



Mrs. Emma Iralee Moragne

June 26, 1917 - January 22, 2016

Mrs. Emma Iralee Moragne went home to be with the Lord, Friday, January 22, 2016 in Kalamazoo, Michigan. She was born June 26, 1917 in Enid, Oklahoma. She graduated from Booker T. Washington High School. Emma moved to Chicago, IL where she worked various jobs while attending college. During that time she met and united in marriage to David Moragne, with whom she raised three daughters. They decided to move their family to South Haven, Michigan during the 1940's, and continued working in Chicago, IL by commuting, before deciding to relocate the family to Kalamazoo, Michigan in the early 1950's. Emma continued to attend school, working towards receiving her LPN degree, while being employed at the State Hospital for some years.

Emma believed in education, as she is a graduate of Western Michigan University. She taught at Adrian Girls Training School and Plainwell Institute for Men, where she taught Food Services. While raising her three daughters, she continued her education by attending Ferris State University, later graduating and receiving her PhD in Food Services and Management. She later became a Professor at Ferris State University, where she established the Food Service and Management Department and was the Department Chair, until her retirement in the mid 1970's.

After retirement, Emma attended Moody Bible Institution, where she received her second PhD in Religious Education. As a Missionary, Emma had a dream

to go to Jerusalem, but the Lord had other plans for her, which included starting the Evangelical Bible Institute. Emma purchased the house across the street from her own to teach others theology, which became her passion. In her latter years, she turned her school over to Mount Zion Baptist church. Emma loved baking and in the early years would bake wedding cakes for various brides in the Kalamazoo area. Emma loved the Lord and her family more than anything and always strived to be the best God-fearing role model she could be.

She was preceded in death by her loving mother, Pearl L. Harris; step-father, Iralee Moore; her grandparents, Robert and Mary King; her husband, David Moragne; her stepchildren, Margaret and Earl Moragne; her daughter, Margaret Moragne Cox; son-in-laws, Richard Cox, William E. Grice and Morse Cunningham.

Emma leaves to cherish her memory: her daughters, Amerriel Overton Cunningham and Marilyn Elaine Grice; her adopted son, Taequan Moragne; 10 grandchildren; 21 great grandchildren; 42 great-great grandchildren; 8 great-great-great grandchildren. Also, her only living, aunt, Louise Young, who is 103 years old.

Cemetery Details

Riverside Cemetery

1015 Gull Road
Kalamazoo, MI 49048

Previous Events

Visitation

JAN 29. 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM (ET)

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

A Service in Loving Memory

JAN 29. 12:00 PM (ET)

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Tribute Wall



“ Harper Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Mrs. Emma Iralee Moragne



Harper Funeral Home - January 28, 2016 at 03:52 PM



“ Mrs. Emma Iralee Moragne

October 23, 2023 at 06:06 AM



“ Mrs. Emma Iralee Moragne

October 06, 2023 at 10:42 AM



“ Mrs. Emma rest in peace I always loved taking care of you while working for Heartland.



Lakeysha Pratt - January 29, 2016 at 10:53 AM



“ Karest Willis-Brown lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Emma Iralee Moragne



Karest Willis-Brown - January 28, 2016 at 03:36 PM



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Harper Funeral Home - January 28, 2016 at 03:16 PM



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Harper Funeral Home - January 28, 2016 at 01:53 PM



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Harper Funeral Home - January 28, 2016 at 09:46 AM

MR

“ May it help to know that friends and members of your Church family share in the Home going of you mother. May God comfort you with memories that last in your hearts forever. Ms. Arstillure Tubbs, Jerry Tubbs and Modean Reeves and their Families.

Modean Reeves - January 27, 2016 at 09:11 PM

JE

“ Jo Ann Embrey lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Emma Iralee Moragne



Jo Ann Embrey - January 27, 2016 at 06:49 PM

YF

“ Yvonne Heltzel & Family lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Emma Iralee Moragne



Yvonne Heltzel & family - January 27, 2016 at 10:02 AM

YF

“ I'm so thankful to have known Gramma Emma one of Kalamazoo finest and the world best cake maker RIP gramma Emma

Yvonne Heltzel & family - January 27, 2016 at 09:42 AM

YF

“ Yvonne Heltzel & Family lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Emma Iralee Moragne



Yvonne Heltzel & family - January 27, 2016 at 08:54 AM

EH

“ Mrs Emma Is A Legend. She Was A Women Of Faith. A Graceful Kind Person. She Impacted My Life. Cause Her Life Was A Tesimony. That Jesus Is Real. Love You Gramma Emma



Evelyn Henry - January 26, 2016 at 06:32 PM

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AS

“ *Alma Snell lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Emma Iralee Moragne*



Alma Snell - January 26, 2016 at 10:11 AM

TF

“ *The Patterson Family lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Emma Iralee Moragne*



The Patterson Family - January 26, 2016 at 07:38 AM

FF

“ *Felicia Cox And Family lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Emma Iralee Moragne*



Felicia Cox and family - January 26, 2016 at 01:20 AM

HB

“ *HAL & JANET BUCHANAN lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Emma Iralee Moragne*



HAL & JANET BUCHANAN - January 25, 2016 at 08:59 AM

AW

“ *Condolences in the transition of Mrs. Moragne, whom I met in the early 80's in the Mt. Zion Sunday School Dept. where she was the head of the Christian Ed. Dept. and I the records clerk, I enjoyed every Sunday morning listening to her spiritual and motherly wisdom. Sending prayers and blessings to the family.*

Anita & RJ Wilkerson - January 25, 2016 at 08:46 AM

HF

“ *Harkness And Clark Family lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Emma Iralee Moragne*



Harkness and Clark family - January 25, 2016 at 08:43 AM

PG

“ *Pauline Gardner lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Emma Iralee Moragne*



Pauline Gardner - January 24, 2016 at 08:32 PM

JY

“ *Jytisha Streeter and Family.*



Jytisha - January 24, 2016 at 06:55 PM

CS

“ Cynthia Smith lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Emma Iralee Moragne



cynthia smith - January 23, 2016 at 04:27 PM

RL

“ I love you Grandma and I know that you are with your heavenly Father now in peace. You finally made it home, I will keep in my heart all that you taught me.



ramona lumpkin - January 23, 2016 at 10:06 AM