



Mrs. Arstillure Tubbs

August 9, 1917 - January 5, 2017

Arstillure Tubbs went home to be with her Lord January 5, 2017 with her family by her side. She was born August 9, 1917 in Houlika, MS and was the 5th of 12 children born to Thomas and ModDessie (Hill) Lipsey, She accepted Christ at an early age at Wesley Chapel CME Church in Houston, MS.

She was united in marriage to Lloyd Tubbs on July 15, 1936 and to that union, Modean and Jerry were born. The family moved to Kalamazoo in 1941 and united with the Mt. Zion Baptist Church where she served on both the Mother's and Deaconess Board and sang in the Senior and Chancel Choirs. Whenever there was a serious situation that needed her attention you could hear her singing, "Pass me not, O Gentle Savior". Arstillure loved gardening and could be found in her yard and even at the Ecumenical Senior Center caring for plants and flowers.

She was employed at Borgess Medical Center, where she loved working in Labor and Delivery with the babies. She retired from Borgess after over 35 years of service. After retirement, she continued working by taking care of the children of many family and friends while their parents were at work. She was known to many family members as "Big Auntie" who loved to cook. The family looked forward to her preparing her delicious pound cakes, dressing, pineapple coconut cakes....and the list goes on!

She is preceded in death by her parents; her husband, Rev. Lloyed Tubbs; brothers, George Willie, Augthery, Alex, Ira Lee and Thomas Jr.; sister, Annie Enoch, Bessie Jennings, Lucille Crawford, Daisy, and Ophelia; several brothers-in-law and sisters-in-law; and a grandson who was dear to her heart, Vincent Tubbs.

She leaves to cherish her memories: her children, Modean (Hubert) Reeves, Jerry (Dorothy) Tubbs all of Kalamazoo and Robert Weathington of San Antonio, TX; her grandchildren, Dexter Johnson, Tiffiany, Ryan and Frank (Lanae) Tubbs of Kalamazoo. Also, her great grandchildren who were dear to her heart: Vincent (Danielle); Kamarion Tubbs of Battle Creek, MI; Keelon Dennard of Grand Rapids, MI; Shawndel, Tyshavius, Ashanti, Ashantia, Priscilla, Jacorey; several others of Kalamazoo, and Donald and Shania Johnson of Georgia; two brothers, Columbus of Kalamazoo and Chester B. of Mississippi; several nieces and nephews she felt very close to; a special daughter/niece , Hattie Head of Kalamazoo, MI and a special cousin, Bishop Stephen Reid of South Bend, IN.

Previous Events

Visitation

JAN 12. 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM (ET)

Harper Funeral Home - Chapel
521 Douglas Avenue
Kalamazoo, MI

Visitation

JAN 13. 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM (ET)

Mt. Zion Baptist Church
120 Roberson Street
kalamazoo, MI 49007-3557

A Service in Loving Memory

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Tribute Wall



“ Harper Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Mrs. Arstillure Tubbs



Harper Funeral Home - January 11, 2017 at 09:12 PM

BC

A beautiful tribute, for a beautiful woman of God.

Barbara Coy - January 12, 2017 at 05:58 PM

TP

Beautiful tribute for such a kind, loving, and wise woman. My prayers are with the family during this difficult time.

Tonya Pierson - January 12, 2017 at 10:39 PM

AR

My condolences to the family, I can remember the "court" on Rose street, that's how long I've known your family. [Robert Gaston]-- Abdul-R Rashid

Abdul-R Rashid - January 15, 2017 at 05:52 PM



“ Mrs. Arstillure Tubbs

October 23, 2023 at 06:06 AM



“ *Mrs. Arstillure Tubbs*

October 06, 2023 at 10:42 AM



“ *Mattie Fields And Family sent a virtual gift in memory of Mrs. Arstillure Tubbs*



Mattie Fields and Family - January 16, 2017 at 05:00 PM



“ *In loving memory of Mrs. Tubbs*



Remenyi Williams - January 14, 2017 at 01:28 PM



“ *My Dear Big Auntie:
You cared for me and took me into your home many years ago when I could not care for myself. Family says I look like a combination of you and my mother. I hope I look as good as you at age 99! And thank you for making those wonderful coconut cakes for my father :) I will love you always!
Much love,
Audrey*

Audrey Lipsey - January 12, 2017 at 09:05 PM

PH

“ Pastor Bobette Hampton lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Arstillure Tubbs



Pastor Bobette Hampton - January 12, 2017 at 08:50 PM



“ 2 files added to the album Life Tributes



Harper Funeral Home - January 12, 2017 at 08:21 PM



“ Karest Willis-Brown lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Arstillure Tubbs



Karest Willis-Brown - January 12, 2017 at 04:51 PM

CE

“ Our condolences goes out to the Tubbs family. Modean Reeves we really are praying for you and that God will bless you in your hour of need. A special memory I have of Mrs. Tubbs is her outgoing spirit in our fulfillment hour class. She was a joy to be around. We will miss her.



Charmane and RL Echols

Charmane Echols - January 12, 2017 at 03:50 PM

EG

“ Edith Gardner lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Arstillure Tubbs



edith gardner - January 12, 2017 at 01:31 PM

BB

“ Bobby J. Brown lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Arstillure Tubbs



Bobby J. Brown - January 11, 2017 at 04:07 PM

DJ

“ Douglas & Shreerita Jackson lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Arstillure Tubbs



Douglas & Shreerita Jackson - January 11, 2017 at 02:56 AM

NB

“ Nancy Buchanan lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Arstillure Tubbs



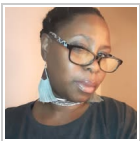
Nancy Buchanan - January 10, 2017 at 07:13 PM

PG

“ Pauline Gardner lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Arstillure Tubbs



Pauline Gardner - January 10, 2017 at 01:01 PM



“ Big Auntie, you will truly be missed...love you RIH!!!



Melinda Lipsey - January 09, 2017 at 12:27 PM

AR

“ Abdul-R Rashid lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Arstillure Tubbs



Abdul-R Rashid - January 08, 2017 at 09:27 PM

LL

“ Lipsey Family Of Thomas Lipsey lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Arstillure Tubbs



Lipsey Family of Thomas Lipsey - January 08, 2017 at 05:50 PM

YH

“ Yvonne Heltzel lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Arstillure Tubbs



Yvonne Heltzel - January 08, 2017 at 05:47 PM

EW

“ It has been many years since i have been in Mrs. Tubbs presence, but I only remember a sweet lady, God has gained a great lady! My prayers go out to the family.Children be at peace for your mom is. Love Maxine

Evelyn Ware - January 08, 2017 at 04:09 PM

JE

“ JoAnn Embrey lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Arstillure Tubbs



JoAnn Embrey - January 07, 2017 at 03:20 PM

DB

“ Dallas Blocker lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Arstillure Tubbs



Dallas Blocker - January 07, 2017 at 11:52 AM

HB

“ Helen Brooks sent a virtual gift in memory of Mrs. Arstillure Tubbs



Helen Brooks - January 07, 2017 at 10:42 AM