



Mrs. Anna L. Whitten

January 7, 1921 - May 13, 2016

*****NOTE: IN LIEU OF FLOWERS, the family requests sending donations in loving memory of Anna Whitten to:

"The Anna Whitten Humanitarian Scholarship Fund", KVCC Foundation, West O Avenue, Kalamazoo, MI 49003-4070.

Cemetery Details

Riverside Cemetery

1015 Gull Rd
Kalamazoo, MI 49048-1733
(269) 337-8227

Previous Events

Visitation

MAY 18. 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM (ET)

Allen Chapel A.M.E. Church
804 W. North Street
Kalamazoo, MI

A Celebration of Life

MAY 19. 11:00 AM (ET)

CLC Stones Church
1225 W. Paterson Street
Kalamazoo, MI 49007

Tribute Wall



“ Harper Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Mrs. Anna L. Whitten



Harper Funeral Home - May 18, 2016 at 06:57 PM



“ Mrs. Anna L. Whitten

October 23, 2023 at 06:06 AM



“ Mrs. Anna L. Whitten

October 06, 2023 at 10:42 AM



“ Bonnie lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Anna L. Whitten



Bonnie - November 10, 2016 at 12:45 PM

BO

I just learned of Mrs. Whitten passing, I am so sorry, I have known her a long time she is the sweetest person you would ever want to meet. She and I would talk for hours, I remember I had went to the Aretha Franklin concert and she was sitting down about four seats from me, we had a wonderful time. I will miss her, she also helped me with some issues I was having at KVCC, God bless you Anna and rest in peace

Bonnie - November 10, 2016 at 12:52 PM

MH

“ *Mamie Hines-Richardson lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Anna L. Whitten*



Mamie Hines-Richardson - June 18, 2016 at 01:56 AM



“ *Janet Smith lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Anna L. Whitten*



Janet Smith - June 08, 2016 at 09:40 PM

MH

“ Just learned of Anna's passing. I have known Anna all of my life, having grown up with Edward. In later years I was on the Community College Trustee Board in Port Huron and Anna, affectionately known as Anna Lee, was my mentor. I always looked forward to seeing her at community college meetings at least twice a year. I was just remembering a community college meeting in Seattle, WA and after the meetings Anna and I went to hear Betty Carter. We spent a lot of our time together with me giving her updates on what was going on in Port Huron. She was a lovely lady and a force to be reckoned with. She will be missed.

Marcia Hogan - June 08, 2016 at 09:40 PM

JS

“ Janet Smith sent a virtual gift in memory of Mrs. Anna L. Whitten



Janet Smith - June 08, 2016 at 09:37 PM

JS

“ Janet Smith lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Anna L. Whitten



Janet Smith - June 08, 2016 at 09:31 PM

JS

“ Janet Smith lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Anna L. Whitten



Janet Smith - June 08, 2016 at 09:29 PM

MH

“ Marcia Hogan lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Anna L. Whitten



Marcia Hogan - June 08, 2016 at 09:24 PM

HB

“ Hal/Janet Buchanan lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Anna L. Whitten



Hal/Janet Buchanan - June 03, 2016 at 10:14 AM

LL

“ Lula Ligon lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Anna L. Whitten



Lula Ligon - May 31, 2016 at 10:36 PM

LL

“ I'm grateful that I had the opportunity to meet this remarkable woman,I remember sitting next to her at a dinner,I said to her ,I feel as if I'm sitting next to a celebrity and she said, oh come on now I'm just a regular woman,and I said you're a very special woman and I admire you! She will be greatly missed! As she sleep in Jesus arms!

Lula Ligon - May 31, 2016 at 10:34 PM

YF

“ Yvonne Heltzel & Family lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Anna L. Whitten



Yvonne Heltzel & family - May 29, 2016 at 08:10 PM

YF

“ Yvonne Heltzel & Family lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Anna L. Whitten



Yvonne Heltzel & family - May 29, 2016 at 08:07 PM

LB

“ Loretta Campbell Bates lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Anna L. Whitten



Loretta Campbell Bates - May 28, 2016 at 01:51 AM

LB

Such a sad time. Thus, GOD does for us what we cannot do for ourselves....We pray the Holy spirit through our Lord be the comfort for Mrs. Anna L. Whitten Family...Thanks for always being of service to others...and our family...We appreciate you and shall miss you in our community...CAMPBELL FAMILY

Loretta Campbell Bates - May 28, 2016 at 02:00 AM

AR

“ *Abdul-R Rashid lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Anna L. Whitten*



Abdul-R Rashid - May 25, 2016 at 10:44 PM

SC

“ *Saying Goodbye to the Honorable, Mrs. Anna Whitten.*

Today, I said goodbye to a friend, a leader, and a legend. To some Mrs. Anna Whitten was just a familiar name or a well known person in our community, but to me Mrs. Whitten epitomized faith, strength, womanhood, true grit, and devotion. She was not only my "sistar", she was the mother of all sistars!

She demonstrated what a real woman was and showed me that being Black was not something to feel ashamed of, but that my being Black meant that I was called to a purpose that was larger than myself and that I have a responsibility to reach back as I move forward. That I should never allow adversities or circumstances keep me from living in a way where others will see that the work I've done is speaking long after I'm gone.

No doubt that Mrs. Whitten was "batting 1,000" until her last breath. It was my privilege, my honor, and my joy to have known such a person as Mrs. Anna Whitten. May we all be so blessed as to leave a legacy of such profound influence.

*To God be Honor, Glory & Praise
Stephanie Moore, Commissioner*

Stephanie Moore, Commissioner - May 20, 2016 at 12:16 AM

SA

“ *May the peace of God rest with The Whitten family, knowing that Ms Whitten has left her mark here in this community and has served her Master well. We are praying for and with you. To God Be The Glory!*

Eva L Ozier and Family



Sherry Anderson - May 19, 2016 at 06:59 AM

ME

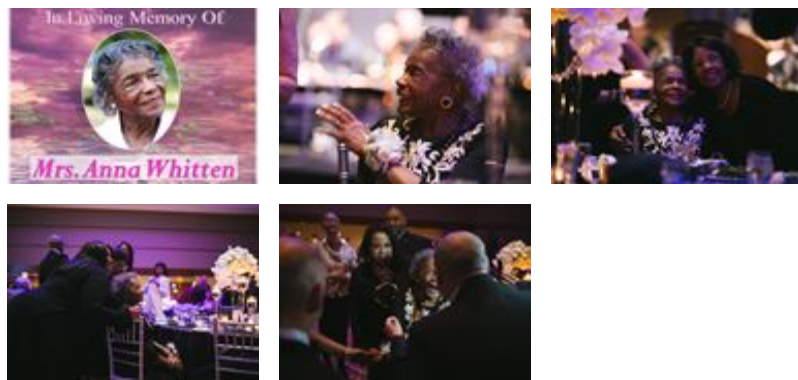
“ Malcolm & Brenda Earhart lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Anna L. Whitten



Malcolm & Brenda Earhart - May 18, 2016 at 07:03 PM



“ 59 files added to the album Life Tributes



Harper Funeral Home - May 18, 2016 at 03:58 PM



*Sending our prayers to the Whitten family. What a legacy Mrs Whitten has left for all of us. May she rest in perfect piece. She has more than earned her crown.
The Oyelarans*

Eileen Blanche - May 20, 2016 at 08:01 PM

AR

Mrs. Whitten is our fore runner and an example to all of us, male or female in terms of character .

Abdul-R Rashid - May 25, 2016 at 10:50 PM

AR

Mrs. Whitten had a profound impact on my life, When I was teenager she introduced me to the AME Church founded by Richard Allen.

Abdul-R Rashid - May 25, 2016 at 10:58 PM

EH

“ *May the Holy Spirit Comfort The Loved Ones Of Mrs Anna Whitten. She Has Entered Her Eternal Rest.*



Evelyn Henry - May 18, 2016 at 03:47 PM

LS

“ *Lucinda & Lucretia Stinson lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Anna L. Whitten*



Lucinda & Lucretia Stinson - May 18, 2016 at 09:38 AM

DC

“ I am honored to have been able to know Mrs. Whitten, I never seen her in a bad mood or down and out. Up until the last time I seen her she was "batting a thousand". I have been a member of Allen Chapel all of my life and I can't remember a time when she was not there. Always on the go, so up beat and happy all the time. All of my years at church and this is one name that I never seen on the sick and shut in list! Mrs. Whitten you were truly a blessing to me, to our church family and to the community. You left a legacy that will be embraced for years to come. If you did not know her you really missed out. I will miss you Mrs. Whitten , love you and please watch over us! #BATTING A THOUSAND#



Diayhnne(DeeDee) Carver - May 18, 2016 at 07:27 AM

MS

“ Our thoughts and prayers are with you, may God bless.
The Gilleylen family



Marvin D Gilleylen Sr - May 18, 2016 at 02:59 AM

DF

“ Dorrington Family lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Anna L. Whitten



Dorrington Family - May 17, 2016 at 11:50 PM

KS

“ *Karen Staton sent a virtual gift in memory of Mrs. Anna L. Whitten*



Karen Staton - May 17, 2016 at 10:19 PM

KS

Mrs. Whitten, I know that you are in a wonderful place and are visiting with our Lord and Savior. You will be missed.

Karen Staton - May 17, 2016 at 10:21 PM

KS

“ *Karen Staton lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Anna L. Whitten*



Karen Staton - May 17, 2016 at 10:17 PM

CE

“ *Charmane Echols lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Anna L. Whitten*



Charmane Echols - May 17, 2016 at 08:28 PM

CW

“ Carolyn Walker lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Anna L. Whitten



Carolyn Walker - May 17, 2016 at 06:42 PM

CW

Mrs. Whitten was so nice, I remember when Nicole and my daughter were friends. She was always battling a thousand. She will greatly be missed from Kalamazoo Community. A true Gem.

Carolyn Walker - May 17, 2016 at 06:44 PM



“ Delisa McGrew lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Anna L. Whitten



Delisa McGrew - May 17, 2016 at 04:56 PM

JS

“ Wishing the family the best.

John C McMillon Sr - May 17, 2016 at 03:25 PM

TR

“ Travis Robinson lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Anna L. Whitten



Travis Robinson - May 17, 2016 at 02:26 PM

TF

“ *THE PATTERSON FAMILY lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Anna L. Whitten*



THE PATTERSON FAMILY - May 17, 2016 at 01:18 PM

PF

“ *She was a wonderful woman, even though our meetings were brief I enjoyed every minute we were sharing the Love of Jesus Christ, she has her crown and she is at rest waiting for her call when Jesus calls her name, Rest in Peace my dear. Peace to the family.*



Patrice D. Feggans-Smith - May 17, 2016 at 12:57 PM

HW

“ *Helen Word lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Anna L. Whitten*



Helen Word - May 17, 2016 at 12:29 PM

JP

“ *James Phillips lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Anna L. Whitten*



James Phillips - May 17, 2016 at 12:26 PM

BP

“ *Barbara Phillips lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Anna L. Whitten*



Barbara Phillips - May 17, 2016 at 12:21 PM

JP

Mrs. Whitten will be greatly missed. Our thoughts and prayers go out to her family.

James & Barbara Phillips - May 17, 2016 at 12:24 PM

YF

“ *Yvonne Heltzel &Lipse Family lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Anna L. Whitten*



Yvonne Heltzel &Lipse family - May 17, 2016 at 10:13 AM



“ *Karest Willis-Brown lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Anna L. Whitten*



Karest Willis-Brown - May 17, 2016 at 09:11 AM

VI

“ We did not refer to each other as mother in law or daughter in law, but as Mother and daughter . She taught me so much. She lived what she spoke. Mother's let her light shine. I am honored to be her daughter and I will continue to "Bat a Thousand" because of her legacy. Victoria



victoria - May 17, 2016 at 08:08 AM

MA

“ Maria sent a virtual gift in memory of Mrs. Anna L. Whitten



Maria - May 17, 2016 at 07:55 AM

MA

I met Mrs. Whitten once and I'm so glad. She was all that is graceful in the world.

Maria - May 17, 2016 at 07:57 AM

CS

Praise God for the life and legacy of Mrs. Whitten. She was a woman of women. I saw her on Fri. May 6th. She was as spry as ever and said she was batting a thousand and was moving on to batting two thousand. I teasingly told her she had better move because I was batting 999 and was moving on up to a thousand. We had a nice laugh. So folks, she is now batting 2,000 plus with the LORD was was her life. Nicole, thanks for being so willing to share her with so many. She was a loving and humble woman of GOD. We will miss her but look more towards that wonderful "family reunion" GOD is planning for HIS children. We pray for those whose lives will be empty without this beautiful woman.

Cathy Sturdivant - May 17, 2016 at 03:19 PM

DJ

“ *DaNetta R. Julian lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Anna L. Whitten*



DaNetta R. Julian - May 17, 2016 at 07:42 AM

TA

“ *Ted Anderson lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Anna L. Whitten*



Ted Anderson - May 17, 2016 at 12:07 AM

CW

“ *Connie Williams-Embra lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Anna L. Whitten*



Connie Williams-Embra - May 16, 2016 at 11:18 PM

CH

“ *Candi Huey lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Anna L. Whitten*



Candi Huey - May 16, 2016 at 09:45 PM

FB

“ Frank And Helen Brooks lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Anna L. Whitten



frank and Helen Brooks - May 16, 2016 at 08:51 PM

JD

“ JoAnn Dixon lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Anna L. Whitten



JoAnn Dixon - May 16, 2016 at 04:26 PM

SP

“ Sheila Pratt lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Anna L. Whitten



Sheila Pratt - May 16, 2016 at 03:34 PM

MO

Ms. Anna Whitten leaves a legacy of community service, family devotion, leadership, kindness and grace. She will be missed by so many, but her lessons will live through us. Thank you Ms. Anna for teaching us all.

Margaret O'Brien - May 16, 2016 at 04:10 PM

BC

Mrs. Whitten was like a mother to me. As her first lady, she helped me through situations that made my faith in God much stronger. I was last with her when she went to Indianapolis with us for the Women's Missionary Quadrennial in 2015. Even though she was 94 I was the one who had to rent a scooter. I had it on the slowest speed it would go because she was holding on to it but she was telling people that I was moving too slow for her. I will ever remember her faith, grace, wisdom, humor and love. Dear friend I miss you terribly but I know you are in a better place. Family remember earth has no sorrow that Heaven cannot heal. In the days to come, please lean on the comfort only Jesus can supply. Love, Barbara Chester

Barbara E Chester - May 17, 2016 at 12:59 PM

PH

*Nichole and Yvonne,
Sister Anna Whitten has left a legacy for all of us that is bigger than life. She lived a life that exemplified love for everybody, no matter who you were or what you did. Her spirit will live on forever. Words cannot express what she meant to me, the community and K.V.C.C. Let me close by using her famous saying, "I'm batting a thousand." Sister Anna, no longer are you batting a thousand for on Friday May 13, 2016 you "Batted a home run" and you are now safe in the arms of Jesus.*

*Loving You Forever,
Pastor Bobette Hampton
Fresh Fire AME Church*

Pastor Bobette Hampton - May 17, 2016 at 09:47 PM

DF

Mrs. Whitten will truly be missed. She was the salt of the earth and had a way of making you feel like family. She meant a lot to many people and because of Mrs. Whitten my family will strive to "bat a thousand!" Thanks for sharing her with us!

Dorrington Family - May 17, 2016 at 11:47 PM

GD

What can be said about a woman who was like a quiet storm. I'm not sure if I ever heard the tone of her voice change over the years that I knew her. Growing up I lived across the street from her on North Burdick St., I can vision her now in her straw hat working in her yard tending to her beautiful flowers. Seeing her later in years she was still the same, as sharp, poised, elegant and as beautiful as I remember. How wonderful it is that she allowed the beauty of the flowers to show through her. Her kindness and legacy will and should live on through the many lives she has touched. Rest now Ms. Whitten, your physical work on earth is now done and may you enter now into the JOY of the Lord! Gloria (Lawrence) Denning

Gloria (Lawrence) Denning - May 18, 2016 at 12:23 PM

AR

*I was sadden to hear of Mrs. Whitten's passing. When I was a teenager Ed and I were friends, we would spend the night over each other's house. I can still hear her saying: "boys if you get in trouble I'm going to get you" [smile]. When I would see her later on in life [I'll be 73 next month G-D willing], she would remind me to stay out of trouble, or she would get me, Mrs. Whitten was like a Mother to me. May G-D forgive her of all her sins, bless her for all the good that she did, and bless her to enter the paradise Amin!
[Robert Gaston] ...Abdul-R Rashid*

Abdul-R Rashid - May 25, 2016 at 10:42 PM