



## Mrs. Catharine Sturdivant

January 16, 1936 - August 6, 2017

\*\*\*\*\*PLEASE NOTE FUNERAL SERVICE TIMES BELOW\*\*\*\*\*

PUBLIC VIEWING - 6:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m. Monday, August 14, 2017

LOCATION-Harper Funeral Home (Chapel)-521 Douglas Avenue, Kalamazoo,  
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VISITATION- 10:30 a.m. Tuesday, August 15, 2017

FUNERAL SERVICE-11:00 a.m. Tuesday, August 15, 2017

LOCATION- MT. ZION BAPTIST CHURCH, 120 Roberson Street-Kalamazoo,  
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IN LIEU OF FLOWERS, the family requests sending contributions to:

THE STURDIVANT HERITAGE PROJECT

[www.gofundme.com/Kutunseschoolbus](http://www.gofundme.com/Kutunseschoolbus).

Mrs. Catharine Broadnax-Sturdivant passed away August 6, 2017. She was born January 16, 1936 the third child born to Alexander and Bonnie Mae

Broadnax.

She loved the LORD and served HIM for many years in many ways. She loved doing interpretive dancing to gospel songs and did this in many parts of the world as well as her local church. She and her husband Cleophus traveled extensively around the world. She was a member of Grace Communion International Church and served as a deaconess for many years. She then became a member of Mt. Zion Baptist Church and continued to serve there in many ways. She was an active member of the Mission Ministry and a dedicated attendee of the Life Groups. She was an astute Bible student and was excited about GOD's Words.

Catherine worked for many years including the Fort Custer State Hospital, Bronson Hospital and ACT. Always compassionate in her work, she touched people in many ways. Catherine had a deep love and appreciation for her family and those in her life. Her heart and her arms were always open to welcome and receive others. She was a very warm and charming person and seemed to love everybody. She loved the LORD and her greatest desire was to serve HIM by serving others.

For several years Catharine and her husband, spearheaded campaigns for funds to financially help with the building of a school in Accra, Ghana. In 2014 the Sturdivant Heritage Project charitable organization was born with the mission of raising money to purchase a bus but also for other worthy causes.

She is preceded in death by her husband, Cleophus Sturdivant; her parents; one sister, Ithia and four brothers, Eugene, Ben, Samuel and Freddie.

She is survived by four wonderful and loving children, Linda Rogers of Lansing, MI; Brian Sturdivant of Richmond, VA; Daryl Sturdivant of Invergrove, MN and Vicki Stokes (Leonard) of Collierville TN. She has two very special

daughters-in-loves, Sharon Sturdivant and Barbara Sturdivant. She has 9 grandchildren Marke, Cherie, Brianna, Jaden, Dalton, Annissa, Arrissa, Brooke, Amari and Isaiah. She leaves 14 great-grandchildren. She is also survived by sisters, Ella M. Lora, (Mark) Rosie Broadnax of Battle Creek, MI and Carroll Wilkins of Battle Creek, MI; two brothers, Eddie (Jane Ann) and Larry Broadnax. Also, many cousins, nieces, nephews and friends who mourn her passing.

Over the years because of she and her husband's travel, they accumulated many more sons and daughters in the LORD, around the world too numerous to mention. However a few bear mentioning Frank & Vivian Crummel, Arlene Reid (Les) and Claire Ott (Tom).

# Cemetery Details

## **Ft. Custer National Cemetery**

15501 Dickman Road  
Augusta, MI 49012

# Previous Events

## **Visitation**

**AUG 14.** 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

Harper Funeral Home - Chapel  
521 Douglas Avenue  
Kalamazoo, MI

## **Visitation**

**AUG 15.** 10:30 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

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

## **A Service in Loving Memory**

**AUG 15.** 11:00 AM (ET)

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



# Tribute Wall



“ Harper Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Mrs. Catharine Sturdivant



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Harper Funeral Home - August 13, 2017 at 09:23 PM



“ Mrs. Catharine Sturdivant

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October 23, 2023 at 06:06 AM



“ Mrs. Catharine Sturdivant

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October 06, 2023 at 10:42 AM



“ Granny I MISS YOU SO MUCH I know your still looking over us I LOVE YOU!!

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Cherie Dumas - July 11, 2023 at 09:57 AM

RB

“ I am so sorry for your loss, she had a beautiful, vibrant personality and was always so nice to me. I will always remember her smile. I am so happy to have known her, and will keep you all in my prayers. Love and GOD Bless.  
Renee Bourgeois

Renee Bourgeois - August 20, 2017 at 11:47 PM

GM

“ Glenda Gail McKinley lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Catharine Sturdivant



Glenda Gail McKinley - August 17, 2017 at 12:06 AM

Jacqueline  
Stephens  
Burke

“ You were an inspiration. I am glad I grew up knowing you and your husband. You will be greatly missed, much loved and well remembered. My husband and I ran along a beach to stack some rocks in your memory- I definitely felt you were present as we made our tribute to you.



Jacqueline Stephens Burke - August 15, 2017 at 09:42 AM

MB

“ I just remember being in the hospital and Mrs. Sturdivant walking in the room asked me was I OK is there anything she could do for me, besides that wonderful visit I became good friends with her daughter when I was about 19 years old and today I know that social workers are born and she was a born social worker she was a born helper. She was the type of person who changed the atmosphere just by being present. My condolences to her 4 wonderful children and beautiful grands and great grands, be proud that she touch the lives of so many

Merry Sue Battles - August 15, 2017 at 09:41 AM

DB

“ Donna Brigle-Day lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Catharine Sturdivant



Donna Brigle-Day - August 14, 2017 at 05:41 PM



“ 3 files added to the album LifeTributes



Harper Funeral Home - August 14, 2017 at 04:22 PM

BS

“ *Burdette And Carmen Steward lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Catharine Sturdivant*



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**Burdette and Carmen Steward** - August 14, 2017 at 01:42 PM

MS

“ *I as many more people were blessed to have been touched by this angel, She was one of many mothers that made sure I was growing up the right way.To her family that I count as mine, I love you all. R.I.P. Mrs. Sturivant*



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**Michael Shotwell** - August 13, 2017 at 06:28 PM



“ *One could not ask for a better friend than Catherine Sturdivant. She stayed in contact with my mother during my mother's battle with Alzheimer's. I was always encouraged by her cards and phone calls. She called my mom until my mom was unable to speak and was in contact with me after my mother passed and during my own illness. I will always cherish her friendship and am so thankful that God placed her in my and my mother's life. My sincerest sympathy to the family. You are in my thoughts and prayers.*

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**Charleda Lane** - August 13, 2017 at 03:58 PM

SH

“ Linda, Brian, Daryl, Vicki and family,  
Our thought and prayers are with you all during this time. We know you do not grieve as those that have no hope. You all were blessed with very special parents (and grandparents for your children). No one enjoyed life more than your mom and dad. Your mom, especially, could not be in a room filled with family and/or friends and everyone not know it. She lit up the room and filled it with enthusiasm and light. She was able to connect the dots in relationships like no others could. She has been such an encouragement to my wife Sandy and I during our fight with stage 4 cancer. She surrounded us with cards, books and prayers and made us feel like we were the only ones on her spiritual radar. Yet, we know, there were many many more lives she was touching as the grace and love of Jesus moving in and through her. We know those already in Heaven are certainly aware of your parents arrival. Precious in the sight of our Lord is the death of one of His children. In thought and prayers, Sandy and Keith Hillman



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**Sandy and Keith Hillman** - August 13, 2017 at 03:45 PM

TC

“ Tracy Charleston-Blakes lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Catharine Sturdivant



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**Tracy Charleston-Blakes** - August 13, 2017 at 01:11 PM

PG

“ *Pauline Gardner lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Catharine Sturdivant*



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**Pauline Gardner** - August 13, 2017 at 07:28 AM

 Esiteri Schiffer

“ *We remember Mama, Grandma "Giant" as she was, is known to our family here in Fiji. Our children coined the name "Grandma and Papa Giant" which Mr and Mrs Sturdivant became known as to our family. We thank you for the life you lived Mama Giant, and for blessing us with your presence in ours. We look forward to that Glorious Day when we shall meet you both again, Grandma and Papa "Giant".*

*In the meantime, we are with your children, grand and great-grand children and extended family, at this sad time of your departure to Glory. You're sorely missed by your family here in Fiji.*

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**Esiteri Schiffer** - August 12, 2017 at 11:57 PM

 Esiteri Schiffer

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**Esiteri Schiffer** - August 12, 2017 at 11:31 PM

CO

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**Claire Ott** - August 12, 2017 at 08:01 PM

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**Claire Ott** - August 12, 2017 at 07:43 PM

AR

“ *Audrey Rancifer-McGrew lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Catharine Sturdivant*



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**Audrey Rancifer-McGrew** - August 12, 2017 at 07:16 PM

S(

“ *May peace and blessings surround the family during this time, when words cannot be the comfort. May the arms of the almighty reach out and embrace us all as he accepts the spirit of his everlasting faithful servant!*



Sarena (oohmie) - August 12, 2017 at 12:56 PM

SW

“ *Sandra Watson lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Catharine Sturdivant*



Sandra Watson - August 12, 2017 at 09:11 AM

JS

“ *Cathy and I shared many memories since 1969 but the ones most memorable are the ones when she always had time to talk and or pray with or for me when I needed it. She helped me through some very rough times, I will miss her and hope to see her again one day.*

Jean Stephens - August 12, 2017 at 09:02 AM

CO

*Jean, I could have written these same words: yes, always time to listen and to pray. Forever grateful.*

Claire Ott - August 12, 2017 at 07:44 PM

NO

“ *Mrs. Sturdivant is a wonderful example of strength, grace, and compassion. She will always be very much loved and respected.* ”



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**Nichole (Andrews) Orogun-Thomas** - August 11, 2017 at 07:39 AM

RW

“ *RJ & Anita Wilkerson lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Catharine Sturdivant* ”



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**RJ & Anita Wilkerson** - August 11, 2017 at 07:03 AM

RW

*Mrs. C was our relief babysitter for our children back in the 1970's. Such a beautiful spirited and graceful lady. Sending God's peace and comfort to the family.*

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**RJ & Anita Wilkerson** - August 11, 2017 at 07:11 AM

JD

“ *Jack Dunigan lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Catharine Sturdivant* ”



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**Jack Dunigan** - August 11, 2017 at 06:56 AM

SW

“ Sue (Jones) Warren lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Catharine Sturdivant



Sue (Jones) Warren - August 11, 2017 at 06:41 AM

RW

“ Praying that the peace of God will cover you all during this time.



Remenyi Williams - August 11, 2017 at 06:29 AM

GM

“ Glenda Gail McKinley lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Catharine Sturdivant



Glenda Gail McKinley - August 10, 2017 at 11:59 PM

ES

“ Ethel (Jones) Smith sent a virtual gift in memory of Mrs. Catharine Sturdivant



Ethel (Jones) Smith - August 10, 2017 at 08:08 PM

DM

“ *Demetress Morris purchased the Divine Peace Bouquet for the family of Mrs. Catharine Sturdivant.*



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**Demetress Morris** - August 10, 2017 at 05:41 PM

MM

“ *Mrs. Aretha Ferrell-Benavides, City Manager purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Mrs. Catharine Sturdivant.*



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**Mrs. Aretha Ferrell-Benavides, City Manager** - August 10, 2017 at 04:29 PM

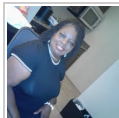
GT

“ *George & Viola Thomas lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Catharine Sturdivant*



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**George & Viola Thomas** - August 10, 2017 at 01:18 PM



*To the family of Mrs. Catharine Sturdivant My condolences goes out to the entire family .*

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**Belinda Hill** - August 10, 2017 at 10:36 PM

JG

“ *Juanita Garrett sent a virtual gift in memory of Mrs. Catharine Sturdivant*



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**Juanita Garrett** - August 10, 2017 at 01:17 PM

CB

“ *Claudia Barbee sent a virtual gift in memory of Mrs. Catharine Sturdivant*



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**Claudia Barbee** - August 10, 2017 at 01:15 PM

AR

*Audrey Rancifer-McGrew, I send my condolences to your family.*

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**Audrey Rancifer-McGrew** - August 11, 2017 at 06:19 PM

DF

“ *I have many wonderful memories of Aunt Catherine! Love her dearly...she will truly be missed. Her legacy lives on in so many. Love and prayers for my family* ❤️

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**Debora Funches** - August 10, 2017 at 11:32 AM

LT

“ I thank God for knowing you. I thank God for your compassion and caring. I thank God that my daughter Tracy was welcomed into your family and you made it clear that she IS family. I thank God for the love you bestowed upon anyone you ever met. I will miss you immensely, but I know that you are in Heaven with Mr. Cleophus and our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, whom you loved and adored. Rest in Heaven dear Queen.

Linda Thomas-Boyd - August 10, 2017 at 09:29 AM

TB

“ Such a beautiful woman of God. She will be missed!

Tina Burch - August 10, 2017 at 08:29 AM



“ Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Mrs. Catharine Sturdivant.



August 09, 2017 at 03:41 PM

HF

“ Helen Brooks And Barbee Family sent a virtual gift in memory of Mrs. Catharine Sturdivant



Helen Brooks and Barbee Family - August 09, 2017 at 02:14 PM

HB

“ *Hal&Janet Buchanan lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Catharine Sturdivant*



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**Hal&Janet Buchanan** - August 09, 2017 at 11:24 AM