



Donna Mae Timberlake

July 26, 1922 - May 10, 2015

Donna Mae Pettiford Timberlake was the fifth of 12 children born to the late Harold Luther and Rilla Alberta Venters Pettiford on July 26, 1922, in Marion, Indiana.

After receiving her education in the public schools of Marion, Donna moved to Saginaw, Michigan where she married the late Donaldson Timberlake and worked as a nurse's aide at Osteopathic Hospital in Saginaw until her retirement in 1986.

As a youth and young adult, Donna enjoyed roller skating and loved working difficult jigsaw puzzles well into her senior years. She was a faithful member of the Ephesus Seventh-day Adventist Church in Saginaw and served as Sabbath School secretary for many years.

Donna loved her family and each year on the third Sunday in August she returned to her hometown of Marion for the Pettiford-Weaver Reunion. On August 17, 2014, accompanied by her granddaughter, Kelly, Donna was able to attend what was to become her final family reunion.

In September 2011, Donna moved to New Haven, Michigan where she lived with her granddaughter, Kelly Bryant, until May 2014 when it became necessary to relocate Donna to Autumn Woods Health Care Facility in

Warren, Michigan where she resided until her death on Mother's Day, Sunday, May 10, 2015.

Donna's only child, Patricia Ann Bryant, preceded her in death on February 11, 2009. Three sisters, Mable Janette Pettiford Graham, Mildred Delores Pettiford Roberts, Mary Virginia Pettiford, and three brothers, Herbert Woodson Pettiford, Walter Harold Pettiford, and Edwin Elsworth Pettiford, also preceded Donna in death.

She leaves to cherish her memory: seven grandchildren: Sidney Timberlake, Tanya (Ronnie) Bryant, Kim (Donald) Bryant, Wendy (Jessie) McDaniel, Barry (Estrella) Bryant, Kelly (Antie) Bryant, and Mark (Kim) Bryant; 20 great grandchildren; 10 great great grandchildren; five sisters: Dorothy Haynes, Detroit, MI, Alice Powell, Anaheim, CA, Barbara Bryant, Carmel, IN, Alma (Calvin) Lloyd, Carson, CA, and Carolyn Spears, Marion, IN; and a host of other relatives and friends.

A butterfly lights beside us like a sunbeam.

And for a moment its glory and beauty belong to our world.

But then it flies on again, and though we wish it could have stayed, we feel so lucky to have seen it.

Funeral service will take place at 11:00 a.m. on Tuesday, May 19, 2015 at Ephesus Seventh Day Adventist Church, 2115 Wadsworth Street. Pastor Steve Bramwell will officiate with interment in Forest Lawn Cemetery. Friends may call at the church on Tuesday from 9:00 a.m. until time of service.

Cemetery Details

Forest Lawn Cemetery

3210 S. Washington Avenue
Saginaw, MI

Previous Events

Visitation

MAY 19. 9:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

Ephesus Seventh Day Adventist Church
2115 Wadsworth Street
Saginaw, MI 48601

Funeral Service

MAY 19. 11:00 AM (ET)

Ephesus Seventh Day Adventist Church
2115 Wadsworth Street
Saginaw, MI 48601

Tribute Wall

FK

“ *Missing you very much grandma!*



Forver Loving Granddaughter, Kelly - May 27, 2015 at 12:42 PM

SH

“ *My condolences to Ms Donna's family. Ms Donna and my mom worked together at Osteopathic Hospital. I remember her very sweet and kind spirit. May God continue to strengthen, keep and comfort you during your loss.*



sherryC - May 19, 2015 at 10:15 PM

TF

Thank you.

The Family - May 21, 2015 at 11:24 PM



“ *From Richard, Tiffany and Sharod Stephens we send our condolences, love and love.*

Richard Stephens Part II - May 19, 2015 at 05:02 PM

TF

Thank You.

The Family - May 21, 2015 at 11:25 PM

RM

To the Bryant family, it saddens my heart to see that Mrs. Donna, has passed away. It has been a long time since I have seen or spoken to her, but I remember her smile, and she only had kind words of wisdom when she spoke to me. I hope God grants you peace and comfort, knowing she loved each and every one of her grandchildren. Ms. Donna was a special person and she will be missed.

Ruth Ann Morrison - June 01, 2015 at 03:06 PM

JC

“ My family and I were saddened to learn of Donna's passing. Our collective hearts are heavy with sympathy. Donna was always a cheerful person who would brighten the day with her charming personality. She is loved and will always be remembered in mind and heart. As we all know she is in a better place now. My deepest condolences. Jethro Carter and Family.



Jethro Carter - May 19, 2015 at 07:58 AM

TF

Thank you.

The Family - May 21, 2015 at 11:26 PM

DE

“ Deion lit a candle in memory of Donna Mae Timberlake



Deion - May 19, 2015 at 06:36 AM

DH

“ To A Real Lady..that i am proud to have met.
Ms Donna was always willing to share hugs
and kisses,such a beautiful "ANGEL"...i will
sadley miss her. Luv u always Donald Hinton



Donald Hinton - May 18, 2015 at 10:48 PM

KF

“ Fields Family lit a candle in memory of Donna
Mae Timberlake,
who kept a warm smile and was allways
ready to help you
Kenneth, Gladys and Bryant



Ken Fields - May 18, 2015 at 10:08 PM

LL

“ Lisa Lloyd-Muller lit a candle in memory of
Donna Mae Timberlake



Lisa Lloyd-Muller - May 18, 2015 at 09:47 PM

KE

“ One of the Greatest women to whom I have
had the pleasure of knowing AND sharing life
with..... My Grandmother!

LUV U Always,
Kim



Kelly - May 18, 2015 at 09:40 PM

BM

“ Beverly McClaine lit a candle in memory of
Donna Mae Timberlake



Beverly McClaine - May 18, 2015 at 09:29 PM

JF

“ We would like to express our deepest sympathy. May all your good
memories out weigh your sadness during this difficult time.
Isaiah 25:8

Jackson Family - May 18, 2015 at 09:23 PM

TF

Thank you.

The Family - May 21, 2015 at 11:29 PM

MC

“ Mamie Clark sent a virtual gift in memory of
Donna Mae Timberlake



Mamie Clark - May 18, 2015 at 09:12 PM

MC

I'm Thankful for the years spent together as co-workers and friends at
the Osteopathic Hospital. R.I.H. my dear Donna!

Mamie Clark - May 18, 2015 at 09:15 PM

LN

I would like to say how sad I was to hear of the passing of such a classy and beautiful lady. We played with Sidney when he would visit in the summer. Its been many years. May God comfort you. Liz McMillon Nelson

liz McMillon Nelson - May 19, 2015 at 04:21 PM

BE

Know that we love you and prayer for you. Sorry we couldn't be there! Betty Bibb and family

Betty - May 19, 2015 at 09:08 PM

KF

Thank You Betty.

Kelly and Family - May 21, 2015 at 11:31 PM

HF

“ *Haynes Family lit a candle in memory of Donna Mae Timberlake*



Haynes family - May 18, 2015 at 09:05 PM

MJ

“ *Mattie M. Jackson lit a candle in memory of Donna Mae Timberlake*



Mattie M. Jackson - May 18, 2015 at 07:15 PM

SF

“ *Grandma, you will truly be missed. I love you*



Sherhona Ford - May 18, 2015 at 06:47 PM



“ *Gracious Lavender Basket was purchased for the family of Donna Mae Timberlake.*



May 18, 2015 at 12:36 PM

CM

“ *Crystal Murphy lit a candle in memory of Donna Mae Timberlake*



Crystal Murphy - May 18, 2015 at 12:20 PM

LC

“ *Latanya Comer lit a candle in memory of Donna Mae Timberlake*



latanya comer - May 18, 2015 at 12:56 AM

LC

I loved sister Timberlake she was always kind and cheerful and she will truly be missed by all who know and loved her rip

latanya comer - May 18, 2015 at 12:59 AM

PB

“ Patrick & Sharon Brown lit a candle in memory of Donna Mae Timberlake



Patrick & Sharon Brown - May 18, 2015 at 12:52 AM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Donna Mae Timberlake.



May 18, 2015 at 12:45 AM

BR

“ My prayers are with each family member during this time sorry Beautina Robinson Los Angeles Ca

beautina Robinson - May 17, 2015 at 10:50 PM

TF

Thank you.

The Family - May 18, 2015 at 11:29 AM

CP

“ Cynthia Powell-Hicks lit a candle in memory of Donna Mae Timberlake



Cynthia Powell-Hicks - May 17, 2015 at 09:28 PM

SF

“ Sherhon Fields lit a candle in memory of Donna Mae Timberlake



Sherhon Fields - May 17, 2015 at 05:22 PM

JM

“ I love you & I am really going to miss u grandma...Love Gine



James mcdaniel - May 17, 2015 at 09:44 AM

 Colleen Smith

“ I remember as a child seeing Mrs. Donna and being in complete aww at how beautiful she looked. My prayers are with the family.



Colleen Smith - May 16, 2015 at 08:10 PM

TF

Thank you.

The Family - May 18, 2015 at 11:31 AM

NO

“ *NORMA lit a candle in memory of Donna Mae Timberlake*



NORMA - May 16, 2015 at 12:48 PM

NO

“ *I loved Cousin Donna she had such a good time last year at the reunion, she danced her heart out. I know she is dancing in the clouds with Cousin Angie Dotson Knox. Love Norma Johnson*

NORMA - May 16, 2015 at 12:48 PM

TF

“ *Tanya France lit a candle in memory of Donna Mae Timberlake*



Tanya France - May 16, 2015 at 11:36 AM

TF

“ I remember the day that I met Ms. Donna, she was so sweet to me and made me feel like family. I send prayers to her loved ones. I pray that God comforts you during this time. Donna will truly be missed. Take refuge knowing that she is with our maker. Love The France Family

Tanya France - May 16, 2015 at 11:31 AM

TF

Thank you.

The Family - May 18, 2015 at 11:33 AM

PA

“ I would like to extend my sincere condolences to Ms. Timberlake's family. I pray that, by means of prayer you will reach out to the only One who truly knows the depth of your sorrow. Our heavenly Father sent his own precious son to bind up those who are brokenhearted and to provide comfort to all those who mourn. Please allow him to comfort you and strengthen you as you heal ... Psalm 28:8; Psalms 65:2 Isaiah 61:1, 2.

Paige - May 15, 2015 at 09:06 PM

TF

Thank you.

The Family - May 18, 2015 at 11:34 AM

LF

“ Lucy Hicks & Family lit a candle in memory of Donna Mae Timberlake



Lucy Hicks & Family - May 15, 2015 at 05:39 PM

EP

“ Love dearly will always remember you you
will always be in my heart



Eldrick Price - May 15, 2015 at 10:32 AM

JM

“ Jamie McCall lit a candle in memory of Donna
Mae Timberlake



Jamie McCall - May 14, 2015 at 08:35 PM

ST

“ Son/Grandson Sidney Timberlake lit a candle
in memory of Donna Mae Timberlake



Son/Grandson Sidney Timberlake - May 14, 2015 at 09:55 AM

AH

“ Antie Hardy lit a candle in memory of Donna
Mae Timberlake



Antie Hardy - May 14, 2015 at 09:53 AM

AH

“ *Condolence to the family. Sister Donna Timberlake was the kindest and most loving individual I have ever met. She would greet everyone with a smile, hug and a kiss. Her love for her family and her kinder spirit is something we can all learn from. Sister Timberlake made everyone's day brighter. Job well done Sister Timberlake. May you rest in peace. Antie Hardy*

Antie Hardy - May 14, 2015 at 08:11 AM

EL

“ *My great grandma Donna was a sweet and beautiful lady will truly be missed rest in paradise. We have a beautiful angel watching over us from above.*

great grandson Eldrick Bryant

Eldrick - May 14, 2015 at 07:11 AM

GB

“ *My great grandma was the sweetest woman I ever met. She always showered her children with love, smiles & kisses! I have so many great memories of her. She is truly a woman of God and I know her prayers have had a positive impact on my life. Now that she's home, I know that impact is only greater! I will miss her dearly and I am happy to say she lived a full and purposeful life. I'm gracious to have known her let alone have her as a grandma!!! Love you always Grandma Donna, LaToya Bryant*



Grand-daughter LaToya Bryant - May 13, 2015 at 10:16 PM

RE

“ It will be things you remember like laughter, smiles, quiet and loud moments. Although it may seem hard right now, the memories of those things will help with the pain and bring forth smiles and some peace.



Regina - May 13, 2015 at 10:08 PM

TF

Thank You.

The Family - May 13, 2015 at 10:18 PM

GB

“ Your beautiful presence will be missed dearly Mimi. I know, " to be absent from the body, is to be present with The Lord". So until the day that I see you again in heaven, I Love You. That's the last words that I heard come from your lips.

Grandson Barry Bryant - May 13, 2015 at 10:07 PM

GB

“ Grandson Barry Bryant lit a candle in memory of Donna Mae Timberlake



Grandson Barry Bryant - May 13, 2015 at 10:01 PM

GW

“ Grandson Vantrell Williams lit a candle in memory of Donna Mae Timberlake



Grandson Vantrell Williams - May 13, 2015 at 09:36 PM

MB

“ Love you always Grandma

Mark Bryant - May 13, 2015 at 09:30 PM

MB

“ Mark Bryant lit a candle in memory of Donna Mae Timberlake



Mark Bryant - May 13, 2015 at 09:29 PM

MB

“ Grandma Donna you will be greatly missed and will always be in my heart. I love you.

MACKIE



Mackie Bryant - May 13, 2015 at 09:28 PM

TR

“ *Grandma, you will always be in our mind, heart and soul. Love you always.*



Tanya and Ronnie - May 13, 2015 at 09:07 PM

TR

“ *Tanya And Ronnie lit a candle in memory of Donna Mae Timberlake*



Tanya and Ronnie - May 13, 2015 at 09:01 PM

TF

“ *The Loster And Tyson Families lit a candle in memory of Donna Mae Timberlake*



The Loster and Tyson Families - May 13, 2015 at 07:03 PM

HW

“ *There are no words created for my happiness for the relationship I had with Ms. Timberlake. Or for the selfish pain I feel for myself. I loved Ms. Timberlake. My condolences to the family, I mourn with you. Herbert Williams*



Herbert Williams - May 13, 2015 at 04:25 PM

TF

Thank you.

The Family - May 13, 2015 at 08:44 PM

JL

“ *JoAnne Powell Lightford lit a candle in memory of Donna Mae Timberlake*



JoAnne Powell Lightford - May 13, 2015 at 01:35 PM

JL

I remember Aunt Donna at our last family reunion. She was smiling and having such a good time with everyone. I will always remember her lovely smile.

JoAnne Powell Lightford - May 13, 2015 at 01:37 PM

AJ

“ *I have known Sister Timberlake for 52 years . She was a great friend to the Lane family. God bless the family during this time. I will always remember her as the soft spoken lady with the beautiful smile*

Amos Lane Jr. - May 13, 2015 at 11:55 AM

TF

Thank you.

The Family - May 13, 2015 at 02:04 PM

JG

“ Jackie Green lit a candle in memory of Donna Mae Timberlake



Jackie Green - May 13, 2015 at 08:58 AM

JG

Had great pleasure meeting Ms. Donna Timberlake and her family a few years back at the Pettiford-Weaver Reunion. Beautiful person inside and out. Prayers for the Family - God Bless.

Jackie Green - May 13, 2015 at 09:04 AM

KE

Thank you Jackie. We love you!

Kelly - May 13, 2015 at 02:00 PM

CW

“ *She always greeted me with a hug and a smile and made our family feel very special.*

Chantra Williams - May 13, 2015 at 02:20 AM

ED

“ *Every memory I have of her involves her beautiful smile and warm loving hugs. She had a way of saying my name with so much excitement and joy....she made me feel special every time I seen her. She will be truly missed.*

-Erica Donald

Erica Donald - May 12, 2015 at 10:01 PM

J(

“ Always love you forever and ever.....son in law. Bim

Jessie McDaniel (BIM) - May 12, 2015 at 08:49 PM

MB

“ MARGO BUCK lit a candle in memory of
Donna Mae Timberlake



MARGO BUCK - May 12, 2015 at 08:44 PM

ML

“ Sis. Timberlake was such a sweet lady. She
was so kind. I will pray for the family.



Melissa Lane - May 12, 2015 at 08:15 PM

TF

Thank you.

The Family - May 13, 2015 at 02:05 PM

JB

“ I loved sister Timberlake, she was so kind!



Jeanette Brown - May 12, 2015 at 07:51 PM

JB

“ *I loved sister Timberlake, she wasn't kind.*



Jeanette Brown - May 12, 2015 at 07:49 PM

JB

Sorry for the error. it was supposed to read that she was not wasn't kind

Jeanette Brown - May 12, 2015 at 07:51 PM

TF

That's ok Jeanette. We know what you meant to say ;)

The Family - May 13, 2015 at 02:09 PM

KE

“ *THE WORLD'S GREATEST GRANDMA EVER! THERE HAS TO BE A GRAND CELEBRATION GOING ON IN HEAVEN NOW THAT YOU HAVE ARRIVED HOME. I LOVE YOU AND MISS YOUR SMILING FACE.*



*YOUR GRANDDAUGHTER,
KELLY*

Kelly - May 12, 2015 at 07:27 PM

LS

“ LoRain Smith lit a candle in memory of Donna Mae Timberlake



LoRain Smith - May 12, 2015 at 07:25 PM

WM

“ I love you grandma and will see you in Heaven.....love always.
Granddaughter Wendy

Wendy McDaniel - May 12, 2015 at 07:19 PM

WM

“ Wendy McDaniel lit a candle in memory of
Donna Mae Timberlake



Wendy McDaniel - May 12, 2015 at 07:17 PM

DM

“ Denisa Mucaj lit a candle in memory of Donna Mae Timberlake



Denisa Mucaj - May 12, 2015 at 06:43 PM

CW

“ Cynthia Wooden lit a candle in memory of
Donna Mae Timberlake



Cynthia Wooden - May 12, 2015 at 04:20 PM

MH

“ Mrs. Doris Hughes lit a candle in memory of
Donna Mae Timberlake



Mrs. Doris Hughes - May 12, 2015 at 01:03 PM

JL

“ Jacqueline Lacey lit a candle in memory of
Donna Mae Timberlake



Jacqueline Lacey - May 12, 2015 at 12:56 PM

RB

“ Robert & Shellie Bell lit a candle in memory of
Donna Mae Timberlake



Robert & Shellie Bell - May 11, 2015 at 04:35 PM

HS

“ *Helen M. Speed lit a candle in memory of Donna Mae Timberlake*



Helen M. Speed - May 11, 2015 at 01:13 PM

RM

“ *Rena M. Moore lit a candle in memory of Donna Mae Timberlake*



Rena M. Moore - May 11, 2015 at 01:12 PM

BM

“ *Barbara (Slater) Morris lit a candle in memory of Donna Mae Timberlake*



Barbara (Slater) Morris - May 11, 2015 at 11:42 AM