



## Mrs. Ophia Lean French

August 2, 1942 - May 4, 2021

FRENCH, Mrs. Ophia Lean - Age 78, passed away Tuesday, May 4, 2021 at her residence. Family hour 12:30 PM Saturday, May 15, 2021 at Grace Tabernacle Missionary Baptist Church, 1050 E. Carpenter Rd., with funeral service commencing at 1:00 PM Pastor Dennis Powell, officiating. Interment Lovedale Memorial Cemetery, G-5175 E. Bristol Rd., Burton, MI. Friends and pallbearers will assemble at the church 12:30 PM Saturday. Mrs. French will lie in state in the Chapel of Lawrence E. Moon Funeral Home, 906 W. Flint Park Blvd., and may be viewed from 12:00 PM - 6:00 PM Friday. Mrs. Ophia Lean French, age 78, passed away on May 4, 2021 at her home with family. Ophia was born August 2, 1942 in Saltillo, Mississippi, the daughter of Richard and Mable McBride. She attended Saltillo Public Schools where she later obtained her Associate Degree from Okolona College in Goodman, MS. Ophia married the love of her life, Charlie B. French on May 17, 1964. Ophia was employed at the United States Postal Service where she retired. She was a long time member of First Union Baptist Church until her health began to decline. Ophia was strong, loving and kind hearted to everyone she came across. She enjoyed spending time with family, crocheting and watching Lifetime. Mrs. Ophia Lean French leaves to cherish her memory; son, Cedric L. (Tracy) French of Battle Creek, MI; 8 grandchildren, Ebony (Dan) Burnham, Keoshee Flynn, all of Flint, Nakeia (Mark) Merritt, Jazmine French, all of Denver, CO, Toddare Leblanc, Shandrea Leblanc, Chardre Leblanc and Trayshelle Leblanc, all of Battle Creek, MI; 10 great-grandchildren; 2 brothers,

Hershal McBride of Mt. Clemons, MI and Charles (Monroe) McBride of Dallas, TX; brother-in-law, E.C. French; 3 sisters-in-law, Estella Gould, Gladys (Victor) Powell and Francisetta French, all of Flint; aunt, Mary McBride of Rock Island, IL; a host of nieces, nephews, other relatives and special friends. Mrs. French was preceded in death by her husband, Charlie B. French; son, Charlie B. French Jr.; great-grandson, Te'Mauri Coleman; parents, Richard and Mable McBride; 3 sisters; 3 brothers; 1 sister-in-law; and 1 brother-in-law.

# Cemetery Details

## Lovedale Memorial Cemetery

G-5175 E. Bristol Rd.  
Burton, MI

# Previous Events

## Public Viewing

MAY 14. 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

MAY 15. 12:30 PM - 1:00 PM (ET)

Grace Tabernacle Missionary Baptist Church  
G-1050 W. Carpenter Rd.  
Flint, MI 48505  
(810) 785-7577

## Service

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MAY 15. 1:00 PM (ET)

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# Tribute Wall



“ *Mrs. Ophia Lean French*

October 09, 2023 at 07:02 AM



“ *My deepest condolences to the French family, I use to love this lady when I was young me and Charlie were very close friends.*

**Renee Coney** - May 16, 2021 at 08:58 AM



“ *Kermit & Genell (Crain) Reeves lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Ophia Lean French*



**Kermit & Genell (Crain) Reeves** - May 15, 2021 at 07:26 AM

BR

“ *To: Cedric French and the Entire French family and friends  
Honoring and Remembering a Remarkable Woman*

*A farewell to my Beloved Ophia --Our two families connected over thirty years ago. Ophia and I shared a very special relationship of a forever friendship of sisterly love, respect and understanding. I will miss our talks, our exchange of cards and gifts. I will always cherish Ophia and carry those memories we shared in my heart.*

*Ophia a strong woman of faith - no longer in pain and worry - but now resting in the loving arms of our Lord.*

*Sisterly love,*

*Bellverie E. Ross*

*and*

*My entire family in Denver and Charlotte NC sends comforting prayers your way.*

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**Bellverie E Ross** - May 14, 2021 at 08:25 PM

BE

“ *In memory of Mrs. Ophia Lean French. Love,  
Billie Ruth Mckinney Ezell*



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**Billie Ruth Ezell** - May 14, 2021 at 04:24 PM

SM

“ We thank God for the years of friendship that began in grade school and continued down through the years. Your spirit was always kind regardless of how you felt in your body-we will never forget your good fight of faith and the love you shared with everyone you knew. We rejoice that you are now perfectly healed and resting in the arms of your Savior! Our prayers and condolences are with your family today and in the days to come. Humbly submitted Deacon and Mrs Charlie & Shirley Johnson and family.

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**Shirley Ruth McKinney-Johnson** - May 14, 2021 at 04:08 PM

NM

“ Nakeia, Mark, Elijah, Cherish& Caleb Merritt purchased the Sweet Tenderness for the family of Mrs. Ophia Lean French.



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**Nakeia, Mark, Elijah, Cherish& Caleb Merritt** - May 14, 2021 at 10:54 AM

JR

“ Words cannot express the sorrow we feel of the passing of Aunt Ophia. May you find comfort in knowing she has joined the Heavenly choir singing praises unto God.

*John Richard and Family*

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**John Richard** - May 14, 2021 at 08:11 AM

JF

“ Words cannot express the sorrow we feel of the passing of Aunt Ophie. May you forever cherish the memories. May you find comfort in knowing she has joined the heavenly choir, singing praises unto God.

John White and Family - May 14, 2021 at 07:53 AM



“ Prayers to the Family  
When you attend FUBC I loved hearing about you sing 🎤 especially “Living Testimony”



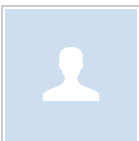
Chloria Boone - May 13, 2021 at 03:15 PM

MW

“ Maury & Cheryl Wills



Maury & Cheryl Wills - May 13, 2021 at 08:05 AM



“ Beautiful Heart Bouquet was purchased for the family of Mrs. Ophia Lean French.



May 13, 2021 at 07:32 AM

DT

“ Debra Thornton lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Ophia Lean French



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Debra Thornton - May 12, 2021 at 11:59 PM

RL

“ We miss you auntie Ophia your nieces and nephews. You will never be forgotten.

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Rosa Lathon - May 12, 2021 at 07:06 PM

TF

“ The Hopkins & French Family purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Mrs. Ophia Lean French.



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The Hopkins & French Family - May 12, 2021 at 01:40 PM

NM

“ Grandma French. I will miss you dearly. I will miss our phone conversations and sharing memories. Love Nakeia and family



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Nakeia Merritt - May 11, 2021 at 12:17 PM

NT

“ I will miss our weekly visits and our great conversation and laughter together.

Praying for her family in this time of sorrow ❤️

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**Nicole Tucker** - May 10, 2021 at 10:24 PM

PP

“ Pamila Price lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Ophia Lean French



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**Pamila Price** - May 10, 2021 at 08:39 AM

VM

“ Remembering the look of love on her face and how excited she was when she met and held her great grandson caleb for the fisrt time.

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**Veronica M** - May 07, 2021 at 02:07 PM

VM

“ Eboni & Family  
Sending prayers of comfort and condolences to you at this.  
Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted.

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**Veronica M** - May 07, 2021 at 02:01 PM

SM

“ Rest Mrs. French the hood you lived in Close to us with Mr. French. Loves you And Respected you. Rest now. Amen.



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**Sadique Gregory Martin** - May 05, 2021 at 07:39 PM

TG

“ Tresia Givens lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Ophia Lean French



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**Tresia Givens** - May 05, 2021 at 06:28 PM