



## Mrs. Ophelia Waits

April 1, 1942 - November 28, 2021

WAITS, Mrs. Ophelia - Age 79, passed away Sunday, November 28, 2021 at McLaren-Flint. Family hour 1:30 PM Wednesday, December 8, 2021, from the Chapel of Lawrence E. Moon Funeral Home, 906 W. Flint Park Blvd., with funeral service commencing at 2:00 PM. Pastor Tywan Feimester, officiating. Interment Sunset Hills Cemetery, G-4413 Flushing Rd. Friends and pallbearers will assemble at the chapel 1:30 PM Wednesday. Mrs. Waits will lie in state in the Chapel of Lawrence E. Moon Funeral Home and may be viewed from 12:00 PM to 6:00 PM Tuesday. Mrs. Ophelia Waits was born April 1, 1942, in Crawford, Mississippi, the daughter of the late Aaron Grace and Lula Ward-Grace. Ophelia graduated from Moor High School, "Class of 1960" in Crawford, MS. She moved to Flint, Michigan in 1961. Ophelia met Lonnie Waits and joined him in marriage. She was hired into Fisher Body I, a division of General Motors Corporation and later transferred to Buick City where she retired after 26 years of service. Ophelia was a member of UAW Local #599. She was the matriarch of her family. Ophelia loved and was loved, cherish and respected by so many. Her time here on earth with us was nothing short of amazing, but gracefully fulfilled until the end. She was a caring caregiver to her family throughout the generations. A wonderful wife, marvelous mother, gracious grandmother, spectacular sister, awesome auntie and fantastic friend. Ophelia believed in the Lord and attended church at an early age. She was a member of Antioch Missionary Baptist Church under the leadership of Pastor Lewis Randolph. Ophelia was a faithful member until her health

declined. She loved traveling and returning back home to be with her mother and enjoying her family/friends in Crawford, MS. Ophelia valued knowledge and sharing it with whomever she came in contact with. She had a purpose in life and instilled it in her children. Ophelia was very elegant and enjoyed the finer things, but the simplest pleasures in life which brought joy to her. Mrs. Ophelia Waits leaves to cherish her memory: son, Zachary (Bilal) Scott; daughters, Gloria Maynie and Jamila Waits-Vincent; step-children, Adrian Harris and Lonnie (Tyrone) Waits; grandchildren, JaQuanda Clark, Zachary D. Scott, QJuanika Swift, Michael Vincent, Kiara Swann, Khadejah Joy, Laturia Davis, Airyonna Vincent, Kendal Maynie and Jyonnaya Beauregard; great-grandchildren, Brazil, Alayna and Jyi'Asia "Punkin Patch" Vincent, all of Flint; sister, Mrs. Lillie Ware of Grand Blanc, MI; brother, Walter J. Tipton of Flint; a host of nieces including special nieces, Beverly Grace of Flint, Darlyn Stafford of Novi, MI, Gwendolyn Hudson of California and Tykia Tipton of Alabama; a host of nephews including special nephews, Daryl Grace, Alonzo Brooks, Mac Arthur Brooks and Tywan Feimster; special great-niece who she raised as her own, Zakesha McGee of Atlanta, GA; cousins, Dorothy Stallings and Joseph Stallings of Burton, MI; a host of other relatives and friends including special friends, Mr. Johnnie Goodman, "Ricky Rich", Virginia Varner, Lois Coleman and Mary Palmer of Flint; god-daughters, Lacelia Dixon, Shanda Hunt, Carmen Davis, Darlisha Vincent, Gina Swann and Xenia Swift; god-son, Kevin Scroggins, all of Flint. Mrs. Waits was preceded in death by her husband, Lonnie Waits; son, Ivan Grace; parents, Aaron and Lula Ward-Grace; brothers, Samuel and Caleb Grace; sister, Ida Mae Grace; son-in-law, Jermaine Vincent; great-niece, Zakeya McGee; cousin/daughter, Lucy Ann Tipton; and cousin, Susie Stallings Brooks. The family would like to express special thanks to Lawrence E. Moon Funeral Home, Pastor Tywan Feimster, McLaren-Flint, Dr. Sudd, Dr. Ali and 6th Floor CCU. Any and all family and friends of Zachary (Bilal) and Jamila.

# Cemetery Details

## Sunset Hills Cemetery

G-4413 Flushing Rd.  
Flint, MI 48504

# Previous Events

## Viewing

DEC 7. 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

DEC 8. 1:30 PM - 2:00 PM (ET)

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## Funeral Service

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DEC 8. 2:00 PM (ET)

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# Tribute Wall



“ *Lawrence E. Moon Funeral Home created a Webcast in memory of Mrs. Ophelia Waits*



Lawrence E. Moon Funeral Home - December 08, 2021 at 09:51 AM

DA

*BEAUTIFUL HOMEGOING* ☐

Daughter - December 31, 2021 at 01:47 AM

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*I love you granny* ❤️❤️ *watch over your special love ones.*

Michael (grandson) - October 28, 2024 at 08:26 AM

JL

*Missing you Aunt (Fefe) Ophiel*

Jacquelyn Grace Lee - March 03 at 05:07 PM

DA

“ *HAPPY BIRTHDAY MOMMA* ❤️ *I LOVE YOU AND MISS YOU DEARLY! CONTINUE TO WATCH OVER US!!! LOVE YOU MA* ❤️🤔🥰  
🥰



Daughter - March 29, 2025 at 02:21 AM

JW

“ I LOVE AND MISS YOU SO MUCH MOMMA!!!! CONTINUE TO WATCH OVER ME AND BILAL 🥺

Jamila Waits - November 28, 2023 at 02:32 PM



“ Mrs. Ophelia Waits

October 09, 2023 at 07:02 AM

SS

“ Sheila Smith lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Ophelia Waits



Sheila Smith - December 08, 2021 at 09:50 PM

TB

“ Aunt Ophelia I'm going to miss you and I love you. ❤️❤️❤️



Torri Brooks - December 08, 2021 at 03:11 PM



“ *Condolences and prayers to the family of Mrs Ophelia Waits. We’ve enjoyed many memorable times during our lifetime. Rest on. To “Poopie” and Jamila hold on. Love Beverly Simpson.*



**Cerese Simpson Pennington** - December 08, 2021 at 01:43 PM



“ *My sincere and heartfelt condolences to Jamila, Zachary and my friend Gloria and the entire family. We’ve shared many fun times together throughout my childhood with your mother and father. Prior to your birth Jamila. My prayer is that you all allow the comfort of God to dwell richly with you now and the days to come. I love you all. Cerese Simpson Pennington*

**Cerese Simpson Pennington** - December 08, 2021 at 01:38 PM

TH

“ *Such a beautiful woman. You will truly be missed.*

**Telica Harris** - December 08, 2021 at 11:14 AM

GA

“ *Gwen Austin lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Ophelia Waits*



**Gwen Austin** - December 07, 2021 at 09:27 PM

CA

“ *Crystal Ashburn lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Ophelia Waits*



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**Crystal Ashburn** - December 07, 2021 at 04:24 PM

CA

“ *Sending my deepest sympathy to you and your family Crystal Ashburn Brown*



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**Crystal Ashburn** - December 07, 2021 at 04:23 PM



“ *Strength & Solace Spray was purchased for the family of Mrs. Ophelia Waits.*



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December 07, 2021 at 08:42 AM

SG

“ *Shamarion Grace lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Ophelia Waits*



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**Shamarion Grace** - December 06, 2021 at 08:18 PM

JA

“ 25 files added to the tribute wall



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**Jamila** - December 06, 2021 at 07:32 PM

JA

“ MOMMA



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**Jamila** - December 06, 2021 at 07:31 PM

PB

“ *Sending my Prayers and Sincerest Condolences to the family. Jamila and Zach this road will not be an easy one, but through Prayers you will get through this.*

*Ophelia was a beautiful soul inside, and out, her spirit was kind, and friendly! Im so Blessed to have been a part of her life.*

*As I think back to the days of being your neighbor it gives me so much joy, the Friday Fish fry's, the Birthday parties, the conversations, the neighbors that everyone loved! Through being neighbors MANY memories will always be an album in my mind to look through for the rest of my life!*

*We were the mamma's of the neighborhood, our children will forever be connected as family. The Joy that Ophelia and her family brought to everyone in the neighborhood will always be cherished.*

*You will be missed Ophelia but NEVER forgotten.*

*Love Mamma Paula*



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**Paula Broyles** - December 06, 2021 at 01:30 PM

TW

“ *Timika Washington lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Ophelia Waits*



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**Timika Washington** - December 06, 2021 at 11:22 AM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Mrs. Ophelia Waits.*



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December 06, 2021 at 09:24 AM



“ *Lavender Reflections Spray was purchased for the family of Mrs. Ophelia Waits.*



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December 06, 2021 at 08:39 AM



“ *Aunt Ophelia I will always have you in my heart.*

*I just talked to you the other day, I just felt like we were close to each other. God is love, Jamila be encouraged I love you and the family. Stay blessed, and strong in the lord and the power of his might!*

*From Gwendolyn*



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**Sheila Jaye** - December 05, 2021 at 08:16 PM



“ *Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Mrs. Ophelia Waits.*



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December 05, 2021 at 08:11 PM



“ *Jeanette Brown lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Ophelia Waits*



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**Jeanette Brown** - December 05, 2021 at 06:21 PM



“ *Momma I'm missing you like CRAZY!!!! I NEED YOU MOMMA I CANT MAKE IT WITHOUT YOU* ☐



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**Jamila** - December 05, 2021 at 05:28 PM



“ *Cliffton Sykes sent a virtual gift in memory of Mrs. Ophelia Waits*



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**Cliffton sykes** - December 05, 2021 at 12:56 PM

CS

“ *Cliffton Sykes sent a virtual gift in memory of Mrs. Ophelia Waits*



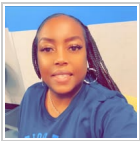
Cliffton sykes - December 05, 2021 at 12:55 PM

DS

“ *Darryl Shoemo lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Ophelia Waits*



darryl shoemo - December 05, 2021 at 07:13 AM



“ *God definitely picked the most beautiful flower. Mama Ophelia your kind heart and sweet spirit will be missed.*



Gina Swann - December 05, 2021 at 05:28 AM

JL

“ *Auntie Ophelia came over and sat with her sister in the house or on the porch every day. for hours I will miss my auntie. Auntie loved music and her Cadillacs.*



Jacquelyn Grace Lee - December 04, 2021 at 09:05 PM

RB

“ To the family of my cousin Ophelia Grace-Waits, you all have my deepest condolences and sympathy in your loss. My cousin her brother, Caleb Grace, told me of her before his transition in August of 2020. May Almighty God allow her to rest in peace and keep the entire family close to God's heart now and in the future.



*Rev. Danny C. Brewster*

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**Rev. Danny C. Brewster** - December 04, 2021 at 08:25 PM

JR

“ Jo Richmond lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Ophelia Waits



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**Jo Richmond** - December 04, 2021 at 07:01 PM



“ Crystal Cross Bouquet was purchased for the family of Mrs. Ophelia Waits.



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December 04, 2021 at 06:49 PM



“ *Lula Lewis sent a virtual gift in memory of Mrs. Ophelia Waits*



**Lula Lewis** - December 04, 2021 at 04:23 PM

BS

“ *Barbara Sykes lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Ophelia Waits*



**Barbara Sykes** - December 04, 2021 at 12:18 PM

CP

“ *Prayers for Jamila and Bilal ...always keep your memories vivid while holding on to God's unchanging hand ...keep watch on each other And live everyday knowing how blessed you are .*



**Char Pippins** - December 04, 2021 at 11:35 AM

TA

“ *Our, beautiful, Queen cousin!! Zack and Jamilia, I know it's not easy! I pray your strength, comfort and peace. Rest, beloved cousin, Ophelia* ❤️ 🙏🙏🙏

**Teresa Anthony** - December 03, 2021 at 10:46 PM

CB

“ *Cherry L. Brown lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Ophelia Waits*



Cherry L. Brown - December 03, 2021 at 04:09 PM

CG

“ *Corliss Dunn Gaines lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Ophelia Waits*



Corliss Dunn Gaines - December 03, 2021 at 11:52 AM

CP

“ *Cerese Simpson Pennington lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Ophelia Waits*



Cerese simpson Pennington - December 03, 2021 at 02:58 AM

JD

“ *Jean Durrettt lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Ophelia Waits*



Jean Durrettt - December 02, 2021 at 09:32 PM

KF

“ Kayonna Ferguson sent a virtual gift in memory of Mrs. Ophelia Waits



Kayonna Ferguson - December 02, 2021 at 08:53 PM

DE

“ Sorry for your loss! She always had me laughing about stuff. My prayers are with the family. I use to have fun her. Love Deb Edson



Deborah Edson - December 02, 2021 at 05:42 PM

SP

“ Sheryl Payton sent a virtual gift in memory of Mrs. Ophelia Waits



Sheryl Payton - December 02, 2021 at 01:35 PM

JH

“ Joann Hodo - Hamlin lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Ophelia Waits



Joann Hodo - Hamlin - December 02, 2021 at 12:42 PM

SB

“ *Sallie Brooks lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Ophelia Waits*



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**Sallie Brooks** - December 02, 2021 at 11:58 AM

MM

“ *Maxine Marshall Murray lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Ophelia Waits*



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**Maxine Marshall Murray** - December 02, 2021 at 09:05 AM

JA

“ *I LOVE YOU MOMMA!!! No more pain and no more suffering. Rest peacefully...*



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**Jamila** - December 02, 2021 at 01:44 AM

CP

*God Bless you*

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**Char Pippins** - December 04, 2021 at 10:27 PM

MG

“ Aunt Ophelia ❤️



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**Megan Grace** - December 01, 2021 at 11:40 PM

DN

“ Demetrius Noakes lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Ophelia Waits



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**Demetrius Noakes** - December 01, 2021 at 11:14 PM

SS

“ Sending prayers and condolences to the family.



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**Shawana Swanigan** - December 01, 2021 at 05:36 PM

RP

“ REV PJACKSON sent a virtual gift in memory of Mrs. Ophelia Waits



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**REV PJACKSON** - November 30, 2021 at 08:46 AM

LB

“ *Lois Bell lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Ophelia Waits*



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**Lois Bell** - November 30, 2021 at 08:20 AM

CW

“ *Clyde & Janice Williams lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Ophelia Waits*



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**Clyde & Janice Williams** - November 29, 2021 at 12:40 PM

BF

“ *Brenda Waits And Family lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Ophelia Waits*



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**Brenda Waits and Family** - November 29, 2021 at 11:19 AM

KG

“ *Keta Gibson lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Ophelia Waits*



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**Keta Gibson** - November 29, 2021 at 10:20 AM



*REST IN HEAVEN OPHELIA! BOBBY SIMPSON JR*

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**BOBBY SIMPSON JR.** - December 02, 2021 at 01:47 PM