



## Ms. Phyllis V. Clarke

May 3, 1951 - February 26, 2012

Phyllis V. Clarke died February 26, 2012 at her home in Kalamazoo, Michigan. Ms. Clarke was born May 3, 1951, in South Haven, Michigan, to James Sr. and Betty J. Clarke. Phyllis was a strong willed lady has seen many things in her lifetime and could accomplish anything she wanted too. At a very early age, cooking and taking care of her family was her incredible strength. Anyone who had the opportunity to taste her cooking would never miss a meal. Phyllis's many years of cooking exceptional "soul food" accompanied with her time preparing food for the Nuns at Nazareth College in Kalamazoo, gave us all the "flavor" of her unique style. Phyllis had recently retired from Parker Hannifin in Kalamazoo after 30 years of employment. She was very proud of the work she did in inspections and quality control. There was even a recent opportunity that she might do some consulting work with the company. Phyllis loved to fish and traveled throughout the United States as part of her enjoyments. In addition to her love for life, golfing, camping, motorcycling and her gardening brought her great happiness. Phyllis was married for 18 years to Gerald Simmons (divorced) having one son, Christopher (wife, Kellie) Simmons. She is survived by her son; mother, Betty J. Clark; two brothers, James Jr. (fiance' Beverly Wilborn) and Jayme Clarke; one grandson, Preston Simmons, one step grandson, Tyler Leonard; 7 nieces, Desiree, Crystal, Kayln and Kyra Clarke; Maij Arnold and Ebone and Brittany Wilborn; three nephews, Darcell, Jayme 2nd and Perrier Clarke.\*\*\*\*\*NOTE:\*\*\*\*\*At the request of the family, no flowers will be accepted. If you would like to send

condolences please make a charitable remark to your local charity in Phyllis V. Clarke's behalf. Please feel free to leave any comments on Phyllis's face book site: <https://www.facebook.com/pages/Phyllis-V-Clarke/329233577123329> or you can search on Facebook for Phyllis V. Clarke.

# Previous Events

## Service

MAR 7. 6:00 PM - 7:00 PM (ET)

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# Tribute Wall



“ Harper Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Ms. Phyllis V. Clarke



Harper Funeral Home - February 26, 2012 at 12:00 AM



“ Ms. Phyllis V. Clarke

October 23, 2023 at 06:06 AM



“ Ms. Phyllis V. Clarke

October 06, 2023 at 10:42 AM



“ lit a candle in memory of Ms. Phyllis V. Clarke



March 07, 2012 at 12:54 PM



R.I.P. My Friend

March 07, 2012 at 01:00 PM

CJ

“ Please know that I will miss you. I have Never Ever known a woman with the strength that you possessed and the courage to overcome all that was dealt to you. We had Crazy fun and Crazy sad times together. Our late night chats about anything and everything, the fact that you came to my rescue and didn't even know me speaks volumes about just how really big your heart was and I will miss you and I thank You from the bottom of my heart for all that you did for me. I love you sister from another mother! I would also like to express my deepest sympathy to the entire family over their loss, Jimmy, Beverly, Mrs Clarke, Mr. Christopher Simmons, Mrs Simmons, and grandson and of course to Jayme. I miss you too Jim and Bev. I am so truly sorry.  
Love, Char

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**Char Judd** - March 05, 2012 at 09:52 AM