



## Mother Tommie Lee Underwood

June 24, 1933 - February 14, 2020

UNDERWOOD, Mother Tommie Lee - Age 86, passed away Friday, February 14, 2020 at Durand Senior Care & Rehab Center, Durand, MI. Family hour 10:00 AM Saturday, February 22, 2020 at Morningstar Missionary Baptist Church, 4075 E. Atherton Rd., Burton, MI., with funeral service commencing at 11:00 AM Pastor Keith Bigelow Host Pastor. Interment Great Lakes National Cemetery, G-4200 Belford Rd., Holly, MI. Friends and pallbearers will assemble at the church 10:00 AM Saturday. Mrs. Underwood will be viewed during the family hour only.

Mother Tommie Lee Underwood was born June 24, 1933 in Coatopa, Alabama to Alfred and Malee (Branch) McClain. Our blessed mother passed away on February 14, 2020 at the age of 86 years.

Mother Underwood attended US Jones High School in Demopolis, Alabama. She was a longtime resident of Flint, Michigan. Mother was a Nurses' Assistant for 40 years, retiring from Ascension Genesys hospital. She became a member of Morning Star Missionary Baptist Church under the leadership of the late Rev. Henry Robinson. Mother Underwood was yet a dedicated, devout member under the leadership of Pastor Keith J. Bigelow Sr. She really loved the Lord and her family and her pastor. Mother Underwood really loved going to church, wearing fashionable suits and lovely hats. She taught Sunday School, served as President of the Deaconess Board, organized the "Turtle Walk" and worked where ever she was needed to promote the ministry of the

Lord. Once upon a time, Mother Underwood had served as president over each ministry in the church with the exception of one. She loved to knit, crochet, working with flowers indoors and outside. She enjoyed music and dancing. Mother Underwood will truly be missed by everyone who she came in touch with.

Mother Tommie Lee Underwood leaves to cherish many precious memories: her beloved husband of 67 years, Robert C. Underwood; four children, Jacqueline Adams of Bloomfield, MI, Rosiland (Richard) Sparks-Russell of Hanover Park, IL, Bishop Robert E. (Gail) Underwood of Valrico, FL and Minister Eric Underwood of Rockford, IL; grandchildren, Gregory Eric Adams, Anthony (Juanita) Sparks, Allana, Sereeta, David, Jr., and Steven Sparks, Eric Alfonsa, Jr., Tiffany, Robert E. Jr., and Latrice Underwood; sister-in-law, Lottie McClain; a host of nieces, nephews, other relatives and friends including, special nephew and niece, Harry Truman (Alice) McClain, Jeanette Finklea, Connie Edwards and longtime neighbor, Mr. Taylor.

Mother Underwood was preceded in death by her parents, Alfred and Malee McClain; siblings, Earlene McClain, Rosa Wright, Lessie McClain and Ernest McClain.

The family would like to express special thanks to caregiver, Maurice Townsend, Pastor Lessie (Latrice) Lee, Robert and Billy Hines, Calvin Sims, Dr. Alan and Dr. Brian Bhagat, MD, all the nurses at McLaren Flint Hospital and Durand Senior Care & Rehab Center, Pastor Keith J. Bigelow, 1st Lady Bigelow and Morning Star Church Family.

# Cemetery Details

## Great Lakes National Cemetery

G-4200 Belford Rd.  
Holly, MI 48442

# Previous Events

## Family hour & viewing

FEB **22**. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

Morningstar Missionary Baptist Church  
4075 E. Atherton Rd.  
Burton, MI 48519

## Service

FEB **22**. 11:00 AM (ET)

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# Tribute Wall



“ *Mother Tommie Lee Underwood*

October 09, 2023 at 07:02 AM



“ *TISHA PAYTON lit a candle in memory of  
Mother Tommie Lee Underwood*



**TISHA PAYTON** - February 26, 2020 at 10:57 AM



“ *Earnestine Gray lit a candle in memory of  
Mother Tommie Lee Underwood*



**Earnestine Gray** - February 24, 2020 at 12:15 AM



“ *Sherry Finklea lit a candle in memory of  
Mother Tommie Lee Underwood*



**Sherry Finklea** - February 22, 2020 at 01:57 PM

TF

“ *The Finklea Family lit a candle in memory of Mother Tommie Lee Underwood*



**The Finklea Family** - February 22, 2020 at 01:56 PM



“ *Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of Mother Tommie Lee Underwood.*



February 21, 2020 at 12:54 PM

MM

“ *Mrs. A-Boateng, Adams, Mason, and Mitchell purchased the Strength & Solace Spray for the family of Mother Tommie Lee Underwood.*



**Mrs. A-Boateng, Adams, Mason, and Mitchell** - February 21, 2020 at 09:41 AM

AR

“ *Angela DBM Hairconnexion*



**Angela Ross** - February 20, 2020 at 09:41 AM

RM

“ Rose Murchison sent a virtual gift in memory of Mother Tommie Lee Underwood



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**Rose Murchison** - February 19, 2020 at 04:23 PM

MF

“ Mackey-Smith-Jones Family lit a candle in memory of Mother Tommie Lee Underwood



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**Mackey-Smith-Jones Family** - February 19, 2020 at 10:52 AM

CR

“ Catherine Roberts lit a candle in memory of Mother Tommie Lee Underwood



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**Catherine Roberts** - February 19, 2020 at 08:13 AM

TT

“ Tk Thomas lit a candle in memory of Mother Tommie Lee Underwood



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**Tk Thomas** - February 18, 2020 at 08:44 PM

CR

“ From the entire staff of ICBS Radio our deepest heartfelt condolences are with you during this time of transition.

*Carolyn Randolph-Witcher*



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**Carolyn Randolph-Witcher** - February 18, 2020 at 12:05 PM

SJ

“ Lit a candle in memory of Mother Tommie Underwood!!! May God bless the family !!!



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**Shirley Jones-Miller** - February 17, 2020 at 09:53 PM

RH

“ My Condolences And Prayers To The Family R.P.I.H Mrs. Underwood. 🙏❤️



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**Ruthi Hill** - February 17, 2020 at 12:28 PM

PR

“ *To the Underwood Family:*

*I was sorry to hear about the passing of your loved one. Death is liken to a thief that comes and takes away our love ones. Or due to old age and sickness we lose that precious gift of life that leads to death.*

*However, have you ever asked: Is death the end of it all? Or is there something else after death? The bible clears up any question we might have about death. It also shows that there is a real hope for persons who have faith.*

*Yours truly,  
Patricia*



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**Patricia Rison** - February 17, 2020 at 11:15 AM

CM

“ *My condolences to the Underwood family my God be with you all n give you strength I'm going to miss my talk n visit. Your going to be miss love you always*



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**CHARLOTTE McCoy** - February 16, 2020 at 02:50 PM

VD

“ *Mrs. Underwood was my mom's(Villia Jones) good friend. She will always be remembered for her hearty laugh. My prayers and condolences to the Underwood family.*

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**villia chrissy Davidson** - February 16, 2020 at 02:02 PM

SM

“ *Sharon Mixon lit a candle in memory of  
Mother Tommie Lee Underwood*



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**Sharon Mixon** - February 15, 2020 at 08:55 AM

SP

“ *Sandra Payne lit a candle in memory of  
Mother Tommie Lee Underwood*



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**Sandra Payne** - February 15, 2020 at 05:52 AM

VM

“ *Condolences goes out to Underwood Family*



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**Vicky McCreay** - February 14, 2020 at 06:07 PM