



Mrs. Ollie Mattie Clotetia Woodard

September 5, 1920 - September 25, 2009

Mrs. Ollie Mattie Clotetia Woodard went home to be with the Lord on Friday, September 25, 2009. She was born September 5, 1920, in Cotton Plant, AR, to the union of Cornelius Freeman and Irene Pendelton. Ollie's life was a celebration of love, joy and laughter encompassing all who were in her presence. In 1938, Ollie married Joseph Woodard, and to this union nine children were born. During this time, she was a member of Rising Sun Baptist Church, serving as a Usher, in Scotts, MS. She moved to Kalamazoo, MI in 1965 and was summarily employed at Senior Citizens Home on Lovell Street. She later obtained employment at Paul E. Morrison Jewelers, where she remained until her retirement in 1982. After retirement, she traveled extensively throughout the United States and abroad, adding her personal flair to many world-renown casinos. She later became a member of Friendship Baptist Church, under the leadership of Rev. P.T. Tinsley (now under the leadership of Dr. Mark G. Justice), where she served on the Mother's Board. Throughout her life she never met a stranger. She was kind, friendly and generous person who through her own uniqueness filled all who met her with an unending sense of specialness and love. Ollie was preceded in death by her parents; her husband; five sisters; five brothers; one son (Joseph Jr.); five grandchildren; and one great-grandchild (Tyres Sykes). Ollie leaves to cherish her memories: Seven daughters, Clara Jean, Ollie, Jacqueline Stacy and Elaine Woodard all of Kalamazoo; Sarah Sykes, also of Kalamazoo; Clotetia Adams of Scotts, MS and Thadoshie (D.L.) Warren of Inkster, MI; one son,

Stevie Woodard of Kalamazoo; 28 grandchildren; 72 great-grandchildren and 50 great-great grandchildren; 12 nieces and nephews, Magnolia Cannon, Michelle, Tracey, Michael, and Micky Powell, Sallee Marbury, Teremus Thompson, Diane, Paul, Roy and Virginia Freeman, and Ivory Williams. She also leaves behind a host of cousins, grand-nieces and nephews, family and friends.

Previous Events

Visitation

SEP 30. 4:00 PM - 6:00 PM (ET)

Harper Funeral Home - Chapel
521 Douglas Avenue
Kalamazoo, MI

Service

OCT 1. 12:00 PM (ET)

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

Tribute Wall



“ Harper Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Mrs. Ollie Mattie Clotetia Woodard



Harper Funeral Home - September 25, 2009 at 12:00 AM



“ Mrs. Ollie Mattie Clotetia Woodard

October 23, 2023 at 06:06 AM



“ Mrs. Ollie Mattie Clotetia Woodard

October 06, 2023 at 10:42 AM



“ omq ' everytime i look at this tears rush down my face . ily so uich granny & imuu . you will never be forgotten & you will always be in my heart . i know your in a better place but i hate to wake up & knowing i cant hear your voice or see your face . - Love Dejanique ' With Love

Dejanique Woodard - January 12, 2012 at 08:35 PM



“ Aunt Ollie I love you and will miss you dearly. Tell my mom I love her when you get to the Kingdom. Thanks for all you have done for me in my family in St.Louis and I know that they will miss you too. Ellen, Harold, and Jaban Fraction out of St.Louis Mo. My sister and brothers.

Love you forever

Marvin Jene Fraction Jr.##imported-begin##Marvin J. Fraction Jr.##imported-end##

October 24, 2009 at 12:57 PM



“ TO SARAH AND FAMILY LOOK TO THE LORD... MRS OLLIE REST IN PEACE THE ABBOTT FAMILY##imported-begin##DORIS ABBOTT##imported-end##

October 07, 2009 at 07:01 PM



“ Stacy, I remember your mother well. Such a sweet woman who was fun to be around. Wishing I could be there to put my arms around you and wipe your tears. You are in my prayers my friend. Hold your head high, you had a great mother!##imported-begin##Bradley J. Gardner##imported-end##

October 05, 2009 at 03:13 PM



“ My deepest sympathy and love goes out to the Woodard family. Couldn't make it to the funeral, but our thoughts and prayers were and will always be with you all.

The Russell Family##imported-begin##Regina Russell##imported-end##

October 04, 2009 at 10:52 AM



“ Stacey, Donnell, Pat, Steve, Jerry, Charles, and all my Patwood family,

The Lord don't make no mistakes. The trials that we go through are to bring us closer to the Lord. to be absent form the body is to be present with the Lord. Sorry I can't be with you all on this day to share in the celebration of this home going. My prayers are with you.

your sister in Christ

Lady##imported-begin##Lee (Lady) Bridges##imported-end##

September 30, 2009 at 09:28 PM



“ may god bless you and all the family. you are in our prayers. love you , from charles and bonnie brandon##imported-begin##charles and bonnie brandon##imported-end##

September 30, 2009 at 09:15 PM



“ Momma you will be missed, God got a better plan for you. You will be in my heart always. Love Stean and Family!!!!##imported-begin##Thadoshie Warren AKA Stean Inkster,MI##imported-end##

September 30, 2009 at 07:08 PM



“ Miss ollie i will alway's miss you dearly love alway's annie grandson##imported-begin##Devante Townsell -Annie Grand son a.k.a Nuky##imported-end##

September 30, 2009 at 06:58 PM



“ OUR PRAYER'S GO OUT TO YOU ALL .GOD KNOW'S BEST.
LOVE YOU ALL ,THE WILLIAMS /FAMILY##imported-
begin##GEORGIA WILLIAMS##imported-end##

September 30, 2009 at 04:06 PM



“ U will always be deeply missed Granny. To my family: I will continue
to pray for the strength of everyone and for the Lord to keep his
arms around us. I will always miss singing to Granny. SHe would
always ask, "Where my sangin child at?" Lord knows we all love u
deeply and I will continue singing for the lord just like u want me to
granny. Now to Him who is able to do far more abundantly beyond
all that we ask or think, according to the power that works within us,
May he grant us the serenity and strenght to keep the family strong.
I love You all..Love Neesha##imported-
begin##Laneesha##imported-end##

September 29, 2009 at 04:19 PM



“ To My Family in Kalamazoo,
I am sending my heartfelt sympathy in the loss of our Mother. Yes Aunt Ollie is my mother too because we have all been brought up as children of Tee, Aunt Irma, Aunt Ollie, Uncle Sammy, Aunt RC and all the brothers and Sisters of the most loving group of men and women that ever walked the planet earth. Yes , I know that we were blessed the day we were born to have such incredible Family and it is now our time to carry on that legacy. I am deeply saddened that I will not be there to share the love and celebration of another one of my mothers going home. I want you all to know how much I love you and feel a part of the greater Thompson-Freeman clan and know that we will see our loved ones again just like old times in a much better place. I Love You All!!! Your Cousin "Jeff"###imported-begin###Teremus ###imported-end###

September 28, 2009 at 02:58 PM



“ We will miss the quick humor the infectious smile, the warm caring manner and the love for everyone. May you forever abide in the presence of the almighty God.###imported-begin###Curtis and Ruth Raines###imported-end###

September 26, 2009 at 11:33 AM