



## Cleora Ellison

March 7, 1918 - January 10, 2011

Family hour will take place at 10:30 a.m. on Friday, January 14, 2011 at Browne's Mortuary, 441 N. Jefferson Ave., with the funeral commencing at 11:00 a.m. Pastor Roy L. Manning will officiate with interment in Forest Lawn Cemetery. Friends may call at the funeral home on Thursday from 2:00 until 8:00 p.m. Mrs. Cleora L. Ellison, age 92 years, passed away peacefully on January 10, 2011, at HealthSource Saginaw. Mrs. Ellison was born on March 7, 1918 in Milan, Tennessee. Cleo was the daughter of Mr. & Mrs. Eddie (Luther Donell) Hornbeak. Cleo moved to Saginaw, Michigan in 1935, where she was self-employed for over 50 years, providing housekeeping service until her retirement. She married Rich Ellison on September 15, 1957. Cleo was an early member of the Tabernacle Baptist Church in 1950, under the leadership of Pastor R.B. Austin (deceased). Her passion was serving her church as a member of the Senior Usher Board and President of the Youth Usher Board. Later she moved her membership to Corinthian Baptist Church of Saginaw, under the leadership of Pastor Roy L. Manning. Cleo's family will miss her delicious fried chicken, sweet potato pie, lemon pie, and coconut cake. She shared her secret recipes with her grandchild, Aramis. Cleo leaves to cherish her memory, her son whom she loved dearly and raised from an infant, coming from Chicago, Illinois after his mother passed away, Glenn (Nathalie) Donell of Rochester, Michigan; a special niece, Bonnie (Odis) Croft, St. Louis, Missouri; three grandchildren, Maurey (Michelle) Donell, Freeland, Michigan, Amber (Moussa) Donell-Traore, Chicago, Illinois, and Aramis

(David) Donell-Ayala, Sanford, Florida; a host of great-grandchildren, other relatives and friends, including the Woodie Engle family (Punkie, Fredrick, and Carolyn), Harry Grandville family, and Daisy Holden for her love and support in her final years. Cleo was preceded in death by her parents, Mr. & Mrs. Eddie Hornbeak; one brother, Claudius Hornbeak; her husband, Rich Ellison; and a very special aunt, Ruth Bigham, affectionately known as "Aunt Chicken". A special thanks to Milton and Betty McDonald and to the attending nursing staff at HealthSource Nursing Home. To view Mrs. Ellison's funeral service, please click on the link below: <http://webcasts.lifetributes.com/189596>

# Tribute Wall



“ *Evans & Browne's Funeral Home created a Webcast in memory of Cleora Ellison*



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**Browne's Mortuary** - January 10, 2011 at 12:00 AM

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“ *To the family of Ms. Ellison. I have known Ms Ellison for quite some time, (Tabernacle Baptist Church, Usher) for many years. Beautiful person. She will be sadly missed. I offer my condolences to each and everyone of you and May God continue to be with you and give you strength at this time.*

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**The Jackson Family** - January 10, 2011 at 12:00 AM