



## Ms. Viola M. Brooks

December 13, 1940 - May 17, 2017

BROOKS, Ms. Viola M. - Age 76, passed away Wednesday, May 17, 2017 at her residence.

Family hour 10:30 AM Friday, May 26, 2017 at New Jerusalem Full Gospel Baptist Church, 1035 E. Carpenter Rd., with funeral service commencing at 11:00 AM, Elder Patrick W. Sanders Sr., Host Pastor, Elder Darryl E. Davis, presiding. Interment Lovedale Memorial Cemetery, G-5175 E. Bristol Rd., Burton, MI. Friends and pallbearers will assemble at the church 10:30 AM Friday. Mrs. Brooks will lie in state in the Chapel of Lawrence E. Moon Funeral Home, 906 W. Flint Park Blvd., and may be viewed from 2:00 PM-8:00 PM on Thursday.

Ms. Viola (Hayes) Brooks, affectionately called Vi, the daughter of Curtis Hayes Sr. and Elsie Mae (Quinn) Hayes. The fourth child of eight children, Vi was born in Wardell, Missouri on December 13, 1940. She attended Clover Hill Baptist Church where she accepted Christ as her Lord and Savior and was baptized. During her youth Vi enjoyed singing in the church along with her siblings in Silvertone Jr. quartet. After graduating from Central High school in Hayti, Missouri, Viola relocated to Chicago, Illinois where she subsequently married her childhood school mate, Robert Brooks, and they were subsequently married. Three children were born from this union.

After 29 years, Viola retired from Fisher Body, a division of General Motors, in 2002. She was a charter member of the New Jerusalem Baptist Church. Vi

also attended Mott Community College where she studied Business. She had a passion for singing, dancing, traveling and cooking. Out of eight siblings, Vi was noted for her delicious dressing, a traditional recipe her father created. Viola leaves in God's care two sons; Robert Bruce Brooks II (Renee), Royal Brooks (Djuana), both of Flint, MI, one daughter Victoria Brooks of Atlanta, GA and three granddaughters; Brenda Brooks, Erin Brooks and Taylor Brooks. Six sisters; Elder Gladys Scott, Loretta Williams, Pauline Johnson (Nathan) of Lansing, MI, Jewel Hayes of Aurora, IL, Gloria Porter (Percy) and one brother; Rodney Hayes (Devera) of Lansing, MI.

Viola was preceded in death by her parents; Curtis Hayes Sr. and Elsie Hayes, Curtis Hayes Jr. and Thamous Surratt.

We wish to acknowledge with sincere gratitude the numerous expressions of concerns, love and sympathy. We have sustained a great loss and your support has helped us immensely. We shall always be grateful to each of you. God bless you! We give a special "Thank you" to Darryl Davis, Adell Harris-Eldridge, Harold Hayes, Rodney Keyes, Gladys Scott, Eric and Lynn Williams and Aisha of Moon's Funeral Home.

In lieu of flowers or plants the family requests that any donations are given to a college scholarship fund for their mother's granddaughters. A go-fund-me account has been created for any donations.

# Cemetery Details

## Lovedale Memorial Cemetery

G-5175 E. Bristol Rd.  
Burton, MI

# Previous Events

## Public Viewing

**MAY 25.** 2:00 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 hour

**MAY 26.** 10:30 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

New Jerusalem Full Gospel Baptist Church  
1035 E. Carpenter Rd.  
Flint, MI 48505

## Service

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MAY **26**. 11:00 AM (ET)

New Jerusalem Full Gospel Baptist Church  
1035 E. Carpenter Rd.  
Flint, MI 48505

# Tribute Wall



“ *Ms. Viola M. Brooks*

October 09, 2023 at 07:02 AM



“ *I use to work with Vi at General Motors, she was a beautiful person. Family I'm praying for your strength. Earth has no sorrow that heaven cannot heal.*



**Irene Fouse** - February 09, 2022 at 06:18 PM



“ *I am praying for you and your family during your time of loss.*



**Viviana** - June 06, 2017 at 10:18 AM

CM

“ To Victoria and the Brooks family,  
Although I never met Vi, I know her through the love, kindness, and  
God-centered life of Victoria.  
I can imagine the hole in your lives without Mom being here any  
longer, but KNOW you will be united in paradise! Losing Mom is one  
of the hardest things to do, and only God can see you through. I  
pray for your assurance, knowing Vi is safely in His arms.  
Peace, my friend.  
With love,  
Carol Miller

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Carol Miller - June 06, 2017 at 09:44 AM

EH

“ To the Family of Ms. Viola Brooks -

Please accept my deepest sympathy during this time of difficulty.  
May you find comfort in knowing that God has promised that those  
"powerless in death" will live again.  
(Isaiah 26:19)

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EH - May 28, 2017 at 07:39 PM

SW

“ Steve And Yolanda Williams lit a candle in  
memory of Ms. Viola M. Brooks



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Steve and Yolanda Williams - May 26, 2017 at 10:54 AM



“ DeLano Mills lit a candle in memory of Ms. Viola M. Brooks



DeLano Mills - May 25, 2017 at 02:29 PM



“ Min. Zenola Diggs lit a candle in memory of Ms. Viola M. Brooks



Min. Zenola Diggs - May 25, 2017 at 11:41 AM



*Brooks Family, Elder Gladys Scott, Elder Darryl Davis and Loved Ones, May the Lord continue to grant you peace and comfort now and for the days ahead.*

*Min. Zenola Diggs, Madison, TN*

Min. Zenola Diggs - May 25, 2017 at 11:45 AM



*Victoria I truly miss you and your friend ship but God knows best rest in peace*

Joyce Keyes - May 28, 2017 at 12:30 AM



*Viola I Will Turkey miss our talks and friendship I will keep the family in prey*

Joyce Keyes - May 28, 2017 at 12:34 AM

RK

“ I will miss our time in conversations, advice and just sharing the moments God has given us. BLESS YOU !

Rodney K. - May 25, 2017 at 09:48 AM

RK

“ Rodney K. sent a virtual gift in memory of Ms. Viola M. Brooks



Rodney K. - May 25, 2017 at 09:18 AM

CK

“ I'll miss our quiet talks Aunt Vi.  
Love and miss you.  
Camille

Camellia Key - May 24, 2017 at 11:05 PM

CK

“ Camellia Key sent a virtual gift in memory of Ms. Viola M. Brooks



Camellia Key - May 24, 2017 at 10:56 PM

SA

“ To the Family of Ms. Viola Brooks,  
During your time of sorrow, please find comfort in knowing that God has promised "to wipe out every tear in their eyes, and death will be no more, neither will mourning nor outcry nor pain be anymore". No doubt we all look forward to the day that promise becomes a reality!! Therefore, in the days ahead, please find comfort in his Word, the Bible.

Sandra - May 23, 2017 at 08:37 PM

GM

“ GLORIA MOSES-COLEN lit a candle in memory of Ms. Viola M. Brooks



GLORIA MOSES-COLEN - May 23, 2017 at 06:16 PM

MH

“ My sincere condolences to the family. I have truly enjoyed knowing Vi and remembering her beautiful smile and spirit as we served on the Hospitality Ministry. A very loving and compassionate woman of God. Praying for the grandchildren she so dearly devoted her love and life to as well as the entire family.  
God bless,  
Millie Holloway-Evans

Mildred Holloway-Evans - May 23, 2017 at 08:52 AM

EH

“ Please know that you and your family are in my thoughts and prayers.  
Eddie Hines

Eddie Hines - May 23, 2017 at 07:31 AM

DJ

“ *D.Nancine Jackson lit a candle in memory of Ms. Viola M. Brooks*



**D.Nancine Jackson** - May 22, 2017 at 09:42 PM

VS

“ *My sincere prayers and condolences, may God comfort you and your family during this time of loss.*



*Vanessa Stembridge*

**Vanessa Stembridge** - May 22, 2017 at 09:10 AM

NN

“ *Victoria, I am so sorry to hear about the passing of your mother. I am praying for you and your family. My deepest condolences.*



*Nicki*

**Nicki Neal** - May 22, 2017 at 07:50 AM

MR

“ *To Victoria and The Brooks Family,  
You have our deepest sympathy, You're in our  
Thought and certainly in our Prayers.  
GOD is your Refuge and your Strength let  
GOD'S abiding love surround you now.  
Pastor Michael & Marlesa Robinson*



**Marlesa Robinson** - May 22, 2017 at 07:46 AM

JM

“ James And Toya Martin lit a candle in memory of Ms. Viola M. Brooks



James and Toya Martin - May 21, 2017 at 04:51 PM



“ I will miss your warm smile! Rest in Jesus Love.



Damaria Keyes-Altidort - May 21, 2017 at 04:43 PM

DA

“ Dorris Lyons- Allen lit a candle in memory of Ms. Viola M. Brooks



Dorris Lyons- Allen - May 21, 2017 at 12:09 PM

TP

“ Tonya Price sent a virtual gift in memory of Ms. Viola M. Brooks



Tonya Price - May 21, 2017 at 12:28 AM

AH

“ *May you rest in peace, my friend. The memories we had and able to share still brings tears to my eyes. Tears of Joy, because you were prepared to go. But tears of sadness for your love ones. No more pain rest in Peace.*

Adell Harris-Eldridge - May 20, 2017 at 10:29 PM

AH

“ *Adell Harris-Eldridge lit a candle in memory of Ms. Viola M. Brooks*



Adell Harris-Eldridge - May 20, 2017 at 10:19 PM

RJ

“ *Royal, Lynn & Taylor - I am sorry to hear of the passing of your precious Mother and GrandMother. Know that she is surely on her way to her mansion in Heaven, where you will meet again one day. May God Bless and keep you all.*

Romi Jean Jones - May 20, 2017 at 10:03 AM

TA

“ *Toni K Adams lit a candle in memory of Ms. Viola M. Brooks*



Toni K Adams - May 20, 2017 at 09:40 AM

LE

“ Sending out prayers to the family. We are very sorry for your loss.

Linda Earl - May 20, 2017 at 07:56 AM

TF

“ RIH, Aunt Vi!



Tanya Fisher - May 20, 2017 at 07:01 AM

GR

“ PRAYING FOR YOUR FAMILIES. GOD IS BLESSING AND KEEPING YOU . GLORIA RISON



GLORIA RISON - May 19, 2017 at 10:11 PM

RR

“ Rodney Richardson lit a candle in memory of Ms. Viola M. Brooks



Rodney Richardson - May 19, 2017 at 08:31 PM

MH

“ *Mary Huddleston lit a candle in memory of Ms. Viola M. Brooks*



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**Mary Huddleston** - May 19, 2017 at 07:52 PM

CH

“ *Calvin And Pamela Hightower lit a candle in memory of Ms. Viola M. Brooks*



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**Calvin and Pamela Hightower** - May 19, 2017 at 05:33 PM



“ *A Jeffrey LaValley lit a candle in memory of Ms. Viola M. Brooks*



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**A Jeffrey LaValley** - May 19, 2017 at 07:16 AM

PD

“ *Our sincere condolences to the family, Vi will be missed.*

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**Perry, Louis & Dee** - May 18, 2017 at 06:40 PM

PD

“ *Perry, Louis & Dee lit a candle in memory of Ms. Viola M. Brooks*



Perry, Louis & Dee - May 18, 2017 at 06:37 PM



“ *Wanda Baker sent a virtual gift in memory of Ms. Viola M. Brooks*



Wanda Baker - May 18, 2017 at 02:36 PM

RB

“ *1 file added to the tribute wall*



Royal Brooks - May 18, 2017 at 01:32 PM

RB

“ *1 file added to the album Good Bye!*



Royal Brooks - May 18, 2017 at 01:29 PM

SF

“ So sorry for the loss of Vi and condolences to the family.

Sharon Fleming - May 18, 2017 at 11:20 AM

SF

“ My sincere condolences to the family.

Sharon Fleming - May 18, 2017 at 11:06 AM

JM

“ Jeannie Mayberry lit a candle in memory of Ms. Viola M. Brooks



Jeannie Mayberry - May 18, 2017 at 10:47 AM

DW

“ Diane Williams sent a virtual gift in memory of Ms. Viola M. Brooks



Diane Williams - May 18, 2017 at 09:05 AM

PD

“ Perry, Louis & Dee lit a candle in memory of Ms. Viola M. Brooks



Perry, Louis & Dee - May 17, 2017 at 09:31 PM