



Emma Gaiter

July 26, 1932 - March 31, 2012

Funeral service will take place at 11:00 a.m. on Saturday, April 7, 2012 at Prince of Peace Baptist Church, 725 South 24th Street. Pastor R. B. Corley will officiate with interment in Forest Lawn Cemetery. Friends may call at the church on Friday from 2:00 until 8:00 p.m., where the family will be present from 6:00 p.m. until 8:00 p.m. for the family hour. Mother Emma Kate (Townsend) Gaiter went home to be with the Lord on Saturday, March 31, 2012 at Saginaw Geriatric Nursing Home after a lengthy illness at the age of 79 years, surrounded by family and friends. Mother Gaiter was born July 26, 1932 in Goshen, Alabama to Jeff B. Townsend and Jessie M. Owens. Mother Gaiter attended Pleasant Ridge Public School in Alabama. She attended New Mount Zion Baptist Church and was baptized at an early age. She married Buford V. Gaiter, Sr. on August 11, 1952. They shared almost 54 years together before he passed away on March 2, 2006. Through the years Mother Gaiter attended Tabernacle Baptist Church, Truevine Baptist Church and was a faithful member of Prince of Peace Baptist Church until her health failed. For a short time Mother Gaiter worked at the Franklin Hotel in Downtown Saginaw, but her lifetime job was raising and loving her children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren. Mother Gaiter leaves to cherish many precious memories, four sons and three daughters, Buford, Jr. (Sallie), Eddie (Brinda) Willie (Alice) and Everette Gaiter, all of Saginaw, MI, Melvie (Jerome) Reese, Saginaw, MI, Jessie (Bruce) Taylor Memphis, TN and Emma (Terry) Richard, Saginaw, MI; Daughter-in-law, Gail B. Herring-Oliver; three brothers,

L.C. (Mary) Townsend and Oliver (Nora) Townsend, both of Saginaw, MI and Willie (Grace) Townsend, Troy, AL; three sisters, Annie G. (Leonard) Burns, Media, NY, Lillie Davenport, Goshen, AL and Jessie Jackson, Flint, MI; 21 grandchildren, Shandra Gaiter, Deverette (Tiffany) Gaiter, Cherel (Anthony) Land, Eddie Jr., (Shawquinna) Gaiter, Milton (Denise) Oliver, Jr. , Terry Richard, Jr., Lacrechia (Kevin) Moore, Jamar Williamson, Alnisha (Kenneth) Muschette, Akeshia Speight, Eboni Wade, Vernon Gaiter, Marshall Oliver, Keshia Richard, Wesley (Courtney) Gaiter, Jerome Reese, Jr. Matthew Oliver, Whitney Williamson, Aaliyah Williamson, Gresley Smith and Christopher Smith; 22 great-grandchildren, many other relatives and friends. Mrs. Emma Gaiter was preceded in death by her parents, her husband, one son, Milton Oliver, Sr.; one brother, Odis Townsend; five sisters, Hattie M. Jackson, Dorothy Copeland, Willie Murdis Brundidge, Willie Mae Bell and Vera Fuller.

Tribute Wall

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“ *To the Gaiter family, whom I've known a long time. You are in my prayers during this most difficult hour. Look to the lord for your strength. He will see you through.*

Diane Donald-Holliman - March 31, 2012 at 12:00 AM

SH

“ *Your family are in my prayers*

shari hayes - March 31, 2012 at 12:00 AM

SG

“ *To: Our classmate Emma & Family*

The SHS Class of 1975 wish to extend our deepest sympathy to you and your family in the loss of your mother. We pray that you find comfort in knowing your loved one is resting peacefully with the Lord. We are praying your strength as you endure the days ahead.

*Humbly submitted,
Your classmates, brothers & sisters
SHS Class of 1975*

Sylvia George - March 31, 2012 at 12:00 AM

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“ *We would like to extend our heartfelt sympathy to the family of Emma Gaiter. To our sister, daughter - Gail Herring-Oliver; nephews, nieces and grandchildren, respectively..Milton(Denise), Marshall, Matthew and ChereI we are praying for your stength and comfort. Love your Aunt Terri Ann and Grandmother JoAnne Herring*

Terri and JoAnne Herring - March 31, 2012 at 12:00 AM

LB

“ Sorry to hear about the passing of your mother. She was such a beautiful person as I recall her and my mother, (Ms. George) being roommates at Sag. Geriatrics Home a few years ago. I remember my sister and I taking them food and your family member doing the same. Truly, there is a void in your lives, but the loving memories of your Mom will continue to live on in your hearts. From my family to yours, may God grace you with His presence, strength and comfort during this time of sorrow.

Lorraine Bond - March 31, 2012 at 12:00 AM

PM

“ To the Gaiter family I am so very sorry to hear about your mother/grandma, I know how very hard it is to loose that very Special Lady. May You all accept the comfort that GOD has for you during these difficult times and know that he will see you through. Sending Prayers of Peace and Strength to your family from my family.....

Phyllis Allen McDaniel - March 31, 2012 at 12:00 AM