



## Mrs. Minnie Zell Vincent

August 31, 1927 - June 5, 2020

VINCENT, Mrs. Minnie Zell - Age 92, passed away Friday, June 5, 2020 at Fostrian Manor. Family hour 1:30 PM Thursday, June 18, 2020 from the Chapel of Lawrence E. Moon Funeral Home, 906 W. Flint Park Blvd., with funeral service commencing at 2:00 PM. Interment River Rest Cemetery, G-4413 Flushing Rd. Friends and pallbearers will assemble at the funeral home 1:30 PM Thursday. Mrs. Vincent will lie in state in the Chapel of Lawrence E. Moon Funeral Home and may be viewed from 12:00 PM - 6:00 PM Wednesday.

Mrs. Minnie Zell Vincent was born on August 31, 1927 in Pine Bluff, Arkansas, the daughter of Ms. Carrie Powell and Mr. Frank Washington Sr. While residing in Pine Bluff, she attended Pine Bluff Public Schools where she excelled academically and acquired her High School Diploma. After graduating, Minnie Zell met Mr. Roosevelt "R.W." Wise Jr. and soon after began their life as husband and wife, moving to Los Angeles, CA. To this union, they were blessed with seven wonderful children. Minnie was a wonderful mother and devoted wife. Her pride for her family was a testament of the love she gave and her dedication to serving them by ensuring her children were always well cared for. 1955, Roosevelt moved him and his family to Flint, Michigan in pursuit of greater opportunities, which allowed him to acquire gainful employment at Flint Truck & Bus. Shortly after their moved to Flint, Minnie decided to gain her independence in the early 1960's allowing her to become one of the first women to be employed with IMA Food

Services, a division of A.C. Spark Plug. During her time with A.C. Spark Plug, Minnie caught the attention of Mr. Frederick "Freddie" Vincent Jr.; they fell madly in love and were happily married until his death in June of 1976.

Minnie's employment history did not end with her trailblazing her start at A.C. Shortly after retiring from A.C. in 1973, her good friend Mr. J. Merrill Spencer, founder and owner of The House of Spencer Mortuary, asked her for assistance on a needs-basis. However, that quickly changed as J. Merrill was very impressed with her beautiful handwriting, administrative skills, compassion, and ability to confidently console other. He couldn't help but to hire her on a full-time basis as the Receptionist/Greeter; she served in this position for over two decades. Her presence was a breath of fresh air to everyone who had the pleasure of meeting her. Everyone would agree that Minnie always had a warm smile and a beautiful spirit. While she was sweet, classy and soft spoken, it would behoove you not to hit a nerve because she would definitely speak her mind in a direct, but loving way.

Mrs. Minnie Zell Vincent was a devoted Christian for over 60 years. Under the leadership of Reverend Donald Morris, she became a member of Bethel United Methodist Church at their E. 12th Street location. Minnie continued her faithful dedication to God and Bethel under the leadership of Reverend Russell McReynolds and Reverend Alonzo Vincent. Mrs. Vincent loved her church and worked in several capacities and on many auxiliaries, including but not limited to, Membership Secretary, Communion Steward, Under Shepherd and served as the Visitor for the sick and shut in where she assisted them with home communion alongside Reverend McReynolds. Minnie also diligently served on the Banquet/Bereavement Committee and Prison Ministry. While it's safe to say Minnie didn't have favorites, her love for the McReynolds family is worth mentioning. They were always welcomed to visit and fellowship with her and her family at her home, which also happened to be located next door to the church at that time. Because of the convenience and her hospitality, a member of the McReynolds family and other church member would also be at the door greeted with a warm smile and a meal to

eat. It also didn't hurt that she had keys to the church.

Minnie also loved the holidays. This was the time where she brought her family together with her undeniable delicious and large home cooked meals for all of her children, grandchildren, friends and whoever came by. Everyone was always welcomed to stay and eat; she made sure you had a plate. Minnie also enjoyed attending Gospel and Blues concerts; her favorite artists included Lou Rawls and BB King. Additionally, Minnie Zell loved looking good! She was an extremely class and well-dressed woman all the way from her beautiful hats down to the tips of her 4" heels. Mrs. Minnie Zell Vincent's beautiful spirit will live in the hearts of everyone she touched. She was the epitome of a true Matriarch, peace maker and loving soul. Minnie was the glue that held her family together; her beautiful sweet spirit will surely be missed. Mrs. Minnie Zell Vincent leaves to cherish her precious memories: daughter, Felecia Wall (Crosley Hill); 4 sons, Cedric Freeman, Phillip (Tessie) Wise, all of Flint, Rickie (Nenet) Wide, Kerwin Wise, all of Atlanta, GA; step-daughter, Joyce Neeley of Flint; 15 grandchildren, Rochelle (Kenneth) Norman of Chicago, IL; Rahjeah Wise, Melvin Mosley Jr., Shalonna Davis, Corey Freeman, Gina Freeman, all of Flint, Ronald (Miki) Amodia of Los Angeles, CA, Roderick (Anita) Amodia of Gilbert, AZ, Lanika Wise of Los Angeles, CA, Donecia (Aaron) McGee of Buckeye, AZ, Estee' (William) Verdier of Flint, Crystal Wise, Jessica Wise, Darius Wise, all of Atlanta, GA and Kalin Campbell of Flint; 18 great-grandchildren; 11 great-great-grandchildren; 3 sisters, Blanche James, Mable Bynum, both of Little Rock, AR and Gwen Bush of Hope, AR; sister-in-law, Vergie Washington of Flint; a host of nieces, nephews and friends.

Mrs. Vincent was preceded in death by her beloved husbands, Frederick "Freddie" Vincent Jr. and Roosevelt "R.W." Wise Jr.; daughter, Pamala Watkins; son, Darrell Wise; grandson, Rodriguez Clarke; sister, Ardie Funerburk; brothers, Robert Jackson, Lavelle, Curtis, Jeffery and Novelle Washington; and sister-in-law, Leeatta Washington.

The family would like to express a special thank you to the staff at Heartland Fostrian Nursing Facility, Heartland Hospice, Bethel United Methodist Church family, Reverend Andrew Ali of Bethel United Methodist Church, Reverend Russell McReynolds and special friend, James Ola Hill.

# Cemetery Details

## River Rest Cemetery

G-4413 Flushing Rd.  
Flint, MI 48504

# Previous Events

## Public Viewing

JUN 17. 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 hour

JUN 18. 1:30 PM - 2:00 PM (ET)

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## Service

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JUN 18. 2:00 PM (ET)

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# Tribute Wall





“ *Lawrence E. Moon Funeral Home created a Webcast in memory of Mrs. Minnie Zell Vincent*



Lawrence E. Moon Funeral Home - June 18, 2020 at 09:05 AM

GB

*Thank you much Vincent Family, this was a blessing to me to witness the Home going celebration for my Friend whom was so dear to my  Love all her children & grandchildren.  For you all. May your Heart's be at peace, she truly was an example of God's great love for mankind. Gloria B.*

Gloria Blacksure - June 20, 2020 at 08:43 AM



“ *Mrs. Minnie Zell Vincent*

October 09, 2023 at 07:02 AM

MS

“ *Continue to pray for Mrs.Minnie family. She was a sweet person. Our sincere condolences to her family.*

*Benny & Mae Vern Spence*

*Marietta Ga.*



Mae Vern Spence - June 22, 2020 at 03:21 AM

Rod N  
Anita  
Amodia

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Rod N Anita Amodia - June 18, 2020 at 03:24 PM

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Rod N Anita Amodia - June 18, 2020 at 03:15 PM

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Rod N Anita Amodia - June 18, 2020 at 03:05 PM

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Rod N Anita Amodia - June 18, 2020 at 12:07 PM

VC

“ Vanessa Cobb lit a candle in memory of Mrs.  
Minnie Zell Vincent



Vanessa Cobb - June 18, 2020 at 12:14 AM

BN

“ Barbara Nesbitt lit a candle in memory of Mrs.  
Minnie Zell Vincent



Barbara Nesbitt - June 17, 2020 at 11:53 PM

BF

“ Praying for the family, may God give you comfort

Birtie Forster - June 16, 2020 at 05:58 PM

GB

“ *My friend indeed. Mother Vincent was a blessing in my life. I send my condolence to Felicia and the entire Vincent Family. Miss Vincent was a Mother figure in my life. Always had encouraging word's and very caring Heart for other's. Very soft spoken but stern and to the point. I've often tried to find you but this way has truly hurt my Spirit. I will miss everything about you, that's how much you've impacted my Life. If only I could be there to celebrate your Home going celebration. Much Love I send to each of you in the Family. God be with you in this the passing of your Mother...*



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**Gloria Blacksure** - June 16, 2020 at 01:29 PM

DL

“ *Dorris Lyons lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Minnie Zell Vincent*



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**Dorris Lyons** - June 12, 2020 at 03:36 PM

WH

“ *Wanda Harrison lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Minnie Zell Vincent*



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**Wanda Harrison** - June 11, 2020 at 04:09 PM

VS

“ Valerie C Southall lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Minnie Zell Vincent



Valerie C Southall - June 10, 2020 at 06:23 PM



“ Thoughts & Prayers was purchased for the family of Mrs. Minnie Zell Vincent.



June 10, 2020 at 06:05 PM

BR

“ BONITA A RILEY lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Minnie Zell Vincent



BONITA A RILEY - June 10, 2020 at 05:46 PM

DH

“ Deborah Harris lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Minnie Zell Vincent



Deborah Harris - June 10, 2020 at 04:21 PM

RA

“ *Rosia Anderson lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Minnie Zell Vincent*



**Rosia Anderson** - June 09, 2020 at 04:25 PM

JF

“ *Janice Womack & Family lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Minnie Zell Vincent*



**Janice Womack & Family** - June 09, 2020 at 04:19 PM

LA

“ *La Jean Duncan, Gadsden AI sent a virtual gift in memory of Mrs. Minnie Zell Vincent*



**La Jean Duncan, Gadsden AI** - June 09, 2020 at 09:32 AM

FT

“ *Rest in peace Mrs. Vincent and thank you for your unconditional love and support throughout the the years, especially during my apprenticeship at the HOUSE OF SPENCER MORTUARY. Till we meet again.*  
**FRED TUMER**



**Fred Tumer** - June 09, 2020 at 08:27 AM

JG

“ Our thoughts and prayers are with you. We will miss Ms Minnie. May she Rest in Peace.

*Love, Jennifer and Andrea Gray*



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**Jennifer & Andrea Gray** - June 08, 2020 at 06:16 PM

BK

“ Brenda Kimble lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Minnie Zell Vincent



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**Brenda Kimble** - June 08, 2020 at 03:35 PM

FR

“ I'm gonna miss you my Virgo sister Rest In Peace my friend until we meet again

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**Friend** - June 07, 2020 at 09:25 PM

TN

“ Tanya Neely sent a virtual gift in memory of Mrs. Minnie Zell Vincent



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**Tanya Neely** - June 07, 2020 at 02:10 PM

TF

“ Theresa Jackson & Family lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Minnie Zell Vincent



Theresa Jackson & Family - June 07, 2020 at 12:49 PM

TW

“ Thad And Linda Williams lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Minnie Zell Vincent



Thad and Linda Williams - June 07, 2020 at 09:37 AM

BD

“ Brenda Dilworth lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Minnie Zell Vincent



Brenda Dilworth - June 07, 2020 at 08:31 AM

BD

“ Brenda Dilworth lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Minnie Zell Vincent



Brenda Dilworth - June 07, 2020 at 08:30 AM

RJ

“ It is with sadden hearts that we learn of Sis. Vincent's passing. Our family has so many memories of her and her family. We pray that God that will provide strength in this sea of emotions so that grace will be seen. We love you, The entire McKenze, Jr. Family.

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**Rev. Victoria ( George) McKenze, Jr.** - June 07, 2020 at 07:42 AM

VS

“ Valerie C Southall lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Minnie Zell Vincent



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**Valerie C Southall** - June 06, 2020 at 10:46 PM