



## Mrs. Maggie Gathing

March 27, 1949 - August 17, 2014

Maggie Gathing was called home to be with the Lord on Sunday, August 17, 2014 with her family by her side. She was born March 27, 1949 to the union of Esaw Dean Sr. and Bessie Dean in Aberdeen, Mississippi. Maggie moved from Tupelo, Mississippi in 1965, and to Benton Harbor, MI, later residing in Kalamazoo, Michigan in 1972. She was united in marriage to Ernest Gathing, Sr. in 1975.

Maggie confessed Christ at an early age. She loved her family, especially interacting with her grandchildren and spending time with her sister playing Bingo.

She is preceded in death by her parents, Esaw Dean, Sr. and Bessie Dean; two brothers, Esaw Dean, Jr. and Charles Dean; two sisters, Bessie Lou Dean and Christine Dean; and one niece, Sylvia Dean.

Maggie is survived by her loving husband of 39 years, Ernest Gathing, Sr.; one daughter, Barbara Ann Moore; two sons, Jesse (Valerie) Moore and Ernest Jr. (Iris) Gathing all of Kalamazoo, Michigan; two sister, Lois Wilform of Kalamazoo, Michigan and Virginia Williams of Kansas, Missouri; two brothers, Edward (Bernice) Dean of Kalamazoo, Michigan and Lemarcus Dean of New York, New York; two step-daughters, Carol Cardwell and Ernestine Baker; two stepsons, Ernest Watson and Darius Morrow all of Flint, Michigan; 19

grandchildren; 3 great grandchildren; and a host of nieces, nephews, cousins, brothers and sister-in-laws, other relatives and friends.

Maggie will be missed by her family and friends.

# Previous Events

## Visitation

AUG 27. 12:00 PM - 1:00 PM (ET)

Harper Funeral Home - Chapel  
521 Douglas Avenue  
Kalamazoo, MI

## A Service in Loving Memory

AUG 27. 1:00 PM (ET)

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# Tribute Wall



“ *Mrs. Maggie Gathing*

October 23, 2023 at 06:06 AM



“ *Mrs. Maggie Gathing*

October 06, 2023 at 10:42 AM



“ *Lord knows I Miss You Granny... word cant even explain' I just wished I could have said my last goodbyes the day you left are side .. it was hard for the family that day.. You was always a STRONG BLACK LADY who made sure things were done... I really wished we spent more time together and you could have met your grate grand daughter A'Niyah ..*  
*~Gone But Never Forgotten ~ My Garden ANGEL.. rEST IN PARADISE..*

*Love Always your granddaughter ANGEL GATHING <3*

angel - February 08, 2017 at 08:57 AM



“ *Lord knows I Miss my Granny Maggie I just wished I had more time to say my Goodbyes . it was hard for the family when you left are side that day ... in August 2014 I will never forget you.. I just wished you could meet you grate granddaughter A'Niyah .. we LOVE YOU MRS.MAGGIE GATHING*

*Love Always, yo GrandBaby ANGEL GATHING ~ Rest in Peace Granny Till we meet again ...*

Angel - February 08, 2017 at 08:50 AM



“ My momma was the type of person who never gave up. If she wanted it she got it. She was a hard worker who retired at a young age. Her favorite color was red and she was real good with # 's she loved bingo and spennt a lot of her time at the casino. My mother was a caring person with a loving heart who would tell u how see feel like it or not.. 🙌 : 1:100 ✓ MAGGIE GATHING we love and miss u and we know u in a better place....love your son EARNEST GATHING JR....💖💖💖💖💖💖💖

junior gathing - August 11, 2015 at 10:30 PM



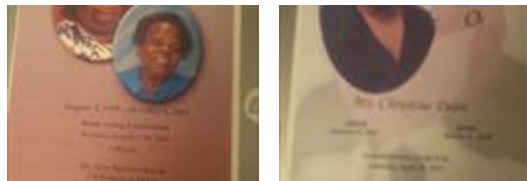
“ Aunt Maggie, I love you and your truly missed. Just wished you would've been able to meet Karwyn. Rest In Paradise Auntie.



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Patricia Dean - August 27, 2014 at 03:16 AM

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*“ I remember when ever my aunt saw us kids doing something we wasn't suppose to be doing, she always said "baby you know Ill never tell you no wrong"..... you will never be forgotten. Love you always and forever*



**Dwight Anderson** - August 27, 2014 at 03:07 AM



*“ I am going to miss my Aunt Maggie calling me blackiee. She was my favorite aunt and I am so glad I had the opportunity to see, talk and kiss her before her passing. She will be truly miss but I know I will see her again.*

*Love,*

*PAT DEAN*

**Patricia Dean** - August 27, 2014 at 02:25 AM



*“ Karest Willis-Brown lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Maggie Gathing*



**Karest Willis-Brown** - August 26, 2014 at 07:25 PM