



Mother Rosie May Watkins

October 28, 1935 - January 27, 2019

WATKINS, Mother Rosie M. - Age 83, passed away Sunday, January 27, 2019 at McLaren-Flint. Family hour 9:30 AM Monday, February 4, 2019 at Grace Emmanuel Baptist Church, 3502 Lapeer Rd. with funeral service commencing at 10:00 AM Pastor Marvin Jennings, Host Pastor, Pastor Derrick Watkins, officiating. Interment Great Lakes National Cemetery, G4200 Belford Rd., Holly, MI. Friends and pallbearers will assemble at the church 9:30 AM Monday. Mother Watkins will lie in state in the Chapel of Lawrence E. Moon Funeral Home, 906 W. Flint Park Blvd., and may be viewed from 10:00 AM - 6:00 PM Sunday with the family present from 3:00 PM - 4:00 PM to receive friends.

Rosie May Watkins was born October 28, 1935 in Schlater, Mississippi to the union of Bishop Willie and Little (Pulliam) Wade. She graduated from Breisch High School in Leland, Mississippi. She later moved to Flint, Michigan in 1955 and became a member of Pilgrim Temple Church Of God In Christ, under the leadership of Pastor Leo J. Jackson. Rosie was joined in Holy Matrimony to Zeke R. Watkins on December 23, 1956. She was later employed with AC Spark Plug, a division of General Motors Corporation for 23 years. Rosie was a faithful and active member of Adams Memorial Church Of God In Christ where she served as the Church Mother, YWCC Leader, Choir President, Usher, Pianist, in the Finance Department, and most notorious for pulling out her "red comb."

Rosie was a master chef in the kitchen, known best for her hearty green beans, perfectly golden cornbread and decadent pecan pies. Her voice resonated with effortless power and grace as she sang songs like “God Specializes”, “He’s Done Enough”, “Shine on Me”, and “On Time God”. She enjoyed the challenge of completing crossword puzzles, shopping and spending time with her family while playing her favorite game, Jenga. Rosie loved God and her family, and made sure to live a life that embodied the ways of Christ.

Rosie May Watkins leaves to cherish her memory: sons, Ronald (Barbara) Wolfskill of Kansas City, MO, Ventoure Watkins of Tampa, FL and Reverend Derrick (Christine) Watkins of Flint; daughters, Markeeta Watts of Piscataway, NJ, Felita (Frank) Jones of Mt. Morris, MI, Vennette (Charles) Lott and Veronica (Calvin) Johnson, all of Flint; 25 grandchildren and 31 great-grandchildren, sister, Jurisdictional Supervisor, Mother Corene Wade-Adams of Flint; nieces, nephews, other relatives and friends.

Rosie was preceded in death by her husband, Elder Zeke R. Watkins; daughter, Rhonda M. Clarke; father, Bishop Willie Wade; mother, Little (Pulliam) Wade; sisters, Pearlie Anne (Wade) Crawford, and Lucille (Wade) Peebles; brothers, Joe Wade, Willie Wade, James Wade and Frank Wade. The family would like to express special thanks to Nurses on the 8th Floor (South Wing) of McLaren-Flint, Shannon, Carol, Dan and CNA, Latoya; and the Nurses on the 11th Floor and family members for their care and support.

Cemetery Details

Great Lakes National Cemetery

G-4200 Belford Rd.
Holly, MI 48442

Previous Events

Public Viewing

FEB 3. 10:00 AM - 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 Present

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Family hour

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Grace Emmanuel Baptist Church
3502 Lapeer Rd.
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Service

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Tribute Wall



“ *Mother Rosie May Watkins*

October 09, 2023 at 07:02 AM



“ *Yolonda Cross lit a candle in memory of Mother Rosie May Watkins*



Yolonda Cross - February 07, 2019 at 06:06 PM



“ *My condolences to the family of Rosie. I have known Rosie for a number of years. She was a beautiful and caring lady. I enjoyed working with Rosie. I will continue to pray for the family.*



Mae Vern Spence

Marietta Ga.

Mae Vern Spence - February 06, 2019 at 12:20 AM

AE

“ *Angel Evans sent a virtual gift in memory of Mother Rosie May Watkins*



Angel Evans - February 05, 2019 at 06:25 AM

JG

“ *Julia Gamble sent a virtual gift in memory of Mother Rosie May Watkins*



Julia Gamble - February 04, 2019 at 10:10 AM

WH

“ *Wanda Harrison lit a candle in memory of Mother Rosie May Watkins*



Wanda Harrison - February 03, 2019 at 09:36 PM

BH

“ *Bea Horton lit a candle in memory of Mother Rosie May Watkins*



Bea Horton - February 03, 2019 at 06:30 PM

JA

“ *Janea lit a candle in memory of Mother Rosie May Watkins*



Janea - February 03, 2019 at 04:41 PM

JA

“ *Big Granny, I'm so glad I came home for Christmas. I got to laugh with you, hug you, and tell you I love you. But now that the angels have flown down to bring you your wings, and escort you to your heavenly home above, all I can do now is keep all our memories close in my heart, until we see you again, I Love You! And tell Paw Paw I said hi!*



Janea - February 03, 2019 at 04:28 PM

VW

“ *Velma Williams lit a candle in memory of Mother Rosie May Watkins*



Velma Williams - February 03, 2019 at 02:13 PM

JL

“ *James Poindexter LI lit a candle in memory of Mother Rosie May Watkins*



James Poindexter II - February 03, 2019 at 02:02 PM

MA

“ *Sincerest condolences. May God also grant her flowers - as she did for many others. She will be missed - and remembered. Bro. Matthew J. and Connie Anderson & family New Hope COGIC*

Matthew J Anderson - February 03, 2019 at 11:21 AM

JS

“ *Jeanetta Starr lit a candle in memory of Mother Rosie May Watkins*



Jeanetta starr - February 03, 2019 at 09:50 AM

DM

“ *Douglas And Mayrene McGruder lit a candle in memory of Mother Rosie May Watkins*



Douglas and Mayrene McGruder - February 03, 2019 at 12:42 AM



“ *Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Mother Rosie May Watkins.*



February 02, 2019 at 09:17 PM

EC

“ My deepest sympathy to the Watkins family. Derrick, Veronica. Your mom was a beautiful lady so sweet. The time I spent at GLCOGIC worshipping with her were some of my best memories. The Lord be with you in this time of sorrow.
Sister Earley Collins.

Earley Collins - February 02, 2019 at 06:54 PM

JA

“ Big Granny, I'm so glad I came home for Christmas. I got to laugh with you, hug you, and tell you I love you. But now that the angels have flown down to bring you your wings, to escort you to your heavenly home above, all I can do now is keep our memories close I'm my heart. Until we see you again, I love you! And tell Paw Paw I said Hi!



Janea - February 02, 2019 at 05:10 PM

MP

“ Mr & Mrs Poindexter lit a candle in memory of Mother Rosie May Watkins



Mr & Mrs Poindexter - February 02, 2019 at 04:53 PM

GJ

“ GG Granddaughter Janea lit a candle in memory of Mother Rosie May Watkins



GG Granddaughter Janea - February 02, 2019 at 04:46 PM

YJ

“ Big Granny, I'm so glad, I came home for Christmas. I got to laugh with you, hug you, and tell you that I love you. But now that the angels have flown down to bring you your wings, and escorted you to your heavenly home above, all I can do now is keep all our memories, close in my heart. Until we see you again Big Granny, I love you! And tell Paw Paw Hi!



Your GG Granddaughter Janea - February 02, 2019 at 04:25 PM

 Cynthia Marvin

“ To the entire Watkins family, you have our deepest, deepest, Condolences...
With Love.....
The Marvin's Family
Stella, Cynthia (Cynt), Shaun & Taisha 🙏🙏🙏🙏🙏



Cynthia Marvin - February 02, 2019 at 03:50 PM

DQ

“ Dea. Bill & Ruthy Quarles sent a virtual gift in memory of Mother Rosie May Watkins



Dea. Bill & Ruthy Quarles - February 02, 2019 at 10:05 AM

DT

“ Doreen Taylor lit a candle in memory of
Mother Rosie May Watkins



Doreen Taylor - February 02, 2019 at 07:47 AM

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GJ

“ Gloria Jenkins lit a candle in memory of
Mother Rosie May Watkins



Gloria Jenkins - February 02, 2019 at 01:41 AM

AM

“ Annette Marks lit a candle in memory of
Mother Rosie May Watkins



Annette Marks - February 01, 2019 at 09:30 PM

GF

“ *Greg/Nikki Williams & Family lit a candle in memory of Mother Rosie May Watkins*



Greg/Nikki Williams & family - February 01, 2019 at 08:48 PM



“ *RE-NAYE SANDERS lit a candle in memory of Mother Rosie May Watkins*



RE-NAYE SANDERS - February 01, 2019 at 05:55 PM

JS

“ *Jacqueline Scott lit a candle in memory of Mother Rosie May Watkins*



Jacqueline Scott - February 01, 2019 at 02:07 PM

JS

“ *Jacqueline Scott lit a candle in memory of Mother Rosie May Watkins*



Jacqueline Scott - February 01, 2019 at 01:45 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Mother Rosie May Watkins.*



January 31, 2019 at 10:52 PM



“ *Rosie, I'm so glad that God had us meet. I know we will meet again at the Wade Reunion in Heaven. Thank God for You and Your Kindness. Peace is with You.*

stanley wade - January 31, 2019 at 10:35 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Mother Rosie May Watkins.*



January 31, 2019 at 08:52 PM



“ *Yvonne Tidwell sent a virtual gift in memory of Mother Rosie May Watkins*



Yvonne Tidwell - January 31, 2019 at 06:18 PM

SH

“ *Shelia Hayman lit a candle in memory of Mother Rosie May Watkins*



Shelia Hayman - January 31, 2019 at 04:35 PM

(D)

“ *(RET) SGM Paul Donald lit a candle in memory of Mother Rosie May Watkins*



(RET) SGM Paul Donald - January 31, 2019 at 03:40 PM

CW

“ *To the Watkins, Wade, and Adams families. Our most heartfelt condolences are with you during this transition. We weep, rejoice, and lift you. Mo. Rosie a pillar in Christiandom. Always stern yet pleasant. Always an honor to be in here presence.*



Char-li, Charlie, and Carolyn Witcher

Carolyn Witcher - January 31, 2019 at 03:19 PM

JH

“ *Jeffery and Nicole Hernandez purchased the Crystal Cross Bouquet for the family of Mother Rosie May Watkins.*



Jeffery and Nicole Hernandez - January 31, 2019 at 01:48 PM

AC

“ *Annette (Tuttie) Carlysle lit a candle in memory of Mother Rosie May Watkins*



Annette (Tuttie) Carlysle - January 31, 2019 at 10:32 AM

BK

“ *Love and prayers sent to the Watkins Family and my friend, Mother Corene Adams. God will take care of you. Mother Beatrice Kendall*

Beatrice Kendall - January 30, 2019 at 11:04 PM

JT

“ *To the Watkins family we are praying for you all pray that God will comfort your hearts during this time, know that your mother is in a better place, to be absent from the body is to be present with the Lord*



Jennifer Taylor-scott - January 30, 2019 at 06:30 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Mother Rosie May Watkins.*



January 30, 2019 at 04:51 PM



“ *Praying for the family's strength. Only God can provide what you need. Lovingly to you all.*

Darlene Rogers - January 30, 2019 at 01:33 PM



“ *Marjorie Chapman & Family lit a candle in memory of Mother Rosie May Watkins*



Marjorie Chapman & Family - January 30, 2019 at 11:10 AM



“ *Wishing the family well, we can sympathize with you please remember we are keeping you in our prayers.*

jacklyn - January 30, 2019 at 09:10 AM



“ *Rosie will be greatly missed. Praying for the family. May you be comforted by God.*

Florence Hollins - January 30, 2019 at 04:14 AM

DB

Prayes for the Hollis family Acts: 24;15

Daisy Boone - January 30, 2019 at 03:21 PM

SB

“ *Sandra Blue sent a virtual gift in memory of Mother Rosie May Watkins*



Sandra Blue - January 29, 2019 at 01:40 PM

JS

“ *My memories of mother Watkins was she would pick up me and my sister for church service and sometimes we would go home with her after church. Mother Watkins was a very sweet and caring woman of God. My condolences to the family and my prayers. R.i.H Mother Rosie Watkins.*



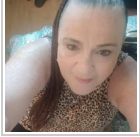
Jeanetta starr - January 29, 2019 at 01:18 PM



“ *Delightful Dieffenbachia was purchased for the family of Mother Rosie May Watkins.*



January 29, 2019 at 01:11 PM



“ *Judy Franks sent a virtual gift in memory of Mother Rosie May Watkins*



Judy Franks - January 29, 2019 at 11:51 AM



“ *Julia Gamble sent a virtual gift in memory of Mother Rosie May Watkins*



Julia Gamble - January 29, 2019 at 11:18 AM



“ *Sharon Mixon lit a candle in memory of Mother Rosie May Watkins*



Sharon Mixon - January 29, 2019 at 09:58 AM



“ *Dea. Bill & Ruthy Quarles sent a virtual gift in memory of Mother Rosie May Watkins*



Dea. Bill & Ruthy Quarles - January 29, 2019 at 08:55 AM

MP

“ MINISTER PAM sent a virtual gift in memory of Mother Rosie May Watkins



MINISTER PAM - January 29, 2019 at 07:41 AM

MP

“ MINISTER PAM lit a candle in memory of Mother Rosie May Watkins



MINISTER PAM - January 29, 2019 at 07:41 AM

TS

“ Trina Stewart lit a candle in memory of Mother Rosie May Watkins



Trina Stewart - January 28, 2019 at 05:57 PM

 Katie Stewart

“ Katie Stewart sent a virtual gift in memory of Mother Rosie May Watkins



Katie Stewart - January 28, 2019 at 05:55 PM

Katie Stewart

“ *Katie Stewart lit a candle in memory of Mother Rosie May Watkins*



Katie Stewart - January 28, 2019 at 05:54 PM

PM

“ *To the Watkin family sorry for your loss. She will be greatly missed. Praying for the family that. The Lord will give u strength during this time of bereavement*



Patsy Marshall - January 28, 2019 at 03:37 PM



“ *T Marie Marshall lit a candle in memory of Mother Rosie May Watkins*



T Marie Marshall - January 28, 2019 at 03:14 PM

TG

“ *Tresia Givens lit a candle in memory of Mother Rosie May Watkins*



Tresia Givens - January 28, 2019 at 02:59 PM

MI

“ *Such a wonderful woman of God who truly loved the Lord!! Always smiling and encouraging every to live better and get right with Christ. Within the short moment of me knowing her it felt like years...that's how sweet of a lady she was. We will truly miss her and that beautiful smile. One thing I can say for sure....she was dedicated to her church and loved everyone. Mother Watkins was a real true example of how a well saved and sanctified saint should act*

Monica Ingersoll - January 28, 2019 at 11:24 AM

NB

“ *Please accept my condolences for your loss, may the God of comfort grant you peace .*

narvella brown - January 28, 2019 at 10:43 AM

DP

“ *Sending my condolences to the family. So many memories of my Mo. Watkins. Grew up with her red comb, her ushering at the back door having the tissue out to collect gum,her playing on the piano, her singing in the choir being one of my strong tenors, her teachings and just being a great Mother in Zion. We will miss you. Go ahead take your rest and get your reward*

Dicy Powell - January 28, 2019 at 10:21 AM

PF

“ *Payton Family sent a virtual gift in memory of Mother Rosie May Watkins*



Payton Family - January 28, 2019 at 09:03 AM