



Ms. Olaray Perkins

February 26, 1932 - June 4, 2019

****NOTE: PLEASE SEE VISITATION & FUNERAL SERVICE LOCATION WILL BE AT MT. ZION BAPTIST CHURCH, 120 Roberson Street, Kalamazoo, MI 49007

Note: Visitation and Funeral Service Times & Location Listed BelowFull Obituary will be available soon****Full Obituary is below***

Olaray Perkins, also lovingly known as “Ray” went home to be with the Lord on Friday, June 4, 2019. She was born in February 26, 1932 the daughter Tommie and Willie Mae Young in Oceola, AR. She moved to Chicago, IL and then relocated to Kalamazoo, MI in the 1960’s.

She accepted Christ as her personal Savior and became a member of Mt. Zion Baptist Church in Kalamazoo, MI and later became a member of Second Baptist Church under the leadership of Rev. Dr. M.W. Wright.

She loved children and was a dedicated child care provider for many years. She enjoyed working with children very much and would volunteer to assist anyone with a childcare need. As a grandmother, she enjoyed spending time and pouring into her grandchildren and great grandchildren with her time and wisdom.

She loved watching soap operas and enjoyed listening to music especially the blues. She was a person who never held a grudge against anyone and was very forgiving. She enjoyed life to its fullest and never took anything for granted. She was a giving and nurturing woman who would do things for her family and friends without being asked to. She will truly be missed by her children as well as her grandchildren and extended family.

She is preceded in death by her parents; her grandson, William A.P. Brown II; 3 brothers, Jimmie Charles Reese, Robert Louis Young and Tommy (aka Tommie "TJ") Young Jr.; and four sisters, Aslene Cash, Margaret Couvillion, Lurita Green and Gwendolyn Johnson.

She leaves to cherish her memory: her son, Charles (Laurie) Perkins; a daughter, Margaret (Darnell) Perkins; 9 grandchildren, Tamia Perkins, Charles Perkins IV; Marcus Perkins and Myeisha Prewitt and Ieisha Prewitt; Ava Perkins; Antaneisha Fox and Ondrea Hughes; 7 great grandchildren, Serenity, Marcus Jr., Devante, Emiliano, Analeah, Jaziya and Azad; and a host of nieces and nephews other relatives friends.

Cemetery Details

Riverside Cemetery

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

Previous Events

Visitation

JUN 14. 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM (ET)

Mt. Zion Baptist Church
120 Roberson Street
kalamazoo, MI 49007-3557

A Service in Loving Memory

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Tribute Wall



“ Harper Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Ms. Olaray Perkins



Harper Funeral Home - June 13, 2019 at 08:50 PM



“ Ms. Olaray Perkins

October 23, 2023 at 06:06 AM



“ Ms. Olaray Perkins

October 06, 2023 at 10:42 AM



“ Crystal Bell lit a candle in memory of Ms. Olaray Perkins

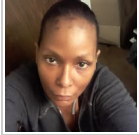


Crystal Bell - July 02, 2019 at 10:56 PM



“ Sending my condolences to you all.

Crystal Bell - July 02, 2019 at 10:56 PM



“ *My Condolences To The Perkins Family .May God Be Your Strength & Protector .*



Areatha Ford - June 23, 2019 at 02:01 PM



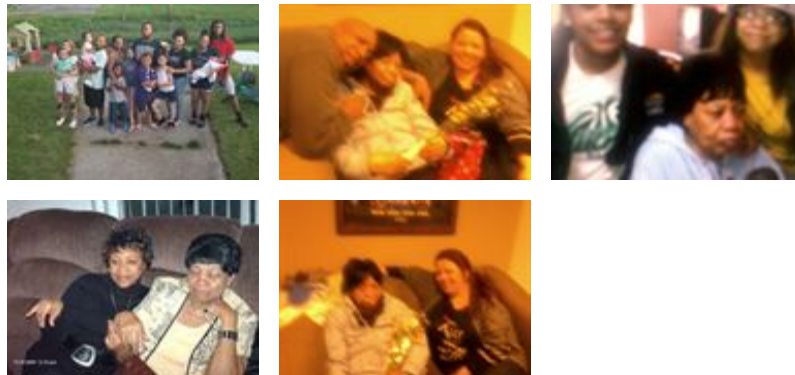
“ *Helen Word lit a candle in memory of Ms. Olaray Perkins*



Helen Word - June 13, 2019 at 01:03 PM



“ *12 files added to the album Life Tributes*



Harper Funeral Home - June 12, 2019 at 09:31 PM

LG

“ *Linda Gould lit a candle in memory of Ms. Olaray Perkins*



Linda Gould - June 12, 2019 at 08:02 PM

CH

“ *Charisse Hurt lit a candle in memory of Ms. Olaray Perkins*



Charisse Hurt - June 11, 2019 at 11:23 AM

RF

“ *RIP Auntie Rae you will be missed but never forgotten forever in our hearts. From the Reese's*

Reese Family - June 11, 2019 at 01:05 AM

YR

“ *Yvonne Heltzel - Reese lit a candle in memory of Ms. Olaray Perkins*



Yvonne Heltzel - Reese - June 11, 2019 at 01:01 AM

MR

“ *Modean Reeves lit a candle in memory of Ms. Olaray Perkins*



Modean Reeves - June 10, 2019 at 10:45 PM

TF

“ *The Walker Family lit a candle in memory of Ms. Olaray Perkins*



The Walker Family - June 10, 2019 at 05:49 PM

CP

“ *CINDY PHILLIPS lit a candle in memory of Ms. Olaray Perkins*



CINDY PHILLIPS - June 10, 2019 at 02:31 PM

GS

“ *Gaila Smith lit a candle in memory of Ms. Olaray Perkins*



Gaila Smith - June 09, 2019 at 04:07 PM

PG

“ *Pauline Gardner lit a candle in memory of Ms. Olaray Perkins*



Pauline Gardner - June 09, 2019 at 10:48 AM

SW

“ *Selena Walker lit a candle in memory of Ms. Olaray Perkins*



Selena Walker - June 09, 2019 at 08:51 AM

HB

“ *Helen (Mills) Brooks lit a candle in memory of Ms. Olaray Perkins*



Helen (Mills) Brooks - June 08, 2019 at 10:50 AM

JP

“ *James And Barbara Phillips lit a candle in memory of Ms. Olaray Perkins*



James and Barbara Phillips - June 08, 2019 at 09:02 AM

TF

“ *The Daniel Family lit a candle in memory of Ms. Olaray Perkins*



The Daniel Family - June 07, 2019 at 05:55 PM

HB

“ *Hal & Janet Buchanan lit a candle in memory of Ms. Olaray Perkins*



Hal & Janet Buchanan - June 07, 2019 at 05:53 PM

DF

“ *Dallas Boards And Family lit a candle in memory of Ms. Olaray Perkins*



Dallas Boards and family - June 07, 2019 at 04:59 PM