



## Mrs. Leola Strong Baldwin

May 15, 1937 - March 22, 2017

Mrs. Leola Strong-Baldwin was born to the union of Hubert and Lillian Lee Jones Strong on May 15, 1937 in West Point, Mississippi the eldest of nine children. Our beloved mother, grandmother, great-grandmother, sister, aunt and friend, Leola Strong Baldwin at the age of 79 years took a ride on the sweet chariot that swung low to take her to her new home on Wednesday, March 22, 2017 from her residence with family members present.

Leola was a born again Christian that found Christ at an early age and was baptized in West Point, MS at the Mount of Olives Baptist Church, Mississippi. Coming to Saginaw, Michigan in 1953 at the age of 16 years, she attended Saginaw Public Schools. Leola met and married Marion Edward (Tony) Baldwin (NY) and began her family in 1955. Joining and fellowshiping at Truvine Missionary Baptist Church under the direction of Reverend R.B. Corley, that fellowship continues today at the direction of Reverend Paul E. Broaddus.

Leola loved her family and she always had an open door policy especially on holidays you knew your name was in the pot. She had been known to be able to make a stove jump up and down, food was seasoned to perfection with three ingredients, salt, pepper and most importantly an abundance of love. Leola was a great historian. She had a passion for education and reading, and she instilled this in all her children. Multi-talented, she held various jobs

throughout her lifetime, including waitress, short order cook, laundering, with the bulk of her work in the dry cleaning business where she obtained the title of Master Presser and was awarded a certificate for "Spotting" by the Michigan Institute of Laundering and Dry Cleaning. She retired in 2000 where she spent the rest of her years doing some traveling but most importantly resting and relaxing, watching her favorite shows. Her patented response was "I am just sitting in my chair".

Leola has left a legacy that will be remembered by so many because she had a way of leaving a little bit of herself, with any and every one that came into contact with her. The mother of five born children and those that GOD gave her to nurture and guide, three daughters, Nita Ladell Baldwin, Lillian Baldwin Hill, Helen Michelle Baldwin Thomas; two Sons, Roosevelt Burgins, Jr. and Gregory Oneill Baldwin (Grand Rapids, MI); grandchildren, Dr. Donetrus Glenn (Cornelia) Hill of Houston, TX, Elijah (Keisha) Thomas of Saginaw, MI, Shauntia Michele (Lorman) Heilig of Westland, MI, Gregrianna Lachell Harris, Roderick Michael Burgins, Geoffrey Lee Burgins, Gregory Oneill Baldwin, Jr. of Grand Rapids, MI; great-grandchildren, Stephon Davis, Christopher Michael (Charnese) Harris-US Army, Kevontae Moore, Enijah DaVeigh Thomas, Elijah Daylan Thomas all of Saginaw, MI, Roman JaVaris Hill of Houston, TX; and one great-grandchild in route EDA, May 19, 2017; siblings, Lee Floyd Strong "Ishmael" of North Carolina , Ethel Lindsay, Annie Ruth (James) Martin all of Saginaw, MI, Dock (Siddiq) Strong "Mustapha" Shabazz of Atlanta, GA, Mary Helen (Jimmie) Pritchett of Saginaw, MI; host of nieces and nephews, great-nieces and nephews, great-great-nieces and nephews including special nieces and nephews that were like her own children, James Calvin (Sharron) Boyd of Waco, TX, Debra Jean Boyd (Michael) Coleman and Melissa Ann Boyd Landrum of Virginia Beach, VA; Special sister-in-love, Dr. Betty Elizabeth Strong of Atlanta, GA; brother-in-love, Roosevelt Sam Earl Boyd of Waco, TX; special cousins, Bertha Garth, William (Mickey) Garth that looked out for her through the years; two god-children, Rick (Barbara)

Calhoun of Shreveport, LA and Cheryl Moore of Saginaw, MI; longtime friends, Ms. Laverne White and Ms. Charlie Mae Pierce both of Saginaw, MI.

Mrs. Strong-Baldwin was preceded to glory by her parents, Hubert and Lillian Strong; daughter, Nita L. Baldwin; son, Roosevelt Burgins, Jr.; grandchildren, Rondray L. Hill and Roosevelt Lee Burgins; siblings, Mary Hubbard, Pecolia Mustapha and Arriel (Jihad) Strong.

The family extends special thanks to A&D Home Care, Dr. Rakesh Choski and staff, Mr. Alonzo Betts and staff of Evans Browne's Funeral Home.

Funeral will take place at 11:00 a.m. Friday, March 31, 2017 at Truevine Missionary Baptist Church, 2930 Janes St. Pastor Paul E. Broaddus will officiate with interment in Forest Lawn Cemetery. Friends may call at the 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

MAR 30. 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>

## Funeral Service

MAR 31. 11:00 AM (ET)

Truevine Baptist Church  
2930 Janes Street  
Saginaw, MI 48601

## Family Hour

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MAR 31. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

Truevine Baptist Church  
2930 Janes Street  
Saginaw, MI 48601

# Tribute Wall



“ *Evans & Browne's Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Mrs. Leola Strong Baldwin*



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**Browne's Mortuary** - April 07, 2017 at 09:20 AM

CM

“ *Clotee Miller lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Leola Strong Baldwin*



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**Clotee Miller** - April 06, 2017 at 09:13 PM

MF

“ *Ms. Brenda Bryant-Reynolds & Family lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Leola Strong Baldwin*



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**Ms. Brenda Bryant-Reynolds & Family** - April 05, 2017 at 06:44 PM

PM

“ Pamela McDaniel lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Leola Strong Baldwin



Pamela McDaniel - April 02, 2017 at 06:36 PM

JW

“ Joanie Williams lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Leola Strong Baldwin



Joanie Williams - April 01, 2017 at 02:30 PM

RF

“ Rainey Family lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Leola Strong Baldwin



Rainey Family - March 31, 2017 at 06:29 PM

DR

“ Dinatria Rainey lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Leola Strong Baldwin



Dinatria Rainey - March 31, 2017 at 06:27 PM

LO

“ To Helen & Family,  
Know that our family share in your loss. When you are weary and everything seems to be going wrong, release matters into God's control and know that you are in the security of his everlasting arms. Keep "the Faith" and "Trust"him in all circumstances. God will give you "peace" in the midst of your storms.  
Prayers and Love,  
Liz & Family

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Liz Owen - March 31, 2017 at 05:47 PM

J(

“ Anderson Family your project next door neighbors peace be with Mary Annie Dock Elthel and the rest of the Strong Family sincerely JoEllen Dawn Jill Sharon Bradley Adriene Miss Elizabeth Anderson,s Children 🙏🙏🙏🙏🙏

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JoEllen (Pumpkin) - March 31, 2017 at 04:10 PM

J(

“ JoEllen (Pumpkin) lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Leola Strong Baldwin



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JoEllen (Pumpkin) - March 31, 2017 at 04:02 PM

RC

“ Sorry family for our loss just know she's in a better place love y'all

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Rena Carter - March 31, 2017 at 08:17 AM

HF

“ *HERBERT FLOURNOY sent a virtual gift in memory of Mrs. Leola Strong Baldwin*



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**HERBERT FLOURNOY** - March 31, 2017 at 07:43 AM

WJ

“ *Willie And Regina Johnson lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Leola Strong Baldwin*



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**Willie and Regina Johnson** - March 30, 2017 at 06:53 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Mrs. Leola Strong Baldwin.*



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March 30, 2017 at 04:21 PM

NA

“ *Naeem & Debra Abdullah lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Leola Strong Baldwin*



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**Naeem & Debra Abdullah** - March 30, 2017 at 04:21 PM

CH

“ *Charlotte? lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Leola Strong Baldwin*



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**Charlotte?** - March 30, 2017 at 04:08 PM

RV

“ *Robert And Linda Veasley lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Leola Strong Baldwin*



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**Robert and Linda Veasley** - March 30, 2017 at 03:12 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Mrs. Leola Strong Baldwin.*



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March 30, 2017 at 01:09 PM

CF

“ *Condolences & Prayers To The Entire Family...*



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**Claymon Strong Jr. & Family** - March 30, 2017 at 11:22 AM



“ *Josie Garth-Smith lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Leola Strong Baldwin*



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**Josie Garth-Smith** - March 29, 2017 at 08:23 PM

PB

*My heart goes out to my friends, i'm so sorry that i couldn't be there in a time like this, but i want the Baldwin family know that my heart goes out to them*

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**Patricia Brown** - March 30, 2017 at 12:17 PM

TF

*Our deepest sympathy to the Strong Baldwin Family! Let your comfort lie in knowing that God hates death more that we do, and he has a longing to conquer that enemy to undo death by means of the resurrection. His word promises that he will reunite Leola with all those who love and adore her. (Isaiah 25:8)*

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**The Pratt Family** - April 05, 2017 at 12:01 PM

PG

“ *Pam Gibbs lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Leola Strong Baldwin*



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**Pam Gibbs** - March 29, 2017 at 04:13 PM

RJ

“ *Rose Juhas lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Leola Strong Baldwin*



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**Rose juhas** - March 29, 2017 at 09:09 AM

DJ

“ *DALLAS AND BARBARA JONES lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Leola Strong Baldwin*



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**DALLAS AND BARBARA JONES** - March 29, 2017 at 07:26 AM

MH

“ *Mary Hannibal lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Leola Strong Baldwin*



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**Mary Hannibal** - March 29, 2017 at 01:14 AM

RB

“ *Rochelle Brewer lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Leola Strong Baldwin*



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**rochelle brewer** - March 28, 2017 at 09:07 PM

MF

“ *Michelle Blair And Family lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Leola Strong Baldwin*



Michelle Blair and Family - March 28, 2017 at 08:46 PM

ES

“ *Ethel N. And Robert A. Shaheed lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Leola Strong Baldwin*



Ethel N. and Robert A. Shaheed - March 28, 2017 at 08:05 PM

AL

“ *Annie Lowery lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Leola Strong Baldwin*



Annie Lowery - March 28, 2017 at 07:23 PM

JB

“ *Jean Bland lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Leola Strong Baldwin*



Jean Bland - March 28, 2017 at 05:30 PM

LC

“ *Lavern (Brewer) Chandler lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Leola Strong Baldwin*



**Lavern (Brewer) Chandler** - March 28, 2017 at 03:22 PM

GC

“ *Gwen Conway sent a virtual gift in memory of Mrs. Leola Strong Baldwin*



**Gwen Conway** - March 28, 2017 at 01:42 PM

PN

“ *Pearl Newborn lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Leola Strong Baldwin*



**Pearl Newborn** - March 28, 2017 at 09:55 AM

DB

“ *Diane Bond lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Leola Strong Baldwin*



**Diane Bond** - March 27, 2017 at 07:48 PM



“ *Josie Garth-Smith lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Leola Strong Baldwin*



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**Josie Garth-Smith** - March 27, 2017 at 07:10 PM

JP

“ *Josephine Pelt lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Leola Strong Baldwin*



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**Josephine Pelt** - March 25, 2017 at 08:31 AM

VC

“ *Valerie Champion lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Leola Strong Baldwin*



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**valerie champion** - March 24, 2017 at 06:36 PM

CW

“ *Cathy Wilson sent a virtual gift in memory of Mrs. Leola Strong Baldwin*



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**Cathy Wilson** - March 23, 2017 at 07:23 PM

LJ

“ *Cousin Lillian and family I'm sincerely sorry for your loss of your mom, please know God has a plan for us all and He needed your mom's assistants, I pray God mends your broken hearts... Love, Laura&Family*

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**Laura Jackson** - March 23, 2017 at 12:18 PM