



Mrs. Ronea Lee Benson

May 20, 1932 - August 22, 2025

BENSON, Mrs. Ronea Lee - Age 93, passed away Friday, August 22, 2025, at Charter Senior Living. Family hour 11:00 AM Saturday, August 30, 2025, at Macedonia Missionary Baptist Church, G-5443 N. Saginaw St., with funeral service commencing at 12:00 PM, Pastor Patrick Sanders II, officiating. Interment River Rest Cemetery, G-4413 Flushing Rd. Friends and pallbearers will assemble at the Church at 11:00 AM. Mrs. Benson will lie in state in the Chapel of Lawrence E. Moon Funeral Home, 906 W. Flint Park Blvd., and may be viewed from 1:00 PM-6:00 PM Friday, with family present to received friends from 4:00 PM-6:00 PM. Mrs. Ronea Lee. Benson, affectionately known as "Lee" and "Auntie" was born on May 20, 1932, in Crawford, Mississippi, the daughter of the late L.T. Malone and the late Ronea Withlow, departing this life on Friday, August 22, 2025, at Charter Senior Living of Stepping Stones Fall. Ronea was the fifth child of six children and accepted Christ at an early age. After moving to Flint, Michigan she joined the Macedonia Missionary Baptist Church and was an active member of the former Senior Usher Board. Ronea retired after many, many years of service as the Head Cook at New Paths Inc. in Flint. She also worked as a cook with the Kitchen Committee for many years at Macedonia Missionary Baptist Church. Ronea was a superb cook and was known for her delicious egg pies, cornbread dressing, macaroni and cheese, and her homemade cakes. She enjoyed sharing her gift as a cook with countless family and friends. Her joys included cooking, game shows, going to the casinos, watching movies, playing cards (some of her

favorites were Pitty Pat, Spades, and Tonk). Ronea also loved spending time with family and friends, especially all the holidays and making those around her laugh. Mrs. Ronea L. Benson leaves to cherish her memories: 3 grandsons, Derick D. Lewis of Lewisburg, TN, Willie E. Tolon III of Burton, MI and Emmanuel D. Tolon of Flint MI; 4 granddaughters, Season Gist of Flint, MI , Naamah, Michal, and Kezia Tolon, all of Knoxville, TN; 10 great-grandchildren, Darius and Brionna Lewis, Genesis and Trinity Tolon, Jasmine, Tierra, Majeed and India Smith, Zyloniah and Diallo Gist; 2 great-great children; sister, Hattie Hairston of Flint Township, MI; brother, LeRoy Malone of Columbus, MS; god-daughter, Jeanette Orr; numerous nieces and nephews, and many cousins and friends survive, including her special friends, Joann and Elaine. Ronea was preceded in death by her sons, John Tolon and Willie Emanuel Tolon, Jr.; grandson, Emanuel Tolon; parents, L.T. and Ronea Malone; sisters, Lucy Ann Malone and Augusta Brown; brother, John "Bro" Malone. The family would like to extend their gratitude to Charter Senior Living staff, The Hospice Care Team, McLaren Hospital and Hurley Hospital doctors and staff, Pastor Patrick W. Sanders and the Macedonia Missionary Baptist Church and a heartfelt, thank you to her dedicated nieces and caregivers, Sherry Moore and Gwendolyn Hicks and the staff of the Lawrence E. Moon Funeral Home.

Cemetery Details

River Rest Cemetery

G-4413 Flushing Rd.
Flint, MI 48504

Previous Events

Public Viewing

AUG 29. 1:00 PM - 6:00 PM (ET)

Lawrence E. Moon Funeral Home, Inc., Flint
906 W. Flint Park Blvd.
Flint, MI 48505
(810) 789-6666
lemoonfhflint@gmail.com
<https://lawrenceemoonfuneralhome.com>

Family Present

AUG 29. 4:00 PM - 6:00 PM (ET)

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Family hour

AUG **30**. 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM (ET)

Macedonia Missionary Baptist Church
G-5443 N. Saginaw Street
Flint, MI 48505

Funeral Service

AUG **30**. 12:00 PM (ET)

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Tribute Wall

KT

“ Kezia Tolon lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Ronea Lee Benson



Kezia Tolon - October 24, 2025 at 06:30 PM

FM

“ Farrow Malone lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Ronea Lee Benson



Farrow Malone - August 28, 2025 at 09:27 PM

HP

“ House Of Prayer lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Ronea Lee Benson



House Of Prayer - August 28, 2025 at 11:55 AM

CS

“ My condolences to the family 🙏🙏🙏



Cliffon Sykes - August 27, 2025 at 08:21 PM

MK

“ *In memory of Ms Ronea Benson*



Mary Kelly - August 27, 2025 at 12:49 PM

HG

“ *Henry and Gwendolyn Gaines lit a candle in memory of Ronea Benson*



Henry and Gwendolyn Gaines - August 26, 2025 at 04:05 PM

JM

“ *Jerdine Malone lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Ronea Lee Benson*



Jerdine Malone - August 26, 2025 at 09:48 AM

LS

“ *Larry & Kim Sykes lit a candle in memory of Ronea Benson*



Larry & Kim Sykes - August 26, 2025 at 08:42 AM

BS

“ *Benita Smith lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Ronea Lee Benson*



Benita Smith - August 25, 2025 at 12:29 PM

CB

“ *Christine Brown lit a candle in memory of Ronea Brown*



Christine Brown - August 24, 2025 at 05:06 PM

AL

“ *alma lewis lit a candle in memory of Ronea Brown*



alma lewis - August 23, 2025 at 07:56 PM

SW

“ *Shirley Williams sent a virtual gift in memory of Mrs. Ronea Lee Benson*



Shirley Williams - August 22, 2025 at 05:52 PM