



Mrs. Ophia Dee Bledsoe

September 22, 1929 - February 20, 2025

The Obituary

Mrs. Ophia Dee Bledsoe departed this life on February 20, 2025 in Kalamazoo, Michigan. She was born on September 22, 1929 to the union of Coleman Kelly and Laura (Sylvester) Kelly in Pulaski, IL, where she grew up. Ophia married Roscoe E. Bledsoe and to this union they raised 4 children (Ivy and Gersteen Sherrod, Carol A. Price and Roscoe Jr.) in Berrien Springs, MI, where she resided for over 65 years. Ophia was employed by Simplicity Pattern Company in Niles, Michigan for over 40 years, later retiring in 1990. She also worked at the Berrien County Fair Grounds during the fair season for several years.

Ophia is preceded in death by her parents, Coleman and Laura Kelly; siblings, Annie Marshall, Rosalee Brown, Lillian Flower and T.C. Horton, Floyd Kelly, Edward Kelly and Melvin Kelly; a daughter, Carol Price; a son Roscoe Jr.; and granddaughter, Lynette Y. Dunigan.

She leaves to cherish her memory, one daughter, Gersteen Sherrod of Kalamazoo, MI; along with 3 grandchildren, Terrence Sherrod and Tanya Sherrod both of Kalamazoo, MI and Kelle Price of Ft. Wayne, IN; one sister, Vernice Jefferson and brother, Andrew Kelly both of Benton Harbor, MI. Ophia lived to see 5 generations of her family. She leaves great-great grandchildren along with a host of nieces, nephews, cousins, other relatives and many

loving friends. When asked how she wanted to be remembered she said, "I serve Jehovah not man."

Burial will take place at Rose Hill Cemetery in Berrien Springs later this year.

At her request there will be no services.

Thanks to Centrica Hospice Care and employees of Lake House along with family and friends.

*NOTE: A DVD Tribute will be available soon

Tribute Wall



“ Harper Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Mrs. Ophia Dee Bledsoe



Harper Funeral Home - March 05, 2025 at 11:45 PM

SH

❤️ *It's impossible to capture who you were in just a few words. But I am truly grateful to have known you and experienced first hand your unconditional love. Your smile was contagious. Faith unwavering. Take your rest Grandma Dee. Forever in our hearts. We love you ❤️*

Shanedia - March 06, 2025 at 08:46 PM

TA

You will truly be missed. Love always my bonus Grandma.

Torina Allen - March 07, 2025 at 03:17 PM

BM

Our condolences from the Rodgers family. Our heart goes out. Our mom's was great friends. Their candles were blown out, but they're still here with us and memories.

Barbara McGee - March 24, 2025 at 05:28 PM

ML

“ I pray the family is finding peace and comfort after losing an angel so dear in the hearts of many. Love and God Bless!!❤️🌹



Michael and Lois (Rodgers) Renner- Lewis - March 24, 2025 at 07:13 PM

AS

“ Grandma you were the sweetest, you were the true example of a role model. You were always the same and so loving. I cooked spinach and became very emotional thinking of you and how you enjoyed my spinach. You will be missed dearly and loved forever. Your great granddaughter, Alicia.



Alicia Sherrod - March 16, 2025 at 12:16 PM

GS

Thanks. How loving ❤️. She loved you so much.

Gersteen Sherrod - April 24, 2025 at 01:57 PM

ML

“ Mary Ligon-Goens lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Ophia Dee Bledsoe



Mary Ligon-Goens - March 11, 2025 at 01:30 AM

TS

“ 5 Generations 🍷❤️🍷❤️🍷❤️🍷❤️
We Never Be Forgotten Grandma!



Tanya Sherrod - March 08, 2025 at 04:00 PM

JW

“ 2 files added to the tribute wall



Julie Wilken - March 06, 2025 at 03:56 PM

DH

Beautiful memories, of a special friend ,, who will be missed ,, paradise is coming soon. !!!!

dianna hecht - March 10, 2025 at 09:10 PM

PG

“ Pauline Gardner lit a candle in memory of Ophia Bledsoe



Pauline Gardner - March 06, 2025 at 08:32 AM

TS

“ Grandma Dee you will forever reign in my Heart! I'm so Grateful to have had you as a stellar example of the Grandma that just doesn't exist anymore. You taught me so many things cooking crocheting sewing gardening even driving. If I'm half the Grandma you were to me to my only Granddaughter (your little 4 year old friend) Rylee Genesis Hunt, then I will be able to say I did great job. 🙌 You loved and looked out for your family countless times. I will miss our hair setting afternoons of more than 30 years and the only butternut squash pie we made together from scratch when I was skeptical yet to my surprise it tasted so good!! Your Worthy to celebrate, yet your wishes are being honored. Your still teaching how to stay humble even after 97 years. Now you Rest Well with Jehovah. Your love reached 5 Generations at every level!! I will miss you dearly. THANK YOU for all the times you sacrificed to make sure your family was taken care of. I will see you again. Until then keep watching over all of us.



Tanya Sherrod - March 03, 2025 at 08:33 PM