



## Mother Girtha Lee McMillian

June 22, 1936 - September 16, 2009

Departed this life, Tuesday September 16, 2009 at Rose Arbor Hospice Care, after chronic illnesses. She was born June 22, 1936 in Waynesboro, MS, the daughter of the late George D. Robinson, Sr. and Geneva Dawkins Robinson. She graduated from Riverview High School in 1955. Mother McMillian was a hard working, dedicated mother, who provided for her family. After working multiple jobs in Waynesboro, MS, she moved to Dayton, OH where she worked for Dayton Steel. In 1969, Girtha moved to Michigan where she became a member of Faith Temple Church of God, and served faithfully as a Church Mother, under the leadership of Bishop T.D. Lockett, until the time of her departure. While in Kalamazoo, she was employed at Kalamazoo Laundry from 1969 through 1977. In 1978, Girtha began working at Bronson Hospital, from which she retired after 17 years of service. After her retirement, she volunteered for Kalamazoo Senior Services for several years. Girtha was preceded in death by a sister, Mother Daisy L. King; and a brother, Bishop George Robinson.

Mother McMillian is survived by her loving husband of 33 years, Elder Oren McMillian; 5 children, Vivian (Johnson) Owens of Dallas, TX; Deniese Johnson Ray of Waynesboro, MS; Nathaniel (Denise) Johnson of Kalamazoo, MI; Dwane Johnson of Kalamazoo, MI; LeDesha McMillian of Kalamazoo, MI; 2 loving sisters, Juanita Taylor of Kalamazoo, MI and Mary Y. (Frankie) Taylor of Mobile, AL; 3 sister-in-laws, Joyce Robinson, Dorothy Young, and Clissie

Barnes; 1 brother-in-law, James F. King; 1 uncle, Thomas J. (Vivian) Dawkins of Citronelle, AL; 16 grandchildren, Joe Ray; Shawnte Johnson; Isiah Thomas; Dwane Jr. and Antwan Johnson; Nickolas Johnson; Darius Gardner; Kyle, Natalie, Joshua, Kandice, Naomi, Jacob, Martin, Jerimiah Johnson and Leathesia Cross; 5 great-grandchildren, Ajja Johnson, Aaliya Johnson, Braeden Ray, Mia Ray, and Jayden Johnson; and a host of nieces, nephews, cousins and friends. Also, a god-sister Georgia Bates; godchildren: Troy (Shannon) Lockett, Lee (Angie) Brooks, Kizzy Bradford and Deshayne McCashy; best friend, Mary J. Naylor; and a devoted friend (like a daughter), Ana L. Johnson.

# Previous Events

## Visitation

SEP **20**. 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

Faith Temple Church of God  
114 W. Allen Street  
Kalamazoo, MI

## Service

SEP **21**. 1:00 PM (ET)

The Galilee Baptist Church  
1216 N. Westnedge Avenue  
Kalamazoo, MI

# Tribute Wall



“ Harper Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Mother Girtha Lee McMillian



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**Harper Funeral Home** - September 16, 2009 at 12:00 AM



“ Mother Girtha Lee McMillian

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October 23, 2023 at 06:06 AM



“ Mother Girtha Lee McMillian

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October 06, 2023 at 10:42 AM



“ Dear Mother, From the day I met you I've learned so much. You always showed me LOVE! How to dress/carry myself like a lady, how to be Holy woman of god & how to raise my children in the fear of God! Every single piece of advice you gave me I recieved it and kept it in my heart. Especially during the times I had to preach & was so nervous. But you pulled me aside after & wispered in my ear words of encouragement (I'm proud of you, I enjoyed you greatly, That word was for me and so much more)! I will miss you greatly. Thus, I'm comforted in knowing you are at peace now. Thank you mama Girt for being in my life. Love Always, Sis Stephanie :-))###imported-begin###Evangelist Stephanie McKinnie-Jones###imported-end###

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September 22, 2009 at 11:48 AM



“ To the family, Ledesha, Mrs. Taylor, Shamesha, Bro. Nate, Aunt Pat, ....to all of you. Please know that you all are in our prayers. I will continue to pray and keep the faith, and you all do the same. If it is anything I can so please do not hesitate to call. I love all of you .I am leaving you with a gift—peace of mind and heart. And the peace I give is a gift the world cannot give. So don't be troubled or afraid." John 14:27###imported-begin###Diayhonne (DeeDee) Carver###imported-end###

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September 21, 2009 at 06:48 PM



“ Peace I leave with you, my peace I give unto you: not as the world giveth, give I unto you. Let not your heart be troubled, neither let it be afraid. John 14:27###imported-begin###Elder Nathaniel & Mother Margaret D. Smith###imported-end###

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September 21, 2009 at 09:27 AM



“ I cannot be therrere in person , but my prayers is with you doing your hour of bereavement

*He wiil keep you in perfect peace who's mind is stayed on him.*

*God bless you*

*with deepest symphany*

*Bishop Elect G. Moore##imported-begin##Bishop Elect George E. Moore, Sr.##imported-end##*

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September 21, 2009 at 07:26 AM



“ TO MY FAMILY MEMORIES ARE TREASURED NO ONE CAN STEAL. THIS IS A HEART ACHE ON ONE CAN HEAL . GOD KNOWS THE MANY ANSWERS TO THE QUESTIONS IN OUR HEART THE SUDDEN TEARS THAT START, GOD HAD TO TAKE YOU HOME AND WE SHOULDN'T QUESTION WHY HE KNOWS OUR SORROW WHEN WE SIT ALONE AND CRY I LOVE YOU ALL VERY MUCH YOUR GOD SISTER EVANGELIST GEORGIA BATES##imported-begin##Evangelist Georgia Bates##imported-end##

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September 20, 2009 at 03:15 PM



“ *Mother McMillian was like a second mother to me. I will miss her more than you can imagine. I thank God for the opportunity of knowing such a great woman for over 30 years. I am praying for the Mcmillian, Johnson, and Robinson family's that God may give you comfort during your time of bereavement. Heaven is rejoicing for having an Angel such as Mother Mcmillian. I love you all and please know I am here for you in your time of need.##imported-begin##Tammy Lockett##imported-end##*

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September 20, 2009 at 01:46 AM



“ *My daughter, Coleen Kelly, used to work with Girtha at Bronson. Coleen loved Girtha and Girtha was so kind and good to Coleen. She was a wonderful woman and I know all of her family and friends will miss her greatly.##imported-begin##Judith Johnson##imported-end##*

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September 19, 2009 at 05:55 PM



“ *Thank you for allowing me to be a part of your life and loving me. You will be greatly missed by the Henry Family.*

*Rodger, Brenda, Sean and Brittany##imported-begin##Evangelist Brenda Henry##imported-end##*

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September 17, 2009 at 11:02 PM