



## Mrs. Aretha Olivia Flinoil

April 29, 2009 - July 4, 2009

Mrs. Aretha Olivia Flinoil went home to be with the Lord, Saturday, July 4, 2009. She was born Aretha Olivia Hinton on April 29, 1928, in Little Rock, Arkansas. She accepted Christ at an early age. Mrs. Flinoil united in marriage to George L. Flinoil, Jr. September 4, 1953, in Little Rock, Arkansas. Aretha and her husband moved to Kalamazoo, Michigan in 1970. She joined Mt. Zion Baptist Church in 1970, and was an active member through June 2009. Aretha really loved worshipping the Lord, and she loved her church home and church family. She enjoyed listening to gospel music. Aretha also loved flowers. She was family oriented, and loved to spend time with her family. She will truly be missed by her family and friends. Aretha is preceded in death by her father, Willie Hinton, Sr.; her mother, Elvada Thomas-Hinton; and her sister, Clover Mae Nelson.

She leaves to cherish her memories: her husband, George L. Flinoil, Sr.; 4 children, Cy E. Flinoil, Wanda Flinoil-Noe, Ralph C. Flinoil, Wayne L. Flinoil; and Chamika L., who she raised as her daughter; 5 grandchildren; 7 great-grandchildren; a brother, Willie Hinton, of Kansas; a sister, a sister Flora Hinton, of Oswatomie, Kansas; and a host of friends, relatives and loved ones. She also leaves special friends Helen Truss, Evelyn Coleman, and Minister Ora Burns.

# Previous Events

## Service

JUL **10**. 1:00 PM (ET)

Mt Zion Baptist Church  
120 Roberson Street  
Kalamazoo, MI

# Tribute Wall



“ *Mrs. Aretha Olivia Flinoil*

October 23, 2023 at 06:06 AM



“ *Mrs. Aretha Olivia Flinoil*

October 06, 2023 at 10:42 AM



“ *Tracy Hawkins-Brown lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Aretha Olivia Flinoil*



**Tracy Hawkins-Brown** - September 29, 2016 at 02:39 AM



“ *Mom you will always live in my heart. I will miss you dearly. You fought a good fight.##imported-begin##Chamika Harris##imported-end##*

July 16, 2009 at 04:01 PM



“ I will always treasure my memories and pictures of Aunt Re. I loved when the family would visit us in KS almost every year. I'm like Aunt Re in not hesitating to say what's on our mind - I loved that about her. She would always begin telling you something by saying, "Girllll!"

*I'm glad I cam to visit early 2000, I had a great time with her & Uncle George. Sy, Wanda, Ralph, Wayne - you will be in my prayers!*

*Thanks for the laughs and the visits Aunt Re - you will be missed!##imported-begin##Marcella##imported-end##*

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July 15, 2009 at 02:20 PM



“ God Bless you and your Family.  
May the prayers, faith and strength of family and friends encourage and lift you during this time.##imported-begin##Rodger Henry & Family##imported-end##

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July 11, 2009 at 11:33 AM



“ Sis and Family,  
You have my love, thoughts, sympathy and prayers. Our loss is heaven's gain. One of these mornings, we'll meet and we'll just walk around heaven all day!##imported-begin##Willie McKinley Hinton Jr.##imported-end##

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July 10, 2009 at 05:00 PM



“ Words cannot express how I feel about Aunt Re, my look and act alike auntie. I'll miss you on this side, but I know we'll meet again. Circumstances not in my control demanded I stay here and take care of my daughter. I have no doubt though that I'll see my cousins and Uncle soon. God has a way of waking us up to what He put together a long time ago. Let's make the best of it, my precious family!##imported-begin##Dorthene Hinton Turner##imported-end##

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July 10, 2009 at 04:52 PM



“ Missing you Aunt Re. I hope this will remind our family that we should seek each other in happy and sad times. Let us use this time to reflect on our happiest times together. See ya soon. Johnny##imported-begin##Johnny Hinton##imported-end##

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July 10, 2009 at 04:48 PM



“ From childhood, we spent a lot of time together and enjoyed each other at play, work, and at church.....all a wonderful and glorious walk. We learned about the Lord at an early age. We worshipped together at the same church and enjoyed many services at Cherry Hill Baptist Church, England Ark. It was a blessing, our time together. I'll see you on the other side. Until then.....##imported-begin##Flora L. Hinton##imported-end##

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July 10, 2009 at 04:44 PM



“WoW...so many wonderful memories are coming up right now, as I look upon my beautiful aunt, and remember her contagious laughter. I remember as a kid, visiting her home in Junction City, KS, and having her play "Mustang Sally". She would sing along with the chorus, and when Wilson Pickett sang the refrain, she would join in "you gonna have to put your flat feet on the ground". And then she would break out into that laugh that will forever be in my heart.

*Aunt Re was straight, no chaser. What you saw was what you got. She didn't put on airs, or have her head in the air. She was just "real people", genuine and caring, with a bit of vulnerability that resided behind the strong armour of her countenance, boisterous voice and unyielding faith.*

*Her voice came to me earlier today, as I grappled with paying over \$1,000 to attend this service. "Don't you be paying no thousand dollars to come here, girl", she said in my head. "That's a lot of money". I realized then that I didn't need to move from where I am to say my goodbyes, and my hellos. That now is really the best time of all, when I can speak to Aunt Re whenever I want to, and where, undoubtedly, she will give me her opinion, whether I've asked for it or not! I love Aunt Re and will miss her dearly, but am excited that she is now in a place where she can be her true, sassy self...forever!##imported-begin##Lutishia Lovely##imported-end##*

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July 09, 2009 at 09:42 PM



“ MAY THE GREAT GOD OF THE HEAVENS AND EARTH BE WITH YOU AT THIS TIME. MAY HIS LOVE, COMFORT AND STRENGTH BE WITH YOU AND GIVE YOU PEACE. WE KNOW THERE WILL BE AN ADJUSTMENT TO THIS GREAT LOSS BUT GOD IS ABLE AND WILLING TO BLESS YOU THROUGH IT. THE JOY IS WE WILL MEET AGAIN.

LOVE AND PRAYERS ARE WITH YOU.##imported-begin##MR. & MRS. CLEOPHUS STURDIVANT##imported-end##

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July 09, 2009 at 06:28 PM