



Mrs. Lou Bertha (Johnson) Pearson

September 18, 1949 - October 16, 2020

****NOTE: A WALK THROUGH VISITATION FOR THE PUBLIC WILL BE HELD 5:00 P.M. to 6:30 P.M. on Friday, October 23, 2020.

A GRAVESIDE SERVICE IN LOVING MEMORY will be held at 1:00 p.m. Saturday, October 24, 2020 at Riverside Cemetery in Kalamazoo***Due to the state's mandates in accordance to the CDC, up to (100) people may still be present for the outdoor service. ****MASKS ARE REQUIRED****

THE OBITUARY

Mrs. Lou Bertha (Johnson) Pearson received her heavenly wings on Friday, October 16, 2020 in the peace of her daughter's home. She was born in Kalamazoo, Michigan on September 18, 1949, the daughter of the late Lee Ambrose Johnson, Sr. and Hattie Lou Johnson. Bertha attended Kalamazoo Central High School, where she received her GED. She was a homemaker for most of her life, but she was also employed for several years as a lunch attendant at Woodward Elementary School in Kalamazoo.

In 1977, she met the love of her life, Larry James Pearson. On August 18, 1978 they united in marriage.

Bertha confessed her belief in Christ at an early age at Galilee Missionary Baptist Church under the leadership of the late Rev. Mabry Gardner. She

served on the Junior and Senior Usher Board for years until her health declined.

Bertha was a Phenomenal Woman, who was known for being a giving and generous person with a big heart. She would open-up her home and yard to others without hesitation. The street she lived on was also known as “Queen Mable Street”, dedicated to how everyone felt about her. Bert was passionate about cooking especially soul food for family and friends. Everyone loved her hot water cornbread and peach cobbler. It made her smile to know everyone enjoyed the food she prepared. Lou Bertha loved her husband, children, extended family and friends. She will be greatly missed by those who knew and loved her.

She was preceded in death by her parents, her mother, Hattie (Jiles) Johnson; her father, Lee Ambrose Johnson Sr.; 1 brother, Odell Wright and 1 granddaughter, Terris A. Johnson.

She leaves to cherish her memory her Loving husband, Larry James Pearson of 41 years; her children, 1 daughter, Corphilia (“Fefe”) Anderson; 3 sons, Terrance (“Tete”) Johnson, Clarence (Cindy) Thomas and Derron Thomas all of Kalamazoo, Michigan; 6 brothers , Lee Johnson; Al (Junell) Johnson, Theodore Johnson, Anthony (Marian) Johnson all of Kalamazoo, Michigan; Melvin Johnson of Atlanta, Georgia and Steven Johnson of Grand Rapids, Michigan; 4 sisters Esther Buchanan, Thelma (Rueben) Moss, Patricia Bell and Lisa Johnson all of Kalamazoo; 16 grandchildren; 27 great grandchildren and a host of many nieces, nephews other family and many special friends.

****DVD MEMORIAL TRIBUTE WILL BE AVAILABLE SOON

Cemetery Details

Riverside Cemetery

1015 Gull Rd
Kalamazoo, MI 49048-1733
(269) 337-8227

Previous Events

Walk Through Visitation for Public

OCT **23.** 5:00 PM - 6:30 PM (ET)

Harper Funeral Home - Chapel
521 Douglas Avenue
Kalamazoo, MI

Graveside Service in Loving Memory

OCT **24.** 1:00 PM (ET)

Riverside Cemetery
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Kalamazoo, MI 49048-1733
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Tribute Wall



“ Harper Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Mrs. Lou Bertha (Johnson) Pearson



Harper Funeral Home - October 22, 2020 at 10:18 PM



Wonderful Job Deanna may God continue to bless you!!❤️❤️🙏🙏

Corphilia Anderson - October 23, 2020 at 07:20 AM



Beautiful Family it's the that I am use to seeing Her Thank you for the Love your Mother Shared with us our Beautiful Family from Elizabeth Johnson Amen Enjoy

Elizabeth Johnson - October 25, 2020 at 01:37 AM



“ Mrs. Lou Bertha (Johnson) Pearson

October 23, 2023 at 06:06 AM



“ Mrs. Lou Bertha (Johnson) Pearson

October 06, 2023 at 10:42 AM

CG

“ *Condolences to the family.*

Cordell & Brenda Gardner

Cordell/Brenda Gardner - October 24, 2020 at 05:13 PM

CB

“ *Carrie Baker lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Lou Bertha (Johnson) Pearson*



Carrie Baker - October 24, 2020 at 02:00 PM

BF

“ *Betty Ford lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Lou Bertha (Johnson) Pearson*



Betty Ford - October 24, 2020 at 10:31 AM

FF

“ *Frank & Betty Ford lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Lou Bertha (Johnson) Pearson*



Frank & Betty Ford - October 24, 2020 at 10:30 AM

SC

“ *Sylvester & Herberta Carver lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Lou Bertha (Johnson) Pearson*



Sylvester & Herberta Carver - October 24, 2020 at 02:28 AM

SJ

“ *Susan Johnson lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Lou Bertha (Johnson) Pearson*



Susan Johnson - October 23, 2020 at 09:31 PM

MS

“ *Margie Smith lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Lou Bertha (Johnson) Pearson*



margie smith - October 23, 2020 at 04:01 PM

SJ

“ *Susan Johnson lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Lou Bertha (Johnson) Pearson*



Susan Johnson - October 23, 2020 at 02:48 PM

SH

“ Sending prayers to the Johnson Family. May God give you peace and comfort at this time. Bert will truly be missed.
Love you guys,
Sandra Hines

Sandra Hines - October 23, 2020 at 01:42 PM

NH

“ Nikia Walker Hall lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Lou Bertha (Johnson) Pearson



Nikia Walker Hall - October 23, 2020 at 01:16 PM

RF

“ Ruth Raines And Family lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Lou Bertha (Johnson) Pearson



Ruth Raines and Family - October 23, 2020 at 12:17 PM

SJ

“ Susan Johnson lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Lou Bertha (Johnson) Pearson



Susan Johnson - October 23, 2020 at 11:45 AM

LJ

“ *Lucile Johnson lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Lou Bertha (Johnson) Pearson*



Lucile Johnson - October 22, 2020 at 08:47 PM

DI

“ *My dear sweet beautiful lovely sister you may be gone but I'll never ever forget you.Ill think of all the years we've been sisters and that's forever. Now take up your bed and rest my lovely sister!*

DiannaJackson - October 22, 2020 at 05:15 PM

DI

“ *In loving memory of the greatest Auntie bin the world!..... Love you for ever deedeeray*



DiannaJackson - October 22, 2020 at 05:09 PM

DI

“ *My lovely Aunt you will truly be missed I'll miss our talks we shared on several nights just laughing and talking about fruits expecially 🍉 I couldn't have asked for a better Auntie than you....I'll forever hold a loving place in my heart for you*



DiannaJackson - October 22, 2020 at 04:57 PM

ML

“ *Malinda Ligon-Whitley lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Lou Bertha (Johnson) Pearson*



Malinda Ligon-Whitley - October 22, 2020 at 03:40 PM

CW

“ *C Walker lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Lou Bertha (Johnson) Pearson*



C Walker - October 22, 2020 at 02:44 PM

DG

“ *Delores Vines Green lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Lou Bertha (Johnson) Pearson*



Delores Vines Green - October 22, 2020 at 09:37 AM



Corphilia Anderson - October 22, 2020 at 10:10 PM

AP

“ *Angela Payne lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Lou Bertha (Johnson) Pearson*



Angela Payne - October 21, 2020 at 06:28 PM

DD

“ *Danny & MaryAnn Dallas lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Lou Bertha (Johnson) Pearson*



Danny & MaryAnn Dallas - October 21, 2020 at 02:30 PM

DD

“ *Danny and MaryAnn Dallas and family sends our condolences to the family. Rest in peace and may your memories be a blessing.*

Danny & MaryAnn Dallas - October 21, 2020 at 02:29 PM

LJ

“ *Laverne Jones lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Lou Bertha (Johnson) Pearson*



Laverne Jones - October 21, 2020 at 02:25 PM

MR

“ Mamie Hines- Richardson sent a virtual gift in memory of Mrs. Lou Bertha (Johnson) Pearson



Mamie Hines- Richardson - October 21, 2020 at 01:57 PM

PF

“ PATTERSON FAMILY lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Lou Bertha (Johnson) Pearson



PATTERSON FAMILY - October 21, 2020 at 12:58 PM

JE

“ Jo Ann Embrey lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Lou Bertha (Johnson) Pearson



Jo Ann Embrey - October 20, 2020 at 05:17 PM

SF

Rest In Peace Lou Bertha

sweder and watson family - October 21, 2020 at 04:40 PM

KD

“ Kevin Dunigan sent a virtual gift in memory of Mrs. Lou Bertha (Johnson) Pearson



Kevin Dunigan - October 20, 2020 at 02:03 PM

FF

“ Fields Family sent a virtual gift in memory of Mrs. Lou Bertha (Johnson) Pearson



Fields Family - October 20, 2020 at 01:55 PM

KD

“ Kevin Dunigan lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Lou Bertha (Johnson) Pearson



Kevin Dunigan - October 20, 2020 at 12:21 PM

BB

“ Beverly Boyd lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Lou Bertha (Johnson) Pearson



Beverly Boyd - October 20, 2020 at 11:51 AM

CW

“ Carol White lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Lou Bertha (Johnson) Pearson



Carol White - October 20, 2020 at 01:37 AM

CF

“ Carol White & Family lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Lou Bertha (Johnson) Pearson



Carol White & Family - October 20, 2020 at 01:33 AM

GS

“ Gary And Lynn Schmidt lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Lou Bertha (Johnson) Pearson



Gary and Lynn Schmidt - October 20, 2020 at 12:03 AM

L(

“ Lynn Schmidt (Nesbitt) lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Lou Bertha (Johnson) Pearson



Lynn Schmidt (Nesbitt) - October 19, 2020 at 11:58 PM

MS

“ Margaret Smith sent a virtual gift in memory of Mrs. Lou Bertha (Johnson) Pearson



Margaret Smith - October 19, 2020 at 11:58 PM

VI

“ Vickyburns lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Lou Bertha (Johnson) Pearson



vickyburns - October 19, 2020 at 11:34 PM

RA

“ Ramona sent a virtual gift in memory of Mrs. Lou Bertha (Johnson) Pearson



Ramona - October 19, 2020 at 11:33 PM

NH

“ Nanette Hickman sent a virtual gift in memory of Mrs. Lou Bertha (Johnson) Pearson



Nanette Hickman - October 19, 2020 at 09:51 PM

TM

“ *First time I met you I knew you were great women and I was glad to meet you I will never forget you RIH*



Tia Munn - October 19, 2020 at 09:43 PM

EH

“ *Sending my prayers and my deepest condolences to the Johnson Family. May the Lord provide comfort to your husband, children and extended family during this difficult time. Bert, you will truly be missed by all those that knew you!*

Erica Hicks

Erica Hicks - October 19, 2020 at 09:38 PM

CA

“ *Bert was a beautiful blessing to many in her community. May she Rest in Heaven.*



carmen - October 19, 2020 at 08:46 PM

HF

“ *Nothing but loving memories you (Mrs. Lou Bertha Pierson) left behind with me and it will always be in my heart and soul.... But I know God knew Best. I will always love you for eternity....*



Helen Randle and Family - October 19, 2020 at 08:25 PM

JC

“ BERT IM GOING 2 MISS YOU BECAUSE I DON'T HAVE MANY 2 LOVE ME BUT I KNOW U DID AND I THANK YOU 4 EVERYTHING. THING YOU DONE 4 ME AND SHARING YOUR HEART WITH ME. YOU'LL B MISS BUT NEVER FORGOTTEN MY HEART IS SOOOO! HEAVY! 🥹🥹🥹🥹💔💔💔💔💔💔💔💔💔💔



Joyce Cameron - October 19, 2020 at 08:22 PM

JL

“ Jessie Mae Lipsey lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Lou Bertha (Johnson) Pearson



jessie mae lipsey - October 19, 2020 at 06:40 PM

TM

“ You was my mother in-law for 17 years, you have been my friend for over 30. You showed me and my kids nothing but love since day one. You will forever be in our hearts. We love you, rest easy Bert



Toni Morris - October 19, 2020 at 05:04 PM

TF

“ The Fields Family sent a virtual gift in memory of Mrs. Lou Bertha (Johnson) Pearson



The Fields Family - October 19, 2020 at 05:04 PM

MR

“ *Mamie Hines- Richardson sent a virtual gift in memory of Mrs. Lou Bertha (Johnson) Pearson*



Mamie Hines- Richardson - October 19, 2020 at 05:01 PM

TF

“ *The Hines Family sent a virtual gift in memory of Mrs. Lou Bertha (Johnson) Pearson*



The Hines Family - October 19, 2020 at 05:00 PM

TF

“ *The Hines Family sent a virtual gift in memory of Mrs. Lou Bertha (Johnson) Pearson*



The Hines Family - October 19, 2020 at 04:58 PM

TF

“ *The Hines Family sent a virtual gift in memory of Mrs. Lou Bertha (Johnson) Pearson*



The Hines Family - October 19, 2020 at 04:55 PM

MR

“ *Mamie Hines- Richardson lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Lou Bertha (Johnson) Pearson*



Mamie Hines- Richardson - October 19, 2020 at 04:53 PM

MR

“ *Mamie Hines- Richardson lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Lou Bertha (Johnson) Pearson*



Mamie Hines- Richardson - October 19, 2020 at 04:51 PM

MW

“ *May you rest easy Granny I'm not sure how life will be without but I know the world wasn't ready for you to go I love you and miss you dearly keep a eye on us.*

Mikela aka Jolly Wally - October 19, 2020 at 01:16 PM

KD

“ *Kevin Dunigan lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Lou Bertha (Johnson) Pearson*



Kevin Dunigan - October 19, 2020 at 11:30 AM

BP

“ Barbara McPherson Phillips sent a virtual gift in memory of Mrs. Lou Bertha (Johnson) Pearson



Barbara McPherson Phillips - October 19, 2020 at 09:45 AM

EJ

“ One of My Mother best friend: from Elizabeth Johnson She is going to be missed Amen



Elizabeth Johnson - October 19, 2020 at 07:14 AM

CF

“ Cea Green & Family lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Lou Bertha (Johnson) Pearson



Cea Green & Family - October 18, 2020 at 11:38 PM



“ Karest Brown sent a virtual gift in memory of Mrs. Lou Bertha (Johnson) Pearson



Karest Brown - October 18, 2020 at 09:08 PM

PS

“ Percy And Cindy Smith lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Lou Bertha (Johnson) Pearson



Percy and Cindy Smith - October 18, 2020 at 05:16 PM

KD

“ Kevin Dunigan lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Lou Bertha (Johnson) Pearson



Kevin Dunigan - October 18, 2020 at 03:41 PM

SW

“ Selena Walker lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Lou Bertha (Johnson) Pearson



Selena Walker - October 18, 2020 at 03:33 PM

Cynthia Thomas

“ Mom, I just want to thank you for being a great mother and grandmother. Even though we miss you like crazy already, thank God for all the great memories we shared together. We love you Lou Bertha Pearson. ❤️❤️❤️❤️ Love, Mickey, Cindy, Ariel & Aliyah Thomas



Cynthia Thomas - October 18, 2020 at 02:40 PM

NB

Beautiful

Nancy Buchanan - October 31, 2020 at 05:39 PM

PJ

“ Paulette Julian lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Lou Bertha (Johnson) Pearson



Paulette Julian - October 18, 2020 at 02:08 PM

JJ

“ JoAnne & Renaford Owens Jr sent a virtual gift in memory of Mrs. Lou Bertha (Johnson) Pearson



JoAnne & Renaford Owens Jr - October 18, 2020 at 01:24 PM

TF

“ *The Fields Family sent a virtual gift in memory of Mrs. Lou Bertha (Johnson) Pearson*



The Fields Family - October 18, 2020 at 11:51 AM

JE

“ *Jo Ann Embrey lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Lou Bertha (Johnson) Pearson*



Jo Ann Embrey - October 18, 2020 at 11:31 AM

MP

“ *Condolences and prayers to the family.*



Mollie Peterson - October 18, 2020 at 08:20 AM

EJ

Condolence to the Family Of Mrs. Bart piercing from Elizabeth Johnson and the Johnson Family Praying for you and the Family in Jesus Name hold on Stay Strong Love you. Amen ❤️❤️

Elizabeth Johnson - October 19, 2020 at 06:29 AM

LJ

“ *Laverne Jones lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Lou Bertha (Johnson) Pearson*



Laverne Jones - October 18, 2020 at 12:18 AM

EF

“ *Earline Fields sent a virtual gift in memory of Mrs. Lou Bertha (Johnson) Pearson*



Earline Fields - October 17, 2020 at 08:18 PM

CC

“ *Thanks, my dearest sister in law, for the love you showed our family for 42 years. Although we (my brothers and sister) are very hurt we know that you are truly resting well. There's one thing that I can say, Bert's death is our loss but ITS HEAVENS GAIN !!!*

Carrie Chambers - October 17, 2020 at 08:11 PM



Thanks so very much

Corphilia Anderson - October 18, 2020 at 10:39 AM

JW

“ Jeanetta Walker sent a virtual gift in memory of Mrs. Lou Bertha (Johnson) Pearson



Jeanetta Walker - October 17, 2020 at 07:42 PM



Thanks so much ❤️❤️

Corphilia Anderson - October 18, 2020 at 10:39 AM

PG

“ Pauline Gardner lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Lou Bertha (Johnson) Pearson



Pauline Gardner - October 17, 2020 at 07:39 PM

MV

“ Mignon Alicia Vincent lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Lou Bertha (Johnson) Pearson



Mignon Alicia Vincent - October 17, 2020 at 06:18 PM

RW

“ RJ & Anita Wilkerson lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Lou Bertha (Johnson) Pearson



RJ & Anita Wilkerson - October 17, 2020 at 04:22 PM

DA

“ Fondest memory of my dear friend and sister sharing time and space at your parents home and my mother's home remember those days with laughter and joy just wanted to say to my sister's sorry you gone. Happy you are safe in our Savior's arms. Absent from this body is present with the Lord. But, I know you are with Mrs. Hattie and Dad and all of our loved ones .Rest my sister I ❤️ you see you on the other side Dianne "Hollin" Anderson"

Dianne Anderson - October 17, 2020 at 03:51 PM



“ I love you Mother with all of me, your home now God was ready for you and I at peace with that, your in good hands now no more worries, tell everyone I said hello til we meet again rest easy My Mable st. QUEEN❤️❤️❤️



Corphilia Anderson - October 17, 2020 at 02:14 PM

DA

“ Dianne Anderson lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Lou Bertha (Johnson) Pearson



Dianne Anderson - October 17, 2020 at 12:39 PM

HS

“ *Hilda Bradford Snell sent a virtual gift in memory of Mrs. Lou Bertha (Johnson) Pearson*



Hilda Bradford Snell - October 17, 2020 at 11:51 AM

DB

“ *Donald & Ruby (Walker) Barbee sent a virtual gift in memory of Mrs. Lou Bertha (Johnson) Pearson*



Donald & Ruby (Walker) Barbee - October 17, 2020 at 11:18 AM

DF

“ *Dallas Boards And Family lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Lou Bertha (Johnson) Pearson*



Dallas Boards and family - October 17, 2020 at 11:07 AM

HB

“ *Helen (Mills) Brooks sent a virtual gift in memory of Mrs. Lou Bertha (Johnson) Pearson*



Helen (Mills) Brooks - October 17, 2020 at 10:55 AM

EJ

My deepest condolences to Bertha Pearson: and to the Family Stay Strong I am Praying for you all weeping may indust for a night but old Joy come in the morning 🙏 From Elizabeth Johnson and the Johnson Family Stay Strong Love you Amen ❤️❤️

Elizabeth Johnson - October 19, 2020 at 06:47 AM

EJ

To Mrs. Bertha Pearson and her Family I send my deepest condolence to the family From Elizabeth Johnson Love you all Stay Strong Family from all the Johnson Family weeping may indure for a Night but oh joy cometh in the morning Amen. So please Stay Strong Family Amen from Elizabeth Johnson, Louise Williams, Bonnie Johnson, Anthony Williams and more Johnson Family Amen ❤️❤️❤️🙏🤔

Elizabeth Johnson - October 19, 2020 at 07:06 AM