



Mrs. Ocelia Gilleylen

December 21, 1930 - December 12, 2016

Mrs. Ocelia Gilleylen was born December 21, 1930 in Aberdeen, Mississippi to the late Walter and Mary Dobbs. While in Mississippi, Ocelia attended Athens School and later in life, married Douglas Ray Gilleylen in 1951, and to this union three children were born: Marvin Gilleylen, Patricia (Gilleylen) Moore, and Dennis Gilleylen.

For several years she served as a church secretary at Tabernacle Church Of God In Christ under the leadership of the late Bishop Robert Hill. She also worked at a local candy shop and served as a nurse's aide at Matheson nursing home. While she held many important jobs, her most loved was being a mother to her three children! In her leisure she enjoyed cooking, sewing, and reading her Bible. Ocelia truly loved the Lord, and even in her last days she was seen raising her hand to praise His name. She loved others unconditionally, and those who knew her would say the same.

Ocelia was preceded in death by her father Walter Dobbs and her mother Mary Dobbs; brothers, Willis Dobbs, Ervin Dobbs, Walter Dobbs Jr., Isiah Dobbs, L. C. Dobbs, Prentice Dobbs and John Henry Dobbs; sisters Lizzie Smith and Willie Bell Dobbs and granddaughter Latoya Gilleylen.

She leaves to cherish her memory; husband of sixty-five years, Douglas Gilleylen of Kalamazoo, Michigan; sons Marvin (Barbara) Gilleylen Sr. of

Kalamazoo, Michigan and Dennis (Renee) Gilleylen of Kalamazoo, Michigan; daughter Patricia (Kelvin) Moore of Kalamazoo, Michigan; grandchildren Troy (Michelle) Gilleylen of Battle Creek, Michigan, Marvin Gilleylen Jr. of San Antonio, Texas, Darien Gilleylen of Atlanta, Georgia, Dennis Gilleylen Jr. of California, Sharayl and Jaylin Moore of Kalamazoo, Michigan and, Andrew and Jaxson Gilleylen of Three Rivers, Michigan; ten great grandchildren; sister Mary Ellen (Dobbs) Acker of Aberdeen Mississippi; brother Bernice Dobbs of Aberdeen, Mississippi; a host of nieces and nephews; and special friends Henry and Loretta Grayson, Mother Lessie Moore, Mother Mary Carver, and Mother Pearlie Kirk, all of Kalamazoo, Michigan. Ocelia was truly loved and will be greatly missed by her family and friends!

Cemetery Details

Riverside Cemetery

1015 Gull Rd
Kalamazoo, MI 49048-1733
(269) 337-8227

Previous Events

Visitation

DEC **22**. 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM (ET)

Tabernacle Church Of God In Christ
3210 Virginia Avenue
Kalamazoo, MI

A Service in Loving Memory

DEC **22**. 12:00 PM (ET)

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Tribute Wall



“ Harper Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Mrs. Ocelia Gilleylen



Harper Funeral Home - December 21, 2016 at 09:20 PM



Evangelist Ruth

I am so sorry for your loss. Mother Gilleylen was one of the sweetest people I knew. My deepest condolences to the family.

Evangelist Ruth Ross - January 04, 2017 at 07:14 PM



“ Mrs. Ocelia Gilleylen

October 23, 2023 at 06:06 AM



“ Mrs. Ocelia Gilleylen

October 06, 2023 at 10:42 AM



“ Merita Wilson lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Ocelia Gilleylen



Merita Wilson - December 22, 2016 at 12:22 AM

PT

“ *...Weeping May tarry for the night, but joy comes with the morning. Praying for the Gilleylen family, Ocelia will be greatly miss. Patricia Thomas and the Buchanan Family*

Patricia Thomas - December 21, 2016 at 10:28 PM

PT

“ *Patricia Thomas lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Ocelia Gilleylen*



Patricia Thomas - December 21, 2016 at 10:20 PM

MR

“ *Words can not express the sadness we feel in the passing of our neighbor and like family for over 40 years. We know weeping may endure for a night but joy will come in the morning. May it help to know we are praying for you at this time. Hubert and Modean Reeves*

Modean Reeves - December 21, 2016 at 10:03 PM

JO

“ *To Gilleyen and Moore family. Sorry about the loss of your loved one. We are praying for you family.*

john - December 21, 2016 at 05:42 PM



“ *Karest Willis-Brown lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Ocelia Gilleylen*



Karest Willis-Brown - December 20, 2016 at 04:35 PM

SH

“ *Sheila lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Ocelia Gilleylen*



Sheila - December 20, 2016 at 02:35 PM

DF

“ *Dallas Boards And Family lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Ocelia Gilleylen*



Dallas Boards and Family - December 20, 2016 at 01:29 PM

MS

“ *Much love.....miss you mom. Duane*



Marvin D Gilleylen Sr - December 19, 2016 at 06:06 PM

PT

“ *Ocelia embrace me with a hug and her beautiful smile. You were a wonderful grandmother to Troy and always a friend to me, you will be miss. Rest in Peace. Patricia Thomas and family*

Patricia Thomas - December 19, 2016 at 01:03 PM

AB

“ *Arlene Buchanan lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Ocelia Gilleylen*



Arlene Buchanan - December 19, 2016 at 07:42 AM

CW

“ *C Walker lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Ocelia Gilleylen*



C Walker - December 18, 2016 at 08:59 PM



“ *Elizabeth Tucker sent a virtual gift in memory of Mrs. Ocelia Gilleylen*



Elizabeth Tucker - December 18, 2016 at 05:47 PM

LC

“ *Lillie Cotton lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Ocelia Gilleylen*



Lillie Cotton - December 18, 2016 at 06:41 AM

LC

Sha and Patty, praying for you as you go through this life transition. Sending much love and hugs

Lillie Cotton - December 18, 2016 at 06:45 AM

JB

“ *J.L. & Terry Buchanan lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Ocelia Gilleylen*



J.L. & Terry Buchanan - December 17, 2016 at 07:47 PM

BP

“ *Barbara McPherson- Phillips lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Ocelia Gilleylen*



Barbara McPherson- Phillips - December 17, 2016 at 06:45 PM

BP

Our condolences go out to the Gilleylen/Moore family. McPherson.Family

Barbara McPherson- Phillips - December 17, 2016 at 06:48 PM