



## Mrs. Juanita Mae Witherspoon

July 18, 1944 - May 24, 2021

Juanita Mae Witherspoon was born on July 18, 1944 in Sylacauga, Alabama to the late James and Mable New. Juanita was the youngest of four children. She passed away on May 24, 2021 at the age of 76 years.

Juanita Witherspoon was a resident of Saginaw, Michigan and a long-standing member of Zion Missionary Baptist Church in Saginaw, and St. Johns Baptist Church when living in Alabama. She had many accomplishments throughout her life, including becoming valedictorian of her high school class at Phyllis Wheatley High School in Childersburg, AL as did her siblings. She received her Bachelor's degree in Sociology from Talladega College in 1967 before starting a career in social work. On June 13, 1970, she married Robert James Witherspoon at Zion Missionary Baptist Church (presided by Pastor Roosevelt Austin).

She was also a proud member of Zeta Phi Beta Sorority, Inc., Zeta Omega Zeta Chapter beginning in the Spring of 1980. Juanita worked as a public guardian for Saginaw County before becoming independent in 1994 starting, Guardianship Services. After working for 20 years, she retired in 2000. She also taught as a substitute in the Saginaw School District after her retirement. She enjoyed traveling and visiting the casino before health issues slowed her down. She was a very avid supporter of the NAACP, organizing membership drives to ensure the local chapters carried out their mission. On a part time

basis, she also worked with Big Brothers Big Sisters. She was a true believer in God and devoted member of her church including as a charter member of the Quality Of Life Ministry.

She leaves to cherish her memory, two sons, Michael (Laurecia) Witherspoon of Allen Park, MI and Rolan (Michelle) Witherspoon of Fairfield, OH; five grandchildren, Michael Witherspoon, Jr. of Grand Rapids, MI, Kendall Elizabeth Witherspoon and Ella Grace Witherspoon of Allen Park, MI, Isaiah Witherspoon and Kyle Witherspoon both of Fairfield, OH; one brother, Samuel (Gwen) New of Auburn Hills, MI; sister-in-law, Evelyn New of York, ME along with many cousins, nieces, nephews, and many other special friends and family including Leola Wilson, Rosa Holliday and Shelva Veal.

Mrs. Witherspoon was preceded in death by her parents, James and Mable New; her husband, Robert James Witherspoon; sister, Elizabeth Baker and a brother, James New II.

The family would like to express special thanks to her godson, Will Ray Rodgers. Jr.

Funeral service will take place at 11:00 A.M. on Thursday, June 3, 2021 at Evans & Browne's Funeral Home, 441 North Jefferson Avenue, Saginaw, Michigan 48607. Pastor Rodrick A. Smith officiate. Interment will take place in Forest Lawn Cemetery, 3210 South Washington Avenue, Saginaw, MI 48601. Friends may call at Evans & Browne's Funeral Home, 441 North Jefferson Avenue, Saginaw, Michigan 48607, from 2:00-6:00 p.m. on Wednesday. Zeta Phi Beta Sorority, Inc., Zeta Omega Zeta Chapter will conduct a service at 5:00 p.m.

# Cemetery Details

## Forest Lawn Cemetery

3210 S. Washington Avenue  
Saginaw, MI

# Previous Events

## Visitation

JUN 2. 2:00 PM - 6:00 PM (ET)

Evans & Browne's Funeral Home  
441 North Jefferson Avenue  
Saginaw, MI 48607

## Funeral Service

JUN 3. 11:00 AM (ET)

Evans & Browne's Funeral Home  
441 North Jefferson Avenue  
Saginaw, MI 48607

# Tribute Wall



“ *Evans & Browne's Funeral Home created a Webcast in memory of Mrs. Juanita Mae Witherspoon*



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**Browne's Mortuary** - June 03, 2021 at 10:45 AM

LB

“ *Linda Buckley Bolton sent a virtual gift in memory of Mrs. Juanita Mae Witherspoon*



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**Linda Buckley Bolton** - June 07, 2021 at 08:03 PM

DM

“ *Derrell Martin lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Juanita Mae Witherspoon*



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**Derrell Martin** - June 03, 2021 at 03:18 PM

GP

“ I had the pleasure of working with Sam New in the early 1970's at Consumers Power Company. Sam, the Peeples family sends heartfelt sympathys to you and Gwen. Michael and Rolan, we watched you grow up and tell you how proud your Mom and Dad were of you. May God comfort you and surround you with His love. As Nita's Zeta sister, I am saddened by her passing; however, I know that God has called her from labor to her reward. She is at rest and at peace...rejoicing with those family members who have gone on before her. Take comfort in the memories you have and treasure them in your hearts. The George and Gerri Peeples Family

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**George and Gerri Peeples** - June 03, 2021 at 02:35 PM

DS

“ Dora Shaw-McDole lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Juanita Mae Witherspoon



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**Dora Shaw-McDole** - June 03, 2021 at 02:12 PM

DM

“ Deborah Mack lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Juanita Mae Witherspoon



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**Deborah Mack** - June 03, 2021 at 12:25 PM

PF

“ Pat Frazier lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Juanita Mae Witherspoon



Pat frazier - June 02, 2021 at 11:35 AM



“ Pamela McDaniel sent a virtual gift in memory of Mrs. Juanita Mae Witherspoon



Pamela McDaniel - June 02, 2021 at 09:07 AM

PH

“ Pam Harris lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Juanita Mae Witherspoon



Pam Harris - June 01, 2021 at 08:12 PM

WR

“ Wanda Faye Reynolds & ReynoldsFamily lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Juanita Mae Witherspoon



Wanda Faye Reynolds & ReynoldsFamily - June 01, 2021 at 07:39 PM

FF

“ From Laura Murchison (mother of Michelle) & Family purchased the Fields of Europe for Spring for the family of Mrs. Juanita Mae Witherspoon.



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**From Laura Murchison (mother of Michelle) & Family** - June 01, 2021 at 07:36 PM

TH

“ I had the pleasure of having Mrs. Witherspoon sub in my classroom and building at Jessie Loomis. She was always so pleasant to be around. Sending prayers of comfort and peace to the family.

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**Terri Herring** - June 01, 2021 at 06:36 PM

BB

“ Belinda Barlow-Poole lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Juanita Mae Witherspoon



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**Belinda Barlow-Poole** - June 01, 2021 at 05:31 PM

AG

“ She had such a wonderful smile

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**Ann Guster** - June 01, 2021 at 03:51 PM

TS

“ *The Staff of Guardianship Services of Saginaw purchased the Healing Tears - Blue and White for the family of Mrs. Juanita Mae Witherspoon.*



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**The Staff of Guardianship Services of Saginaw** - June 01, 2021 at 03:04 PM

CF

“ *Our heartfelt prayers and sympathies to the family. God promises us that he will do away with the pain that death causes. May you find comfort in knowing that he cares for you during your time of sorrow*

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**Casmere Family** - June 01, 2021 at 11:23 AM

BD

“ *Brenda Davis-Sherley lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Juanita Mae Witherspoon*



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**Brenda Davis-Sherley** - May 31, 2021 at 07:04 PM

BN

“ *I am so sorry to learn of Juanita's passing. Unfortunately we have not seen each other much since our retirements but I always enjoyed and benefitted from our work together. She was dedicated in her work, devoted to those she helped and delightful to work with. May she rest in peace and rise in Glory.*

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**Betty Nagel** - May 31, 2021 at 06:37 PM

DA

“ *Debra Austin lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Juanita Mae Witherspoon*



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**Debra Austin** - May 31, 2021 at 03:27 PM

JS

“ *Janie Surles-Cork sent a virtual gift in memory of Mrs. Juanita Mae Witherspoon*



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**Janie Surles-Cork** - May 31, 2021 at 12:37 PM

GB

“ *Gwen White Bowman lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Juanita Mae Witherspoon*



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**Gwen White Bowman** - May 30, 2021 at 12:44 PM

JW

“ *Sincere condolences to the sons/spouses, grandchildren, and entire family of Sis. Juanita. We shared her 'favorite' pew in church services at Zion. We'll fondly remember her smile and pleasant personality. Cherish the memories 🌸...*



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**Jimmie and Beverly Westbrook** - May 30, 2021 at 10:54 AM



“ *Blue & White Sympathy Floor Basket was purchased for the family of Mrs. Juanita Mae Witherspoon.*



May 29, 2021 at 08:28 PM



“ *Deborah Morris-Williams lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Juanita Mae Witherspoon*



**Deborah Morris-Williams** - May 29, 2021 at 05:15 PM



“ *Cynthia Polk lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Juanita Mae Witherspoon*



**Cynthia Polk** - May 29, 2021 at 02:13 PM



“ *Janie Surles-Cork sent a virtual gift in memory of Mrs. Juanita Mae Witherspoon*



**Janie Surles-Cork** - May 29, 2021 at 11:50 AM

BC

“ *Bobbie Crosby-Locke sent a virtual gift in memory of Mrs. Juanita Mae Witherspoon*



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**Bobbie Crosby-Locke** - May 28, 2021 at 09:59 PM

LS

“ *Lillie B. Strong & Family Lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Juanita Mae Witherspoon*



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**Lillie B. Strong** - May 28, 2021 at 03:32 PM

ES

“ *Ella Scott lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Juanita Mae Witherspoon*



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**Ella Scott** - May 28, 2021 at 12:54 PM

PM

“ *Pamela Brown Maloy lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Juanita Mae Witherspoon*



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**Pamela Brown Maloy** - May 28, 2021 at 12:30 PM

MW

“ *Zion Missionary Baptist Church Deaconess Ministry extend our deepest condolences and prayers to the families of our beloved sister Mrs. Juanita Witherspoon.*



Mrs. Sara Walker - May 28, 2021 at 10:42 AM

PM

“ *Pamela Monroe lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Juanita Mae Witherspoon*



Pamela Monroe - May 28, 2021 at 10:01 AM

LV

“ *Linda Vealsey sent a virtual gift in memory of Mrs. Juanita Mae Witherspoon*



Linda Vealsey - May 28, 2021 at 09:54 AM



“ *Yvette Wofford lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Juanita Mae Witherspoon*



Yvette Wofford - May 27, 2021 at 11:56 PM

ER

“ Eddie Rance lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Juanita Mae Witherspoon



Eddie Rance - May 27, 2021 at 11:23 PM

DF

“ DIXON FAMILY sent a virtual gift in memory of Mrs. Juanita Mae Witherspoon



DIXON FAMILY - May 27, 2021 at 06:32 PM

MW

“ Mr. Marvin And Sara Walker sent a virtual gift in memory of Mrs. Juanita Mae Witherspoon



Mr. Marvin and Sara Walker - May 27, 2021 at 05:28 PM

MW

“ Sadden to hear about the passing of our dear sister Mrs. Juanita but comforted knowing that she is safe in the arms of our savior. We all loved her but God love her best. Praying for the family.



Mr. Marvin and Sara Walker - May 27, 2021 at 05:22 PM

AF

“ *Annie Ruth Speight Fuller lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Juanita Mae Witherspoon*



**Annie Ruth Speight Fuller** - May 27, 2021 at 10:52 AM

DP

“ *Dennis And Gail Porter sent a virtual gift in memory of Mrs. Juanita Mae Witherspoon*



**Dennis and Gail Porter** - May 27, 2021 at 10:13 AM

DR

“ *Deacon Carl And Rosemary Ruth lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Juanita Mae Witherspoon*



**Deacon Carl and Rosemary Ruth** - May 27, 2021 at 08:08 AM

VB

“ *Vicki Bradley sent a virtual gift in memory of Mrs. Juanita Mae Witherspoon*



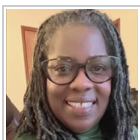
**Vicki Bradley** - May 27, 2021 at 01:18 AM

PM

“ Patricia Muldrew lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Juanita Mae Witherspoon



Patricia Muldrew - May 26, 2021 at 08:45 PM



“ Susann Wilson-Moody lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Juanita Mae Witherspoon



Susann Wilson-Moody - May 26, 2021 at 05:59 PM

PM

“ Paul & Louise McQuirter lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Juanita Mae Witherspoon



Paul & Louise McQuirter - May 26, 2021 at 05:35 PM

DT

“ Deacon John And Lillian Thomas lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Juanita Mae Witherspoon



Deacon John and Lillian Thomas - May 26, 2021 at 04:09 PM

CD

“ *Corliss Dawkins lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Juanita Mae Witherspoon*



Corliss Dawkins - May 26, 2021 at 03:14 PM

DH

“ *Deidre Hunter sent a virtual gift in memory of Mrs. Juanita Mae Witherspoon*



Deidre Hunter - May 26, 2021 at 02:46 PM

DA

“ *Dona Austin-Bigby lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Juanita Mae Witherspoon*



Dona Austin-Bigby - May 26, 2021 at 11:27 AM

DH

“ *Deborah Holmes sent a virtual gift in memory of Mrs. Juanita Mae Witherspoon*



Deborah Holmes - May 26, 2021 at 10:44 AM

CC

“ Carolyn Currie lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Juanita Mae Witherspoon



Carolyn Currie - May 26, 2021 at 09:28 AM

KC

“ Karen Cork lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Juanita Mae Witherspoon



Karen Cork - May 25, 2021 at 09:57 PM

GN

“ Gwendolyn New lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Juanita Mae Witherspoon



Gwendolyn New - May 25, 2021 at 06:16 PM

PF

“ Pat Frazier lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Juanita Mae Witherspoon



Pat frazier - May 25, 2021 at 06:08 PM

MS

“ *Marilyn C. Sawyer lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Juanita Mae Witherspoon*



Marilyn C. Sawyer - May 25, 2021 at 05:12 PM

JA

“ *JJ Akins sent a virtual gift in memory of Mrs. Juanita Mae Witherspoon*



JJ Akins - May 25, 2021 at 03:28 PM

KH

“ *Karen & Noland Heath lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Juanita Mae Witherspoon*



Karen & Noland Heath - May 25, 2021 at 03:10 PM

HS

“ *Helen Scott lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Juanita Mae Witherspoon*



Helen Scott - May 25, 2021 at 02:48 PM

HS

“ *Helen Scott lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Juanita Mae Witherspoon*



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**Helen Scott** - May 25, 2021 at 02:45 PM

MB

“ *Marilyn Burns-Bowman lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Juanita Mae Witherspoon*



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**Marilyn Burns-Bowman** - May 25, 2021 at 02:26 PM

DM

“ *Deon Mayes lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Juanita Mae Witherspoon*



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**Deon Mayes** - May 25, 2021 at 02:17 PM

AN

“ *Allien (Joyce) Neal lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Juanita Mae Witherspoon*



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**Allien (Joyce) Neal** - May 25, 2021 at 12:51 PM

SD

“ *Sandra Dillard lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Juanita Mae Witherspoon*



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**Sandra Dillard** - May 25, 2021 at 12:38 PM

SM

“ *Mrs. Juanita Witherspoon, was a very loving and kind person that I had the pleasure of meeting. God's Blessings to you Michael and Rolan and your families. I will continue to say a Prayer for you all.*

*Stacey Marshall and Family*

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**Stacey Marshall** - May 25, 2021 at 11:53 AM

JK

“ *Janice Kemp-Anderson lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Juanita Mae Witherspoon*



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**Janice Kemp-Anderson** - May 25, 2021 at 11:12 AM

JC

“ *Judge Terry L. Clark lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Juanita Mae Witherspoon*



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**Judge Terry L. Clark** - May 25, 2021 at 10:26 AM

LF

“ *Larry Polk & Family sent a virtual gift in memory of Mrs. Juanita Mae Witherspoon*



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**Larry Polk & Family** - May 25, 2021 at 09:29 AM

GN

*Samuel &Gwen New to Witherspoon families with deepest regrets for the loss of your beloved mother.*

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**Gwendolyn New** - May 25, 2021 at 06:21 PM

EM

“ *Ernestine Martin lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Juanita Mae Witherspoon*



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**Ernestine Martin** - May 25, 2021 at 08:50 AM

DJ

“ *David G. Lawrence Jr lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Juanita Mae Witherspoon*



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**David G. Lawrence Jr** - May 25, 2021 at 06:59 AM

MM

“ *God is able!*”



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**Mary McDonald** - May 24, 2021 at 11:34 PM

MN

“ *God is able!*”



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**Mary McDonald** - May 24, 2021 at 11:31 PM

AL

“ *Annie Lowery sent a virtual gift in memory of Mrs. Juanita Mae Witherspoon*”



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**Annie Lowery** - May 24, 2021 at 07:42 PM

CG

“ *The Goodman and Martin family lit a candle in memory of Mrs Juanita Mae Witherspoon.*”



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**Catherine Goodman** - May 24, 2021 at 07:26 PM