of Chicago, IL, Bernice Jean Miller, Joy Miller, both of Ashtabula, OH and Mae Ellen Miller of Louisville, MS; 2 uncles of Ashtabula, OH; daughter-in-law, Beatrice Benson of Flint; 2 sisters-in-law, Callie Mabry of Detroit, MI and Fannie Mae Broom of Las Vegas, NV; a host of nieces, nephews, cousins other relatives and friends including special cousins from Chicago, IL, and special friends, Stella Miller, Wanda Faye Morris, Marcia Brown, Goldie McEwen and Angelina Mason.

Mrs. Benson was preceded in death by her husband, Albert Benson; son, Timothy Benson; daughters, Ann Gibson and Janice Brown-Turner; grandson, Charles Bauswell; father, Joe Brown; stepfather, Walter Yarbrough; brother, Theodis Brown; very special aunt, Mary Johnson; and cousin, Terry Miller.

The family would like to express special thanks to Hurley Medical Center Burn Unit Nurses, Geriatric Healthcare Associates and McLaren-Flint ER staff and Pastor Lewis Randolph and the Antioch Missionary Baptist Church family.

Cemetery Details

River Rest Cemetery

G-4413 Flushing Rd.
Flint, MI 48504

Previous Events

Visitation

JAN 18. 12:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

Lawrence E. Moon Funeral Home Chapel, Flint
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Tribute Wall



“ *Mrs. Melbia Benson*

October 09, 2023 at 07:02 AM



“ *Christopher Monroe lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Melbia Benson*



Christopher Monroe - January 24, 2013 at 03:59 PM



“ *I did not know Mrs. Benson but I can tell from the comments she was loved and will be missed very much. The scripture at James 4:14 is very true. It says whereas you do not know what your life will be tomorrow. for you are a mist appearing for a little while and then disappearing. No matter how many years our loved ones live it is not long enough. Their life span does not go along with what the Creator purposed either. At psalms 37:29 it says: "The righteous themselves will possess the earth, and they will reside forever upon it. So, the purpose for mankind was for humans to live forever on a paradise earth. One day soon that will happen and Jehovah also promises to resurrect our dead loved ones(John 5:28,29) so that they will benefit also, If you would like to know more about these promises visit jw.org. Again I am deeply sorry for your loss.*

C.M. Clausell - January 19, 2013 at 09:17 AM

TO

“ *Traci Oliver lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Melbia Benson*



Traci Oliver - January 17, 2013 at 07:08 PM

Kim Brown-McNeal

“ *Lighting a candle for an absolutely wonderful Woman. I Love and Miss my Mom, the selfish side wants you back, however, God had the Final Say. Rest In Heaven, My Love! Sending kisses to my Dad Albert, Brother Timothy, Sisters Ann and Janice and my nephew Charles (Sketta) Bauswell. MUAH!*



Kim Brown-McNeal - January 17, 2013 at 09:12 AM

Kim Brown-McNeal

“ *Kim Brown-McNeal lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Melbia Benson*



Kim Brown-McNeal - January 17, 2013 at 09:11 AM

Kim Brown-McNeal

“ *Kim Brown-McNeal lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Melbia Benson*



Kim Brown-McNeal - January 17, 2013 at 09:10 AM

QU

“ Thank You Ms.Deanie for the Love and Peace that you gave to us!!
I miss you so much that words can't describe it!! Continue to watch
over us all!!!

Quan`Tahnece - January 17, 2013 at 03:52 AM

AN

“ Anjaneice lit a candle in memory of Mrs.
Melbia Benson



Anjaneice - January 16, 2013 at 08:50 PM

AN

*I love you Ms. Deanie Im so hurt your gone Im going to miss hearing
you call me "Ms. Aj". You are the BEST great grandmother a
grandchild could ask for. As bad as I want you back I know your at
peace and resting well I miss you dearly continue to watch over all of
us and tell Grandad, Uncle Timmy, Aunty Ann and my Granny that I
love and miss them also. Rest In Heaven my new angel!!!!!!*

Anjaneice - January 16, 2013 at 08:57 PM

L(

“ LINDA HOSKINS (IPAULETTE) lit a candle in
memory of Mrs. Melbia Benson



LINDA HOSKINS (IPAULETTE) - January 16, 2013 at 06:17 PM

OJ

“ *The Chicago family ALWAYS felt so welcome. She would try to wait on you hand and foot. We will truly miss her caring heart and hospitality. Our prayers go out to the entire family of cousins and friends. We love all of you so much. Your Angel is now in the hands of God.* ”



Ora Jackson - January 16, 2013 at 04:22 PM

KL

“ *Karla Lawrence lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Melbia Benson* ”



Karla Lawrence - January 16, 2013 at 02:05 PM

KL

I send my condolences and prayers to you and your family. Be encouraged.

Karla Lawrence - January 16, 2013 at 02:07 PM

BR

“ *I can not begin to express how much I miss you all ready Ms. Deanie. Thank you everyone for your prayers and words of encouragement.* ”



Brandie - January 16, 2013 at 12:19 PM

DF

“ *Dzuris Family lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Melbia Benson*



Dzuris family - January 16, 2013 at 11:22 AM

LF

“ *Lansdown Family lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Melbia Benson*



Lansdown Family - January 16, 2013 at 08:05 AM

LF

My heart goes out to the family; knowing grandma for a long time; 24 yrs. My best friend and god brother (Skeeter); had us over grandma house all the time. She was full of love; she shared it with everyone. To the family keep your head up, because granny is where she want to be on the right hand of the Lord; praising him like she did on earth. That's an example to follow. May God Bless.

Lansdown Family - January 16, 2013 at 08:11 AM

TP

“ *Kim-know that my thoughts and prayers are with you and your family during this time.*
--Tammy Porn

Tammy Porn - January 14, 2013 at 01:34 PM

KR

“ *Kevin Rashad lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Melbia Benson*



Kevin Rashad - January 14, 2013 at 12:35 PM

KR

“ *My heart is saddened to hear of the loss of your mother. As a child growing up, she was always so generous and kind, and remained the same thru out all my life. She had a smile that was so warm, and a heart that was just as generous. I will never ever forget her. And I thank God for sharing her with me for 55 years. Our families will always be tide together , I will miss her.*

Kevin Rashad & Family

Kevin Rashad - January 14, 2013 at 12:08 PM

CC

“ I m so sorry for your loss. I hope that you find these scriptures as comforting as I did. The first is Isaiah 25:8. It reads: " He will actually swallow up death forever," and the Sovereign Lord Jehovah will certainly wipe the tears from all faces."The next scripture is found at Revelations 21:3,4. And it reads: "With that I heard a loud voice from the throne say: "Look !, The tent of God is with mankind, and he will reside with them, and they will be his peoples. And God himself will be with them. And he will wipe out every tear from their eyes, and death will be no more, neither will mourning nor outcry nor pain be anymore. The former things have passed away. I hope these scriptures are as comforting for you as they are for me. The bible holds out the hope that one day people will live forever on a paradise earth. I have left my email address if you would like to know more. Again, I am so sorry for your loss.

Celeste' M. Clausell - January 13, 2013 at 08:03 AM

GB

My thoughts and prayers are with you. May you find comfort and peace in knowing the Lord is with you.
Gail Bullard

Gail Bullard - January 14, 2013 at 11:16 AM