



## Mrs. Thelma (Moore) Lawler

June 15, 1928 - November 5, 2013

Mrs. Thelma (Moore) Lawler, lovingly known as “Baby Doll”, went home to be with the Lord on November 5, 2013. She was born June 15, 1928 in Dixon Mills, AL to the union of Galloway and Sarah Moore. Thelma accepted Christ at an early age. She was a member of the Galilee Baptist Church, where she sang in the Inspirational Choir, until she became ill. She was employed as a Nurse’s Assistant for many years and later became a homemaker. In 1950 she married

Clinton Lawler and to this union one son was born, Michael Lawler and her niece/daughter Grace Moore.

Preceding her in death are her parents, Galloway and Sarah Moore; siblings, Sam, Noah, Tom and Galloway; Robert and Herbert Moore; Bernice Evans, Elizabeth Loftin and Bessie Pearl.

Thelma enjoyed cooking and was known to make dinners not only for her family but for her neighbors too. Her fried chicken, chicken and dumplings or her cornbread were her signature dishes. But, whatever she prepared everyone would want seconds! She also enjoyed ministering in music with the choir at Galilee. She will be greatly missed by family, friends and all who knew her.

She leaves to cherish her memory: her son Michael (Jennifer) Lawler; niece

daughter Grace (Willie) Moore; one sister, Needa Mae Lockett; 3 sisters-in-love, Bernice Moore; Sarah Moore all of Kalamazoo, MI and Christine Knolls of Birmingham, AL; 3 grandsons, Michael Lawler, Jr. of Grand Rapids, MI; Willie Moore Jr. of California and Terry Moore of Kalamazoo; 4 granddaughters, Danielle Montgomery, Shemaiah Lawler, Latoya Howard, Quiana Howard all of Kalamazoo; special niece, Barbara Loftin; special nephew, Russell Moore of Dixon Mills, AL; 5 great grandchildren; a very special friend, Mrs. Cathy Sturdivant; and a host of nieces, nephews, cousins and friends.

# Cemetery Details

## Riverside Cemetery

1015 Gull Road  
Kalamazoo, MI 49048

# Previous Events

## Visitation

NOV 12. 4:00 PM - 6:00 PM (ET)

Harper Funeral Home, Inc.  
521 Douglas Avenue  
Kalamazoo, MI 49007  
(269) 342-1000  
info@harperfuneral.com  
<https://www.harperfuneral.com>

## Family Hour

NOV 13. 12:00 PM - 1:00 PM (ET)

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

## **A Homegoing Celebration**

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# Tribute Wall



“ Harper Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Mrs. Thelma (Moore) Lawler



Harper Funeral Home - November 05, 2013 at 12:00 AM



“ Mrs. Thelma (Moore) Lawler

October 23, 2023 at 06:06 AM



“ Mrs. Thelma (Moore) Lawler

October 06, 2023 at 10:42 AM



“ Alice Williams lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Thelma (Moore) Lawler



alice williams - November 12, 2013 at 10:15 PM

AW

*no more pain! you are a pretty dove that will be fly up,ur wings are snow white,i know u will be looking over everyone.we love you very much,*

alice williams - November 12, 2013 at 10:19 PM

CM

“ *To the Lawler Family, sorry for the lost. she surely will be miss.....from the Montgomery and White Family*



cephia white and Montgomery - November 12, 2013 at 08:11 PM

CW

“ *Cephia White lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Thelma (Moore) Lawler*



cephia white - November 12, 2013 at 08:03 PM

 Vicki Stokes

“ *Ms Thelma and I shared a birthdate and like my own Mom she often cooked for me when I came home. Rest in peace my love .*

Vicki Stokes - November 12, 2013 at 01:57 PM

BS

“ *Condolences to this family. Mrs. Thelma will be missed. She was an angel on earth and will hold a special place in heaven. She was a very good friend to our family and supported my parents unconditionally. RIP Mrs. Lawler.*



*Brian Sturdivant*

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**Brian Sturdivant** - November 12, 2013 at 10:49 AM

CS

“ *TO A VERY SPECIAL SAINT GONE HOME. THAT IS OUR DESTINY AND I THANK GOD FOR HIS SPECIAL FAVOR TO ME AS HE GAVE YOU, YOUR LOVE AND YOUR GOOD COOKING TO ME AND MY FAMILY. TO OUR GREAT GOD WHO CREATED YOU IN HIS IMAGE, NOW HAVE YOU HOME WITH HIM AGAIN. WE KNOW HE HAS A WONDERFUL PLAN AND WE WILL MEET AGAIN. PRAISE GOD, NO MORE SUFFERING, NO MORE PAIN AND THE ALL THE TEARS WILL BE GONE FOREVER. YOU WERE NOT JUST MY FRIEND BUT TRULY MY SISTER. I LOVE YOU.*

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**CATHARINE STURDIVANT** - November 12, 2013 at 09:04 AM

JB

“ *J.L. & Terry Buchanan lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Thelma (Moore) Lawler*



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**J.L. & Terry Buchanan** - November 11, 2013 at 05:28 PM

RO

“ so sorry for your loss, there is no sorry God can't healed.

*Rev. Daniel & Rosie Montgomery, Jr.*



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**Rosie** - November 11, 2013 at 04:41 PM

DJ

“ Deacon William A. & Sis. Laverne Jones lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Thelma (Moore)

*Lawler*



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**Deacon William A. & Sis. Laverne Jones** - November 10, 2013 at 11:06 PM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Mrs. Thelma (Moore) Lawler.



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November 10, 2013 at 10:51 AM

AW

“ We will miss you!

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**Alice Williams** - November 10, 2013 at 10:36 AM

IR

“ *To The Lawler Family,*

*Our thoughts and prayers are with you during this time of sorrow. Always remember to look up and know your mother /grandmother /aunt is smiling down from heaven cherishing her legacy of all of you.*



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**Ida Robinson** - November 09, 2013 at 03:43 PM

RE

“ *Grandma u was my EVERYTHING we shared so much in those yrs. Thank u for luvvin me unconditionally...Reeree*

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**Reeree** - November 09, 2013 at 09:59 AM

RB

“ *Michael,*  
*My condolences with the passing of your mother. I remember our days in the Co-op and her calling for you to come. :-)* She was a very sweet and loving lady. My prayers are with you. God's continued blessings.

*Rhonda Baker-Smith*

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**Rhonda Baker-Smith** - November 09, 2013 at 06:33 AM



“ *Remembering you with Love. Rest in Heaven Mrs Lawler*



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**Karest Willis-Brown** - November 08, 2013 at 11:36 PM