Mrs. Peccola W. "Momma P" "P Rhodes" Rhodes

April 28, 1926 - February 15, 2014

RHODES, Mrs. Peccola W. - Age 87, passed away Saturday, February 15, 2014 at her residence. Family hour 10a.m. Friday, February 28, 2014 from the Chapel of Lawrence E. Moon Funeral Home, 906 W. Flint Park Blvd., with funeral service at 11a.m. Pastor Kenneth L. Stewart officiating. Interment Gracelawn Community Cemetery, G-5710 N. Saginaw St. Friends and pallbearers will assemble at the funeral home 10am Friday. Mrs. Rhodes will lie in state in the Chapel of Lawrence E. Moon Funeral Home, and may be viewed from 12p.m.-8p.m. Thursday.

Peccola (“Mama P”) W. Rhodes, 87 years “young”, went home to be with the Lord on February 15, 2014. She was born April 28, 1926 to William and Arlena Stubbs in Brinkley, Arkansas, the oldest of three siblings. She was a life-long resident of the City of Flint since age three. “Mama P” was a hidden beacon of political influence with numerous elected officials, many of whom were elected with her “silent” campaign methods. A “student” of Georgia Heights who was a local political icon in the black community, “Mama P’ worked hard to help those she thought would contribute more positively to the quality of life for minorities. These persons included the first black mayor of Flint, Floyd McCree, Councilman Fred Tucker, Genesee County Commissioner Nate Turner, Mayor James Rutherford, Prosecutor Robert Weiss, and her good friend Judge Harry McAra. She was closely involved in the election of the first black member of the Flint Board of Education, Helen

Harris. The list is endless. Her force of influence was timeless. Ms. Rhodes was the first of her parents' three children: Nora Hazel and Cornell. Her father-in-law, Rev. Matthew Montgomery, was one of the founders of Mt. Calvary Missionary Baptist Church.

"Mama P" leaves to cherish her memory: daughter, Marion Mathews; 4 grandchildren, Roderick Johnson, Sharonlyn (Lee) King, Peccola (Darryl) Taylor, and Nora Perez; 12 great-grandchildren, Rowena (Damiann), Michael, Elyse, Kolly, Jacqueline, Darryl, Daneisa, Luke, Deonta, Anthony, Ralpheall, Timothy, 7 great-great grand children; Amarion, Jaysen, Jayse, Annevah, Aniyah, VeeMarie and Armoni; a host of relatives and friends who will miss her guiding light that she so often shined upon others, including her special cousin Joan Montgomery Lewis.

Mrs. Rhodes was preceded in death by: her husband, Armstead; 2 daughters, Dolphine Glass and Lena Sue Murry; grandchild, Iva Maxine Johnson; great-grandchild, "Jackie" Johnson; and her parents.

Cemetery Details

Gracelawn Cemetery

5710 N. Saginaw St.
Flint, MI 48505

Previous Events

Public Viewing

FEB **27**. 12:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

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Family hour

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Celebration of Life Service

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Tribute Wall

Lawrence E. Moon Funeral Home created a Webcast in memory of Mrs. Peccola W. "Momma P" "P Rhodes" Rhodes

Lawrence E. Moon Funeral Home - February 15, 2014 at 12:00 AM

Mrs. Peccola W. "Momma P" "P Rhodes" Rhodes

October 09, 2023 at 07:02 AM

PJ

Phinesia Jones lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Peccola W. "Momma P" "P Rhodes" Rhodes

Phinesia Jones - December 16, 2020 at 09:31 AM

PJ

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Phinesia Jones - December 16, 2020 at 08:56 AM

Awe momma cola i send my condolences to the family & my love this is nikki alvin baby momma. I miss y'all call me 308 7871

Lashawn Flourry - April 25, 2014 at 10:06 AM

You were a loving aunt who always was there to help my mom(Elizabeth "Bessie" Holloway) whenever she needed you. I will always cherish you in my heart aunt peccola, loving you forever. Marvis and Marion Holloway

Marvis Holloway - March 26, 2014 at 09:17 AM

CM

Dear Marion, may God bless and keep you and your family in this time of sorrow.Remember that sunset on one side is sunrise on the other side. You have my heartfelt sympathy.

Canova Mathews - February 28, 2014 at 08:48 AM

Aniska NA Hutchinso

Aniska NA Hutchinson lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Peccola W. "Momma P" "P Rhodes" Rhodes

Aniska NA Hutchinson - February 27, 2014 at 08:42 PM

JT

Peccola,
I have a always loved you and your caring ways. You were a great friend and a wonderful human being. I can still taste your delicious cinnamon rolls. You will always be in my prayers.
Jeanne Thick

Jeanne Thick - February 27, 2014 at 05:18 PM

HR

I will always remember you as my favorite cousin. I enjoyed my time with you every time
we meet. You was there for me when my father Richard was dying, You gave us that good government cheese when it existed,you made good homemade Mexican foods especially hot tamales,and chocolate cake.I enjoyed my time with you even when my mother side tries to seperate us. I will always love you and will keep you in my heart and memory as well.Thank you for being my cousin. Holla @yocousinkat.com! Harris H. Richard. I will always love you and keep you in memory.

Harris Richard - February 27, 2014 at 10:37 AM

CJ

Marion - I remember you always brought your Mom over to visit with my Mother, Hendriss VanZandt. She always had words of wisdom and always gave with her famous rolls. When I moved to California she called me a few times to check on me. She had a good spirit and a kind heart. God Bless her.

Colleen Jenkins - February 26, 2014 at 09:41 AM

NP

Nora Perez lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Peccola W. "Momma P" "P Rhodes" Rhodes

Nora Perez - February 25, 2014 at 08:14 AM

RJ

We love you always & we will miss you Aunt Cola.... Love you forever & ever!!! Cornelia, Mae, Raymond, Jacqueline, Toddy, David, Tom, Ida, Vena & Betty Jane.....

rayvena johnson - February 18, 2014 at 08:04 PM

EE

Peccola was my mother's first cousin and because she was so much older than we were growing up; we always called her "Aunt Peccola" instead. As many know, she was a great cook but her specialty was baking breads and sweets. My favorite was her butter rolls or some would call yeast rolls. She always made herself available to help people in their time of need and stand up for you; no matter what trouble it may be. Aunt Peccola was a woman of faith and volunteered her services to the church in whatever way she could help. She would always greet you with a hug, a smile and a kiss on your cheek. I loved my Auntie and I will miss her winning smile. My prayers is with our family members. But, although our hearts my hurt, know she is in heaven in the arms of the Lord. Rest in Peace Auntie. Evelyn "Jeannie" Echols and Family

Evelyn Jean Echols - February 17, 2014 at 11:15 PM

KC

A very good cook, I've had many Good Meals prepared at her home on Holtslander St. R.I.P. my prayers go out to the family. Keith Champion

Keith Champion - February 17, 2014 at 11:39 AM

PL

I am sorry to read about your loss. May God's words in the Bible at Ps 34:18 provide you comfort. The scriptures tells us "HE" is near to those broken at heart, and those crushed in spirit HE saves.

Peggy Land - February 17, 2014 at 08:55 AM