



Beulah Lee Marcelle

December 13, 1927 - November 26, 2020

****NOTE: The Family of Beulah Marcelle is scheduling services for the Spring of 2021

Beulah L. Marcelle went home to be with the Lord on Thanksgiving Day, November 26, 2020. She was born December 13, 1927, one of 16 children to Norbert and Melissa Marcelle. She accepted Christ at an early age and has always trusted the Lord to guide her steps.

In 1952, she married Eugene Gonder and to this union two children were born: a daughter, Eugenia and a son, Michael. She moved to Kalamazoo with her husband and she was not sure if she would like small-town living, since she lived in New York at the time.

Beulah went to beauty school to become a hairdresser and a nurse's aide. She enjoyed both careers immensely. She became a member of Allen Chapel Church A.M.E. where she worked with the youth choir and played the piano. She loved music of all kinds not only did she play the piano, but she learned to play the ukulele, accordion, organ, and keyboard. As a child, she played the cello in the school orchestra. She was employed at Borgess Hospital for over 33 years. And she enjoyed playing the piano for her patients on her unit at Borgess Hospital and for the employees at the annual Christmas dinner.

Some of Beulah's pastimes were finding musical events for the group she started called The Musi-Kals where talented young people played various instruments for group entertainment.

She enjoyed her membership in the Dulcets Club, which was a group of ladies who would gather and were instrumental in bringing the Ebony Fashion Show to Kalamazoo every few years.

Beulah loved staying busy and busy was what she was. After retirement she and her coworkers would go out to breakfast weekly and sometimes, they would change it up to lunch out with her friends. Her son was always very proud of the fact that it was Beulah who helped him take Tae Kwon Do in his early twenties when she brought him a coupon for lessons.

She also put her hairdresser skills to work by doing friends' hair. One of Beulah's favorite pastimes was bowling. She was on a bowling league and drew her daughter into the league too. Beulah would travel from state to state during her bowling tournaments.

Beulah was preceded in death by her parent, Norbert and Melissa Marcelle of New York; and her 15 siblings, from many states.

Beulah is survived by her two children: daughter, Eugenia (Jimmie) Cole of Kalamazoo and her son Michael (Janett) Gonder all of Kalamazoo. Also, four grandchildren, Jabari (Valerie) Cole; Jamie (Brandon) Cole; Jeremy (Katie) Cole; and Jason (Briyonna) Cole Sr.; 13 great-grandchildren, Tierra Cole, Jania Cole, Jabari Cole Jr., Brandon Brown Jr, Bryson Brown, Kalayla Brown, Jordan Brown, Makayla Brown, Jaxen Brown, Jayden Cole, Jayda Cole, Jason Cole Jr. and Za'Nyah Cole all of Kalamazoo; along with a host of nieces, nephews, cousins, and other relatives and friends.

Tribute Wall



“ Harper Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Beulah Lee Marcelle



Harper Funeral Home - December 25, 2020 at 06:57 PM

CB

RIP. Ms. Beulah, I knew her from Borgess Hospital too, and I am also a member of Allen Chapel A.M.E. I looked forward to her piano playing at the hospital and for the.Holiday music at Allen . Chapel. You will be missed. God bless you always. Carrol T.Blair

Carrol T. Blair - December 26, 2020 at 07:46 PM

JM

*Dearest cousins,
Genie and Michael,
Thank you for sharing this beautiful tribute to your Mom and my Aunt Beulah. Though time, distance and life has separated our family. We are still and will always be family. I often wondered why I always wanted to learn to play the piano. I thought that primarily it was because Grandma Gonder had an old beat up one at her house. When I looked at the picture of your Mom playing the piano, a memory came back too that I had forgotten. I admired your Mom because she could make beautiful music. She encouraged me to learn to play. I know that for me this holiday season has been an emotional roller coaster. Know that I am sending hugs and prayers of comfort your way.*

🙏🙏 That our family stays safe and well, and that Covid-19 doesn't take another beloved away from us.

*Wishing you all the best , love JoAnn Gonder Myers and family.
12/26/20*

JoAnn Gonder Myers - December 26, 2020 at 10:12 PM



Thank you cousin for sharing this memory with us. Love you.

Eugenia Cole - December 30, 2020 at 08:44 AM



Thank you Carol for sharing with us.

Eugenia Cole - December 30, 2020 at 08:44 AM



“ *Beulah Lee Marcelle*

October 23, 2023 at 06:06 AM



“ *Beulah Lee Marcelle*

October 06, 2023 at 10:42 AM



“ *Pauline (Mills) Gardner lit a candle in memory of Beulah Lee Marcelle*



Pauline (Mills) Gardner - January 04, 2021 at 05:40 PM



Thank you, Pauline (Mills) Gardner.

Eugenia Cole - January 16, 2021 at 06:44 AM



“ *This is the poem my husband read for me to say at the cemetery.
Gone, But Not Forgotten*

*Don't think of her as gone away
Her journey's just begun,
Life holds so many facets
This earth is only one.*

*Just think of her as resting
From the sorrows and the tears
In a place of warmth and comfort
Where there are no days and years.*

*Think how she must be wishing
That we could know today
How nothing but our sadness
Can really pass away.*

*And think of her as living
In the hearts of those she touched
For nothing loved is ever lost
And she was loved so much*

by Ellen Brenneman

Eugenia Cole - December 31, 2020 at 09:01 AM

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Michael Gonder - December 24, 2020 at 01:58 PM

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Michael Gonder - December 24, 2020 at 01:56 PM



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Eugenia Cole - December 21, 2020 at 12:19 PM



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“ Tihate Shannon and Barbara Moore purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Beulah Lee Marcelle.



Tihate Shannon and Barbara Moore - December 19, 2020 at 12:47 PM