



Mrs. Dollie Mae McGrew

October 19, 1925 - July 7, 2011

Dollie Mae McGrew departed this life on July 7, 2011. She was born October 19, 1925 in Holly Springs, Mississippi, the daughter of Wisdom Phillips and Medora Dean Phillips, both of whom preceded her in death. Dollie accepted Christ and was baptized at an early age. She was united in marriage to Henry McGrew on February 23, 1947. Henry preceded her in death in 1996. In 1952 they relocated to Kalamazoo from Chicago, IL, later becoming members of the (original) Galilee Baptist Church, where she served on the Usher Board. Some years later, she joined the Greater Faith C.O.G.I.C., under the leadership of Pastor J.D. Hayter. Her career included numerous roles, such as food services at Nazareth College, and as a Nursing Technician at Bronson Hospital. She was an Avon Representative for 25 years, reaching the honorary status of the President Club; she served as a Sarah Coventry representative as well. Dollie was the founding member of the Merry Makers of Kalamazoo and was a community icon for her unselfish sacrifice and giving to neighborhood families and others. Dollie, known by most as "Grammy", leaves to mourn 11 children: Diane (Steven) Scott of Indiana, Charles (Marla) McGrew of Washington, Carolyn Jackson of North Carolina, Henrietta (George) Holland of Kalamazoo, Richard McGrew of Kalamazoo, Ronnie (Karen) McGrew of Pontiac, Patricia McGrew of Kalamazoo, Susan (Edward) Laneaux of Mississippi, and Kathey (Pearce) Gilbert of Wisconsin. Their son, Lynell McGrew and an infant son preceded her in death. Also mourning her death are: 2 stepchildren, Milton (Mary) McGrew and Lucille McGrew of

Illinois; 29 grandchildren; 51 great-grandchildren; 1 great-great-grandchild; 5 step-grandchildren; 1 sister, Gracie Simmons of Illinois; 4 nieces: Edna Carlton, Minnie Bynum, Mary Porter and Birdopher Wigington; 1 nephew, Joe Willie Freeman; a host sister and brother-in-laws, nieces, nephews, cousins and family friends. Of special mention are: Maxine, Thurston, Audrey, Cynthia, Phylease, Victor, Jimmie, Monti Long, and Michael Holland. She loved and was extremely proud of all of her children and grandchildren and certainly utilized her bragging rights for all to know.

Cemetery Details

Riverside Cemetery

Gull Road
Kalamazoo, MI

Previous Events

Visitation

JUL 14. 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM (ET)

Harper Funeral Home, Inc.
521 Douglas Avenue
Kalamazoo, MI 49007
(269) 342-1000
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Service

JUL 15. 11:00 AM (ET)

Tabernacle Church Of God In Christ
3210 Virginia Avenue
Kalamazoo, MI, MI

Tribute Wall



“ *Mrs. Dollie Mae McGrew*

October 23, 2023 at 06:06 AM



“ *Mrs. Dollie Mae McGrew*

October 06, 2023 at 10:42 AM



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



Pauline Gardner - July 18, 2011 at 02:31 PM



“ *Monica Atlas lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Dollie Mae McGrew*



monica atlas - July 15, 2011 at 02:10 AM

HD

“ *Helen M Dungey lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Dollie Mae McGrew*



Helen M Dungey - July 15, 2011 at 12:56 AM

TB

“ *Toni Brown lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Dollie Mae McGrew*



Toni Brown - July 15, 2011 at 12:54 AM

DB

“ *Donald & Ruby Barbee sent a virtual gift in memory of Mrs. Dollie Mae McGrew*



Donald & Ruby Barbee - July 14, 2011 at 04:05 AM

MB

“ *Mr & Mrs Stephen Brown lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Dollie Mae McGrew*



Mr & Mrs Stephen Brown - July 13, 2011 at 11:34 PM

AS

“ *Angela Snyder sent a virtual gift in memory of Mrs. Dollie Mae McGrew*



Angela Snyder - July 13, 2011 at 06:09 PM

AS

“ *Angela Snyder lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Dollie Mae McGrew*



Angela Snyder - July 13, 2011 at 06:06 PM

HV

“ *Holly Veldhuis lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Dollie Mae McGrew*



Holly Veldhuis - July 13, 2011 at 12:38 AM