



## Mrs. Watella Mae Atkinson

February 8, 1931 - November 2, 2016

ATKINSON, Mrs. Watella Mae - Age 85, passed away Wednesday, November 2, 2016 at Briarwood Manor. Family hour 10:00 AM Saturday, November 12, 2016 at Rising Star Baptist Church, 502 W. Flint Park Blvd., with funeral service commencing at 11:00 AM Elder James McDade officiating. Interment Gracelawn Community Cemetery, G-5710 N. Saginaw Street. Friends and pallbearers will assemble at the church 10:00 AM Saturday. Mrs. Atkinson 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 - 8:00 PM Friday. Mrs. Watella Atkinson was born February 8, 1931 in Flint, Michigan, the daughter of Leroy Campbell and Sonobia Aaron. She lived in Flint her entire life and married Damos Atkinson after graduating from Northern High School. Watella was a faithful member of Rising Star Missionary Baptist Church for forty four years. She helped form the Nurses Guild, the Mothers Board and was the first Pastor Aid President as well as the first secretary of the Missionary Society. She also helped form the church's kitchen committee where she was known as the only lady that could cook an entire meal while sitting down! Watella was the Health Chairman and also a homeroom mother and volunteer at Dewey Elementary School. Later she was a volunteer in the effort to open the Sylvester Broome Center. After it was opened she worked in the center's kitchen ensuring the students had a hot lunch. She was also the secretary for the AARP chapter that met at the center. Watella loved working in her church, gardening, fishing, sewing, cooking, sitting on her porch and talking on the phone. She loved

garage sales and restoring antiques. She spiritually fostered many children including the Dewey school neighborhood and beyond.

Mrs. Watella Atkinson leaves to cherish her memory; 3 daughters, Mercedes Atkins, Victoria Nash and Tammy Atkinson all of Flint and 1 son, Philip Atkinson of Flint; 23 grandchildren, Tracy and Terry Atkinson, Tawana and Tonya Atkins, Alicia Crader, Marcell and Cameron Simmons, Shamica Marshall, Taisha Barnett, Cameron Bradley, Demario Bradford, Javarrious and Asia Jourdan, Ruben Bailey, Lorraine and Laurice Young, Da'Nisha Simmons, B'Onnie Marshall, Joyce Ann Corbin, Casey Young, Freddie Carter, Ernest Brooks, Arnold Crader Jr. and Chris Young, all of Flint, Twan Nash of AR and Justin Pridgeon of Lansing, MI; 11 great-grandchildren, Mishari, Morgan and Taylor Atkins, Tyshanna Atkinson, Kiyosha Nash, Christopher and Christian Hampton, Patches and Lakia Young, Nigel Crader and Eric Polk all of Flint; sister, Gwendolyn Suluki; 6 nieces, Ebonie and Narotha Ogden of Flint, Rose and Joyce Atkins of New Orleans, LA, Yvonne Wilson and Mary Atkins of Flint; 7 nephews, Jamal Atkins of Flint, Lamar Atkins of New Orleans, LA, Lamar Wilson of Flint, Aaron Wilson of CA, Robert Wilson of Grand Rapids, MI, Kirise Atkins of Flint and Simeon Atkins of Detroit, MI; cousins, Joan Grace Lewis Belleville, William (Sharon) Broadway, Sr., Rev. Colette Lewis-(Charles) Mitchell of Belleville, MI, Nona Adams of Cincinnati, OH, Gwendolyn Allen of Flint and Dawn Peterson of Flint. A host of other relatives and special friends including: Elder James McDade, Ronnie Nash, Thyra Williams, LaTanya Williams, Emma Johnson, Rev. Eugene McMillan, Arnold Crader, Eddie Harvell, Deacon Royal (Linn) Alexander, Sr., Roderick (Tracy) Smith, Alvin (Margaret) Pollard, Jr., Lexie Jenkins and Deacon Gary (Mary) Wicks. Mrs. Atkinson was preceded in death by; husband, Damos Atkinson; grandson, Eric Dean Paxton, Jr; great-grandson, Baby Tyler Atkins; sister-in-law, Idella Joseph and cousin Myra Washington.

The Family would like to express special thanks to: Dr. K Ahmed and Hurley Staff, Heartland Health Care Center Briarwood, Heartland Hospice-Hospice Care, Pastor Patrick Sanders Jr., the Rising Star Church family and all of

Mother's friends and neighbors.

# Cemetery Details

## Gracelawn Cemetery

5710 N. Saginaw St.  
Flint, MI 48505

# Previous Events

## Public Viewing

NOV 11. 12:00 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 hour

NOV 12. 10:00 AM (ET)

Rising Star Baptist Church  
502 W. Flint Park Blvd.  
Flint, MI

## Service

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NOV **12**. 11:00 AM (ET)

Rising Star Baptist Church  
502 W. Flint Park Blvd.  
Flint, MI

# Tribute Wall



“ *Mrs. Watella Mae Atkinson*

October 09, 2023 at 07:02 AM



“ *We Love you Craig(Bird), Cameron, Terry, Tracy, Tammie, Narotha and other Family Members.*

*Ms. Watella will be missed in the Dewey School Neighborhood and Family. Absent from this body mean to be present with the Lord. We are praying for you all, the Hughey/Wortham Family.*

**Gina (Hughey) Wortham** - November 12, 2016 at 07:41 AM



“ *Louise Townsend lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Watella Mae Atkinson*



**Louise Townsend** - November 11, 2016 at 01:07 PM



“ *Mrs Watella,  
I am so very sorry to see that you are no longer with us but God has called one of his ANGELS home I will miss your forever smiling face, RIP cousin LOVE KIM DAY!*



**kim day** - November 11, 2016 at 06:14 AM

AL

“ *Alfreda & Margaret Jefferson Family Love lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Watella Mae Atkinson*



**Alfreda & Margaret Jefferson family love** - November 09, 2016 at 06:39 PM

SJ

“ *To the family of Mrs Watella Atkinson ... May the memories of her be your strength ... God bless each of you !!!*



**shirley jones-miller** - November 08, 2016 at 07:16 PM

DB

“ *Dr. Brenda Brown lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Watella Mae Atkinson*



**Dr. Brenda Brown** - November 08, 2016 at 09:02 AM

DB

*Tammy, I am so sorry to hear of the lost of your mom. You and your family are in my prayers. Dr. B. Brown*

**Dr. Brenda Brown** - November 08, 2016 at 09:03 AM

MB

“ *Times like this are never easy. Sending prayers and comfort to the family.*



**Melita Bowman-Murphy** - November 07, 2016 at 04:05 PM

TP

“ *Our prayers are with you all at this time of sorrow my God strengthen you Woford.Peterson.Wesley family*



**Toya Peterson** - November 07, 2016 at 10:15 AM

TP

“ *Toya Peterson lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Watella Mae Atkinson*



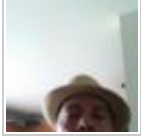
**Toya Peterson** - November 07, 2016 at 09:59 AM

TP

“ *Toya Peterson lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Watella Mae Atkinson*



**Toya Peterson** - November 07, 2016 at 09:57 AM



“ From: Phillip an Naomi Kimble an Family,  
Sorry for you and the Family for your lost.  
Psalm:23-1,2  
The Lord is your shepherd you shall not want.  
He maketh me to lie down in green pastures:  
he leadeth me beside the still waters.  
PHILLIP,NAOMI, ALONZO,KENYA, KIMBLE, LASTER FAMILY.



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**PHILLIP KIMBLE** - November 07, 2016 at 04:10 AM



“ To a loving and very caring Aunt you will truly  
be missed.... You have your wings, tell  
everyone we love them and miss them  
too.....Love you always.....your niece  
NaRotha



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**NaRotha Ogden** - November 07, 2016 at 12:04 AM



“ Brenda Calhoun lit a candle in memory of  
Mrs. Watella Mae Atkinson



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**Brenda Calhoun** - November 06, 2016 at 02:52 PM