



Louise Archer

May 22, 1922 - February 2, 2014

Mrs. Louise Archer, age 91, passed away Sunday, February 2, 2014 at The Oaks at Woodfield-Grand Blanc, MI.

Family hour will take place at 10:00 a.m. on Friday, February 7, 2014 at Zion Missionary Baptist Church, 721 Johnson Street, with funeral service commencing at 11:00 a.m. Pastor Roderick Smith, Host Pastor. Dr. Richard Murphy will officiate with interment in Mt. Olivet Catholic Cemetery.

Mrs. Archer will lie in state in the Chapel of Lawrence E. Moon Funeral Home, 906 W. Flint Park Blvd. in Flint, MI, and may be viewed from 4:00 until 6:00 p.m. on Wednesday. Mrs. Archer will also lie in state at the Evans and Browne's Funeral Home, 441 N. Jefferson Ave. in Saginaw, MI, and may be viewed from 12 noon until 6:00 p.m. on Thursday, with the family present from 1:00 until 4:00 p.m.

Ms. Louise E. Archer was born on May 9, 1922 in Eudora, Arkansas, the second child born to the late Lula King and Sterling Hawkins, Sr. Louise attended school in Natchez, Mississippi, and earned a Bachelor of Arts degree from Arkansas State University. She was an Elementary Teacher in Arkansas and Louisiana before relocating to Saginaw, Michigan in 1947.

Not long after moving to Saginaw, she became the first African-American

cashier in the city. In 1952, Louise began working for the city of Saginaw as its first African-American Recreation Supervisor. Additionally, she completed graduate coursework at Michigan State University in music, voice and art as well as recreation administration. In 1976, when the City of Saginaw opened its new Civitan Recreation Center, the Civitan Club paid special tribute to Louise in honor of the services she rendered to the youth of Saginaw. She retired as the senior citizens' activities coordinator in 1982.

Louise also served as a Senior Musician at Zion Missionary Baptist Church for 55 years, making her the longest tenured musician in the denomination in the Saginaw area. While at Zion, she partnered with several other members to create the Male Chorus and the Gospel Chorus.

In addition to her professional achievements, Louise has been active in a number of civic and professional organizations, including the American Business Women's Association, the Board of Housing Appeals, Nomads Inc., the Young Women's Christian Association Board of Directors, the Gospel Music Workshops of America, NAACP, Big Sisters of America, Michigan Recreation Association, and the Association of Health and Physical Education. Louise sacrificed her time and energy to ensure that Saginaw citizens received educational and recreational enrichment to promote good mental and physical health. She was never too busy to help anyone. On countless occasions she served as a mentor to young people. In fact, her encouragement and support influenced many to succeed in school, pursue a college education and become students of music. Louise's dedication to helping others is a true testament of how one life can influence so many.

Mrs. Archer leaves to cherish her memory: 2 daughters, Peeti Greene of Grand Blanc, MI and Audrey McKandes of Saginaw, MI; granddaughter, Chawn A. Greene-Farmer of Grand Blanc, MI; siblings, Charles (Olivia) Smith and Jon Evelyn Wettlin, both of Saginaw, MI; and a host of nieces and

nephews.

Mrs. Archer was preceded in death by her husband, Tillman Archer and brother, Sterling Hawkins.

Cemetery Details

Mt. Olivet Cemetery

3440 S. Washington Avenue
Saginaw, MI 48601

Previous Events

Visitation

FEB 5. 4:00 PM - 6:00 PM (ET)

Lawrence E. Moon Funeral Home, Inc.
906 W. Flint Park Blvd.
Flint, MI 48505
(810) 789-MOON (6666)
lemoonfhflint@gmail.com
<https://www.lawrenceemoonfuneralhome.com>

Family Hour

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

Zion Missionary Baptist Church
721 Johnson Street
Saginaw, MI 48607

Service

FEB 7. 11:00 AM (ET)

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Tribute Wall



“ Praying for your continued comfort from The Lord and continued sweet memories of Sister Archer. She was a wonderful woman to our family throughout all our time at Zion Missionary Baptist Church.



Representing Jessie M. Langston, the late Dr. Westbrook A. Walker and the Walker Children.

Angela Ross - February 18, 2014 at 09:02 PM



“ Tiffany Chesney Hendrix lit a candle in memory of Louise Archer



Tiffany Chesney Hendrix - February 18, 2014 at 11:13 AM



“ Derrell Martin lit a candle in memory of Louise Archer



Derrell Martin - February 16, 2014 at 08:27 PM

EF

“ *Earlene Pruitt's Family lit a candle in memory of Louise Archer*



Earlene Pruitt's Family - February 14, 2014 at 02:06 PM

DM

“ *Dennis And Emma Morrison lit a candle in memory of Louise Archer*



Dennis and Emma Morrison - February 14, 2014 at 10:35 AM

RW

“ *Rita M. Williams lit a candle in memory of Louise Archer*



Rita M. Williams - February 12, 2014 at 10:35 PM

DA

“ *Dona Austin-Bigby lit a candle in memory of Louise Archer*



Dona Austin-Bigby - February 06, 2014 at 11:45 PM

RW

“ *Rita Williams lit a candle in memory of Louise Archer*



Rita Williams - February 06, 2014 at 07:30 PM

DA

“ *Debra Austin lit a candle in memory of Louise Archer*



Debra Austin - February 06, 2014 at 01:47 AM

PD

“ *Peter Cooper, Dallas, TX lit a candle in memory of Louise Archer*



Peter Cooper, Dallas, TX - February 05, 2014 at 10:41 PM

PM

“ *Pamela Monroe lit a candle in memory of Louise Archer*



Pamela Monroe - February 05, 2014 at 03:32 PM

NS

“ *Nina Smith lit a candle in memory of Louise Archer*



Nina Smith - February 05, 2014 at 03:25 PM

NS

My beautiful auntie, you are truly loved and will be missed by us all.

Nina Smith - February 05, 2014 at 03:27 PM

JM

“ *Petie, God has called one of his most loved and respected children home. By leaving Her with you, 91 years suggest that She lived a good, God filled life.*

During my teen years Mrs. Ernest was a big influence on my life.

During my adult life Mrs. Archer has been in my thoughts many times. Knowing Her, has made me a better person.

God's Continued blessing to you and your family.

John McAfee

John McAfee - February 05, 2014 at 11:44 AM

AT

“ *To the family of Louise Archer:*

I am so sorry for you loss and will keep you all in my prayers.

Wendi, keep all of the fond memories you have of Nana close to your heart!

Love,

Anita & Kirk Taylor

Anita Taylor - February 05, 2014 at 10:59 AM

AT

“ *Anita Taylor lit a candle in memory of Louise Archer*



Anita Taylor - February 05, 2014 at 10:57 AM