



Mrs Queen Esther Fountain

February 21, 1929 - August 3, 2019

****PLEASE NOTE: Visitation Times & Location (with Tribute from the Eastern Stars Organization during portion of visitation at funeral home)

Also, Funeral Service Location & Time Listed Below****

Mrs. Queen Esther Hobbs was born on February 21, 1929 in Fannin, Mississippi the fourteenth of fourteen children born to the late Hardy Hobbs and Lillie King Hobbs. On the morning of August 3, 2019, Mother Fountain transitioned to eternal life.

Queen Esther Hobbs graduated from New Hymn High School in Pinola, Mississippi on April 1947. She then became a part of the Great Migration” moving to Kalamazoo, Michigan in 1947. In the same year, she met the love of her life, Hurvey (lovingly known as “Jack” or “Pete”) Fountain. They were united in Holy Matrimony on November 25, 1948 and to this union five children were born. They were married for over 65 years.

Queen Esther Fountain was a dedicated wife and homemaker who also worked outside of the home most notably at J.C. Penney and Old Kent Bank in Kalamazoo.

Mother Queen Esther accepted Christ at a very early age. She was a member of Galilee Baptist Church for over 50 years, where she served in various

capacities including the Mother's Board and Mission Board. In December of 2008, she was honored with a Proverbs Virtuous Woman Award and in 2015 she was honored by her pastor, Dr. Michael T. Scott, Sr. who presented her with a plaque for her faithful and dedicated service.

Queen Esther Fountain began her community involvement on November 17, 1964 after joining the Zorah Chapter Order of the Easter Star, P.H.A. Jurisdiction of Michigan. This led to a membership in the Order of The Golden Circle, Faith Assembly #63 and Al Zahir Court #141. She actively served in these organizations in various roles until she was no longer able to serve.

Queen Esther was the neighborhood representative for the March of Dimes and the Red Cross for which she faithfully mailed envelopes to her neighbors every spring. She was supportive of her children and grandchildren as they grew up, being known for her chocolate chip cookies and making the best toast with jelly in the world.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Hurvey James Fountain Sr.; sons, Hurvey James Fountain Jr. and Steven Louis Fountain; 12 siblings, Avie Hobbs, Daisy Mitchell, Annie Bell Weathers, Louise Scott, Ella Mae Miller, Lou Della Hobbs, Hardy Hobbs, Louis Hobbs, Oscar Hobbs, Bud Hobbs, Sidney Hobbs and Emma Ruth McCoy.

Mother Queen Esther Fountain leaves to cherish her memory: daughter, Jackie Smith of Chicago, IL; sons, Gregory Fountain Sr. and Gary Fountain both of Kalamazoo; grandchildren, Hurvey III, Antoinette, Gregory Jr., Ryan (Genesis), and Marissa; 5 great grandchildren; 6 great-great grandchildren and 1 great-great-great grandson; one sister, Fannie Jane Barbour of Kalamazoo; a special nephew, Melvin (Helen) Fountain and a host of family and friends.

Cemetery Details

Mt. Ever-Rest Cemetery (North)

1717 Drake Road
Kalamazoo, MI

Previous Events

Visitation

AUG 11. 4:00 PM - 5:00 PM (ET)

Harper Funeral Home - Chapel
521 Douglas Avenue
Kalamazoo, MI

Eastern Star Funeral Service Presentation

AUG 11. 5:00 PM - 6:00 PM (ET)

Harper Funeral Home - Chapel
521 Douglas Avenue
Kalamazoo, MI

Visitation

AUG 12. 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM (ET)

The Galilee Baptist Church
1216 North Westnedge Avenue
Kalamazoo, MI 49007

A Service in Loving Memory

AUG 12. 12:00 PM (ET)

The Galilee Baptist Church
1216 North Westnedge Avenue
Kalamazoo, MI 49007

Tribute Wall



“ Harper Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Mrs Queen Esther Fountain



Harper Funeral Home - August 11, 2019 at 10:22 AM



“ Mrs Queen Esther Fountain

October 23, 2023 at 06:06 AM



“ Mrs Queen Esther Fountain

October 06, 2023 at 10:42 AM



“ Bari Brown lit a candle in memory of Mrs Queen Esther Fountain



Bari Brown - August 19, 2019 at 08:41 PM

MJ

“ *Mary (Mitchell) Johnson lit a candle in memory of Mrs Queen Esther Fountain*



Mary (Mitchell) Johnson - August 13, 2019 at 04:01 PM

FF

“ *Fields Family sent a virtual gift in memory of Mrs Queen Esther Fountain*



Fields Family - August 12, 2019 at 01:52 PM

EF

“ *Earline Fields And Family sent a virtual gift in memory of Mrs Queen Esther Fountain*



Earline Fields and Family - August 12, 2019 at 01:49 PM



“ *Margaret Smith sent a virtual gift in memory of Mrs Queen Esther Fountain*



Margaret Smith - August 12, 2019 at 10:57 AM



“ 3 files added to the album Life Tributes



Harper Funeral Home - August 11, 2019 at 03:54 PM



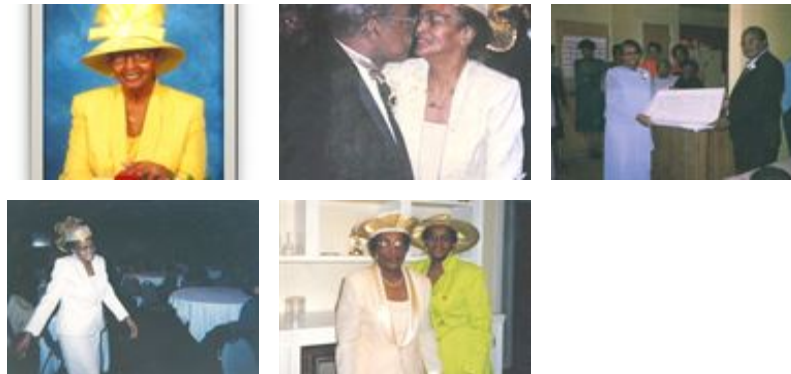
“ It was, indeed, a pleasure to serve with you at House of Prayer COGIC under the late Adm Ezell Plair, Jr. During my tenure as Dist Missionary, you were a “Pillar” of a Church Mother and great to serve with 🙌🙌 I offer my love and prayers to the family 🙏 during this time of Bereavement ~ God Bless!



Jearleen Willis - August 11, 2019 at 02:53 PM



“ 65 files added to the album Life Tributes



Harper Funeral Home - August 11, 2019 at 10:11 AM

RW

“ R. J. And Anita McKinney Wilkerson lit a candle in memory of Mrs Queen Esther Fountain



R. J. and Anita McKinney Wilkerson - August 09, 2019 at 07:54 PM

JH

“ Jerry Harris lit a candle in memory of Mrs Queen Esther Fountain



Jerry Harris - August 09, 2019 at 12:33 PM

MV

“ Mignon A Vincent lit a candle in memory of Mrs Queen Esther Fountain



Mignon A Vincent - August 09, 2019 at 07:34 AM

JH

“ Jerry Harris lit a candle in memory of Mrs Queen Esther Fountain



Jerry Harris - August 09, 2019 at 12:59 AM

KP

“ *Kathy Phillips lit a candle in memory of Mrs Queen Esther Fountain*



Kathy Phillips - August 08, 2019 at 07:36 PM

VA

“ *Victor & Margo Anderson lit a candle in memory of Mrs Queen Esther Fountain*



Victor & Margo Anderson - August 08, 2019 at 06:27 PM

HW

“ *Helen Word lit a candle in memory of Mrs Queen Esther Fountain*



Helen Word - August 08, 2019 at 06:05 PM

MR

“ *Modean Reeves lit a candle in memory of Mrs Queen Esther Fountain*



Modean Reeves - August 08, 2019 at 05:19 PM

B(

“ *Barbara Phillips (McPherson) lit a candle in memory of Mrs Queen Esther Fountain*



Barbara Phillips (McPherson) - August 08, 2019 at 03:33 PM

TF

“ *The Daniel Family lit a candle in memory of Mrs Queen Esther Fountain*



The Daniel Family - August 08, 2019 at 09:50 AM

HB

“ *Hal & Janet Buchanan lit a candle in memory of Mrs Queen Esther Fountain*



Hal & Janet Buchanan - August 08, 2019 at 09:47 AM

PG

“ *Pauline Gardner lit a candle in memory of Mrs Queen Esther Fountain*



Pauline Gardner - August 08, 2019 at 08:16 AM

PF

“ *Patterson Family lit a candle in memory of Mrs Queen Esther Fountain*



Patterson Family - August 07, 2019 at 05:33 PM

HB

“ *Helen (Mills) Brooks sent a virtual gift in memory of Mrs Queen Esther Fountain*



Helen (Mills) Brooks - August 07, 2019 at 05:24 PM

DF

“ *Dallas Boards And Family lit a candle in memory of Mrs Queen Esther Fountain*



Dallas Boards and family - August 07, 2019 at 03:42 PM