



Mother Teressie May

January 27, 1932 - February 25, 2026

MAY, Mother Teressie - Age 94, passed away Wednesday, February 25, 2026 at her residence. Family hour 10:00 AM Thursday, March 5, 2026 at Calvary United Methodist Church, 2111 Flushing Rd., with funeral service commencing at 11:00 AM. Pastor Gregory Timmons, officiating. Interment Flint, Memorial Park Cemetery, 9506 N. Dort Hwy, Mt. Morris, MI. Friends and pallbearers will assemble at the church 10:00 AM Thursday. Mother May 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 Wednesday.

Teressie B. May was born January 27, 1932 in Ozan, Arkansas, the daughter of Robert White and Louisia Johnson White. Prior to graduating from Clow High School, Teressie was the captain of the basketball team and served as Parliamentarian for the Senior Class. She married David May Sr. on March 5, 1950 and later moved to Flint, Michigan where they raised their 6 children. She briefly worked as a Teacher's Aide at Dewey Elementary School.

Teressie was a highly skilled seamstress and learned how to quilt as a little girl from her stepmother. She helped to organize a Senior Citizen Quilt Factory at an alteration shop. She later became a long-time member of the Flint African American Quilter's Guild and also taught quilting to others. Prior to joining Charity United Methodist Church, she was a member of Bethel United Methodist Church and E.L Gordon. At Charity UMC she served as the

Financial Secretary and was a member of the United Methodist Women. Teressie enjoyed tending her garden that produced greens, grapes, corn, okra, beans, peas and more. She was also known as having a green thumb and she had plants both in and outside of her home. Her favorite flowers were roses and peonies. She enjoyed spending time with her family including even traveling long distances by car or motorhome.

Mother Teressie May is survived by: children, Douglas May of Flint, Loretta (Anthony) Arnold of Virginia Beach, VA, and Joe May of Reseda, CA; grandchildren, Dr. Shonda May of Flint, Rolanda (Geraldo) Montalvo of Corona, CA, Carmen Davis, Aaron May, Teressie Davis Moses, all of Flint; Lugene Arnold of Virginia Beach, VA, Gloria Henley of Flint, Steven (Alexa) Arnold, of Tacoma, Washington, Tiffany May of Tulsa, OK, and Annette Henley of Flint, MI; 8 great-grandchildren; 1 great-great grandchild; a host of other relatives and friends.

Teressie was preceded in death by her husband, David May Sr.; children, Randall May, Olga May-Henley and David May Jr.

Services can be livestreamed at:

https://www.youtube.com/live/l2HwLIDC2oI?si=wJzx9_1qpUBRUScE

Previous Events

Public Viewing

MAR 4. 12:00 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 hour

MAR 5. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

Calvary United Methodist Church
2111 Flushing Rd.
Flint, MI 48504

Funeral Service

MAR 5. 11:00 AM (ET)

Calvary United Methodist Church
2111 Flushing Rd.
Flint, MI 48504

Tribute Wall



“ *Lawrence E. Moon Funeral Home created a Webcast in memory of Mother Teressie May*



Lawrence E. Moon Funeral Home - March 05 at 08:49 AM

JK

“ *Jesse Kirksey lit a candle in memory of Mother Teressie May*



Jesse Kirksey - March 12 at 06:28 PM

CD

“ *RIL cousin Teressie. From the Sam & Lucille Johnson family in Arkansas*

Carolyn Johnson Draper - March 06 at 10:17 PM

AW

“ *Adrian M. (Rides To Wellness) lit a candle in memory of Mother Teressie May*



Adrian M. (Rides to Wellness) - March 06 at 07:55 PM

JW

“ JANICE M WOMACK lit a candle in memory of Mother Teressie May



JANICE M WOMACK - March 05 at 07:40 AM

CD

RIL cousin

Carolyn Johnson Draper - March 06 at 09:40 PM

JM

“ Joyce Ball, James and Jerrell McClenton planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Mother Teressie May.

Joyce Ball, James and Jerrell McClenton - March 04 at 12:36 PM

JM

“ Joyce Ball, James and Jerrell McClenton purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Mother Teressie May.



Joyce Ball, James and Jerrell McClenton - March 04 at 12:36 PM

RC

“ Randolph & Christine purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Mother Teressie May.



Randolph & Christine - March 04 at 12:09 PM

LT

“ Lawanna Terry sent a virtual gift in memory of Mother Teressie May



Lawanna Terry - March 03 at 10:09 PM

BC

“ Condolences to the May family. I am deeply sorry for the loss of your mother Teressie.



Barbra Carson - March 03 at 07:58 PM

AL

“ Mrs. May, Take your rest. You were always kind to me and I appreciated those trips to Kings Island in your mobile home, when I was a youngster. My niece Shonda will miss you, like so many others. Your time here on earth is complete.



Angela Lenear - March 03 at 06:07 PM

TW

“ To the family of Cousin Teressie May (White). May the Lord Send his Love, Comfort & Peace. Our family Billy (Edna) White, Reneatia White-McLemore (Byron), Teresa White-McDonald (Robert). Will miss u and think of u often. Blessings to u All! From: Fort Wayne, In.

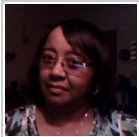
The White Family Fort wayne, In. - March 03 at 11:54 AM

PS

“ Pamala Simpson lit a candle in memory of Mother Teressie May



Pamala Simpson - March 02 at 02:23 PM



“ RIP to the world's Greatest Mother-in-Law. I will miss the wonderful conversations that we've had throughout the years. My sincerest condolences to the entire family. I am going to miss you dearly. Love always, Glenda Joyce May



Glenda May - March 02 at 11:53 AM

JB

“ Judy Whitmore Buckley lit a candle in memory of Mother Teressie May



Judy Whitmore Buckley - March 01 at 07:03 PM

CF

“ Carson & Montalvo Families purchased the Emerald Garden Basket for the family of Mother Teressie May.



Carson & Montalvo Families - March 01 at 05:11 PM

CM

“ Carolyn Malaski lit a candle in memory of Mother Teressie May



Carolyn Malaski - March 01 at 02:26 PM

PW

“ Paula Willis-Hager lit a candle in memory of Mother Teressie May



Paula Willis-Hager - March 01 at 01:17 AM

GM

“ RIP: My dearest Mother-in-Law. Love Glenda Joyce May



Glenda May - February 28 at 02:56 PM

JS

“ *Jerrel/Dorothy; We,re praying for the family of mother Teresa ie May.*

Jerrel Sanders - February 28 at 01:14 PM

TU

“ *Terry Upton lit a candle in memory of Mother Teressie May*



Terry Upton - February 28 at 11:13 AM

TB

“ *Mrs. Mays was instrumental in my spiritual growth and development at Bethel United Methodist Church. A very willing worker. I remember her sweet spirit and gentle coaching during our youth activities. Later we reconnected in a quilting circle. She was such a talented seamstress. So many very pleasant memories. May the Lord Bless and keep her family during this difficult time.*



Terry Brannon

Terry F Brannon - February 28 at 09:56 AM

WA

“ *Wonda Alston lit a candle in memory of Mother Teressie May*



Wonda Alston - February 27 at 05:54 PM

WA

“ We extend our deepest sympathy and prayers to our family members in the lost of our cousin Teressie May. 🙏 May God comfort you in your time of grief. 🙏
Wonda Alston & family also my sisters Lenora Whitmore & family, Dorothy Dixon & family and Mary Wilson & family. ❤️❤️❤️

Wonda Alston - February 27 at 05:53 PM

BJ

“ Bernadette Woods Jackson lit a candle in memory of Mother Teressie May



Bernadette Woods Jackson - February 27 at 03:34 PM

MD

“ Mary Dantzler-Grace lit a candle in memory of Mother Teressie May



Mary Dantzler-Grace - February 27 at 12:49 PM

LM

“ Larry B. Moore lit a candle in memory of Mother Teressie May



Larry B. Moore - February 27 at 08:40 AM

TW

“ *Trish Wilson lit a candle in memory of Mother Teressie May*



Trish Wilson - February 26 at 07:36 PM

BM

“ *Bertha Moses sent a virtual gift in memory of Mother Teressie May*



Bertha Moses - February 26 at 02:18 PM

TN

“ *Tanya Neely lit a candle in memory of Mother Teressie May*



Tanya Neely - February 26 at 03:23 AM

TN

“ Tanya R. Neely And Family Extends Our Deepest Sympathy And Prayers To The Mays Family .We Were Next Door Neighbors To You On Moore St. Olga And I Use To Walk To Dewey School Together Sometimes. And We All Attended Bethel United Methodist Church Under The Leader Ship Of Donald R. Morris As Our Pastor. God Bless You All. Love Tanya Neely.



Tanya Neely - February 26 at 03:23 AM

AD

“ Adrian lit a candle in memory of Mother Teressie May



Adrian - February 26 at 12:11 AM

L.

“ Mrs. May was a beautiful lady. She will be missed.



L.Horton - February 25 at 08:47 PM

DB

“ *Dr. Norman Booker lit a candle in memory of Mother Teressie May*



Dr. Norman Booker - February 25 at 05:32 PM

SN

“ *Sandy Neal lit a candle in memory of Mother Teressie May*



Sandy Neal - February 25 at 03:07 PM

CT

“ *Cynthia Threlkeld lit a candle in memory of Mother Teressie May*



Cynthia Threlkeld - February 25 at 01:10 PM