



## Mrs. Bessie M. Caston

November 16, 1939 - March 6, 2017

Bessie Marie Caston was born November 16, 1939 to Bessie and Ernest McGinnis. She was blessed to be the 13th born of 14 children.

Bessie met Robert Caston in Chicago, Illinois while he was singing in the choir. They united in marriage and to this union was blessed with two wonderful son, Robert Caston Jr. and Kevin Auston Caston.

Bessie was passionate about her involvement in the medical field at Borgess Medical Center and Bronson Methodist Hospital before her retirement from the Upjohn Pharmaceutical Company.

She was an avid shopper and collector of angels. Bessie enjoyed going to movies and social events, as well as the Oakland Senior Center, where she will be truly missed.

She was preceded in death by 5 brothers and 3 sisters.

Bessie is survived by her loving husband of 54 years, Robert Caston; 2 sons Robert Caston Jr.; and Kevin Auston Caston both of Atlanta, GA; one grandson, Marquis Caston; 3 sisters. Ernestine (George) Wysinger of Atlanta, GA; Pearl Mosley of Hastings, MI; and Bertha Herring of Chicago, IL; 2 brothers, Samuel (Mattie) McGinnis of Louisiana, and Russell McGinnis of

Portage, MI; and a host of other relatives and friends.

# Cemetery Details

## **Mt. Ever-Rest Cemetery**

3941 S. Westnedge Avenue  
Kalamazoo, MI

# Previous Events

## **A Memorial Service In Loving Memory Of**

**MAR 14.** 1:00 PM (ET)

Mt. Ever-Rest Memorial Park  
4037 South Westnedge Avenue  
Kalamazoo, MI

# Tribute Wall



“ Harper Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Mrs. Bessie M. Caston



Harper Funeral Home - March 12, 2017 at 06:39 PM



“ Mrs. Bessie M. Caston

October 23, 2023 at 06:06 AM



“ Mrs. Bessie M. Caston

October 06, 2023 at 10:42 AM



“ Lisa Dixon Williams lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Bessie M. Caston



Lisa Dixon Williams - March 31, 2017 at 07:01 PM



“ Condolences to the family. Praying for your strength.

JoAnne Jackson - March 16, 2017 at 12:50 PM

SP

“ Robert Caston Jr,

*Thinking of you during your moment of sorrow.....*

*Sheila R Pratt*

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**Sheila Pratt** - March 16, 2017 at 12:25 PM

SP

“ *Sheila Pratt lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Bessie M. Caston*



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**Sheila Pratt** - March 16, 2017 at 12:13 PM

SC

“ *Staff Of Absolute Home Care lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Bessie M. Caston*



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**Staff of Absolute Home Care** - March 14, 2017 at 07:59 AM

DV

“ *DEBBIE VAUGHN lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Bessie M. Caston*



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**DEBBIE VAUGHN** - March 14, 2017 at 05:23 AM

DV

*Bob my sincere thoughts and prayers are with you, your sons and entire family as you walk through this journey of grief and sadness. It is so difficult when your loss is someone so precious to you, as Bessie. She has been a part of your life for so long that it seems unbearable to imagine going through a day without her. I know that it won't be easy but your Faith, your inner strength and most of all, the Power of God's love will carry you through. Family; embrace your memories and lean on each other for comfort. Please remember that you have so many friends that truly care about you, share in your loss and will be a shoulder to lean on. God bless and comfort you all.*

*Sincerely  
De Borah Vaughn*

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**DEBBIE VAUGHN** - March 14, 2017 at 05:53 AM

EB

“ Elizabeth Brown purchased the Country Basket B looms for the family of Mrs. Bessie M. Caston.



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**Elizabeth Brown** - March 14, 2017 at 12:30 AM

EJ

“ Elizabeth Brown Jackson lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Bessie M. Caston



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**Elizabeth Brown Jackson** - March 13, 2017 at 11:12 PM

CG

“ *Bessie truly will be missed but God gives a memory for to still enjoy the times we've shared together here on this earth whether good or bad. I was blessed to work with Bessie for many years at Upjohn she was a good friend. To Brother Robert and sons may god comfort you now and forever. Curtis G Gardner & Elaine.*

**Curtis G Gardner** - March 13, 2017 at 12:45 PM

MS

“ *The Hinds Family would like to extend our condolences to all of our Caston/McGinnis Families. Aunt Bessie's smile and sense of humor will be missed. May peace be with you, Robert, in your time of need. RIH, Aunt Bessie. Love Always, Jonice Hind-Neville, Ronnie Hinds and Mattie Hinds-Satterfield.*



**Mattie Satterfield** - March 13, 2017 at 12:36 PM

TT

“ *Tamika Taylor lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Bessie M. Caston*



**Tamika Taylor** - March 13, 2017 at 09:21 AM

 Jodi  
Needham

“ *Jodi Needham lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Bessie M. Caston*



**Jodi Needham** - March 12, 2017 at 07:54 PM

MJ

“ I will surely miss you Miss Bessie, you always made me smile when you came to see me at work . Prayers to Mr.Caston and her sons.

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**Myra Jones** - March 12, 2017 at 07:22 PM

HD

“ We are saddened to learn of the passing of our cousin Bessie Caston. Our fondest memories are the fun and gatherings of the annual Burris family reunion. As we traveled from host city to host city it was always a great gathering of family. Aunt Bessie McGinnis (mother of Bessie McGinnis Caston) was the Matriarch. We had lots of fun and was always meeting new cousins to the family.

We will keep the Caston Family in our prayers.

Harry J. & Marilyn Duncan of Bolingbrook, Illinois

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**Harry & Marilyn Duncan** - March 12, 2017 at 06:42 PM

TH

“ Bessie Marie was a beautiful lady. I'm thankful I had the privilege of getting to know her at Oakland Centre. She had a positive attitude and the most perseverance I have seen. I'm praying for the family.  
Terry Hutchison

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**Terry Hutchison** - March 12, 2017 at 07:54 AM

LW

“ Aunt Bessie, you have left us and gone on to be with Grandma, Grandpa, Your Brothers and Sisters. We love you but God loved you more. R.I.P. and take your rest. We will all be together on that glorious day. Love your niece La Risa.

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**La Risa Williams** - March 10, 2017 at 11:45 PM

LW

“ *La Risa Williams lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Bessie M. Caston*



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**La Risa Williams** - March 10, 2017 at 11:39 PM

EG

“ *Edith Gardner lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Bessie M. Caston*



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**Edith Gardner** - March 10, 2017 at 05:20 PM

FF

“ *Frank & Betty Ford lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Bessie M. Caston*



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**Frank & Betty Ford** - March 10, 2017 at 08:25 AM

SJ

“ *We will always remember our nighttime boat rides with Bessie and Bob. We would fix cocktails and ride around the lake talking. Bessie always requested night time rides.*



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**Sharon and Jerry Jones** - March 09, 2017 at 06:11 PM

PG

“ *Pauline Gardner lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Bessie M. Caston*



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**Pauline Gardner** - March 09, 2017 at 03:12 PM