



Mrs. Leanna Elizabeth Grimes

June 25, 1924 - September 28, 2017

Our beloved Mother, Sister, and Grandmother went home to be with the Lord on Thursday, September 28, 2017.

Mrs. Leanna Elizabeth Grimes (“Payne”) was born June 25, 1924 in Altheimer, Arkansas. She was the daughter of Henry and Leonia Walker Jr., and was one of 13 children. Leanna was married to Mr. Marshall P. Grimes and together they had a total of nine children.

Leanna accepted the Lord as her Savior and was baptized at an early age. Leanna and Marshall raised their children in a Christian home. Leanna was a faithful and long-time member of Bethesda Baptist Church for over 60 years under the leadership of Reverend Dr. Nick Hall and Pastor Gregory Johnson. Leanna served in many capacities including the Gospel Choir and the Mothers and Mission Board. She loved attending all services. She especially loved her Sunday School Teachers, the late Brother Louis Mitchell and Sister Earline Smithers. Leanna loved singing congregational songs and one of her favorite songs was, “O, How I Love Jesus”.

Leanna began her career working in multiple jobs, but finally secured the one that she loved as a cashier for Prophet Foods Company located within Saginaw Steering Gear. She stayed in this position for over 20 years until her retirement. Leanna received her high school diploma when she was in her

fifties from Ruben Daniels Community School. She stated, "I want my diploma and will not accept a GED!" This showed her commitment to education.

Our mother was devoted to her husband and children. She was an exceptional cook, and avid gardener, supplying many families in need with her produce. Leanna was known for her fried chicken and when asked how she made her chicken so good, she would say, "I seasoned that chicken to the bone". Leanna had many hobbies and interests, including playing cards, sewing, quilting, dancing to gospel and soul music, and walking. In the summer months, Leanna and Marshall enjoyed traveling especially to Detroit, Chicago, and Arkansas to visit family. Leanna truly loved her mother and siblings, which prompted the frequent trips to their homes and to her birth home in Arkansas. These trips helped to strengthen our deep family ties.

Leanna leaves to cherish her precious memories, five daughters, and three sons, Johnny Walker (Chicago, IL); Harvey Cage (Las Vegas, NV); Harold Cage (Saginaw, MI); Rose (Von) Nickleberry (Saginaw, MI); Bobbie (John) Ray (Apple Valley, MN); Debra (Wayne) Meekins (Saginaw, MI); Carol (Femi) Odeleye (Ypsilanti, MI); Veletta (Leo) Cummings (Conway, AR). She also leaves her youngest brother, Alvin Walker (Frankie); her sisters-in-law, Doris (Charles) Walker and Velma (Aaron, Sr.) Walker; 32 grandchildren; 60 great-grandchildren; 16 great-great-grandchildren; and a host of nieces, nephews, cousins, and friends.

Leanna was preceded in death by her loving and devoted husband, Marshall P. Grimes; son, Earl Cage; parents, Henry and Leonia Walker; and all but one sibling.

The family would like to express special thanks to Saginaw St. Mary's Day Program, her caregivers; Mrs. Mary Carpenter (Saginaw, MI); Ms. Roxanne Heard and Ms. Enochio Taylor (St. Paul, MN); Spirit of Truth Church Family

(Burnsville, MN), the Las Vegas Connection and especially to her Bethesda Baptist Church family.

Family hour will take place at 10:00 a.m. Saturday, October 7, 2017 at Bethesda Baptist Church, 2511 Wadsworth Avenue with funeral service commencing at 11:00 a.m. Pastor Gregory Johnson will officiate with entombment in Oakwood Memorial Mausoleum, 5950 Gratiot Road Saginaw, Michigan 48638. Friends may call at the Evans & Browne's Funeral Home, 441 North Jefferson Avenue, Saginaw, MI 48607 on Friday from 2:00 until 8:00 p.m.

Cemetery Details

Oakwood Memorial Mausoleum

5950 Gratiot
Saginaw, MI 48603

Previous Events

Visitation

OCT 6. 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>

Family Hour

OCT 7. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

Bethesda Baptist Church
2511 Wadsworth Avenue
Saginaw, MI 48601

Funeral Service

OCT 7. 11:00 AM (ET)

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Saginaw, MI 48601

Tribute Wall



“ *Evans & Browne's Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Mrs. Leanna Elizabeth Grimes*



Browne's Mortuary - October 09, 2017 at 12:57 PM

TC

“ *We are deeply saddened to hear of Ms. Grimes' death. Delighted her family and friends were able to enjoy many generations of fond memories with her. Our greatest petition for Ms. Leanna is that she sleeps peacefully after a long and very much fulfilled life. (John 11:11, 13) In loving memory of Ms. Leanna Elizabeth Grimes! She will be missed.*

The Carters - October 10, 2017 at 07:36 PM

BE

“ *BettyPruitt-Daily lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Leanna Elizabeth Grimes*



BettyPruitt-Daily - October 08, 2017 at 08:38 PM

VC

“ Valerie Champion lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Leanna Elizabeth Grimes



Valerie Champion - October 07, 2017 at 08:54 PM

BK

“ Barbara Kemp-Lauria



Barbara Kemp-Lauria - October 06, 2017 at 04:36 PM

HJ

“ Houston And Elaine Jackson, Jr. lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Leanna Elizabeth Grimes



Houston and Elaine Jackson, Jr. - October 06, 2017 at 02:51 PM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Mrs. Leanna Elizabeth Grimes.



October 06, 2017 at 09:03 AM

LB

“ *Lorraine B-Riley sent a virtual gift in memory of Mrs. Leanna Elizabeth Grimes*



Lorraine B-Riley - October 05, 2017 at 08:20 PM

MT

“ *Margo Tyus sent a virtual gift in memory of Mrs. Leanna Elizabeth Grimes*



Margo Tyus - October 05, 2017 at 10:44 AM

SY

“ *My thoughts and prayers are with you all.*
Sandra Young

Sandra Young - October 04, 2017 at 02:28 PM

SS

“ *Sue Surles-McDole lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Leanna Elizabeth Grimes*



Sue Surles-McDole - October 04, 2017 at 11:16 AM

KP

“ *Kathy Luebbe and Robyn Provis purchased the Full Of Love Bouquet for the family of Mrs. Leanna Elizabeth Grimes.*



Kathy Luebbe and Robyn Provis - October 04, 2017 at 08:57 AM

PF

“ *My sincere condolences, Bobbie, to you and your lovely family.*

Patricia Fenelon - October 03, 2017 at 06:58 PM

GT

“ *Gwendolyn Henry Thomas sent a virtual gift in memory of Mrs. Leanna Elizabeth Grimes*



Gwendolyn Henry Thomas - October 03, 2017 at 05:33 PM

LT

“ *Linda Troutmon lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Leanna Elizabeth Grimes*



Linda Troutmon - October 03, 2017 at 12:09 PM

BS

“ *To The Family of Mother Grimes;
We are praying for you and may Mother rest in peace.*

Bishop Ronald & Jocelyn Stanley - October 03, 2017 at 11:27 AM

DM

“ *Deacon Charles / Dale Mitchner lit a candle in
memory of Mrs. Leanna Elizabeth Grimes*



Deacon Charles / Dale mitchner - October 03, 2017 at 02:55 AM

MB

“ *Michelle Blair lit a candle in memory of Mrs.
Leanna Elizabeth Grimes*



Michelle Blair - October 03, 2017 at 01:34 AM

LF

“ *L.D. Frierson lit a candle in memory of Mrs.
Leanna Elizabeth Grimes*



L.D. Frierson - October 02, 2017 at 10:21 PM

JW

“ *Joanie Williams lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Leanna Elizabeth Grimes*



Joanie Williams - October 02, 2017 at 09:53 PM

RW

“ *Rita Williams lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Leanna Elizabeth Grimes*



Rita Williams - October 02, 2017 at 06:56 PM

BC

“ *We want to express our sincere condolences to the family. You are in our prayers. Bobby and Debra Cork*



Bobby Cork - October 02, 2017 at 05:45 PM

JS

“ *To Rose, Von and the Gage-Grimes family, I send my deepest condolences to you. I pray that God will continue to strengthen and keep you as you go through this chapter in your life. Peace He promises us if we keep our hearts stayed on him. Love you family.*



Janie Surles-Cork - October 02, 2017 at 02:24 PM

RN

Thank you my dear sister. .

Rose nickleberry - October 05, 2017 at 10:22 AM

MW

“ *Mechelle Williams sent a virtual gift in memory of Mrs. Leanna Elizabeth Grimes*



Mechelle Williams - October 02, 2017 at 05:24 AM

VS

“ *Vermell Sangster lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Leanna Elizabeth Grimes*



Vermell Sangster - October 01, 2017 at 11:34 PM

JC

“ *Jeanette Champion lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Leanna Elizabeth Grimes*



Jeanette Champion - October 01, 2017 at 09:38 PM

 Serita
Hope-
Oates

“ *Serita Hope-Oates lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Leanna Elizabeth Grimes*



Serita Hope-Oates - October 01, 2017 at 06:24 PM

KF

“ *Kathy Shaw & Family lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Leanna Elizabeth Grimes*



Kathy Shaw & Family - October 01, 2017 at 02:48 PM

EM

“ *Eric Marshall lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Leanna Elizabeth Grimes*



Eric marshall - October 01, 2017 at 08:11 AM

VM

“ *Valerie Marshsll lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Leanna Elizabeth Grimes*



Valerie marshsll - October 01, 2017 at 08:08 AM

MS

“ *Min.Thomas & Helen Speed sent a virtual gift in memory of Mrs. Leanna Elizabeth Grimes*



Min.Thomas & Helen Speed - September 30, 2017 at 03:12 PM

EM

“ *Rosa,Debra,Bunchy and other family members I am so sorry to hear of your mothers transition.Our families all grew up in the "PJ"s back in "the day" when all of the mothers were everybodys mother.The old saying "it takes a village to raise a child" was something practiced back then.*

Although I have not seen your mom in a number of years whenever I see you I always have to ask how she is doing and extend well wishes to her.The photo is the same as I remember when she used to make that sweet cake with the powder sugar drizzle (yumm)All good memories.

My mom , many other moms and family members and friends are all waiting in Heaven" to greet her" Remember to be absent from the body is to be present with the Lord. If there is anything I can do for you please do not hesitate to contact me.Again; my family extends our condolences and deepest sympathy.

Erma M. - September 30, 2017 at 10:38 AM

DA

“ *Darnita lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Leanna Elizabeth Grimes*



Darnita - September 29, 2017 at 09:28 PM

LG

“ *Linda Gulley lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Leanna Elizabeth Grimes*



Linda Gulley - September 29, 2017 at 08:48 PM

KS

“ *Kathy Shaw lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Leanna Elizabeth Grimes*



Kathy Shaw - September 29, 2017 at 07:19 PM

IC

“ *IRMA CHISM lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Leanna Elizabeth Grimes*



IRMA CHISM - September 29, 2017 at 11:45 AM

TH

“ *Tina Houze*



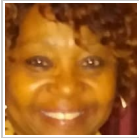
Tina Houze - September 29, 2017 at 11:37 AM

MF

“ *Mrs Cora Mitchell And Family lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Leanna Elizabeth Grimes*



Mrs Cora Mitchell and Family - September 29, 2017 at 07:54 AM



“ *Margie Lawrence lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Leanna Elizabeth Grimes*



Margie Lawrence - September 29, 2017 at 07:45 AM

WB

“ *Walsezetta Bennett sent a virtual gift in memory of Mrs. Leanna Elizabeth Grimes*



Walsezetta Bennett - September 28, 2017 at 09:10 PM

CM

“ *Charlotte McMillan-Harper lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Leanna Elizabeth Grimes*



Charlotte McMillan-Harper - September 28, 2017 at 09:09 PM