



## Ms. Leola Deborah Anderson

November 12, 1958 - July 5, 2016

Leola Deborah (Debbie) Anderson departed this life peacefully on July 5th, 2016 at Bronson Methodist Hospital, Kalamazoo, MI in the arms of her loving family. Leola was born November 12th, 1958 at Borgess Medical Center in Kalamazoo, MI to the late Supt. Eugene and Mother Leola Belle Anderson. She was the 11th child in a family of 14, and was called “baby girl”, because she was the youngest of five sisters.

Leola was a 1976 graduate of Comstock High School. She furthered her education by attending Davenport University, where she received a degree in Accounting and Finance, graduating Summa Cum Laude. She also attended Western Michigan University and several local art classes. Leola was employed by Concept Manufacturing in Plainwell, MI as the Office Manager for many years and enjoyed sharing her knowledge with one and all. She also managed office and accounting activities at the Battle Creek Rehabilitation Center, located in Battle Creek, Michigan.

Leola accepted Christ at an early age and for many years she was a member of True Worship COGIC, pastored by her father, the late Superintendent Eugene Anderson Sr. until his homegoing in 1999. During her teenage years, Leola became a principal organist and pianist of the church, sharing her love of music with one and all. Leola was an avid member of the Anderson Family singing group, which later evolved into the “Anderson Sisters” comprised of

the five Anderson (“girls”). During this time Leola traveled many miles throughout the midwest and south singing praises unto her God. At the time of her death, Leola was a member of the City of Refuge Church of God in Christ, where she remained lead pianist and organist and worked in the women’s department in all auxiliaries. She also participated in many conferences and activities of the Southwest Michigan No. 4 Ecclesiastical Jurisdiction, led by Bishop Fred Lewis and Mother Mary Jane Walton.

Leola was an avid gardener who could name many flowers (and weeds) and was a member of the local garden club. Homegrown, fresh food and flowers were exciting to her, and some of her favorite places were local farms, the Kalamazoo City Market, as well as local thrift stores where she searched for treasures with her sisters and friends.

Leola was preceded in death by her mother and father, Supt. Eugene and Mother Leola Belle Anderson; and her baby brother John Eugene.

She leaves to cherish memory her loving family: 4 sisters: District Missionary Gwendolyn Anderson, Missionary DeLois Anderson, Evangelist Missionary Mary Anderson, and Sister Naomi Anderson; 9 brothers, Elder Arther L. Anderson (Tarawa), Bishop Andrew David Anderson (Bernadette), Elder Eugene Anderson (Janice), Elder Leatrice Anderson (Betsy), Dr. Matthew J. Anderson (Connie), Elder Joses C. Anderson (Barbara), Pastor Joseph Anderson (Josephine), Mr. Michael Anderson, and Mr. Jonathan Anderson. She also leaves behind 25 nieces and nephews, 22 great nieces and nephews, and a host of relatives and friends.

# Cemetery Details

## Mt. Ever-Rest Cemetery

3941 S. Westnedge Avenue  
Kalamazoo, MI

# Previous Events

## Visitation

JUL 10. 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM (ET)

Harper Funeral Home - Chapel  
521 Douglas Avenue  
Kalamazoo, MI

## A Service in Loving Memory

JUL 11. 12:00 PM (ET)

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

# Tribute Wall



“ Harper Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Ms. Leola Deborah Anderson



Harper Funeral Home - July 10, 2016 at 07:46 PM



“ Ms. Leola Deborah Anderson

October 23, 2023 at 06:06 AM



“ Ms. Leola Deborah Anderson

October 06, 2023 at 10:42 AM



“ I went to Comstock School with her and she was such a wonderful person. Always had a smile.



Emma J. Young-Baidy - January 19, 2017 at 04:21 PM

EF

“ *Earline Fields And Family sent a virtual gift in memory of Ms. Leola Deborah Anderson*



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**Earline Fields and Family** - July 13, 2016 at 01:40 PM

DL

“ *Donnie&Sharyn Langston lit a candle in memory of Ms. Leola Deborah Anderson*



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**Donnie&Sharyn Langston** - July 11, 2016 at 09:03 PM

BH

“ *To Miss Deborah Anderson Family our condolence goes out to the entire family, from the Hill family Our family Lit a candle in loving memory of Miss Deborah Anderson.*



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**belinda Hill** - July 11, 2016 at 10:42 AM

KK

“ Dearest Leola-you were one of my best friends in Middle and High School. Oh how we laughed!  
Each night after school we stayed after to make art projects(ceramics, painting, drawing, jewelry) and you were gifted at everything you did. We did good art and wrote decent poetry, but still we laughed and did not take ourselves seriously. We were having too much fun for that. Your spirit will live on in my heart for the rest of my life. I miss you already dear friend as I know your wonderful family does. Karen Snyder Kipp

karen kipp - July 10, 2016 at 08:10 PM



“ Karest Willis-Brown lit a candle in memory of Ms. Leola Deborah Anderson



Karest Willis-Brown - July 10, 2016 at 05:02 PM

Jaylon Burton

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Jaylon Burton - July 10, 2016 at 11:47 AM

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J.B. Anderson/niece - July 10, 2016 at 11:45 AM

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J.B. Anderson/niece - July 10, 2016 at 11:44 AM

JA

“ J.B. Anderson/niece lit a candle in memory of  
Ms. Leola Deborah Anderson



J.B. Anderson/niece - July 10, 2016 at 11:40 AM

JA

“ J.B. Anderson lit a candle in memory of Ms. Leola Deborah Anderson



J.B. Anderson - July 10, 2016 at 07:27 AM

JA

“ J.B. Anderson lit a candle in memory of Ms. Leola Deborah Anderson



J.B. Anderson - July 10, 2016 at 07:16 AM

JA

“ J.B. Anderson lit a candle in memory of Ms. Leola Deborah Anderson



J.B. Anderson - July 10, 2016 at 07:09 AM

JA

*All too surreal is the death of a loved one. Even in passing you have reminded us that our time here is temporal. While I felt cheated on saying goodbye, I'm encouraged by the memories & knowing that you are no longer suffering. Assured by the scriptures that say to live is Christ but to die is GAIN!! May we all prepare our hearts & minds for the journey that we too must make some day. Godspeed on a reunion with madea & big daddy!! May heaven smile on us all! Love always...."a gardener in training " 🙏*

jb anderson - July 13, 2016 at 01:33 PM

T.

“ T.Anderson lit a candle in memory of Ms. Leola Deborah Anderson



T.Anderson - July 09, 2016 at 08:48 PM

T.

Aunt Debbie: Your lovely peacemaking spirit will always be missed, but not forgotten. Thank you for the many lessons, especially the gardening.

T.Anderson - July 09, 2016 at 08:49 PM

SA

“ S. Anderson-Harris lit a candle in memory of Ms. Leola Deborah Anderson



S. Anderson-Harris - July 09, 2016 at 08:31 PM

SA

Aunt Debbie - - the world is a little less bright without you in it - now you're with the master painter. Thanks for your sweetness and being a doer of the Word.

S. Anderson-Harris - July 09, 2016 at 08:46 PM

DS

“ District Missy. Sapp lit a candle in memory of Ms. Leola Deborah Anderson



District Missy. Sapp - July 09, 2016 at 06:24 PM

HW

“ *Helen Word lit a candle in memory of Ms. Leola Deborah Anderson*



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**Helen Word** - July 09, 2016 at 10:31 AM

HW

*So sorry to hear of the loss of your sister, praying that God hold you all in His arms and give you the comfort that only He can give. Love you all*

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**Helen Word** - July 09, 2016 at 10:33 AM

RA

“ *My condolences to the family. Debbie's beautiful spirit always showed through and will continue to do so.*  
*Ruth*

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**Ruth Anderson** - July 09, 2016 at 08:59 AM

NG

“ *Nat G lit a candle in memory of Ms. Leola Deborah Anderson*



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**Nat G** - July 08, 2016 at 08:15 PM

NG

“ *My Dear Aunt Debbie, the master gardener, God has promoted you from labor to rest. When the day comes, I know you will be one of Gods chosen gardeners. You have left a legacy of consistent love to ALL of your family members. When I was a little girl you always took the time to make sure we together from our heads to our toes!! As a woman, you affirmed me in my choice to be a wife & a mother. Every time you saw me, you spoke of how beautiful a family God had blessed me with. You planted awesome seeds of love & encouragement that will continue to blossom as you rest. Rest well my love & I will see you in the morning. Your legacy of unaltered love lives on!!! Weeping may endure for a night but JOY is going to come in the morning*

*Tasha*

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**Nat G** - July 08, 2016 at 07:09 PM

PK

“ *Petra K. purchased the Sweetest Sunrise Bouquet for the family of Ms. Leola Deborah Anderson.*



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**Petra K.** - July 08, 2016 at 04:44 PM