



Annie "Sister" Bland

September 6, 1931 - February 1, 2013

Salute To Mrs. Annie Bertha Rowe Bland

Our beloved sister, aunt, mother, grandmother and great-grandmother went to be with her Heavenly Father Friday, February 1, 2013 at Covenant Medical Center-Cooper, surrounded by her family. Age 81 years. Annie was born September 6, 1931 in New Brockton, Alabama daughter of the late James and Erie Rowe.

She graduated from Elbe High School in 1949 and then went on to attend Alabama A&M College. Annie moved to Saginaw in 1951 where she met and married Ivory Bland in 1953. To this union, five children were born. Annie worked at Saginaw General Hospital in the dietary department and later for the Buena Vista School District as a Teacher's Aide and Bus Chaperone. In 1978, she attended Delta College, graduating with an Associates of Arts degree in 1980. She continued at Saginaw Valley State College, graduating in 1983 with a Bachelor of Arts degree. After graduating from Saginaw Valley, she began teaching for the Buena Vista School District, retiring in 1996. She was an active member of the Lion's Club, Parent Teacher Association, Singles Club and the Muscular Dystrophy Association. Annie's priorities were faith and family. She will be remembered and cherished for her great love of her family and friends, especially her daughter, Tylanda, devoting her life, ensuring her happiness, well-being and future. She enjoyed watching the game show channel, playing cards, going to yard sales and gardening. Annie was a

member of Grace Chapel Church. Her favorite scripture was Psalm 91. She loved verse 2, "I will say of the Lord, he is my refuge and my fortress: My God; In Him will I trust."

Surviving are four children, Jennifer Jane (Charlie) Shorter of Saginaw, Darlene Michelle (Douglas) Tucker of Dallas, Texas, Kail Patrick (Tasha) Bland of Saginaw and the love of her life, Tylinda Delisa Bland; eight grandchildren, Timothy (Gertis) Strong, Jr., Synia Strong of Saginaw and ZaKiya Strong of Grand Rapids, Justin Shorter of Saginaw; Douglas Tucker II of Dallas, Texas, Errick, Alexius and John Bland of Saginaw; six great-grandchildren, Timothy III, Timiya, Gabrielle, Ja'Naysha, Javaya and Jaylah; one brother, Jessie (Lorene) Rowe of Saginaw; three sisters, Mattie Langston of Saginaw, Icyclene Gray of Columbus, Georgia and Virginia (Walter) Pearson of Jefferson City, Missouri; two brothers-in-law, Edward (Mary) Bland of Saginaw, Richard (Jean) Bland of Burt, Michigan; two sisters-in-law, Modell Henderson and Jessie (Bob) Winter, both of Saginaw; also many nieces, nephews, cousins, other relatives and friends whom she loved and cherished, including Jasmine Collins, Tyler's first love.

Annie has now joined of her parents, James and Erie Rowe; her husband, Ivory Bland; daughter, Janice Strong; grandson, Tyler Strong; two sisters, Eunice Gee and Della Brown; brother, Sherman Rowe; nieces, Euna Redding and Louise Morris; nephews, Paul Finch and Bobby Brown; in-laws Willie and Willie Bland; and brothers-in-law, LeRoy Bland, James Bland and "Gray".

The family would like to extend a special thank you to the Covenant Medical Center doctors, nurses, technicians and other employees for their dedication, care and support of our beloved Annie Bertha Bland.

Funeral service will take place at 11:00 a.m. on Saturday, February 9, 2013 at Grace Chapel, 2202 Janes Street. Pastor James Nelson will officiate with

interment in Forest Lawn Cemetery. Friends may call at the Evans & Browne's Funeral Home, 441 North Jefferson Avenue, on Friday from 2:00 until 8:00 p.m.

Cemetery Details

Forest Lawn Cemetery

3210 S. Washington Avenue
Saginaw, MI

Previous Events

Visitation

FEB 8. 2:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

Evans & Browne's Funeral Home
441 N. Jefferson Avenue
Saginaw, MI 48607
(989) 754-0481
evansbrownes@gmail.com
<https://www.evansbrownesfuneralhome.com>

Service

FEB 9. 11:00 AM (ET)

Grace Chapel
2202 Janes Street
Saginaw, MI 48601

Tribute Wall



“ *Evans & Browne's Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Annie "Sister" Bland*



Browne's Mortuary - February 01, 2013 at 12:00 AM



“ *Rhonda Burton lit a candle in memory of Annie "Sister" Bland*



Rhonda Burton - March 23, 2013 at 09:49 PM



“ *Vernon & April Langston lit a candle in memory of Annie "Sister" Bland*



Vernon & April Langston - February 10, 2013 at 06:33 PM



We will miss Aunt Sister dearly but know that to be absent from the body is to be present with the Lord! So sorry we cannot be there with you all, but our thoughts, prayers and love will continue to be there for our Family! Love, Vern, April & the girls, Flower Mound, TX

Vernon and April Langston - February 10, 2013 at 06:42 PM

JW

“ *Joanne Walker lit a candle in memory of Annie "Sister" Bland*



Joanne Walker - February 07, 2013 at 11:53 PM

BP

“ *To the family of Mrs. Annie Bland and my sister-in-law Darlene Tucker; you all are in my thoughts and prayers. God bless you and may He keep you and your family strong in your time of bereavement. We love you.*

The Tucker and Parr Family

Bernadette Parrr - February 07, 2013 at 09:56 PM

DY

“ *Mrs. Bland will truly be missed. She was a great teacher and had the best stories in school. She will always have a place in her students hearts. Her family will be in my prayers. With love, Denisha Young*

Denisha Young - February 06, 2013 at 08:25 PM

EL

“ *Edith Delphine Lewis lit a candle in memory of Annie "Sister" Bland*



Edith Delphine Lewis - February 06, 2013 at 12:25 PM

SC

“ *Susie Clarke lit a candle in memory of Annie "Sister" Bland*



Susie Clarke - February 06, 2013 at 09:46 AM

CH

“ *Chandra L. Howell lit a candle in memory of Annie "Sister" Bland*



Chandra L. Howell - February 06, 2013 at 09:36 AM

TH

“ *To the Strong and the Bland family love all of you and I will keep your family in my prayers love always Tameka Hayes (cookie)*

Tameka Hayes - February 04, 2013 at 09:03 PM