



## Mother Viola Sharp

November 17, 1930 - March 2, 2015

SHARP, Mother Viola - Age 84, passed away Monday, March 2, 2015 at McLaren-Flint. Family hour 10:30 a.m. Monday, March 9, 2015 at Evergreen Missionary Baptist Church, 106 E. Flint Park Blvd., with service commencing at 11 a.m. Rev. Daniel Smith officiating. Interment Great Lakes National Cemetery, G-4200 Bedford Rd. Friends and pallbearers will assemble at the church at 10:30 a.m. Monday. Mrs. Sharp will lie in state in the Chapel of Lawrence E. Moon Funeral Home, 906 W. Flint Park Blvd., and may be viewed 11 a.m.-6 p.m. Sunday.

Mother Viola Sharp was born November 17, 1930 in McLemoresville, Tennessee, the daughter of Jerman and Ella (Williamson) Hall. She attended Dunbar Elementary School in McLemoresville and Webb High School in McKenzie, TN. Her fondest memories were taking over the dance floor with her dance partner in various Café's around Tennessee. Her sister Martha would be by her side cheering as Viola and her partner performed the Lindy Hop Dance. Mother Sharp was a very outspoken person, she would say what was on her mind rather it was good, bad or indifferent. If it needed to be said, Mother Sharp would say it. Viola met Paul Sharp from Gibson, TN, shortly after he was Honorably Discharged for the United States Army and love blossomed instantly. They eloped and were united in Holy Matrimony in Carrent, MS on June 15, 1947 with her sister Martha by her side. In 1950, Paul and Viola moved to Flint, MI and from this beloved union 3 children were

born, Debra, Paul Jr. (affectionately known as "Pat") and Vera. Mother Sharp loved her husband, children and grandkids whole heartily. She was employed at Flint Osteopathic Hospital for 27 years where she retired as a Certified Nurse's Aid. Mother Sharp loved her career and enjoyed working with her co-workers tremendously. She sincerely loved coming to the House of the Lord! She attended Prayer Meetings, Bible Study, Sunday School and church on a regular routine basis. Mother Sharp was a devoted member of Evergreen Missionary Baptist Church where she proudly served on the Mother's Board and spearheaded various projects of the church. She most definitely was a faithful soldier for the Lord!

Mother Viola Sharp leave to cherish her memory: husband of 68 years, Paul Sharp, Sr.; 2 daughters, Debra Fortenberry and Vera (Terris) Jenkins; son, Paul Sharp, Jr.; 5 grandchildren, Ariel Yasmeen Jenkins, all of Flint, Nicole Sharp of Phoenix, AZ, Sabrina Viola Hemphill, Temeka Lashawn Hemphill and Jordan Sharp, all of Flint; 2 great-grandchildren, Zarianna Nelson and Jiya Nelson; 2 sisters, Martha Gregory and Zettie Ann Hall, both of Detroit, MI; a host of nieces including special nieces, Cynthia Bell and Kwanza Bell, both of Detroit, MI; a host of nephews including special nephews, Frank Hodison and Baron Hodison of Nashville, TN; a host of other relatives and friends including special friends, Betty Lofton, Melvin and Luretha Adams, Mother Eula Bethea, Evelyn Strickland, Mother Lois Boxley, Nellie Munerlyn and Joe Lewis.

Mother Sharp was preceded in death by her parents, Jerman and Ella Hall; grandparents, Viola Williamson Bell and Martha Hall; brothers and sisters, Lizzie Ransome, Priestly Hall, Jay Wesley Hall, Mary Green, Thomas Hall, Pearl Ella Hodison and Beatrice Hurt.

The family would like to express special thanks to Pastor Daniel Smith and the Evergreen Missionary Baptist Church family.

# Cemetery Details

## Great Lakes National Cemetery

G-4200 Belford Rd.  
Holly, MI 48442

# Previous Events

## Public Viewing

MAR 8. 11:00 AM - 6:00 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

MAR 9. 10:30 AM (ET)

Evergreen Missionary Baptist Church  
106 E. Flint Park Blvd.  
Flint, MI

## Service

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# Tribute Wall



“ *Mother Viola Sharp*

October 09, 2023 at 07:02 AM



“ *25 files added to the album Life Tributes*



**Lawrence E. Moon Funeral Home** - March 08, 2015 at 11:16 AM



“ *Vera, What a blessing to have such a strong woman of faith as your role model. I know that your heart is heavy right now but you can rejoice in knowing that beyond her brief stay here on earth is the eternity of God's love.*

**Romi Jean Jones** - March 07, 2015 at 06:35 PM



“ *So sorry for your loss. May the family and friends comfort one another and the sure word of God keep you uplifted in the hope. (John 11:24,25)*

**Jean** - March 06, 2015 at 11:43 AM

RG

“ Vera I feel your pain, I'm so sorry. I hope that you are comforted by the wonderful memories you have of your mom and by the love of family and friends.

*Becky Gale-Gonzalez*

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**Rebecca Gale-Gonzalez** - March 06, 2015 at 08:25 AM



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“ Ellis Calvert lit a candle in memory of Mother Viola Sharp

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**Ellis Calvert** - March 03, 2015 at 10:56 PM



EC

*My deepest sympathy goes out to the Mosley Family. Charles and I were friends for over 40yrs. from the dirt streets of Beecher, Beecher high school and Buick motors div. R I P my brother.*

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**Ellis Calvert** - March 03, 2015 at 11:03 PM

LC

*I am sending the strongest prayers and well wishes for peace and comfort to the family at this most difficult time. Vera Jenkins is a dedicated MCC employee and our hearts ache at thought of Mrs. Sharp's passing. May the Lord put a fence around your family; know that he is in the midst.*

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**Lennetta Coney** - March 04, 2015 at 04:30 PM

EB

*My deepest sympathy to the The Sharp Family, Mother Sharp was a Dear Friend to me we would talk about the Lord and She was a Faithful Member of Evergreen and she had a Kind Heart, She love peoples, The Lord don't make no mistake, I am sending up Prayers to the family I have a heavy Heart right now she is gone but not forgotton she will forever be in my heart. Bro. Paul Sr. Vera, Paul Jr. Debra and the Grandchildren, Look to the Hills which your help comes from the Lord, put your hands in God hands he will walk you'll threw this difficult times he will confort you'll hearts. Love You'll.*

*Rev. John, Eula Bethea and Joshua Guidry 3-6-14*

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**Eula Bethea** - March 06, 2015 at 01:47 PM