



## Mrs. Hester Smith

November 25, 1928 - July 8, 2008

Hester B. Lockett was born on November 25, 1928 in Greenwood, Mississippi the daughter of Elijah and Ola Lockett. She accepted Christ at an early age, and was a member Springhill Missionary Baptist Church, in Greenwood, MS. Hester married Aaron Sibley in 1945, and to that marriage her oldest son, Aaron Sibley Jr. was born. Although Hester loved the south and her family she traveled north to find better employment opportunities. She lived in Chicago and Detroit, where she completed nursing school, before settling in Kalamazoo, Michigan and that is where she met her husband Marvin Smith. Hester loved to garden, visit with friends and family, crafting and attending church. She was a faithful member of Mt. Zion Baptist Church, in Kalamazoo, MI, serving on the Usher Board until the stroke took her mobility in 1994. After her illness Hester began to volunteer at the Croyden Avenue School and worked with children who suffered from a variety of mental and physical impairments. Hester is predeceased by her loving husband Marvin Smith, who cared for her above and beyond his own health and wellbeing until his death in 2003.; her parents; her sister Vivian; brother Eddie; and great - granddaughter, Heaven.

She is survived by her children; Aaron (Ted Lockett) Sibley, Jr. and very special daughter-in-law, Sylvella Sibley; Maurice Shawn Smith (Yvonne); Sandra Dee Ivy, (Devon); 2 brothers, E.J. Lockett (Helen), of Greenwood, MS and Theodore Lockett (Sandy); and 1 very special sister, Ida Pearson

(Joe), all of Kalamazoo, MI; her grandchildren, Angela Hickmon (Julius); Erin Nicole Davis (Kevin); Arica Sibley; Theodore Phillips; and Kendle Ivy; great-grandchildren, Valerie Coakley, Janessa Boggan and Jordan Boggan; also her other grandchildren the Coakley's, Boggan's and White's. She also has a host of great-grandchildren, nieces and nephews who she loved very much.

# Previous Events

## Service

JUL 12. 12:00 PM (ET)

Mt Zion Baptist Church  
120 Roberson Street  
Kalamazoo, MI

# Tribute Wall



“ *Mrs. Hester Smith*

October 23, 2023 at 06:06 AM



“ *Mrs. Hester Smith*

October 06, 2023 at 10:42 AM



“ *My heart goes out to the family. My mother shared a room with Hester for a brief time and she was such a joy to be aorund. She will be missed.##imported-begin##Treaasa Hageman##imported-end##*

July 16, 2008 at 12:00 PM



“ *More than friends, you are more like family, to the Gants. You're kind spirit will always be remembered.*

*Gant Family*

*Houston, Tx.##imported-begin##Chris and Aisha Gant##imported-end##*

July 16, 2008 at 07:42 AM



“ Dear Shawn and Yvonne,  
Now I know why you gave me that extra hug while we were singing,  
just after you came in.  
We love you, and trust that you are experiencing the God of all  
comfort in your life today. And may you know His peace and joy now  
until you greet her again in Heaven.  
May God bless you and make you a blessing.  
Love,  
Ruth & Hilmar##imported-begin##Hilmar & Ruth  
Burgess##imported-end##

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July 14, 2008 at 08:00 AM



“ Shawn and Sandra-I am so sorry to hear about your mother  
passing. I was unaware until just now of her passing so I am sorry I  
did not make it to the funeral. I was looking at my for my friends obit  
and came across the information. I will plant a special flower in the  
garden for her. My deepest sympathy.##imported-begin##Sheree  
Riggleman##imported-end##

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July 12, 2008 at 03:06 PM



“ Ted and Sandy  
  
We are sorry for the loss of your sister.  
We are praying for you.  
  
Love Sylvia##imported-begin##Richard and Sylvia  
Davis##imported-end##

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July 12, 2008 at 09:41 AM



“ Hester was a volunteer at Croyden Avenue School and I was the receptionist at the school so I got to know Hester. Hester was a sweet person and I enjoyed our conversations. May God give you peace, comfort and strength.##imported-begin##Beth Maxson##imported-end##

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July 11, 2008 at 04:09 PM



“ TO THE FAMILY OF HESTER SMITH

SO SORRY TO HEAR OF YOUR LOSE, MY DEEPEST CONDOLENCES TO YOU. MAY SHE REST IN PEACE. IF THERE IS ANYTHING WE CAN HELP WITH, PLEASE LET US KNOW. YOU WILL BE IN MY PRAYERS.##imported-begin##Brenda Gant Moncrief##imported-end##

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July 11, 2008 at 11:28 AM



“ We want to send our heartfelt sympathy and our love.##imported-begin##Gant Family##imported-end##

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July 09, 2008 at 11:56 AM