



Mrs. Flora Edna Little

December 25, 1950 - July 10, 2015

Flora Edna Little, lovingly known as ("Toodie"), was born December 25, 1950, the daughter of the late Rev. Henry and Flora Kellum. Flora is the eldest daughter of eight children. Shortly after Flora was born, the family decided to relocate to South Haven, MI.

Flora accepted Christ at an early age. Her father Rev. Henry Kellum, was the pastor at Macedonia Baptist Church in South Haven, MI. Many people admired Flora's faith. She is a strong believer that as long as God sits on His Throne, anything is possible.

At a young age, Flora's father placed her in piano lessons. While Flora played the piano, her siblings would gather to sing and the wooden floors would be shaking like crazy! She was a traveling sister, singing, directing, and uplifting the name of Jesus. Although she developed arthritis at the age of 18, it did not stop her. She was very athletic while growing up in the country. She would beat out her opponents in playing a game called "tether ball" nearly every time. She also loved to race her brothers and sisters, outrunning all of them! Because of this, her brothers and sisters would call her "chicken legs". They believed this is why she loved to eat chicken and always choosing the "leg"! She also could cook some food.

In 1971, Flora graduated from South Haven High School. After Flora

graduated from high school, she relocated to Kalamazoo, MI to pursue her education. Flora attended Davenport University, Western Michigan University and graduated from Kalamazoo Valley Community College with a General Clerical degree. While living in Carriage Green Apartments, Flora met Ernest Little through a mutual friend. They fell in love, united in marriage and raised three beautiful children, Vinson Kellum, Magnolia Ernestine Little, Joseph Kellum Little (the lovely husband to Nadia Little) and one of four of their grandchildren, Jayla Gill. Spending time with family is what Flora enjoyed the most. Flora enjoyed taking trips, fishing and bringing family peacefully together. Flora also enjoyed studying the bible and explained it very well. One of her favorite scriptures is Matthew 18:20, "For where two or three are gathered together in my name, there I am in the midst of them". Flora enjoyed babysitting her grandchildren and nieces. She also loved and enjoyed watching movies on the Syfy network, with her husband Ernest. They would have a "movie marathon" together, watching movie after movie.

When Flora spent time thinking, she had a unique and noticeable habit of gently squeezing and tucking her ear. She would also softly squeeze and fiddle her lip with her teeth creating a unique sound.

Only a few employers received the opportunity to be blessed by Flora. Flora held employment at the City and County of Kalamazoo, The Kalamazoo Gazette, Sears and Target Stores. She retired in 2014 and began travelling.

On June 19, 2015, Flora was diagnosed with Pancreatic Cancer, stage IV. After being diagnosed, Flora had a short battle with this disease. Through this painful process, Flora never became discouraged. She remained strong, faithful and fearless. She would always comfort and assure her loved ones that she was "Hanging in there" and say "I am in God's hand's". Flora went home to be with the Lord, 11:10 a.m. on July 10, 2015 at Borgess Medical Center.

Flora was a best friend to her husband, children, family, friends and always generous to other. She shared her love in countless ways and planted hope into many lives.

"Toodie" you will be greatly missed by family, loved ones and friends--Until we meet again.

Flora was preceded in death by her father, Rev. Henry Kellum; mother, Flora Kellum; brother, Ezra Kellum and one grandchild.

Flora is cherished and survived by her husband, Ernest Little; sons, Vinson Kellum, and Joseph Kellum Little (wife Nadia); daughter, Magnolia Ernestine Little; granddaughters: Jayla Gill, Nia Little and Jada Little; siblings: Sirvaneous L. Kellum (wife Leona); Willie L. Kellum (wife Beverly), Henry N. Kellum (wife Linda), Theresa Bell-Sanders (husband Otis), Shirley Kellum-Rodgers, Thomas Kellum, Wendell Smith (wife Rebecca), Xavier Raymont Little, Denita Smith, Sharina Smith and Terry Smith. Also, a host of nieces, nephews other relatives and friends.

Cemetery Details

Stephenson Cemetery

Corner of 102nd and 66th street
South Haven, MI 49090

Previous Events

Visitation

JUL 16. 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM (ET)

Harper Funeral Home - Chapel
521 Douglas Avenue
Kalamazoo, MI

A Service in Loving Memory

JUL 17. 11:00 AM (ET)

First United Baptist Church
821 S. Burdick Street
Kalamazoo, MI

Tribute Wall



“ Harper Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Mrs. Flora Edna Little



Harper Funeral Home - July 15, 2015 at 08:26 PM

ST

Love you Toodie. May you rest in peace. Your niece, Stephanie.

Stephanie - August 11, 2015 at 11:47 AM



“ Mrs. Flora Edna Little

October 23, 2023 at 06:06 AM



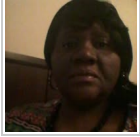
“ Mrs. Flora Edna Little

October 06, 2023 at 10:42 AM



“ I am so sorry for your loss. I knew of Flora, and the family through Theresa. We worked together for many years in Food Service at Bronson Hospital. You are all in my thoughts and prayers. Judy Millers

Judy Millers - August 12, 2015 at 08:29 AM



“ We all grew up together we will miss u Flora, now when I go in the store I can always remember you an our talks in my heart RIP.
Catherine Willhite Brown Ross

Catherine Ross - August 12, 2015 at 07:41 AM

SR

“ Tootie was my saved, beloved sister in whom I loved dearly and made sure you knew it before God called her Home. She is definitely in a better Place with the Lord. All families...please continue to be encouraged. For God is not through with you all yet. Trust God in all things and keep looking forward. May God continue to bless and uplift you all. Much love to everyone....including Harper Funeral Home. God Bless!!! Sister Shirlann of Los Angeles, California. My condolences goes out to the families.

shirley rodgers - August 11, 2015 at 03:34 PM

EJ

“ I am so heart broken I am at a loss for words. God bless comfort and protect all that loved her. She will be missed. Earnest Johnson

Earnest Johnson - July 22, 2015 at 08:58 PM

BW

“ My condolences to the Kellum and Little Family. My thoughts and prayers are with you. I met Flora when we were kids in South Haven while spending the summers in the country with my Grandmother Turner and my cousins. I would see her at Target from time to time and she would always greet me with a smile and always say, "you look like Ms Turner". She was such a caring person.



Barbara Taylor Watson - July 17, 2015 at 12:47 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Mrs. Flora Edna Little.*



July 16, 2015 at 05:30 PM



“ *To our Reed Street Family so sorry for your loss at this time may God comfort you at this time my family will be praying for your family, Flora was such a sweet lady with a smile that would light up any room May the Little Family be blessed during this time love the Hughes Family*



samuel and carmen hughes - July 15, 2015 at 10:29 PM



“ *Eve lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Flora Edna Little*



Eve - July 15, 2015 at 12:59 AM



“ *My condolences to Vincent, Magnolia, and Joseph.*



LaKeysha Pratt - July 14, 2015 at 09:47 PM

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“ Evelyn Henry She Was Nice sent a virtual gift
in memory of Mrs. Flora Edna Little



Evelyn Henry She Was Nice - July 14, 2015 at 06:16 PM