



## Mrs. Vanessa Ann Fair

April 25, 1954 - May 24, 2016

FAIR, Mrs. Vanessa Ann - Age 62, passed away Tuesday, May 24, 2016 at University of Michigan Cardiovascular Center-Ann Arbor, MI. Family hour 11:00 a.m. Thursday, June 2, 2016 at Devine Revelations Church, 902 Huron Street, with funeral service commencing at 12:00 noon Elder LeQuin R. Williams, Sr. officiating. Interment Sunset Hills Cemetery, G-4413 Flushing Rd. Friends and pallbearers will assemble at the church 11:00 a.m. Thursday. Mrs. Fair will lie in state in the Chapel of Lawrence E. Moon Funeral Home, 906 W. Flint Park Blvd., and may be viewed from 4:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m. Wednesday, with the family present from 6:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m. to receive friends.

The "Dynamic" Vanessa Ann Fair was born April 25, 1954 in Newark, New Jersey, the daughter of Curtis Alexander Gist and Sarah Albright. In 1969, she moved to Flint, Michigan. Vanessa attended Northwestern High School, but received her G.E.D from the Bryant Center in 1973. For over 20 years she was a faithful and dedicated member to Evergreen Missionary Baptist Church where she served on the Usher Board and sang in the choir. Upon her death she was under the leadership of Pastor Le'Quin Williams, "Divine Revelations" church where she was a chartered member and served on the Usher Board. Attending church faithfully was important to her. Vanessa enjoyed her grandchildren, they were her world. Every time you saw her she either had a smile on her face or something crazy to say. But she enjoyed her family, laughing, shopping, music, close friends, cooking (when she felt it), going to the casino and helping others. Vanessa never turned down anyone who

needed help; if she could help you she did just that. Vanessa wasn't just a mother to her own children she was a mother to everyone's children and was greatly appreciated by many. She worked as a Direct Care Worker where her diligence showed.

Mrs. Vanessa Ann Fair leaves to cherish her memory: devoted husband, Willie James Fair of Flint; 3 beautiful children, Marcus Hopkins of Flint, Keyonta Williams of Macon, GA, and Tequila Fair of Flint; step-daughter, Alicia (Jimmy) Washington-Johnson; 6 wonderful grandchildren, Carteas Smith Jr., Jordan Nelson-Fair, both of Flint, Keyonna Williams of Macon, GA, MarcAsia Hopkins, Marcus Hopkins, Jr. and Markeis Hopkins, all of Flint; mother, Sara Albright; 4 sisters, Jean Hopkins, both of Dallas, TX, Susan Hopkins of Flint, Stephanie Gist and Yvonne Byers, both of Gastonia, NC; 3 brothers, Loran Lamont Hopkins of York County, SC, Keith Albright of Atlanta, GA and Kevin Albright of Flint; 7 nieces; 6 nephews; 4 aunts; 3 uncles; 4 sisters-in-law; adopted brother, John Brown; 4 adopted children, Jamez Cobb, Demond Cobb, Corey Short and Henry Beard IV; a host of cousins, god-children, other relatives and friends including special friends, Sandra Terrell, Tyra Brown, Cheryl Callaway and Renae Wilson.

Mrs. Fair was preceded in death by her father, Curtis Alexander Gist; sister, Leathe Elaine Noble; grandfather, Henry Hopkins; grandmother, Thelma Hopkins; niece, Joyce Gist; and a host of other relatives.

The family would like to express special thanks to McLaren-Flint, U of M Cardiovascular Center, Dr. Kim (U of M), Tyra Brown, Charise Chism, Keesha Milton, Pastor Le'Quin Williams and Divine Revelations Church family, and anyone else who we may have forgotten.

# Cemetery Details

## Sunset Hills Cemetery

G-4413 Flushing Rd.  
Flint, MI 48504

# Previous Events

## Public Viewing

JUN 1. 4:00 PM - 8:00 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

JUN 1. 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

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## Family hour

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JUN 2. 11:00 AM (ET)

Devine Revelations Church  
6815 Verdun Street  
Flint, MI 48505

## Service

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JUN 2. 12:00 PM (ET)

Devine Revelations Church  
6815 Verdun Street  
Flint, MI 48505

# Tribute Wall



“ *Mrs. Vanessa Ann Fair*

October 09, 2023 at 07:02 AM



“ *been 6 years & this still hurt no less*💔.

**Marcasia Hopkins** - January 01, 2023 at 11:08 PM



“ *I love you. so much.*

**Marcasia Hopkins** - January 31, 2022 at 01:08 PM



“ 💔.

**Marcasia Hopkins** - November 07, 2020 at 10:12 PM

MH

“ i miss you sweet lady . ❤️❤️ . can't wait to see your beautiful face again :( . i have sooo much to update you on, you wouldn't believe it. always thinking of you. im driving now, i also just got my second job, so im reallyyy excitedd about that. i started my own businessss too. i miss you everyday. i wish you could be here to see me. im a starr now. finally feel like im doing things that matter you know. still trying to accept you being gone.. my whole life you are really all i've ever known. you played a big part in making me who I am and i am so grateful. I am so grateful to have had such a wonderful person in my life. im so happy i was able to call you , vanessa , my grandmother . i wish God would've shared his angel with me forever you know? you didn't deserve death and i know it's apart of life, but every grandmother deserves to live forever. especially the ones that leave marks. you left a huge mark. you are one of the best grandmother's ever . you made life so much better . thank you . thank you for being here . thank you for loving me . thank you for caring . thank you for everything . nothing i say or do can ever amount to the love you gave me. you're the best and always will be. can't wait to see you again so we can laugh and talk like old times!! until we meet again abuela 🥺💕💕

Marcasia Hopkins - June 21, 2020 at 01:20 AM



“ Happy birthday I'm late ❤️🥺 I love u always and forever in my heart no matter what I will never ever forget you I've been trying to hold things together for you 🧡👩

Zedikiyah Jordan - April 26, 2020 at 12:26 AM

JN

“ My heart is so heavy right now granny 🥺

Jordan Nelson-Fair - January 31, 2020 at 01:12 PM

MH

“ I'll never forget you. I just really miss you. so much has been happening in my life 😞. I just wish you were here, I be needing someone to talk to about how I feel.

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**Marcasia Hopkins** - September 25, 2019 at 06:17 PM

MH

“ goodmorning ... I miss & love you so much ❤️. until we meet again .  
🙏 .

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**marc'asia hopkins** - April 02, 2019 at 07:52 AM

MH

“ I find myself back here every once in a while.. not daily because I have a journal that I go to a lot and write everything down there .. but since I'm here I just want to just get some things off my chest .. Grandma , im trying .. 😞 . I really am . lately I've been so stressed .. like literally . I have zero motivation .. and I've been really close to having breakdowns lately . I try to keep my emotions in control , but im literally starting to lose control of them . I had a dream about you a few weeks ago ... and you tried talking to me, but as soon as you called my name , I found myself waking up, shouting, and crying .. Granny why'd you have to leave me? I am all alone ... and you was the rock to my roll ... who can I confide in when I feel like my whole world is falling apart ? & lately so many people have been coming into my life & ive been getting attached only for them to leave . I've been picking myself up and wiping my tears , going into the next room with a smile plastered on my face pretending to be okay. granny I'm telling you ima really make you proud . 😊 . and I wish you could be here to see it , but I know you on my shoulder & with me every where I go .. im still standing strong .. every now and then when I get knocked down , I tell myself “you either get back up and keep fighting so you can win in the end , or you either be a sore loser and give up/lose all because you're tired of getting knocked down..” I tell myself everyday “you got this” .. I know I do because I'm your grand daughter and you ALWAYS had it . ❤️ . I love you my angel . 🕊️ . until we meet again . 🤝

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Marcasia Hopkins - December 05, 2018 at 10:15 PM

TW

“ Once you leave this world people Never do exactly what you tell them to, and I hate that you trusted in those so much expecting the right thing. You worked extremely hard for those three girls to have that money and I apologize mom that they didn't get it, but I did all that you asked of me. I made sure that you were put away beautiful and the rest was out of my control, you trusted them to do the rest. However, regardless of what didn't get done I would like for you to know that everything is going to be alright. Jordan's growing up to become a strong 🍷 young woman just as you have taught her and as for me I am on my way to finish exactly what I started before you left me...

Momma I just wanna say thank you, you and I had our moments but I swear that each and every one of them were well worth it and I promise to NEVER FORGET YOU AS LONG AS I LIVE... I can hear you telling me to forgive and let that stuff go because life too short!! I can still see you blowing me a kiss that day and saying in a minute... Never know exactly what life will bring you, but I must say that some times in life people have to lose in order to grow. I love you shopping partner, trouble maker, my cook, best friend, casino rollie, trash talker, demander, heart breaker and last but not least  
WORLD'S CLASSY WOMAN/MOM

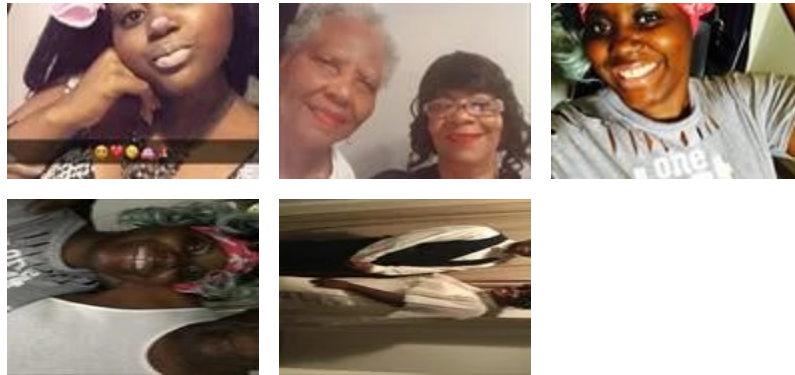
I LOVE YOU ❤️🥰

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Tequila Williams-Fair - February 01, 2018 at 09:37 PM

TW

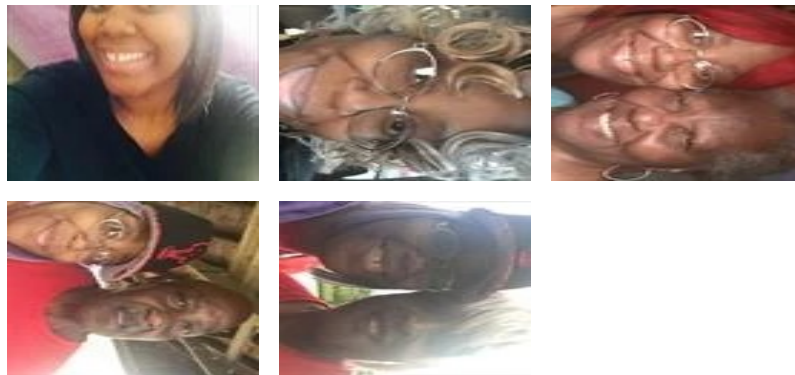
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Tequila Williams-Fair - February 01, 2018 at 09:10 PM

TW

“ 10 files added to the tribute wall



Tequila Williams-Fair - February 01, 2018 at 09:06 PM

MH

“ All I need is one more time with you , and I promise to make it the BEST . You've always tried to hide the pain , but I knew sometimes you were sad . When you were here , I didn't need a friend or to go out on the weekends .. your food, I miss it . You were an AMAZING cook . I miss the Lemon Cake soo much . 😊 . I know you're still with me . 🙏👍 . Help me out grandma . ✨ . I can't do this without you . 😞

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**Marcasia H.** - November 05, 2017 at 02:54 AM

MH

“ Tonight, I was thinking about all the good times we've had .. I started to think about how I could talk to you about anything, how you'd always be there for me, how'd you always had my back more than my spine, how'd you always gave me the best advice , how'd I've never had to worry about anything , how you've always made sure I was straight . You had so many things you had to do, like pay bills and pay taxes , etc .. but yet you still would be able to supply me with food, clothes, shoes, keep my hair done, etc .. I was never in need of ANYTHING . I always wondered how you did it . You were always the #1 person I could call on .. when I was going through hard times, you were there holding me up so I wouldn't fall . I wish I could talk to you right now. I have so much things on my chest and I just need to vent to somebody. Thinking about you tonight has made me have one of the biggest breakdowns ever . 💔 . Knowing you aren't here to listen to my problems and help me out is the worst feeling ever . It still doesn't even seem real . I try to hold on and be strong and keep my head up .. but it's soooo hard . I cry almost everyday when I'm by myself . School is like my happy place. I cry there but not as much as I cry when I'm at home and thinking about you . You WERE my BestFriend . I didn't need anyone as long as I had you I was good . It's like I depend on others for my happiness now . People say I have a bunch of sadness filled in me and I take it out on people . Maybe it's true, maybe it isn't . I remember when you used to say "When I'm gone, you gone be saying 'My granny tried to tell me' ." That's what I say everyday . You taught me a lot . They say where there is no struggle there isn't any strength . I'm struggling with your lost, but I have some strength . Everyday I just wish you would come back and just talk to me again , laugh and joke with me again, give me lectures again, etc .. I sometimes ask God when I pray to let you be in my dreams and talk to me.. let me know everything is going to be okay. We're not good without you . My dad is doing great , but I can tell sometimes that he just wants to give up . I can tell sometimes that everything gets too hard for him . 🤔 . He takes care of me by himself but got 2 other kids to manage too. My mom helps, but not how she should . Everything gets harder . The things you haven't gotten to teach me,

*I try to learn on my own. Everything just seems so empty. It's like I stopped caring about everything , like my world just stopped when you passed . My grades are still good, but I lost myself . I'm not dead physically but mentally , emotionally, and spiritually I am. All I do is bottle up my emotions . 🥹💔 . Thinking about my Auntie and cousins make it no better . 🤔 . Everyone that I love is just dying . 😞 . I ask God to protect the family in my prayers every night . Sometimes I just want to give up myself . 💔 . Sometimes I just don't even want to care about school or anything . I'd rather just lay in bed everyday .. the only reason I haven't gave up yet is because I promised you and myself that I would make it . I would be the best that I can be . I don't want to be like everyone else . I want a career , not a job . I actually wanna see myself in 10 years doing good , married , with my own family . Then I can bring lots of flowers to your grave with a note saying "Granny I made it." ✨ . I know you're watching me and the family from above . ❤️ . Im trying, I really am . I love you granny 💕.*

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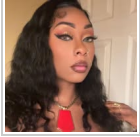
**Marcasia H.** - November 05, 2017 at 02:47 AM

TF

“ *The pain of losing you is so hard to bare, you loved me unconditionally Mom now I don't have you Anymore. Life without you is incomplete and Trust me I am trying daily to be that beautiful young woman that you raised me to be. It's funny how people holler family, but you Always told us there's Nobody like YOU 🥹🥹🥹 I SO UNDERSTAND EVERYTHING THAT U SAID KEEP WATCHING OVER ME AND JORDAN. TELL BETTY I SAID HELLO AND I LOVE YOU MOMMA*

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**Tequila Fair** - October 24, 2017 at 02:58 AM



“ I really miss you like crazy, nights are long and days are shorter.... I hate you had to go... It's so crazy how you we're just here talking to me giving me advice, now all I have is memories... A year later and I'm still taking this hard... I remember being little and you we're there having my back.... The only one I had left... I really do miss you auntie

Bleu Love - September 26, 2017 at 10:38 PM



“ She was the best grandma I could ask for I really do miss you 😭



Keyonna Williams - September 23, 2017 at 05:00 PM



“ 1 file added to the tribute wall



Marcasia Hopkins - August 27, 2016 at 03:23 AM

MH

“ I Really Really Miss You :( Please Come Back. I All The Good Times We Had I'll Forget :). I Know You'll Never Forget Me , Hopefully I See You Again. Granny I Promise I'll Make It NoMatter What Obstacle Tries To Get In My Way. You Told Me I Could Do It. I Will Be Your Lawyer, I'll Be Your Surgeon, I'll Be Your Fashion Designer. "I Can Do All Things Through CHRIST Who Strengthens Me." Philippians 4:13 I Don't Care How Long The Journey Maybe . I'll Make It. I Love You Grandma T\_T



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**Marc'Asia U Hopkins** - August 27, 2016 at 02:51 AM

TF

“ Tequila Fair lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Vanessa Ann Fair



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**Tequila Fair** - June 13, 2016 at 07:19 AM

SS

“ Sheila Summers lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Vanessa Ann Fair



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**Sheila Summers** - June 09, 2016 at 02:58 PM

LP

“ *Lala Fay Carr Phillips lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Vanessa Ann Fair*



Lala Fay Carr Phillips - June 06, 2016 at 08:23 AM

RS

“ *Rosalind Smith lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Vanessa Ann Fair*



Rosalind Smith - June 03, 2016 at 08:40 AM

RS

“ *Rosalind Smith lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Vanessa Ann Fair*



Rosalind Smith - June 03, 2016 at 08:36 AM

KW

“ *Kisha Williams sent a virtual gift in memory of Mrs. Vanessa Ann Fair*



kisha williams - June 02, 2016 at 08:58 AM



“ Sharon Mixon lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Vanessa Ann Fair



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Sharon Mixon - June 02, 2016 at 07:03 AM



“ Momma Vanessa will be missed, the times we shared has never been forgotten. RIP beautiful soul!



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Jasmin Galloway Johnson - June 01, 2016 at 11:13 PM

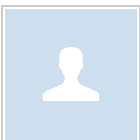


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Jasmin Galloway Johnson - June 01, 2016 at 11:05 PM



“ Strength & Solace Spray was purchased for the family of Mrs. Vanessa Ann Fair.



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June 01, 2016 at 02:14 PM



“ 15 files added to the album *Life Tributes*



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**Lawrence E. Moon Funeral Home** - June 01, 2016 at 12:35 PM

SF

“ *Sandy T Neal And Family sent a virtual gift in memory of Mrs. Vanessa Ann Fair*



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**Sandy T Neal and Family** - May 31, 2016 at 06:06 PM

SF

“ *Sandy T Neal And Family lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Vanessa Ann Fair*



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**Sandy T Neal and Family** - May 31, 2016 at 06:05 PM

SF

“ *Sandy T Neal And Family sent a virtual gift in memory of Mrs. Vanessa Ann Fair*



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**Sandy T Neal and Family** - May 31, 2016 at 06:04 PM



“ *45 files added to the album Life Tributes*



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**Lawrence E. Moon Funeral Home** - May 31, 2016 at 01:42 PM

SA

“ *Sandra purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Mrs. Vanessa Ann Fair.*



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**Sandra** - May 31, 2016 at 10:34 AM

CG

“ Cheryl Callaway Grayson sent a virtual gift in memory of Mrs. Vanessa Ann Fair



Cheryl Callaway Grayson - May 30, 2016 at 09:21 PM

CG

“ Cheryl Callaway Grayson lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Vanessa Ann Fair



Cheryl Callaway Grayson - May 30, 2016 at 09:19 PM

ST

“ My friend. Rest in peace

Sandra Terrell Turner - May 30, 2016 at 04:56 PM

NE

“ My Deepest Condolences to the Family. May the hope at Isaiah 25:8, bring your family much comfort. Here Almighty God assures us that "death will be swallowed up forever and tears wiped from all faces."



Neighbor - May 30, 2016 at 04:14 AM

JS

“ *Jeffery B. Hicks Sr lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Vanessa Ann Fair*



Jeffery B. Hicks Sr - May 29, 2016 at 08:54 PM

GJ

“ *Gary Jeter lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Vanessa Ann Fair*



Gary Jeter - May 29, 2016 at 02:32 PM



“ *Sheri Kirkland lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Vanessa Ann Fair*



Sheri Kirkland - May 28, 2016 at 10:21 AM



“ *Sheri Kirkland sent a virtual gift in memory of Mrs. Vanessa Ann Fair*



Sheri Kirkland - May 28, 2016 at 10:19 AM

VH

“ Vanessa Hicks lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Vanessa Ann Fair



Vanessa Hicks - May 28, 2016 at 07:27 AM

LE

“ Sorry for the lost my condolence go to the family Rest in piece cousin

leroyglewis - May 28, 2016 at 06:40 AM



“ Sandra Copeland lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Vanessa Ann Fair



Sandra Copeland - May 27, 2016 at 04:02 PM



“ Sandra Copeland lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Vanessa Ann Fair



Sandra Copeland - May 27, 2016 at 04:00 PM

KF

“ TO THE FAMILY OF VANESSA, IT SADDEN OUR HEARTS TO HEAR OF YOUR LOSS, ONLY GOD KNOW BEST....MAY HIS LOVE, PEACE AND COMFORT GIVE YOU THE UNDERSTANDING DURING THESE DIFFICULT TIMES. KNOW THAT YOU ARE IN OUR THOUGHTS AND PRAYERS...



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**KELLY FAMILY** - May 26, 2016 at 06:01 PM

GL

“ RIP ....



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**Glynis** - May 26, 2016 at 01:52 PM