



## Mother Mary Earl Ellis

September 1, 1929 - May 30, 2016

“Precious in the sight of the Lord is the death of his saints.”

Psalm 116:15

Our beloved, mother, grandmother, GG-great grandmother, great, great grandmother was called home to be with the Lord on Monday, May 30, 2016 at Covenant Healthcare surrounded with her family by her side.

Mary Earl Ellis was born September 1, 1929 in Sicily Island, Louisiana, the daughter of Eddie Thomas and Lillie E. (Henderson) Thomas. She was the third oldest of five siblings. Mary was married to Peter Ellis Jr., to this union eleven children were born. Mr. Peter Ellis after procuring employment at Grey Iron Foundry, he then moved his family to Saginaw, Michigan in 1952.

Mary Earl was raised in a Christian home and was baptized at a early age. Mother Mary Ellis was a faithful long time member of the Lewis Temple C.O.G.I.C. where she served in many capacities; as an Evangelist Missionary, Prayer Warrior, Mothers Board, Pastor’s Aid, Church Secretary, Sunday School Teacher, Bible Band Teacher, Sunshine Band Purity Class Booster and Kitchen Committee. Mother Ellis was a praying woman devoted to her work in the home, caring for her family and the church. She also enjoyed shopping, gardening, cooking, sewing, singing and spending time with her family and friends.

She leaves to cherish her precious memory, six daughters and four sons, Willie H. Ellis (Zeline), Edna Davis, Earline Sims, Mary Ann (Ellis) DuRant (Jerome), Gregory Ellis (Beatrice), Ruthie Mae Ellis, Charles Ellis (Patty), Deanna Ellis, Preston Ellis and Michelle Ellis; 31 grand children; three step grandchildren; 32 great-grandchildren; 12 step great-grandchildren; one great-great grandchild; a host of nieces, nephews, cousins and friends.

Mother Ellis was preceded in death by her husband, Peter Ellis Jr., one son, Peter Ray Ellis; parents, Eddie and Lillie E. Thomas; all siblings, Edna B. Williams, Vera Lee Jackson (recently deceased), Eddie Thomas Jr. and Larnell Thomas, one grandson, Zederick Sims and one granddaughter Sabrina Nettles.

Home going service will take place at 11:00 a.m. Saturday, June 11, 2016 at Lewis Temple C.O.G.I.C., 3300 Hess Street. Pastor Fred Allen Lewis will officiate with interment in Forest Lawn Cemetery. Friends may call at the Evans & Browne's Funeral Home, 441 North Jefferson Avenue on Friday from 2:00 until 8:00 p.m. where the family will be present from 6:00 until 8:00 p.m. Friends may call at the church on Saturday from 9:00 am until time of service.

# Cemetery Details

## Forest Lawn Cemetery

3210 S. Washington Avenue  
Saginaw, MI

# Previous Events

## Visitation

JUN 10. 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

JUN 11. 11:00 AM (ET)

Lewis Temple Church of God in Christ  
3300 Hess Street  
Saginaw, MI 48601

# Tribute Wall



“ *Evans & Browne's Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Mother Mary Earl Ellis*



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**Browne's Mortuary** - June 13, 2016 at 04:29 PM

SD

*Grandma.... tears!!!* 😭😭

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**Shawnette Shawn Davis** - June 13, 2016 at 06:20 PM

EE

“ *Earline Ellis-Sims lit a candle in memory of Mother Mary Earl Ellis*



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**Earline Ellis-Sims** - June 14, 2016 at 01:14 AM

EE

“ *My Beautiful Mom!! I love you mom. Even though I have said this to you many, many times I miss you. I thank you for all you have ever done for me in my life. I thank you for your loving kindness and encouraging words. Thank you mom for a listening ear, and all the prayers you have prayed for me and my family. There is so much to say, I cannot put it all in words. You will forever be in my heart. I love you more then words can say. Your daughter, Earline Ellis Sims. EES*

Earline Ellis-Sims - June 14, 2016 at 01:13 AM

SD

“ *Shawnette Davis lit a candle in memory of Mother Mary Earl Ellis*



Shawnette Davis - June 13, 2016 at 03:03 PM

SD

“ *Grams!!! How Im missing U! U taught me well!... as i would tell you to hold on, hold on! I know you are NOW telling me to Hold on, Hold on Shawn! Wow. I feel empty because I cant come over to see what you doing and buy you catfish... as U say, The Lord Knows!!! U were the Best and are the Best!!! No one can compare! Love ya Granddaughter Shawn....*

Shawnette Shawn Davis - June 13, 2016 at 09:31 AM

SD



Shawnette Shawn Davis - June 13, 2016 at 09:32 AM

KW

“ Kay Wooten lit a candle in memory of Mother Mary Earl Ellis



Kay Wooten - June 09, 2016 at 01:12 AM

LD

“ GOD BLESS THE ENTIRE ELLIS FAMILY AND GIVE YOU ALL STRENGTH FROM DAY TO DAY. WE LOVE YOU ALL WITH THE LOVE OF THE LORD THAT IS WITHIN US, AND WE PRAY FOR A BRIGHTER DAY AS THE DAYS GROW OLD WE WILL FOREVER PRAY FOR YOU ALL. WITH LOTS OF LOVE MINSTER AND SISTER DOSTER FAMILY



Louise Doster - June 08, 2016 at 11:44 PM



“ 63 files added to the album Life Tributes



Browne's Mortuary - June 08, 2016 at 03:55 PM

NS

“ Auntie, you and Mama is together again, Rip, give Mama a kiss for me love you, your niece Nell Surles.



Nell Surles - June 07, 2016 at 09:50 PM

DB

“ Dev & Alana Baty lit a candle in memory of Mother Mary Earl Ellis



Dev & Alana Baty - June 07, 2016 at 03:58 AM

SW

“ Sandra Wright Williams sent a virtual gift in memory of Mother Mary Earl Ellis



Sandra Wright Williams - June 06, 2016 at 10:36 PM

SW

“ Sandra Wright Williams lit a candle in memory of Mother Mary Earl Ellis



Sandra Wright Williams - June 06, 2016 at 10:35 PM

CJ

“ *Mo.Ellis she was a mom to me,she was a praying woman,love was her other name,I worked her at my job a few years ago,she was a blessing to our floor,never complained,always praying for others as sick as she was,kept her head up through all her suffering,she was a solider for the Lord,if you met her you met the love of God she had in her,she was a mother to me ,that smile was from Jesus,through all her pain she still lifted up Lord,every time she came through the church door her hand would be lifted high praising God and blessing everyone in the service,just another solider gone home.* ”



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**carol jackson** - June 06, 2016 at 07:27 AM

LM

“ June 5, 2016

*You are with the Angels of God, Aunt M.E., and you are at peace. We thank God for your life, and we will miss your loving smile. You are the last (whom God has called) of my Mother's, Edna Williams', sisters, and you were a blessing to the entire family. Rest in peace Aunt M.E. We love you.*

*Loran (Kay), Emmett, and family*

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**Loran Moten** - June 05, 2016 at 04:53 PM

AT

“ *A.C. Taylor lit a candle in memory of Mother Mary Earl Ellis* ”



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**A.C. Taylor** - June 05, 2016 at 12:36 PM

SW

*Mother Mary Ellis will be missed dearly I love her and she was a strong and praying mother she also loved people.*

Sylvia White - June 05, 2016 at 01:59 PM

DJ

“ *Demetria Jackson lit a candle in memory of Mother Mary Earl Ellis*



Demetria Jackson - June 05, 2016 at 09:19 AM

ED

“ *Mo Ellis was a praying woman. She loved God, her family, and her church family. "Pray, Pray! Pray!" was her words. Mother just made her transition, she loved being in the presence of God. Praying for the family. Love you all!!!!*  
*Evang. K. Dukes*

Evang. K. Dukes - June 05, 2016 at 07:23 AM

MF

“ *To Ruthie and family, so sorry to hear about the passing of your dear beloved Mother, know that she is in a better place and she lived a wonderful, blessed life, know she is resting, keeping your family in prayer. Michelle Blair and Family*



Michelle Blair and Family - June 04, 2016 at 09:41 PM

PC

“ Sorry for your loss, prayer for all the family, we all held 22nd street down, all our life growing up, so many memories, Pam jumper Cisco

Pam jumper Cisco - June 04, 2016 at 04:24 PM

1M

“ Praying for the entire Ellis family: Pastor Edward & Mattie Jackson. Of Christ Kingdom Church.

1st Lady M.Jackson - June 04, 2016 at 08:36 AM

1M

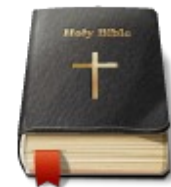
“ 1st Lady M.Jackson lit a candle in memory of Mother Mary Earl Ellis



1st Lady M.Jackson - June 04, 2016 at 08:32 AM

DM

“ Mother Mary Earl Ellis was a very sweet patient that I had the enjoyment of being her CNA at Saint Mary"s of Michigan. such a very sweet lady who now has been called home the angels, May her family know that, God is watching over each one of you, day be day, night by night, R.I.P. GONE HOME TO HEAVEN.



Diana Miree - June 04, 2016 at 07:43 AM