



Mrs. Della Mae Gardner

October 12, 1932 - April 24, 2024

***A MEMORIAL SERVICE IN LOVING MEMORY FOR MRS. DELLA MAE GARDNER WILL BE HELD ON WEDNESDAY, MAY 8, 2024. PLEASE SEE VISITATION & SERVICE TIMES LISTED BELOW

****MASKS ARE OPTIONAL AT THE CHURCH. HAND SANITIZER WILL BE PROVIDED AT THE CHURCH UPON REQUEST.

****ATTENTION TO THOSE WHO WOULD LIKE TO VIEW SERVICES ONLINE FROM HOME, YOU HAVE (3) OPTIONS TO CHOOSE FROM:

1. Go to Mt. Zion Baptist Church's website at: mtzionkalamazoo.org
- Or
2. Go to YouTube and type in [mtzionbaptistkalamazoo](https://www.youtube.com/channel/UC...)
- Or
3. Go to Facebook, if you have a facebook account. after logging in, type in [Myzionbaptistkalamazoo](https://www.facebook.com/Myzionbaptistkalamazoo)

***FOR THOSE THAT DO NOT USE THE INTERNET, YOU MAY LISTEN TO THE SERVICE ON YOUR PHONE BY CALLING: (269) 206-9635

***NOTE: The DVD Tribute will be available soon

The Obituary

Mrs. Della Mae Gardner gained her wings when the Lord welcomed her home on April 24, 2024.

She was born October 12, 1932 in Jackson, Tennessee. As a child her family relocated to Kalamazoo, MI where she continued to reside. Della received Christ as her Lord and Savior at a young age and was a member of Mt. Zion Baptist Church until her earthly departure.

Endeavoring to fulfill her purpose she embarked on a healthcare profession. After 21 years she retired from Bronson Methodist Hospital where she served as a critical member of the health care team as a Cardiac Monitor Technician.

Preceding her in death were her parents, Lindsay and Nancy Stegall; her husband, Newessie Gardner Jr., 1 sister, Rosa Arnold; 1 brother, Fenis Harmon Jr., a granddaughter, Nikki NaTonya Gardner; and a son-in-law, Rev. E. Allen Hayes.

Leaving to cherish her memories are her 5 children: Clarence (Rev. Doreen) Gardner, Cordell (Brenda) Gardner, Newessie III (Cynthia) Gardner, Min. Vanessa Hayes and Dahlia Gardner all of Kalamazoo, MI, a very special niece, Nancy Arnold of Miami, FL; 8 grandchildren, Deveta Gardner; Deyette Gardner of Richardson, TX, Min. Aaron (Kiawana) Gardner, Jennifer Gardner, Franklin II (Chrisanna) Fowlkes, Darius (Laura) Gardner, Asiah Gardner of Washington, D.C. and Diante' Gardner. In addition, 14 great grandchildren and 12 great-great grandchildren as well as a host of nieces, nephews, cousins and friends.

Previous Events

Visitation For Family & Friends

MAY 8. 1:30 PM - 2:00 PM (ET)

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

A Celebration of Life

MAY 8. 2:00 PM (ET)

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Tribute Wall



“ Harper Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Mrs. Della Mae Gardner



Harper Funeral Home - May 06, 2024 at 12:00 AM

GE

“ Gwendolyn Evans lit a candle in memory of Della Gardner



Gwendolyn Evans - September 06, 2024 at 11:42 AM

CB

“ Carrie Baker lit a candle in memory of Della Gardner



Carrie Baker - May 11, 2024 at 01:08 PM

CF

“ Charles and Cea Green & Jones Family lit a candle in memory of Della Gardner



Charles and Cea Green & Jones Family - May 10, 2024 at 02:38 AM

MI

“ Mignon(Singer)Vincent lit a candle in memory of Della Gardner



Mignon(Singer)Vincent - May 09, 2024 at 08:04 PM

EC

“ E. Scott Casey lit a candle in memory of Della Gardner



E. Scott Casey - May 09, 2024 at 12:21 PM



“ Deborah English lit a candle in memory of Della Gardner



Deborah English - May 08, 2024 at 04:11 PM

DG

“ Our deepest condolences to the Gardner family. We are sorry for your loss. With love and respect, Don and Wendy Gillespie

Don Gillespie - May 08, 2024 at 11:13 AM

KD

“ Kevin Dunigan lit a candle in memory of Della Gardner



Kevin Dunigan - May 07, 2024 at 10:08 PM

TB

“ Terry Buchanan lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Della Mae Gardner



Terry Buchanan - May 07, 2024 at 01:28 PM

CL

“ Carla Little lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Della Mae Gardner



Carla Little - May 07, 2024 at 12:20 PM

PF

“ *PATTERSON FAMILY lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Della Mae Gardner*



PATTERSON FAMILY - May 07, 2024 at 10:40 AM

ML

“ *Malinda Ligon-Whitley lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Della Mae Gardner*



Malinda Ligon-Whitley - May 07, 2024 at 12:30 AM

PG

“ *Pauline Gardner lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Della Mae Gardner*



Pauline Gardner - May 06, 2024 at 09:41 PM

PD

“ *Patricia A Daniel sent a virtual gift in memory of Mrs. Della Mae Gardner*



Patricia A Daniel - May 06, 2024 at 06:17 PM

MP

“ *Marshall & Annie Pearson lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Della Mae Gardner*



Marshall & Annie Pearson - May 06, 2024 at 06:04 PM

HS

“ *Hilda Bradford Snell sent a virtual gift in memory of Mrs. Della Mae Gardner*



Hilda Bradford Snell - May 06, 2024 at 03:22 PM

RW

“ *Rj & Anita Wilkerson lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Della Mae Gardner*



Rj & Anita Wilkerson - May 06, 2024 at 02:32 PM

LJ

“ *Love, Tami, Bob, and Jessica purchased the Encanted Cottage for the family of Mrs. Della Mae Gardner.*



Love, Tami, Bob, and Jessica - May 06, 2024 at 02:05 PM

HB

“ *Della was a friendly and loving person. To her family. In everything give thanks to God, for the years that he blessed you with your lovely caring mother. He is your strength and comforter.* 🙏



Helen (Mills) Brooks - May 06, 2024 at 01:53 PM

EM

“ *Evert & Lee Mitchel lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Della Mae Gardner*



Evert & Lee Mitchel - May 06, 2024 at 11:31 AM

RA

“ *Remenyi Ann lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Della Mae Gardner*



Remenyi Ann - May 06, 2024 at 10:35 AM

RE

“ *Cordell,
Deepest condolences and sympathy to Cordell and your entire family. Knowing that your mother had the most precious love for her family is a memory to be shared forever. Your brothers from the Legion post are here to stand with you.
From the officers and members of American Legion Post 36,
Chaplain Bob*

Robert Edwards - May 06, 2024 at 09:50 AM

AT

“ *My condolences to the family.*



Alice Taylor - May 05, 2024 at 10:24 PM

BE

“ *Betty(Galloway)mcdaniel lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Della Mae Gardner*



Betty(Galloway)mcdaniel - May 05, 2024 at 04:54 PM

JL

“ *Jackie Little sent a virtual gift in memory of Mrs. Della Mae Gardner*



Jackie Little - May 05, 2024 at 04:23 PM

NB

“ *Nancy Buchanan lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Della Mae Gardner*



Nancy Buchanan - May 04, 2024 at 10:28 PM

WF

“ Cousins I sens my deepest condolences to you all. Rest in heavenly peace Cousin Della 🙏❤️

Wendy Fields - May 04, 2024 at 06:17 PM

CM

“ CMVincent lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Della Mae Gardner



CMVincent - May 04, 2024 at 05:09 PM

EG

“ Edith Gardner sent a virtual gift in memory of Mrs. Della Mae Gardner



Edith Gardner - May 04, 2024 at 12:36 PM

KD

“ Kevin Dunigan lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Della Mae Gardner



Kevin Dunigan - May 04, 2024 at 11:39 AM

CB

“ *Claudia Barbee lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Della Mae Gardner*



Claudia Barbee - May 04, 2024 at 09:58 AM

EH

“ *Evelyn Henry sent a virtual gift in memory of Mrs. Della Mae Gardner*



Evelyn Henry - May 04, 2024 at 03:32 AM

EH

“ *I send my heartfelt deepest condolences to Vanessa, Clarence, Cordell, Nick all of your family in the passing of your dear Mother. I pray you all be strengthened in the Lord. Our families were friends. I didn't really know Mrs Gardener. I know she raised some good children whom grew into great adult role models. Blessings to Brenda and Doreen all the grand great grand and great great grandchildren. Family friends and loved ones. Love you guys.*

Evelyn Henry - May 04, 2024 at 01:06 AM

DB

“ *Donald Ruby (Walker) Barbee lit a candle in memory of Della Gardner*



Donald & Ruby (Walker) Barbee - May 03, 2024 at 07:40 PM

D(

“ Deborah Perry Taylor (Smiff) purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Mrs. Della Mae Gardner.



Deborah Perry Taylor (Smiff) - May 03, 2024 at 06:47 PM

DT

“ So sorry to hear of Mrs. Gardner's passing and I will keep her family in my prayers. As one of Vanessa's best friends, I spent a lot of time at the Gardner home and Mrs. Gardner always treated me as one of her own. She was one of the kindest adults I encountered as a teenager. One of my very special memories is when I was in the 7th grade, and she gave me a necklace for Christmas. I was so surprised and excited since she had never given me a gift before. I still have that necklace and wore it when I went to dinner to celebrate my 70th birthday on April 26. I did not know Mrs. Gardner had passed at that time, but as I always do when I wear the necklace, I thanked her for thinking of me enough to give me such a beautiful gift. Rest in peace beautiful lady, I know you will be missed.

Deborah Perry Taylor - May 03, 2024 at 06:40 PM

JD

“ JACK Dunigan sent a virtual gift in memory of Mrs. Della Mae Gardner



JACK Dunigan - May 03, 2024 at 05:49 PM

JD

“ *JACK Dunigan lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Della Mae Gardner*



JACK Dunigan - May 03, 2024 at 05:49 PM

LA

“ *Wow! My mom Elnora Woodson, my aunt Kate Armstead, and Della were really good friends when I was growing up. They often visited each other for hours at a time talking and laughing together while playing their favorite music.*



As a young girl I always thought Della was so pretty and I loved when she visited our home.

To her children I am so sorry for your loss and sending Condolences to you all. Father God I pray for Comfort of The Holy Spirit to Comfort and restore their Joy In Jesus Name.

Lorraine Abbott - May 03, 2024 at 05:36 PM

DA

“ *My sincere condolences to the entire family Rest In Paradise mother*

Doris Abbott - May 03, 2024 at 05:09 PM

EM

“ Evert Mitchell lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Della Mae Gardner



Evert Mitchell - May 03, 2024 at 04:38 PM

CG

“ Cordell/Brenda Gardner lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Della Mae Gardner



Cordell/Brenda Gardner - May 03, 2024 at 03:57 PM

JG

“ Deepest condolences to the family of Mrs. Della Mae Gardner. You all are in our prayers.



JoAnne & Renaford Owens Jr-Atlanta GA - May 03, 2024 at 03:25 PM

JH

“ Jerry Harris lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Della Mae Gardner



Jerry Harris - May 03, 2024 at 01:51 PM

DF

“ Dallas Boards And Family lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Della Mae Gardner



Dallas Boards and family - May 03, 2024 at 10:43 AM

CS

“ Cynthia Smith lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Della Mae Gardner



Cynthia Smith - May 03, 2024 at 09:05 AM

HB

“ Hal & Janet Buchanan lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Della Mae Gardner



Hal & Janet Buchanan - May 03, 2024 at 08:21 AM

JE

“ Jo Ann Embrey lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Della Mae Gardner



Jo Ann Embrey - May 03, 2024 at 07:49 AM

AL

“ *Arthur Lewis lit a candle in memory of Mrs.
Della Mae Gardner*



Arthur Lewis - May 03, 2024 at 06:11 AM