



Mother Ruth Jefferson-Morris

March 30, 1917 - May 10, 2014

JEFFERSON-MORRIS, Mother Ruth - age 97, passed away Saturday, May 10, 2014 at Fostrian Court Assisted Living-Flushing, MI. Family hour 10 a.m. Saturday, May 17, 2014 at Mt. Zion Missionary Baptist Church, 2109 M.L. King Ave. with funeral service commencing at 11 a.m. Pastor Rodney Ellison officiating. Interment Gracelawn Community Cemetery, G-5710 N. Saginaw St. Friends and pallbearers will assemble at the Church 10 a.m. Saturday. Mother Jefferson-Morris will lie in state in the Chapel of Lawrence E. Moon Funeral Home, 906 W. Flint Park Blvd. and may be viewed from 3 p.m.-8 p.m. Friday, with the family present from 6 p.m.-8 p.m.

Mother Ruth Jefferson Morris was born March 30, 1917 in Alto, Louisiana, the daughter of the late Robert and Mollie (Dowfork) Johnson. She accepted Christ at an early age becoming a member of the Galilee Missionary Baptist Church in Louisiana. After her marriage to the late Pat Jefferson, she moved with her family to Little Rock, AR uniting with the St. John Missionary Baptist Church where she sang in the choir and served. She later moved to Flint, Michigan in 1953, uniting with the Metropolitan Baptist Tabernacle. Mother Morris was the last surviving Charter Member who helped in organizing Mt. Zion Missionary Baptist Church in 1967, under the leadership of Dr. S.D. Edwards. She worked and served there for 47 years, her longest tenure being under the leadership of Pastor Emeritus H.B. Dixon for 42 years, after his retirement she continued to serve under the leadership of Pastor Rodney

Ellison. She was a member of many auxiliaries, often serving as president, including, the Mothers Board, the Pastor's Aid, Gospel Chorus, Mission, Nurse's Guild, and most of all but not least, Head Cook and leader of the Kitchen Committee. She was a regular attendee at the 3rd Thursday GLBD Women's Dept. meetings doing whatever she could to keep her church involved in the work of the District Mission. Mother Morris received several awards and recognition for her work with the Youth at Pierson School and in the community. We would be amiss not to mention her affiliation with the Order of Easter Star. Mother Ruth Jefferson Morris belonged to The Rose of Sharron Lodge Order of the Eastern Star she was a member of Cape Jasmine Chapter No. 2 O.E.S. where she served as Worthy Matron, Willie Meeks Amaranth Court No. 5 where she held the position of Royal Matron, Beauty Rose Court No. 5 Heroines of Jericho where she served as Most Ancient Matron, Holy Cross Council No. 4 Lady Knight Templar, Mecca Court No. 5 Daughter of Sphinx, Sheba Palace Royal Lady, Mable S. Powell Past Matron and Patron Council and she was the Supreme Grand Supervisor of the Gleaners for the State of Michigan. Mother Morris just loved people; never met someone who remained a stranger, did what she could to help others, and many, many of these people crossed her path, and she loved to travel.

Mother Ruth Jefferson Morris leaves to cherish her memories: sons, Clifton (NaShawn) Jefferson and Phil D. Johnson (Crysal Riggs), both of Flint; 8 daughters, Shirley Martin, Ethel (Charles) Brown, Patricia Jefferson, Sandra Jefferson and Beverly Jefferson, all of Flint, Juanita (Melvin) Carroll of Chandler, AZ, Depretha (Robert) Beyah of Atlanta, GA and Toni Jefferson of Dallas, TX; adopted daughters, Artie Dixon Tyler and Mary Jones, both of Flint; 34 grandchildren; 54 great-grandchildren; 17 great-great-grandchildren; 1 great-great-great-grandchild; brother, Orlando Johnson of Start, LA; a host of nieces, nephews and friends survive.

Mother Morris was preceded in death by her husband, William Morris; 6

children, Bobby Jefferson, Fannie Jordan, Sydney Jefferson, Pat Jr., Rosemary and Bonnie D.; 5 grandchildren; 1 great-grandchild; parents, Robert and Mollie Johnson; 5 sisters, Sara Jefferson, Mackie Armstrong, Lucille Simmons, Annie B Johnson, and Flora B. Johnson; 2 brothers, Aron Johnson and Wade Johnson.

Cemetery Details

Gracelawn Cemetery

5710 N. Saginaw St.
Flint, MI 48505

Previous Events

Public Viewing

MAY 16. 3:00 PM - 8:00 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

MAY 16. 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

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Family hour

MAY 17. 10:00 AM (ET)

Mt. Zion Missionary Baptist Church
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Service

MAY 17. 11:00 AM (ET)

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Tribute Wall



“ *Mother Ruth Jefferson-Morris*

October 09, 2023 at 07:02 AM



“ *I'm sorry for your loss losing a loved one can be so tragic. So I would like to offer you encouraging thoughts at Revelation 21:4-he will wipe out every tear from their eyes and death will be no more neither will morning nor outcry nor pain be anymore.*

Lisa Wright - May 29, 2014 at 07:13 PM



“ *Bernadette Woods lit a candle in memory of Mother Ruth Jefferson-Morris*



bernadette woods - May 29, 2014 at 03:05 PM



“ *just her of the passing of your mom my prayers are with the Jefferson family god will take of you all Bernadette woods*

bernadette woods - May 29, 2014 at 03:04 PM



“ *The Hill Family extends prayers and sympathy to you all.*

The Hill Family - May 16, 2014 at 08:01 PM

TF

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The Hill Family - May 16, 2014 at 08:01 PM

LM

“ *To Beverly,
My most sincere prayers and condolences to
you and your family.*

*What an immense and joyous blessing of the
Lord to have been given such a remarkable
mother to have endured without yielding a beautiful and fruitful life
of 97 years...*

Praise God!!!!

*Now may our Lord Jesus Christ Himself, and our God and Father,
who has loved us and given us everlasting consolation and the
good hope by grace, comfort your hearts and establish you in every
good word and work...II Thessalonians 2:16,17*

*Blessings
Your friend,*



Laverna Murphy - May 16, 2014 at 07:23 PM

OW

“ My dear Great Aunt,

It is with sadness and joy that I bid you farewell. I am sad because I will miss your encouragement, motivation, kind words and love. Each and every time I saw you I would be pulled aside for you to give me my pep talk as I called it. You would say Ron I am with you and we got to keep this family together. Don't ever give up because God will give you strength to help hold it together. You are a smart and great young man and I am so proud of you nephew. I don't want you to ever give up cause auntie is on your side and this family has to stick together. I will so dearly miss those words and your love and passion for keeping our family together.

I am filled with joy because I know you are not in pain anymore, you have walked a great journey in life, you have touched so many with your love and caring. And I want you to know that I listened. I listened to every word of encouragement and love you ever gave. I listened to your pleads to not let this family fall. I listened to the pain in your voice when it seemed like all we have done and accomplished as a family was in jeopardy. Go ahead on and rest auntie. Be with all the ones gone on home before you for the great reunion amongst the angels because I listened. This family will prosper and never fall or fail. I listened.....

Love you and rest on..

*Orlando (Ron) Wilson
Texas*

Orlando (Ron) Wilson - May 15, 2014 at 09:52 PM

MK

“ Sister Jefferson, Sister Richardson and Mother Meeks, took me in the Order of the Eastern Stars, Cape Jasmine Chapter #2 in 1976. They took me under their wings and taught me the principals and charge of the Order and God! I will never forget my sister's “contagious smile” and guidance throughout my life. Family, I share in your loss of this "dynamic lady" who I shall always remember.
My Sister in Crist, my Friend for Life!
Sister Marilyn Kennedy

Marilyn Kennedy - May 15, 2014 at 10:43 AM

JC

“ my sympathy goes out to The Jefferson Morrison family may God be with you in your time of need.

Janis (peggy) Conerly - May 15, 2014 at 10:09 AM

TF

“ The Fordham Family lit a candle in memory of Mother Ruth Jefferson-Morris



The Fordham Family - May 14, 2014 at 05:01 PM

TF

“ To the Jefferson & Morris Family,

Sorry to hear of the loss of Mother Jefferson. She was an amazing, beautiful, and humorous woman. A woman of wisdom and integrity. It was wonderful to grow up under her leadership. The Fordham Family And Jefferson/Morris Family have been close together for years in the church. We extend our condolences and are praying for strength for the entire family. We love you all. God loves you and cares for you, hold on to that truth.

From the Fordham/Brown Family (Pat Fordham McQueen, Caren Fordham Knight, & Joe and Pearl Fordham Brown; Columbia, TN.)

The Fordham Family - May 14, 2014 at 05:00 PM

LC

“ Lennon & Elaine Cole lit a candle in memory of Mother Ruth Jefferson-Morris



Lennon & Elaine Cole - May 14, 2014 at 11:02 AM

BC

*What a Wonderful Woman of God. Thanks for all the kind and spritual comfort you Mother Jefferson gave to Bro. Cole and I. You truly will be missed, but we shall see you by and by. Love from the Coles.
Columbia, Tn 38401*

Bro.&Sis. Lennon, Elaine Cole - May 14, 2014 at 11:08 AM

BF

“ *Belk Family sent a virtual gift in memory of Mother Ruth Jefferson-Morris*



Belk Family - May 14, 2014 at 06:03 AM

VB

“ *You were the light of our family unit.*



Victor Butler - May 13, 2014 at 08:45 PM

CA

“ *we will missed u auntie ruth lv u Carolyn and freshwater*

Carolyn - May 13, 2014 at 08:41 PM

VB

“ Our family matriarch, Ruth Johnson (Jefferson) Morris, our Royal Highness, now rests with the heavenly family. You were the fabric of this external family all over these United States and we revered you as such. You were knitted with a cloth that only you and the good Lord could loosen. You held on until the cloth could tighten any longer.

You traversed many miles for your family and family unity. It's because of you that we are as strong as we are. Though you were disappointed at what seemed lost when it came to family, what you gave to us, will linger for years and we thank you.

I love you so much and will miss the calls, encouragement, and advice for life. Your kinship was far more than that of an aunt. For me, it was more of a grandmother and friend. The path you set for us is quite easy to follow, so go on and hug Madear, your mother, father, children, and siblings. They anxiously await your arrival just as we regretfully release you.

Rest on, Dear Aunt! No more hurt. No more weight loss. No more confusion. None of that...Go on. You deserve your rest.

I love you. Give the rest of them a great 'howdy' from us.

*Victor Butler,
Great-Nephew,
Metropolitan Washington, DC*

Victor Butler - May 13, 2014 at 05:35 PM

CG

“ I was sorry to hear of the passing of Mother Jefferson. I will keep the family in my prayers.

Cleola Griffis



Cleola Griffis - May 13, 2014 at 08:01 AM

EL

“ Elder Michael & Phyllis Leslie lit a candle in memory of Mother Ruth Jefferson-Morris



Elder Michael & Phyllis Leslie - May 12, 2014 at 10:08 PM

HC

“ To the Jefferson and Morris Family, She was a women of Wisdom and Grace, she share so much with the people she met. She was the BEST Dresser, she love eating out with her family she would tell me you can sit down and eat with us. I say Thank you Mrs. Jefferson but I'm fine. I will miss that smile and the words of encouragement . Love u

Sis. Hettie Bell-Collins from North Star Church



Hettie Collins - May 12, 2014 at 08:55 PM

CW

“ Cheryl (Lee) Wills lit a candle in memory of Mother Ruth Jefferson-Morris



Cheryl (Lee) Wills - May 12, 2014 at 06:37 AM

CW

All the gentle words and wonderful memories will be kept close to my heart. You are the light of the family that will shine always. Maury and Cheryl (Lee) Wills

Cheryl (Lee) Wills - May 12, 2014 at 07:01 AM

SS

“ Sheila D Summers sent a virtual gift in memory of Mother Ruth Jefferson-Morris



Sheila D Summers - May 11, 2014 at 09:22 AM