



## Mrs. Odessa Houston

May 24, 1927 - December 6, 2024

HOUSTON, Mrs. Odessa - Age 97, passed away Friday, December 6, 2024 at Wellbridge of Fenton, Fenton, MI. Family hour 10:00 AM Thursday, December 19, 2024, from the Chapel of Lawrence E. Moon Funeral Home, 906 W. Flint Park Blvd., with funeral service commencing at 11:00 AM Interment Flint Memorial Park, G-9506 N. Dort Hwy, Mt. Morris. Friends and pallbearers will assemble at the funeral home 10:00 AM Thursday. Mrs. Houston will lie in state in the Chapel of Lawrence E. Moon Funeral Home. Public visitation will be during family hour only. Evangelist Odessa Houston was born May 24, 1927 in Gadsden, Alabama, the daughter of Joe and Rosetta Whiteside. Her former education was in Gadsden, AL. Evangelist Odessa Houston was a member of Pentecostal Temple Church Of God In Christ, under the leadership of the late Pastor James P. Sanders for many years. She was a faithful servant of the Lord during her ministry and continued until the end of her days. Evangelist Houston's accomplishments included become a Certified Nurse Assistant 1 & 2, working for Woodside Church and becoming a School Aide for Cummings Elementary School. She was nominated and became the recipient of the Mother of the Year Award in the City of Flint, Michigan in 1989. Evangelist Houston was a woman of many gifts. She was an excellent cook, singer, seamstress and also a great woman of God. Her hobbies were sewing, Crossword Puzzles and knitting. Evangelist Houston was a woman who desired to help others whenever she could. Always giving her best to overcome adversity and standing strong in her belief and faith in Christ.

Evangelist Houston gave of herself to others, which led to her becoming a Foster Parent for 4 children and eventually went on to adopt 2 of them.

Evangelist Odessa Houston leaves to cherish her memory: 5 daughters and 5 sons, Joe (Anniken) Johnson of Norway, Maudell Houston of Flint, Linda Williams of Mt. Morris, MI, Jessie (Joe) Ryan of Novi, MI, Clifton Houston of Flint, Celia Williams of Flint Twp., MI, Levan (Joyce) Whiteside of Mt. Morris, MI, Roy Houston of Stone Mountain, GA, and Melvin (Miranda) Houston of Atlanta, GA; adopted children, Cameron Houston and Marie Houston; 3 sisters-in-law; 2 brothers-in-law; a host of grandchildren, great-grandchildren and great-great-grandchildren, nieces, nephews, cousins and friends.

Evangelist Houston was preceded in death by her loving husband, Elder Clifford Houston; son, Donnie Houston; daughter, Rosa Patterson; a grandson and 3 sons-in-law; parents, Joe and Rosetta Whiteside; 6 sisters; 2 brothers.

The family would like to express special thanks to Pastor Ronald Wilson, a long-time friend, Wellbridge of Fenton and staff, Notting Hill staff of W. Bloomfield, MI, McLaren Hospice of Michigan for her care and comfort.

# Cemetery Details

## Flint Memorial Park Cemetery

G-9506 N. Dort Hwy.  
Mt. Morris, MI 48458

# Previous Events

## Family hour & viewing

DEC 19. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (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>

## Funeral Service

DEC 19. 11:00 AM (ET)

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# Tribute Wall



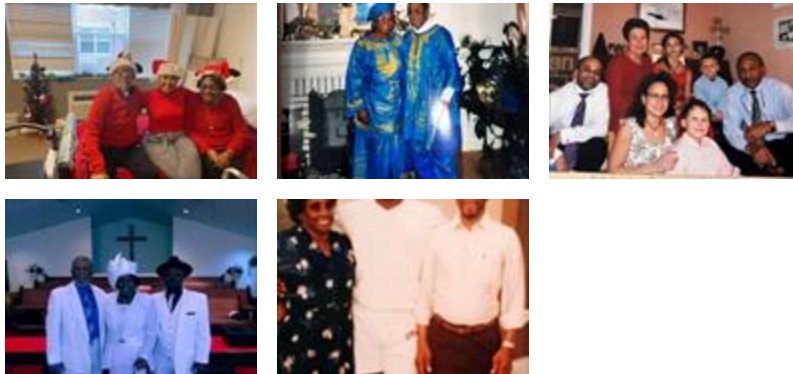
“ *Lawrence E. Moon Funeral Home created a Webcast in memory of Mrs. Odessa Houston*



Lawrence E. Moon Funeral Home - December 19, 2024 at 08:58 AM

PC

“ *9 files added to the album Family Photos*



Pasha Chaney - December 20, 2024 at 12:01 PM

SB

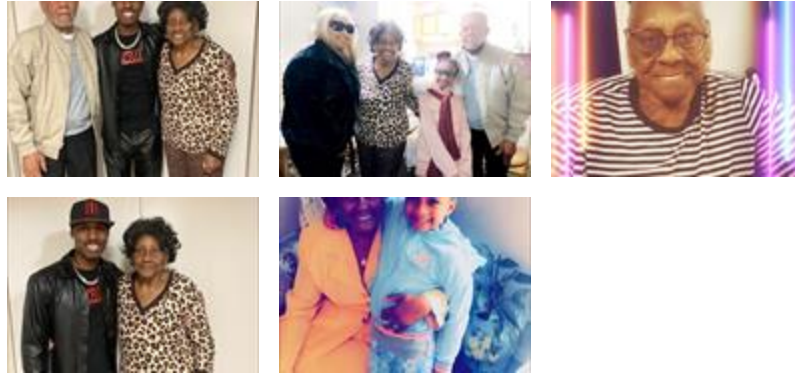
“ *My special memory for me Mr and mrs Houston, never forgotten, in my heart always.*



Shirley Blassingame - December 19, 2024 at 10:19 PM

PC

“ 7 files added to the album Family Photos



Pasha Chaney - December 19, 2024 at 09:33 PM

NJ

“ Always in our hearts!



Natasha Johnson - December 19, 2024 at 10:19 AM

MJ

“ Marcel Johnson lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Odessa Houston



Marcel Johnson - December 19, 2024 at 10:10 AM

JJ

“ Dearest Mother, grand-mother, great-grandmother, mother-in-law, and friend. Your family in Norway would like to show respect and thank you for becoming the person that you became. Thank you for your never-ending love and devotion to family. We are happy that you had the opportunity to visit us here in Norway several times. We will cherish those memories and carry you in our hearts and thoughts for as long as we live. Thank you for everything. May you rest in peace. We already miss you more than words can say.  
Anniken, Joe, Marcel, Leilani, Natasha, Sander, Simen, Anniken`s sisters, Kari and Ellen



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**Joe Johnson** - December 19, 2024 at 08:37 AM

BD

“ To the Houston family,  
We extend to you our heartfelt sympathies at the passing of your mother. We are sorry we couldn't be there but our thoughts and prayers are with you.  
We love you, Bishop and Mother Duckworth .

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**Bishop Clarence and Patricia Duckworth** - December 18, 2024 at 10:27 PM

MT

“ Malkia, Derrick, Briana, & Tatiana planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Mrs. Odessa Houston.

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**Malkia, Derrick, Briana, & Tatiana** - December 18, 2024 at 02:20 PM

MT

“ *Malkia, Derrick, Briana, & Tatiana purchased the Arrive in Style for the family of Mrs. Odessa Houston.*



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**Malkia, Derrick, Briana, & Tatiana** - December 18, 2024 at 02:20 PM

JO

“ *May God bless and keep the Houston family during this time of loss. Your family will be in our prayers. Love you all from Joe Ann Evans and family!*

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**Joeann** - December 18, 2024 at 11:35 AM

MS

“ *To the Houston Family! My thoughts and prayers are with you as you celebrate the life of your sweet, loving mother, grandmother, and great-grandmother. Her infectious smile and joyful laughter are lasting memories that I will always cherish. She is a light and a true daughter of the Most High God. She ran an outstanding race in the Lord and made it to the finish line. Her work on earth was definitely not in vain. Cherish the loving memories and know that she is at peace resting in the Lord. Love, Mona Lisa Sharp*



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**Mona Lisa Sharp** - December 17, 2024 at 05:15 PM

SB

“ *My prayers and condolences to the Houston family, my cherish memory of Mr and Mrs Houston*

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**Shirley Blassingame** - December 16, 2024 at 12:39 AM

SB

“ My good friend Felicia and family, sorry for your loss of your dear mother a lady that I met and took me as a goddaughter, she infiltrated my heart and thoughts from the time we met, Spiritual and God filled Lady, she will always be in my heart and thoughts, this is my beautiful memory of Mr and Mrs. Houston, which I will always have an cherish.

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**Shirley Blassingame** - December 16, 2024 at 12:29 AM

PC

“ My sweet Odessa Houston, I will miss you more than ever. From the times I grew up to the time of your passing you were the BEST! I remember sleeping over your house, helping you drive with one foot and all the laughter we shared! You loved all your children, great children and beyond and we loved you deeply. Rest in heavenly peace with God. Your work and life was spent well done. I love you forever grandma! ~ Your grand daughter Pasha & great grand daughter Christiauna~

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**Pasha Chaney** - December 15, 2024 at 03:42 PM

DW

“ My condolences and prayers are with the Houston Family



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**Derrek & Regina Williams** - December 15, 2024 at 02:11 AM

MF

“ *My sincere condolences and prayers are with the Houston Family, Mrs. Houston was truly a Blessing to My Family and my Self , Continue to Fly High*



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**Mandeline Kennard & Family** - December 15, 2024 at 02:10 AM

LC

“ *Lois Chapman lit a candle in memory of Odessa Houston*



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**Lois Chapman** - December 14, 2024 at 08:06 AM

AZ

“ *In Memory of Grandma  
By Michele Meleen Memories grow  
and memories fade, But memories of Grandma  
never go away. Her smile rests in mine, her hands help me sew, her  
love fills my heart,  
her spirit runs through my soul. In memory of Grandma, the trunk of  
my tree,  
I live my life as her legacy.*

*This praying grandma will truly be missed.*

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**Aziza** - December 13, 2024 at 03:49 AM

AA

“ Aziza and Asa planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Mrs. Odessa Houston.

Aziza and Asa - December 13, 2024 at 03:46 AM

AA

“ Aziza and Asa purchased the Divine Peace Bouquet for the family of Mrs. Odessa Houston.



Aziza and Asa - December 13, 2024 at 03:46 AM

DB

“ Darline Baker sent a virtual gift in memory of Mrs. Odessa Houston



Darline Baker - December 12, 2024 at 11:34 AM

DP

“ Delorie Porter lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Odessa Houston



Delorie Porter - December 11, 2024 at 04:10 PM

DP

“ Sending condolences an prayers to the Houston Family. I met Mrs Houston we attended her an her husband church an she soon became my youngest son grandmother by her son Donnie Houston.she was genuine sweet grandmother my son would go around that corner to see them both.until we moved out of flint. But I never will forget her kindness an sweet smile.

Delorie Porter - December 11, 2024 at 04:10 PM

TF

“ T Force Freight purchased the Enchanted Cottag e for the family of Mrs. Odessa Houston.



T Force Freight - December 11, 2024 at 02:41 PM

CB

“ Carol, Brian & Jennifer Van Buren purchased the Enchanted Cottage for the family of Mrs. Odessa Houston.



Carol, Brian & Jennifer Van Buren - December 10, 2024 at 09:13 PM

BD

“ MAY OUR FAMILY BE COMFORTED BY THE POWER OF THE LIVING GOD  
Peace and Love



Bobby J Davis - December 10, 2024 at 10:07 AM

WM

“ Warren And Annette Marks lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Odessa Houston



Warren and Annette Marks - December 09, 2024 at 04:31 PM

LJ

“ Leilani Saxrud Johnson lit a candle in memory of Odessa Houston



Leilani Saxrud Johnson - December 09, 2024 at 11:04 AM



“ We are so sorry for your loss Mother Houston was a Beautiful Spirit and she will be well missed but we will always treasure the Memories.Love the Sampson Family Anthony,Lou,Charlton, Demarcus.



Rain Misty - December 07, 2024 at 05:50 PM

MC

“ Marlene Cleveland lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Odessa Houston



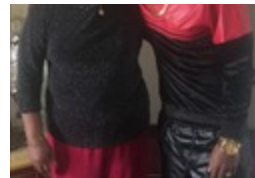
Marlene Cleveland - December 06, 2024 at 06:50 PM

Jl

“ It’s so hard to find the adequate words to honor, praise and celebrate such a rare beacon of light that this world was blessed to have for 97 years; My grandma was the epitome of Holiness that exemplified the true nature of joy, far more happiness, pure joy in its truest form - a direct reflection of what an image of Christ loves like; While I am thankful she is forever in our hearts, I’m moreover grateful that she is forever in Christ; her name is cemented in the Lambs Book of Life and she will be among the first to rise when our Lord & Savior returns. Whether it was her infectious smile, her huge warm hugs, her uplifting and contagious laugh or her beautiful and timeless voice that carried the notes of heaven to our souls, you knew it was an interaction from a true servant of the only true and living God. What an unfathomable legacy she birthed, not only in the 100’s of lives that came because of her womb, but those who she’s responsible for being born again and accepting Christ! She never wavered in Faith, Love or Joy, not ONCE; My first band-mate, my first 1st Lady, My beautiful brown Grandma, I will see you again, because I will follow the requirements that the Lord has set for us to be able to. I love you with a love beyond humanity. My spirit still has a piece of yours because without yours I wouldn’t have one. Thank you so much Grandma for the 38 years of unconditional agape love and joy that you showered me with. There will never be another Angel like Odessa Houston. Until we meet again in Christ Grandma, rest well. You WILL hear “Well done my good and faithful servant” when our Lord returns! ❤️🕊️🙏

Love,

Jr.





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**Joe Ryan III** - December 06, 2024 at 11:07 AM