



## Mrs. Melverta Bolds

November 27, 1917 - May 4, 2020

BOLDS, Ms. Melverta, Age 102, passed Monday, May 4, 2020 at Willowbrook Manor. Due to the current public health and safety concerns that we are facing at this time there will be no public viewing.

Mrs. Melverta Bolds was born November 27, 1917 in Marianna, Arkansas, the daughter of Willie and Lula (Fisher) McDowell. Melverta moved to Flint, Michigan in 1947 with her husband, Leonard Bolds and family. She was a longtime member of Macedonia Missionary Baptist Church where she sang in the Senior Choir and was a member of the Missionary Society. Melverta worked for many years as a Nurse at Flint Osteopathic Hospital before retiring. After retirement, she did Home Care Nursing and volunteer work at the senior centers. Her family was always first, cooking and entertaining us at large gatherings at her home on holidays or any day. We were all special in her life, no picks. There were times when I called her Rose because she loved roses and she smiled and said "you're right."

Mrs. Melverta Bolds leaves to cherish her memory: daughter, Ossie Smith of Flint; son, Terry T. Bolds of Woodland Hills, CA; adopted daughter, Fannie (Joe) Barfield of Burton, MI; grandchildren, Ralph Smith of Saginaw, MI, Donald Allen of Davison, MI, Cathy Bryant of Cincinnati, OH, Samori Bolds of Atlanta, GA, Rosalind Smith of Davison, MI Leonard (Alexis) Simmons of Tampa, FL and Darius Recard Sr.; great-grandchildren, Latricka (Dan) Knox, Toya Young, Joshua Ford, Ralph Smith Sr., Kelly Dixon, Sincere Bolds, LaBrea Bryant, Laurien Bryant, Samari Bolds, Lyndon and Althea Simmons,

Darius Recard III, Asia (Frank) Walton and India Smith; 16 great-great-grandchildren; 2 nieces, Latoya and Donna White of Chicago, IL; a host of other relatives and friends including special friends, Rev. Tony Dunigan, Min. Joseph Gaines, Ms. Audry Banks, Ms. Gail Edwards, the Eason, Brown and Fisher families, and our neighbors on Baldwin St., the Johnson and Thompson families.

Mrs. Bolds was preceded in death by her husband, Leonard Bolds; 2 sons, Leonard Bolds Jr. and Ronald Bolds; grandson, Darius Recard Sr.; parents, Willie and Lula McDowell; sisters, aunts, uncles, cousins and in-laws.

The family would like to express special thanks to Pastor Samuel Berry III and the Macedonia Missionary Baptist Church family, the Willowbrook Manor doctors and nursing staff. Special thank you to Emma Stocker.

# Tribute Wall



“ *Mrs. Melverta Bolds*

October 09, 2023 at 07:02 AM



“ *La Vinya Webster, Bettie Hickey Gd Dtr lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Melverta Bolds*



**La Vinya Webster, Bettie Hickey Gd Dtr** - July 21, 2020 at 12:01 AM



“ *Rosalie Metcalfe Marve lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Melverta Bolds*



**Rosalie Metcalfe Marve** - May 14, 2020 at 03:25 PM



“ *Jean Willis lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Melverta Bolds*



**Jean Willis** - May 12, 2020 at 08:03 PM

JW

“ *Jean Willis lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Melverta Bolds*



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**Jean Willis** - May 12, 2020 at 08:01 PM

RS

“ *Ralph D Smith lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Melverta Bolds*



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**Ralph d Smith** - May 11, 2020 at 09:36 AM

RS

“ *Ralph D Smith lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Melverta Bolds*



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**Ralph d Smith** - May 11, 2020 at 09:32 AM

TG

“ *Terry and Ossie we just wanted to thank you for sharing your mom with my sisters and I. She was a great inspiration to us all and we loved her so much. We will continue to pray for you cousins. May God be with you as you lay Aunt Berta to rest. With love Lois, Yvonne, Phyllis, Carolyn & Shuronda*



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**The Brown Girls** - May 11, 2020 at 01:51 AM

JW

“ *Jacqueline Woodard lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Melverta Bolds*



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**Jacqueline woodard** - May 10, 2020 at 06:26 PM

TB

“ *Mrs Bowls was our McClellan street neighbor and The entire BOONE family loved her... Rest in Heaven. Terry Boone-Love*

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**Terry Boone-Love** - May 10, 2020 at 02:56 PM

DR

“ *Deborah Recard lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Melverta Bolds*



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**Deborah Recard** - May 10, 2020 at 12:01 PM

VL

“ *Vinson & Margaret Lever lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Melverta Bolds*



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**Vinson & Margaret Lever** - May 09, 2020 at 08:27 PM

LB

“ *I love you and will miss you Mother!!*



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**LaBrea Bryant** - May 09, 2020 at 05:53 PM

NC

“ *Natlean Campbell lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Melverta Bolds*



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**Natlean Campbell** - May 09, 2020 at 05:06 PM

DH

“ *Dolores Harris lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Melverta Bolds*

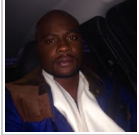


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**Dolores Harris** - May 09, 2020 at 01:33 PM

MB

“ *We had great conversations when she would call your ride never had the chance to meet her in person she knew my grandmother and would tell me how she loved she gave me good advice everytime she called....*

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**Marie Barfield-ferguson** - May 09, 2020 at 08:20 AM



“ Just wanted to share a memory with my Grandma. Think she was the reason why I always stayed “sharp” in her words. Miss you so much. Your youngest grand baby as you never let me forget.



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**Samori Bolds** - May 08, 2020 at 05:33 PM

CB

“ Good afternoon Family,  
Can we please limit our pictures to include Mother in the pictures. This is a Celebration of Melverta Bolds. She was a sharp dresser and I know we have captured Mother at her best....

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**Cathy Bryant** - May 08, 2020 at 01:53 PM

KE

“ Always had great words of wisdom Rest In Heaven Aunt Berta



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**keara** - May 08, 2020 at 01:40 PM

LA

“ Mother was always so fashionably and elegant and told the best stories. We always laughed at how she never would call me Lauren, it was Ashley to her. Love you and miss you! Watch over us all!



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**lauren** - May 08, 2020 at 01:40 PM

RS

“ 9 files added to the tribute wall



Rosalind Smith - May 08, 2020 at 12:13 PM

RS

Mother would always introduce me. Letting everyone know that I was the 1st Grandchild.

Rosalind Smith - May 08, 2020 at 01:25 PM

GT

“ A life well lived. I've Mrs. Bolds for over sixty years, going back to the McClellan street days when she and my parents were friends. She was always a sharp dresser and always had a smile and a hug for me whenever we would see each other years . Sending my love, prayers and sympathy to the Bolds and Smith family. Geraldine Harper Turner



Geraldine Harper Turner - May 08, 2020 at 09:34 AM

AD

“ *Annette Dunn lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Melverta Bolds*



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**Annette Dunn** - May 08, 2020 at 08:48 AM

AD

“ *Annette Dunn lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Melverta Bolds*



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**Annette Dunn** - May 08, 2020 at 08:47 AM

CB

“ *Cathy Bryant lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Melverta Bolds*



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**Cathy Bryant** - May 07, 2020 at 11:11 PM



“ *Joshua Ford purchased the Simply Elegant Spat hiphyllum for the family of Mrs. Melverta Bolds.*



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**Joshua Ford** - May 07, 2020 at 10:22 PM

BF

“ *Mother Bolds! You were one special Queen that God let loose on this side of Heaven. It was indeed great joy just being in your presence. I have one more angel in Heaven look out for me. I will always have a special love in my heart for you and will never forget our little talks. I learned so much from you yes indeed you will be missed love always.*  
*Brenda Ford*



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**Brenda Ford** - May 07, 2020 at 09:50 PM

BK

“ *Brenda Kimble lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Melverta Bolds*



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**Brenda Kimble** - May 07, 2020 at 09:36 PM

NK

“ *3 files added to the tribute wall*



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**Nikki Knox** - May 07, 2020 at 08:21 PM

CR

“ Dear Terry & family of Mrs. Bolds, your mom was so sweet & thoughtful down through the years to our deceased parents Herman & Theresa Feaster. I'm thankful to have enjoyed some special one-on-one time with her! We Love You!  
Charlotte (Feaster) Riddick, Angela (Feaster) Tucker, and Lawrence El-Amin

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Charlotte Riddick - May 07, 2020 at 07:47 PM

CB

“ Mother,  
I played your song, "Going Up Yonder " by Tramaine Hawkins. I cried, I danced and I laughed I thought about all those memories on McClellan St and Baldwin St. Those memories on McClellan Street were the best with you. I know where you are..... seeing your Savior face to face...Hallelujah!!!!

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Cathy Bryant - May 07, 2020 at 07:22 PM

NK

“ 3 files added to the tribute wall

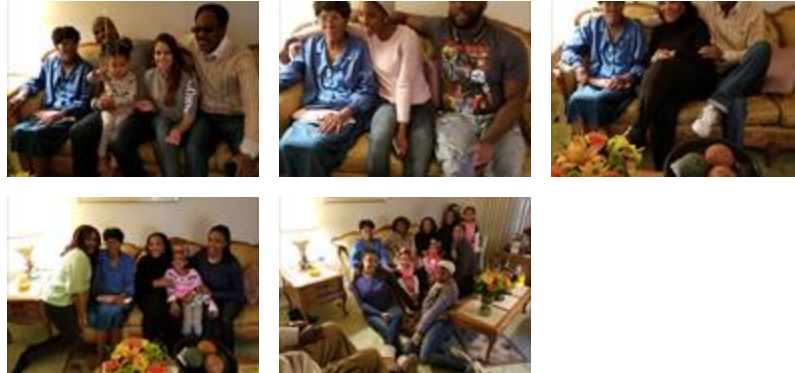


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Nikki Knox - May 07, 2020 at 06:23 PM

CB

“ 8 files added to the tribute wall



Cathy Bryant - May 07, 2020 at 06:07 PM

CB

“ 1 file added to the tribute wall



Cathy Bryant - May 07, 2020 at 05:58 PM

MK

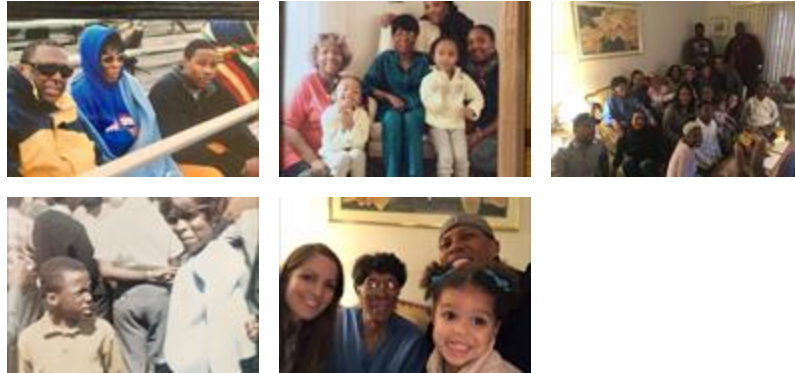
“ 2 files added to the album Memories Album



Matoya King - May 07, 2020 at 02:49 PM

TB

“ 15 files added to the album *Bolds Family*



**Terry Bolds** - May 07, 2020 at 12:28 PM



“ Maggie Williams lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Melverta Bolds



**Maggie Williams** - May 07, 2020 at 11:10 AM

TB

“ 6 files added to the album *Bolds Family*



**Terry Bolds** - May 07, 2020 at 10:14 AM

OM

*My condolences to the Bolds family she will truly be missed RIH mrs Bolds*

**Ozie Boone from Willowbrook manor** - May 08, 2020 at 04:35 AM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Mrs. Melverta Bolds.*



May 06, 2020 at 08:34 PM



“ *Tonia Walker lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Melverta Bolds*



**Tonia Walker** - May 06, 2020 at 06:52 PM

FC

“ *FIRST NEW LIFE M B CHURCH sent a virtual gift in memory of Mrs. Melverta Bolds*



**FIRST NEW LIFE M B CHURCH** - May 06, 2020 at 06:35 PM

PL

“ My Aunt Berta, my favorite girl, I will cherish the time we spent together. The family history you shared, the advise you gave, the unconditional love you showed me and my children. My grandchildren loved to visit you as well. There are so many memories in my adult life we shared. You knew I loved you and I know you loved me. Rest in Heaven my favorite girl.



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**Phyllis Brown Leslie** - May 06, 2020 at 06:33 PM

OM

*My condolences to the family she was one of my favorite at Willowbrook to*

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**Ozie Boone from Willowbrook manor** - May 08, 2020 at 04:30 AM

DN

“ Doretha N.Jackson lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Melverta Bolds



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**Doretha N.Jackson** - May 06, 2020 at 05:10 PM

JR

“ Janice Rorie sent a virtual gift in memory of Mrs. Melverta Bolds



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**Janice Rorie** - May 06, 2020 at 10:45 AM

IL

“ *Ida & Terry Luckado lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Melverta Bolds*



Ida & Terry Luckado - May 05, 2020 at 11:27 PM

FG

“ *Rest in Heaven Mrs. Bolds  
Prayers for strength and comfort to Ms Ossie  
and family, With much love,  
The Gilcreast Family*



Frances Gilcreast - May 05, 2020 at 09:00 PM

CO

“ *Ms. Bolds was a beautiful person inside and out. You definitely deserve your wings!*



Crystal Odom - May 05, 2020 at 07:42 PM



“ *Rest peacefully Mother. We are so blessed to have you as an angel in our lives.  
We love you,  
Mack, Jaz, Journey, Tatiauna and Joshua*

Joshua Ford - May 05, 2020 at 05:35 PM

LW

“ *RIParadise Aunt Berta  
LaTanya White Chicago IL*



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**LaTanya White** - May 05, 2020 at 05:30 PM

LW

“ *Aunt Berta was my mom's favorite auntie! I have so many fond memories from my childhood! There is nothing else to do after 102! She is resting in God's arms! Peace be still...💕💕💕  
Great niece,  
LaTanya White  
Chicago,IL*

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**LaTanya White** - May 05, 2020 at 05:17 PM

GE

“ *My deepest sympathy to Malverta's family. She was my other mother, Gail Teer Edwards*

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**Gail Teer Edwards** - May 05, 2020 at 03:25 PM

AN

“ *We love you Mother. Rest peacefully.  
Nikki, Dan, Angel, and Amor*



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**Angel&Amor** - May 05, 2020 at 01:18 PM

SN

“ *Sandy Neal lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Melverta Bolds*



Sandy Neal - May 05, 2020 at 01:17 PM

CB

“ *Our deepest sympathy praying for the family luv y y'all the Billings family* 💕💕



carmon Billings - May 05, 2020 at 12:51 PM

KR

“ *Kermit & Genell (Crain) Reeves lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Melverta Bolds*



Kermit & Genell (Crain) Reeves - May 05, 2020 at 10:51 AM

AG

“ *Alvin Gayden lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Melverta Bolds*



Alvin Gayden - May 05, 2020 at 08:00 AM

CH

“ Carol Hill lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Melverta Bolds



Carol Hill - May 05, 2020 at 07:56 AM

RS

“ Rosalind Smith sent a virtual gift in memory of Mrs. Melverta Bolds



Rosalind Smith - May 05, 2020 at 12:46 AM

MC

“ Mr. And Mrs. Tyrone Croom lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Melverta Bolds



Mr. and Mrs. Tyrone Croom - May 04, 2020 at 06:53 PM

CL

“ Cherie And LeeAnn sent a virtual gift in memory of Mrs. Melverta Bolds



Cherie and LeeAnn - May 04, 2020 at 06:31 PM

OM

“ *Ollie Morris lit a candle in memory of Mrs.  
Melverta Bolds*



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**Ollie Morris** - May 04, 2020 at 03:41 PM