



## Mrs. Anita J. Turner

December 12, 1931 - November 11, 2008

Mrs. Anita J. Turner passed away on November 11, 2008 surrounded by her family. She was born on December 12, 1931 in Attalla, Alabama to Alex and Esther Kelley. “Jean” as she was so lovingly called by her family and friends; was raised in Kalamazoo, Mich. She graduated from Kalamazoo Central High School. After high school, Jean met and married J.C. Turner. Out of that marriage, they had three beautiful children: Joseph Kadell Turner, Anthony Joel Turner, and Denise Marchell Turner. For many years, Jean worked for Kalamazoo Paper, but her skillfulness or her calling in life came as an incredible homemaker. She was an extraordinary cook; quite often, she received numerous requests asking her to prepare her wonderful meals/desserts. She did her best to fulfill a vast number of those requests. She was a very giving, kind, and nurturing person. Jean accepted Christ into her life at an early age and has been a faithful member of Mount Zion Baptist Church since the 1960’s. She loved attending Mount Zion, going to Sunday school, bible class, and participating in the women’s day programs—she loved it. Her service and dedication came through her committed volunteer work at the church. She enjoyed working in the kitchen and keeping the church tidy. She was preceded in death by her loving parents, Alex and Esther Kelley, along with four brothers and six sisters. She leaves to cherish her memory her three children, Joseph (Jennifer) Turner of Jacksonville, Fla; Anthony (Amy) Turner, and Denise Turner all of Kalamazoo, MI; one sister, Mary Jewel Carr; two brothers, Robert (Irene) Kelley; and Otha Kelley, all of Kalamazoo; six

grandchildren; six great-grandchildren; two special nieces, Yvonne and Voncile; her dear friends, Clodie, Olivia, Aretha, Clara, Frances, and Gladys, and a large number of nieces, nephews and cousins.

# Previous Events

## Visitation

NOV 17. 4:00 PM - 7:00 PM (ET)

Harper Funeral Home Inc.  
521 Douglas Avenue  
Kalamazoo, MI

## Service

NOV 18. 1:00 PM (ET)

Mt Zion Baptist Church  
120 Roberson Street  
Kalamazoo, MI

# Tribute Wall



“ *Mrs. Anita J. Turner*

October 23, 2023 at 06:06 AM



“ *Mrs. Anita J. Turner*

October 06, 2023 at 10:42 AM



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