



## Mother Perkins

August 15, 1933 - July 22, 2011

PERKINS, Mother Deborah (Phinisee) - Age 77, went home to be with her Heavenly Father, Friday, July 22, 2011 at Hurley Medical Center. Family hour 11 a.m. Saturday July 30, 2011 at Grace Emmanuel Baptist Church, 3502 Lapeer Rd., with funeral service commencing at 12Noon Rev. Marvin Jennings, Host Pastor, Supt. Samuel Marsh, Officiating. Interment Sunset Hills Cemetery, G-4413 Flushing Rd. Friends and pallbearers will assemble at the church 11 a.m. Saturday. Mother Perkins will lie in state in the Chapel of Lawrence E. Moon Funeral Home, and may be viewed from 1-8 p.m. Friday. Mother Perkins was born August 15, 1933 in Darlove, Mississippi, the daughter of Elder Cleveland and Mother Isabell Phinisee. She accepted Christ at an early age at the Church of God in Hollandale, MS under the leadership of Bishop T.J. Bell. Mother Perkins met and married Solomon Perkins, Jr. on January 19, 1953 and remained married until his death in 1997. They moved to Flint, MI and united with New Covenant C.O.G.I.C. under the leadership of Elder Felix Earley. Mother Perkins was currently a faithful member of Civic Heights C.O.G.I.C. under the leadership of Supt. Samuel Marsh, where she served as Church Mother, Junior Choir Leader, Sunday School, Purity Class and YWCC Teacher. She also served in the Outreach Department of the church. Mother Perkins enjoyed baking, gardening and helping anyone in need. She was a true example of a "Virtuous Woman" as described in Proverbs 31. Mother Deborah (Phinisee) Perkins leaves to cherish her memory: 4 daughters, Jacqueline (Ron) Richardson, Cynthia Houston, Sandra

(Joe) Thompson, Jr., and Lanette (Terrence) Redmond; 2 sons, Kenneth and Cedric Perkins, all of Flint; special daughter, Patricia Martin; special son, Corey Wilson; 13 grandchildren, Cherra Timberlake-Blount, Harold III, Janelle Timberlake, Nehemiah Houston, JaTonda, Joe III, Shaquela Thompson, Kenneth Meniefield, Jeremi, Joshua, Terrence II, Aijalon and Nicole Redmond; 24 great-grandchildren; 3 sisters, Doris Collins, Lestine (Petros) Gheresus and Margaret (Victor) Gonzalez, all of Flint; 4 brothers, Cleveland Phinisee, Jr., Pastor Fred (Sarah) Phinisee, both of Indianapolis, IN, Pastor John (Gwen) Phinisee and David James (Helen) Phinisee of Flint; 3 sisters-in-law, Hattie Smart of Chicago, IL, Catherine McKinley of Key Largo, FL and Johnnie Mae Tye of Racine, WI; 4 brothers-in-laws, Alvin (Linda) Perkins of Dyersburg, TN, Leroy (Linda) Perkins of Grand Blanc, MI, John (Melonie) Perkins and Harry (Bell) Perkins, all of Flint; a host of nieces, nephews, cousins, other relatives and friends including godchildren, Joy Hargett and Jamarx Marsh, Civic Heights C.O.G.I.C. family, Charity Blanchard and family, Alma Street family, Rochdale Dr. Block Club, Attorney David S. Grant, Jr. and Harold Timberlake, Jr. Mother Perkins was preceded in death by her husband, Solomon Perkins, Jr.; son, Melvin Perkins; parents, Elder Cleveland and Isabell Phinisee; 4 brothers; and 5 sisters. The family would like to express special thanks to Care providers, Margaret Gonzalez, Marlo Thompson and Texanner Burkett for all of the love, care and concern given during her illness. Dr. Aram Minisian and staff, Hurley Medical Center 9E, CCU and ICU staffs and Attorney Loyst Fletcher.

# Tribute Wall



“ *Mother Perkins*

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“ *To my sisters and brothers of the Perkins family and the rest of the family. I loved her like a mother she was there for me at all times. When me were kids she would scoll me when I was wrong and praised me when I was right as if I was one of hers. When I married and came home with my family nothing changed. She would always have us over for breakfast when I would come home. She would say Shawny you'll come over at 9:00 or 10:00 and that was that no ifs and butts about it. I loved her so much and I'll miss her the same. May God Bless You'll Shawny..*

**LASHAWN & NISIE WILSON** - July 22, 2011 at 12:00 AM



“ *Praying God's strength for the entire family!*

*The Morelands/Smiths*

**Tina Moreland** - July 22, 2011 at 12:00 AM



“ *To The Family Of Mrs.Deborah Perkins may God give you strength and comfort in your time of sorrow.*

**Mr. Jesse & Jennifer Webb** - July 22, 2011 at 12:00 AM

TM

“ Prayers are with Mother Perkins Family and Son Cedric...Mother Perkins made the Best Meat Balls for church and other events like my OPEN HOUSE LOL she was great person..always had a song in her spirit for Testimony service..she will be truly missed and honored..

*with love,*

*Teandre Moore Civic Heights Cogic*

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**Teandre Moore** - July 22, 2011 at 12:00 AM

RS

“ To the family of Mother Perkins. May God continue to bless each and every one.in Jesus name.I have known her for sometime at Church. A very wonderful woman of God. Keep on keeping own, God will see you through. Civic Hights has suffered a great lost. 'Sleep on Mother job weldone"

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**Raymond Summerville** - July 22, 2011 at 12:00 AM

RB

“ Cynthia Houston and Family,

*Our thoughts and prayers are with you as you remember and celebrate the life of your mom. May God's peace and the comfort of the Holy Spirit be with you all.*

*We love you,  
The Banks*

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**Rick & Lisa Banks** - July 22, 2011 at 12:00 AM

VM

“ THIS WILL BE A HARD JOURNEY,BUT THE LORD MAKES NO MISTAKE, AND HE NO'S MRS. PERKINS WAS A TRUE SERVANT OF HIS WORD AND THAT'S HOW SHE RISE HER FAMILY AND LIVED HER LIFE. MAY THE LORD BLESS AND KEEP ALL IN YOU GUY'S IN YOUR TIME OF NEED. IF THERE IS ANY THING I CAN DO, I AM JUST A CALL AWAY. LOVE ALL YOU GUY'S

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**VALARIE MUNERLYN-COULTER** - July 22, 2011 at 12:00 AM

GH

“ *Rev. 14:12,13*  
*Praying with and for you all.*  
*Love Ya: Nehemiah & Gary*

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**Gary & Nehemiah Houston** - July 22, 2011 at 12:00 AM

TM

“ *My prayers go out to the family during this difficult time. Your loved one will always be with you in your hearts.*

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**Tawanna Morgan** - July 22, 2011 at 12:00 AM

EA

“ *Lanette and Terry we are sending our condolences to you on the loss of your dear mother. Please know that our family is in prayer for you at this time. Love, the Acker family.*

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**Elder Crayton & Charlene Acker** - July 22, 2011 at 12:00 AM

SE

“ There's an open gate at the end of the road through which each must go alone. And there, in a light we cannot see, Our Father Claims His Own.. That's" BEYOND LIFE GATEWAY", There, We are never alone. You can be assured of GOD'S love, He will give you Strength, Peace. and Comfort to endure this sad occasion. With our Heartfelt sympathy to the entire family. You're in our thoughts and prayers. SIS. SANDRA EPPS, MIN. LEADER OF CWP.

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**Sandra Epps** - July 22, 2011 at 12:00 AM

TA

“ Hey all just wanted you to know that I will keep you all in my prayers I'm so sorry for your lost stay strong and hug yourselves for me

Sincerely,  
Terri Munerlyn Anderson

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**Terri Munerlyn Anderson** - July 22, 2011 at 12:00 AM

VH

“ You are home now and no more pain. I will see you again. May God bless your family and friends with peace of mind. Love you forever,  
Roy and Virginia Hutchins

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**Virginia Hutchins** - July 22, 2011 at 12:00 AM



“ I love u grandma.

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