



## Thelma Mae Echols

July 5, 1932 - December 3, 2014

Mrs. Thelma Mae Echols departed this life Wednesday, December 3, 2014 at Heartland Health Care Center in Kalamazoo, MI. She was born July 5, 1932 in Meridian, MS to Booker T. Hearn and Thelma Mae Arrington.

Thelma confessed Christ at an early age. She moved to Kalamazoo and later united in holy matrimony to Thaddis Echols, her loving husband of 60 years. She moved to Kalamazoo where she became employed at James River Paper Company as a machine operator for 27 years, until her retirement.

Thelma became a member of Galilee Baptist Church, where she was a faithful member since the leadership of Rev. Mabry Gardner. She was a Emeritus Mother in the church.

Thelma enjoyed volunteering at the Ecumenical Senior Center, where she also spent most of her time. Thelma was an avid bowler, who played in several leagues and won many trophies. She also loved cooking and spending time with family and friends.

She was preceded in death by her parents; her husband, Thaddis Echols; two sons, Michael Mann and Ronald Echols; and one brother, Booker T. Hearn, Jr.

She leaves to cherish her memories, her loving children, Robert Mann,

Sharon Ann Russell, Kenneth Mann and George E. Fitzpatrick; two daughter-in-laws, Diane Mann and Betty Fitzpatrick; one son-in-law, Benny Russell all of Kalamazoo, MI; one sister, Colleen Phillips of Chicago, IL; sister-in-law, Mattie Anderson; 2 special grandsons, Marlon (Roslynn) Mann and Larry (Karen) Gray; 30 grandchildren; 16 great-grandchildren; and a host of nieces, nephews, cousins and friends. Also, a special friend, Polly Stovall.

# Cemetery Details

## Mount Ever-Rest Memorial Park

4037 South Westnedge Avenue  
Kalamazoo, MI

# Previous Events

## Visitation

DEC 8. 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM (ET)

Harper Funeral Home - Chapel  
521 Douglas Avenue  
Kalamazoo, MI

## Visitation

DEC 9. 12:00 PM - 1:00 PM (ET)

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

## A Homegoing Celebration

DEC 9. 1:00 PM (ET)

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



# Tribute Wall



“ *Thelma Mae Echols*

October 23, 2023 at 06:06 AM



“ *Thelma Mae Echols*

October 06, 2023 at 10:42 AM



“ *We will miss you Miss Thelma You were our angel at The Clothing Connection where you always found something beautiful to brighten your day and make you look like a million bucks. We are so glad to have had moments with you and know you are in the arms of our dear JESUS.*

**The Clothing Connection** - December 09, 2014 at 03:33 PM



“ *Edith Gardner lit a candle in memory of Thelma Mae Echols*



**Edith Gardner** - December 09, 2014 at 11:55 AM

BH

“ To the Echols and Mann Family from the Hill family our Condolences goes out to the entire Echols and Mann family we have been knowing them for a long long long time and you will always be in our prayers.



Brenda Hill - December 09, 2014 at 11:02 AM

CH

“ Charlene&family lit a candle in memory of Thelma Mae Echols



charlene&family - December 09, 2014 at 10:08 AM

GS

“ Gwendolyn Smith lit a candle in memory of Thelma Mae Echols



Gwendolyn Smith - December 09, 2014 at 08:00 AM



“ Rest in Heaven my Precious Mrs Thelma (Mom).... Loving you always.



Karest Willis-Brown - December 08, 2014 at 10:08 PM

GM

“ *Glenda Gail McKinley lit a candle in memory of Thelma Mae Echols*



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**Glenda Gail McKinley** - December 08, 2014 at 11:18 AM

DB

“ *DaNetta Blake lit a candle in memory of Thelma Mae Echols*



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**DaNetta Blake** - December 08, 2014 at 10:24 AM



“ *I AM TRULY GONNA MISS MY GRANDMA . SHE WAS A GREAT WOMAN. A VERY STRONG WOMAN WHO WENT THROUGH A LOT THESE FEW YEARS . WAS VERY INDEPENDENT AND DID NOT WANT ANY HELP FROM NO ONE ALWAYS DID THINGS HER SELF AND HER WAY. ALWAYS GONNA FOREVER BE IN MY HEART. LOVE YOU GRANDMA / MOM. YOU ARE GONNA BE TRULY MISSED. FROM YOUR DAUGHTERS NECA AND LAMECA.*

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**Neca Echols** - December 07, 2014 at 11:10 PM

JC

*Neca and Lameca I'm sorry for your loss. I know how you feel. I lost my mom Aug.30,3014*

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**Joann cornbacher** - December 22, 2014 at 11:56 AM

MR

“ To the family, you're in our thoughts and prayers. May God bless the family and strengthen you.

Mary Jo Robertson - December 07, 2014 at 09:55 PM

MR

“ Mary Jo Robertson lit a candle in memory of Thelma Mae Echols



Mary Jo Robertson - December 07, 2014 at 09:49 PM

EF

“ Earline Fields & Family sent a virtual gift in memory of Thelma Mae Echols



Earline Fields & Family - December 07, 2014 at 06:27 PM

GF

“ GEORGIA WILLIAMS & THE WILLIAMS FAMILY lit a candle in memory of Thelma Mae Echols



GEORGIA WILLIAMS & THE WILLIAMS FAMILY - December 07, 2014 at 05:25 PM

PG

“ *Pauline Gardner lit a candle in memory of  
Thelma Mae Echols*



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**Pauline Gardner** - December 07, 2014 at 02:25 PM

TF

“ *The Followells lit a candle in memory of  
Thelma Mae Echols*



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**The Followells** - December 07, 2014 at 11:53 AM

EF

“ *To the Echols and Mann family, Sorry for your  
loss, my prayers will be with your family.  
- with love Earline Fields and family*



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**Earline Fields and Family** - December 07, 2014 at 11:08 AM

MR

“ *Mary Jo Robertson lit a candle in memory of  
Thelma Mae Echols*



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**Mary Jo Robertson** - December 07, 2014 at 06:39 AM