



## Josie McCray

June 30, 1938 - February 16, 2013

Our beloved mother, sister, aunt and friend went home to be with her Heavenly Father on Saturday, February 16, 2013 after a lengthy illness at the age of 74 years.

Mrs. Josie McCray was born June 30, 1938 in Pickens, Arkansas, daughter of the late Abel Martin, Sr. and Rosie Williams-Martin. Josie came to Saginaw in 1945 and was a graduate of Saginaw High School, class of 1956. She graduated from nursing school in 1971. Josie was a member of Bethel A.M.E. Church, where she served on the Cup of Water Committee and was a member of Usher Board #2. She retired from St. Luke's Hospital after 24 years of service. Josie was married to Elijah McCray. He preceded her in death in May of 2007. She loved reading, sports, music, traveling and doing crossword puzzles.

Her memory will be cherished by two daughters, Lisa and Lynn McCray; one step-daughter, Jackie Thomas; four brothers, Abel Martin, Jr., Dan (Shirley) Martin, Roy Martin, Larry Martin (Rose); one sister, Claudine "Penny" Fife; a host of nieces and nephews, including special nieces, TiKyra Napoleon, Kamilah and Khalilah Freeman and Camille Freeman; god-daughters, Tiffany Johnson, Katrina Carter, Angie Frazier and Linda Hall; her in-laws, Rose Martin, Tom (Helen) Patterson, Bernard (Anne) McCray, Charles McCray and Nathaniel (Mary) McCray; many cousins and friends, including special

cousins, Robert (Catherine) Williams and family and special friends, Iola Bothuell, Frances Farrell, Dorothy Perkins and Jim (Lois) Faniel and family.

Josie was preceded in death by her son, Lloyd McCray; four brothers, John "Pete" Martin, Joe "Nug" Martin, Pierce "Tim" Martin and Donald "Dickie" Martin; brothers-in-law, Onzo Fife, William McCray, Levert McCray and John T. McCray; sisters-in-law, Alberta Lucky, Martha Hudson, Lillie Grant, Jessie Lou Gilles, Rosie McCray and Eddie Marie (Mae) Martin.

A special thanks to her sister, Claudine "Penny" Fife and niece, Kimberly Napoleon-Simon, in assisting with her care.

Funeral service will take place at 11:00 a.m. on Friday, February 22, 2013 at Bethel A.M.E. Church, 535 Cathay Street. Pastor P. David Saunders will officiate with interment in Forest Lawn Cemetery. Friends may call at Evans & Browne's Funeral Home, 441 N. Jefferson Ave., on Thursday from 2:00 until 8:00 p.m.

# Cemetery Details

## Forest Lawn Cemetery

3210 S. Washington Avenue  
Saginaw, MI

# Previous Events

## Visitation

FEB 21. 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 22. 11:00 AM (ET)

Bethel A.M.E. Church  
535 Cathay Street  
Saginaw, MI 48601

# Tribute Wall



“ Evans & Browne's Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Josie McCray



Browne's Mortuary - February 16, 2013 at 12:00 AM

ST

“ Josie was a very long term, dear friend that I have many memories with. Not only that, but we also graduated from nursing school together. Although I left the area a few years ago, I never forgot her and would call her from time to time when we always had long conversations. She will be truly missed. Some day I hope to see her again in a much better place; around the throne of God. I pray you two girls and brothers will have comfort in knowing that she loved all of you with all of her heart, that she is now at total and complete rest with no more sickness or worries, and that you too will one day see her again when you will never have to say good bye. She was a very sweet and loving person that I will never forget.



Shari Farmer Turner - February 27, 2013 at 11:49 PM

DW

“ *Dick Williams lit a candle in memory of Josie McCray*



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**Dick Williams** - February 26, 2013 at 12:56 PM

OS

“ *My deepest condolence to the family of Josie Martin McCray. May God give you comfort.*  
*Omowale Art Smith*



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**Omowale Art Smith** - February 26, 2013 at 09:28 AM

CL

“ *Lisa and Lynn,*  
*our deepest sympathy and prayers go out to you, on the loss of your mother. Aunt Josie was a beautiful person and she will be truly missed. Psalm 23 says,*  
*"The LORD is my shepherd, I shall not be in want. He makes me lie down in green pastures, he leads me beside quiet waters, He restores my soul. He guides me in paths of righteousness for his name's sake. Even though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil, for you are with me; your rod and your staff, they comfort me. You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies. You anoint my head with oil; my cup overflows. Surely goodness and love will follow me all the days of my life, and I will dwell in the house of the LORD forever."*

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**Cheri, Natashua, & Brittany Lockwood** - February 23, 2013 at 08:24 PM

CL

“ *Cheri, Natashua, & Brittany Lockwood lit a candle in memory of Josie McCray*



**Cheri, Natashua, & Brittany Lockwood** - February 23, 2013 at 07:59 PM

LB

“ *Lorna Burke lit a candle in memory of Josie McCray*



**Lorna Burke** - February 23, 2013 at 07:54 PM

TM

“ *Tracy McMillon lit a candle in memory of Josie McCray*



**Tracy McMillon** - February 22, 2013 at 05:23 PM

EM

“ *We are sorry to hear of your loss and pray that God will comfort you in this difficult time.*

*Ernestine, Andre, Antoine & Angel Martin  
(Family of Benjamin "BAM" Martin)*



**Ernestine Martin** - February 22, 2013 at 06:49 AM

TM

“ Timothy J. McMillon, Sr. lit a candle in memory of Josie McCray



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**Timothy J. McMillon, Sr.** - February 21, 2013 at 11:55 PM

CF

“ Claudine "Penny Martin" Fife lit a candle in memory of Josie McCray



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**Claudine "Penny Martin" Fife** - February 21, 2013 at 10:16 PM

BG

“ Some of my favorite working memories were the times spent in the O.R. of St. Luke's hospital, working together as teams, for the care of our patient's. Josie was always a stable, consistent worker who was excellent at her job, having everything in order when it was time to do what she was called to do. She went to school to help people and she's done that for many throughout her life! May God Bless your entire family in the loss of your beloved Josie. My thoughts and prayers are with you all. Bev Gilbert

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**Bev Gilbert** - February 21, 2013 at 09:30 PM

BG

“ *Bev Gilbert lit a candle in memory of Josie McCray*



**Bev Gilbert** - February 21, 2013 at 09:05 PM

SW

“ *Sam & Doretta Williams lit a candle in memory of Josie McCray*



**Sam & Doretta Williams** - February 21, 2013 at 04:14 PM

JM

“ *James And Ola McMillan lit a candle in memory of Josie McCray*



**James and Ola McMillan** - February 21, 2013 at 03:12 PM

JM

“ *MILLIE AND JACQUELINE MARTIN&FAMILY*



**JACQUELINE MARTIN** - February 21, 2013 at 01:24 PM

IF

“ *Irma Chism And Family lit a candle in memory of Josie McCray*



**Irma Chism and Family** - February 20, 2013 at 04:37 PM

ED

“ *Evangelist Pamela J. Dottery sent a virtual gift in memory of Josie McCray*



**Evangelist Pamela J. Dottery** - February 20, 2013 at 03:58 PM

DS

“ *Djuana Smith lit a candle in memory of Josie McCray*



**Djuana Smith** - February 20, 2013 at 02:42 PM

ST

“ *Seritta Diane Torrence lit a candle in memory of Josie McCray*



**Seritta Diane Torrence** - February 20, 2013 at 12:54 AM

ST

*MY DEEPEST PRAYERS & SYMPATHY TO LYNN & LISA. I WILL TURN THEIR MOURNING INTO JOY, I WILL COMFORT THEM, AND GIVE THEM GLADNESS FOR SORROW. JEREMIAH 31:13*

**Seritta Diane Torrence** - February 20, 2013 at 01:01 AM

MB

“ *Mr. & Mrs. Larry (Marilyn) Bowman lit a candle in memory of Josie McCray*



**Mr. & Mrs. Larry (Marilyn) Bowman** - February 19, 2013 at 11:11 PM

MB

*As I remember the last time Ms. McCray and I sat talkin just like there was not a worry or care in the world, who would ever think she was sick....she never complained just talked so peacefully and calm without any fear , not knowing when she would leave us.... You were a very special mother...May u, Ms. McCray R.I.H*

**Mr. & Mrs. Larry (Marilyn) Bowman** - February 19, 2013 at 11:18 PM

VP

“ *Vyethel Kemp Peterson lit a candle in memory of Josie McCray*



**Vyethel Kemp Peterson** - February 19, 2013 at 09:54 PM

DW

“ *Deborah A Williams lit a candle in memory of Josie McCray*



Deborah A Williams - February 19, 2013 at 09:14 PM

RF

“ *To the McCray Family , I am praying for your family, just remember God is with you, and you can always lean on him, Ms Josie gave me some beautiful clothes, awhile ago, and I still have them, my mom is Frances.*



Rita Farrell-Williams - February 19, 2013 at 08:32 PM

KF

“ *Kamilah Freeman lit a candle in memory of Josie McCray*



Kamilah Freeman - February 19, 2013 at 08:15 PM

SC

“ *Stacey Crosby lit a candle in memory of Josie McCray*



Stacey Crosby - February 19, 2013 at 02:51 PM

IT

“ Irene Martin Thomas lit a candle in memory of Josie McCray



irene martin thomas - February 19, 2013 at 02:43 PM

TJ

“ Tiffany Johnson lit a candle in memory of Josie McCray



Tiffany Johnson - February 19, 2013 at 12:48 PM

LW

“ Lottie Williams lit a candle in memory of Josie McCray



Lottie Williams - February 19, 2013 at 10:25 AM

DD

“ Debra Drake-Davis lit a candle in memory of Josie McCray



Debra Drake-Davis - February 19, 2013 at 08:40 AM

DD

*Such a kind, gentle and generous person. She will be greatly missed and fondly remembered.*

**Debra Drake-Davis** - February 19, 2013 at 08:44 AM

MW

“ *Mechelle Williams lit a candle in memory of Josie McCray*



**Mechelle Williams** - February 19, 2013 at 08:15 AM

BN

“ *Lynn and Lisa, I am so sorry for the loss of your mother, my prayers and condolences are with you all. May God strengthen, comfort and keep you all today and in the days to come.*



*Bridgett Neloms and family*

**Bridgett Neloms** - February 19, 2013 at 06:44 AM

HJ

“ *Houston And Elaine Jackson, Jr. lit a candle in memory of Josie McCray*



**Houston and Elaine Jackson, Jr.** - February 19, 2013 at 06:39 AM

CM

“ *Camille Martin-Freeman lit a candle in memory of Josie McCray*



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**Camille Martin-Freeman** - February 18, 2013 at 09:41 PM

AW

“ *To the Family of Mrs. McCray, she was a quiet and kind person, always working in the church. May you always cherish precious memories.*



*Anna Williams and daughters Angelia and Anita of Bethel AME Church*

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**Angelia Williams** - February 18, 2013 at 09:23 PM

PW

“ *I have many memories of the time Josie and I worked together in the operating room at St. Lukes. She was a lovely lady and I feel privileged to have known her. She and you are in my prayers.*

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**Patricia Weslock** - February 18, 2013 at 06:44 PM

VI

“ Dearest Lynn,

*My deepest sympathy for the loss of your mom. The bible tells us at John 5:28&29 that All those in the memorial tomb will hear Jesus voice and come out. My you find comfort in the hope of the resurrection.*

*Virginia Coleman*

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**Virginia** - February 18, 2013 at 06:35 PM



SC

“ Lisa,Lynn,Dan and the family, may the Lord be your strength, my prayers are with you

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**Sandra Coleman** - February 18, 2013 at 05:50 PM



KN

“ *My Aunt Josie was much more than an Aunt or a Sister. In fact she was the Rock that Mr. Abel Martin Sr.'s youngest children leaned upon.*

*She was my Mother's best friend and only sister. There is indeed a great void in our hearts.*

*If Penny's love could have saved her Aunt Josie would have never died.*

*It's hard to let go but when God sets an appointment it is a binding appointment that no one can cancel not even the love of family.*

*On Friday, February 16,2013 Aunt Josie's scheduled appointment with God arrived.*

*Although God has called Aunt Josie from labor to rest and Aunt Josie will forever live in our hearts.*

*Indeed for me it's not goodbye Aunt Josie, but see you later.*

*Love your niece,*

*Kimberly A. Napoleon*

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**Kimberly Napoleon** - February 18, 2013 at 03:17 PM

KN

*Correction on Saturday, February 16,2013*

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**Kimberly Napoleon** - February 18, 2013 at 03:27 PM

KN

“ *Kimberly Napoleon lit a candle in memory of Josie McCray*



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**Kimberly Napoleon** - February 18, 2013 at 02:59 PM

BS

“ *BARBARA LAND SMITH lit a candle in memory of Josie McCray*



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**BARBARA LAND SMITH** - February 18, 2013 at 01:41 PM

CQ

“ *Celeste Quiney lit a candle in memory of Josie McCray*



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**Celeste Quiney** - February 18, 2013 at 01:18 PM

LM

“ *Larry Martin lit a candle in memory of Josie McCray*



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**Larry Martin** - February 18, 2013 at 11:55 AM

LM

*This photo was taken at christmas time, my sister last christmas she was so lovely*

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**Larry Martin** - February 18, 2013 at 06:08 PM



“ *Lavern Chandler lit a candle in memory of Josie McCray* ”



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**Lavern Chandler** - February 18, 2013 at 10:31 AM