



Mary Elizabeth Lilly "Aunt Baby"

August 2, 1927 - July 11, 2015

Family hour will take place at 10:00 a.m. on Friday, July 17, 2015 at St. Paul Missionary Baptist Church, 120 North 15th Street with the funeral service commencing at 11:00 a.m. Pastor Vincent McMillon will officiate with interment in Forest Lawn Cemetery. Friends may call at the church from 10:00 a.m. until time of service.

Our beloved Mother, Grandmother, God-Mother, Sister, Aunt and Friend, Mary Elizabeth Lilly "Aunt Baby" went home to be with our Heavenly Father on Saturday, July 11, 2015 at the age of 87 years. She was born August 2, 1927 in Center, TX to Thomas and Hattie Mae (Harris) Harper.

Mary moved to Saginaw, MI at the age of 18. She married Ross M. Lilly in 1965 and they remained married for 35 years until his death in 2000.

Mary enjoyed fishing, playing cards, driving and riding in the car around Saginaw, shopping and gospel music. She also enjoyed eating chicken, chocolate chip cookies and drinking French vanilla cappuccino. Her favorite places to dine out were, I-HOP, Old Country Buffet and Kentucky Fried Chicken, where everyone knew her by name. Her favorite and most valued time was spent with her brilliant, beautiful grandchildren and her grandpuppy "Snickers".

Mary was affectionately known as “Aunt Baby”. She graduated from Rueben Daniels Lifelong Learning Center in 1985 and was honored with the distinct privilege of delivering her graduation speech to her fellow classmates.

Mary was a former employee of the Saginaw Public School District. She served as a custodian until she retired in 1990. She was also a former member of the Cordelia Chapter #48 of the OES.

Mary was an active member of St. Paul Mother’s Board, Nurses Guild and was a food server for Vacation Bible School until her health declined. She was very fond of St. Paul’s Day Care and often donated food, beverages and funds to the children in the care of Mary Rivers and the day care staff.

Mary leaves to cherish her memory, her two daughters, Marlyn (Connie) Reeves and Billie Curry, both of Saginaw, MI; son, Anthony Lilly of New York; grandchildren, RaKeesha (Andrew) Pelt, Richmond, TX, RaShonda Reeves, Brooklyn, NY, Lester Williams, Tammy Williams, Sheila Hunt, Starr Curry and Alan Curry, Jr., all of Saginaw, MI; two sisters, Ruby Boyd and Minnie Mack, Longview, TX; sister-in-law, Addie Harper, Saginaw, MI; 22 great-grandchildren; 12 great-great-grandchildren; six god-children, Loddree McMurren, Dorthera Gaskew, Floyd Duane Jackson, Jr., Michael and Marcel Jackson and Lenton Patrick; many nieces, nephews, cousins, her church family and friends, in addition to her devoted Prayer Partner, Mother Irene Conner, who prayed fervently and without ceasing; three caring and devoted care givers, nephew, Clarence Roberts, lifelong friend, Dorothy Gaines and granddaughter, Tammy Williams. Your dedication and service is greatly appreciated.

Mary was preceded in death by her parents, Thomas and Hattie Mae (Harris) Harper; her husband, Ross M. Lilly; son, Ross Leroy Lilly; three infant brothers, along with seven other siblings, Edward Harper, Willis Harper, Fred

Harper, James Harper, Lou Ella Roberts, Fannie Harper and Aaron Harper.

The family would like to express a special acknowledgement and sincere gratitude for all of their support to, Rev. Dr. Vincent D. McMillon, First Lady, Dr. Gwendolyn McMillon, Kimberly Culbert, Brenda Lawson, Venita Faye McNair, Geraldine Green and the Covenant Emergency Care Center staff.

Cemetery Details

Forest Lawn Cemetery

3210 S. Washington Avenue
Saginaw, MI

Previous Events

Family Hour

JUL 17. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

St. Paul Baptist Church
120 North 15th Street
Saginaw, MI 48601

Funeral Service

JUL 17. 11:00 AM (ET)

St. Paul Baptist Church
120 North 15th Street
Saginaw, MI 48601

Tribute Wall

CM

“ *Cynthia Maise lit a candle in memory of Mary Elizabeth Lilly "Aunt Baby"* ”



Cynthia Maise - August 23, 2015 at 06:20 PM

LW

“ *Lillie Williams lit a candle in memory of Mary Elizabeth Lilly "Aunt Baby"* ”



Lillie Williams - August 13, 2015 at 09:34 PM

GC

“ *Gwen Ellison- Conway sent a virtual gift in memory of Mary Elizabeth Lilly "Aunt Baby"* ”



Gwen Ellison- Conway - July 20, 2015 at 12:44 AM

KW

“ *Mrs Reeves and family I love you. May God comfort and strengthen you during this difficult time!* ”

Kim Caver Wright - July 17, 2015 at 03:05 PM

LT

“ *Lionell & Dorothy Terrell lit a candle in memory of Mary Elizabeth Lilly "Aunt Baby"* ”



lionell & dorothy Terrell - July 17, 2015 at 11:39 AM

BS

“ *Beverly A. Smith lit a candle in memory of Mary Elizabeth Lilly "Aunt Baby"* ”



Beverly A. Smith - July 17, 2015 at 10:01 AM

BS

“ *To the family of Mary Elizabeth Lilly, Sending prayers your way for comfort and peace. God grant you strength in this time of sorrow. I loved the care Mrs. Lilly gave to her family may God bless and give you precious memories. I am not able to attend but know you all are in my prayers.
Stay strong MaryIn Reeves you did your rightful part and how proud of you I am. Call me if you need me.* ”

Beverly A. Smith

Beverly A. Smith - July 17, 2015 at 10:00 AM

JH

“ JoAnne And Terri Herring lit a candle in memory of Mary Elizabeth Lilly "Aunt Baby"



JoAnne and Terri Herring - July 17, 2015 at 08:33 AM

SS

“ Sue Surles-McDole lit a candle in memory of Mary Elizabeth Lilly "Aunt Baby"



Sue Surles-McDole - July 17, 2015 at 07:29 AM

KS

“ Kathy Shaw lit a candle in memory of Mary Elizabeth Lilly "Aunt Baby"



Kathy Shaw - July 16, 2015 at 09:14 PM

TE

“ Teresa lit a candle in memory of Mary Elizabeth Lilly "Aunt Baby"



teresa - July 16, 2015 at 05:50 PM

TE

“ My mom and i are sorry 2 hear of your loss.we met ms.mary out at health source last year when my mom was out there she would get lost n have me take her back 2 da front desk...i really enjoyed getting to know her and daughter...i pray God peace 4 da family....shirley n teresa that was n room 283 out at health source

teresa - July 16, 2015 at 05:45 PM

JW

She was a very kind and sweet Lady so sorry for your Loss

James. Weston - July 16, 2015 at 09:56 PM

BA

“ BETTY ABERNATHY lit a candle in memory of Mary Elizabeth Lilly "Aunt Baby"



BETTY ABERNATHY - July 16, 2015 at 01:38 PM

LS

“ Linda Campbell Stacy lit a candle in memory of Mary Elizabeth Lilly "Aunt Baby"



Linda Campbell Stacy - July 16, 2015 at 12:17 PM

YC

“ Yvonne Corley sent a virtual gift in memory of Mary Elizabeth Lilly "Aunt Baby"



Yvonne Corley - July 16, 2015 at 12:00 PM

AF

“ Alma Johnson And Family sent a virtual gift in memory of Mary Elizabeth Lilly "Aunt Baby"



Alma Johnson and Family - July 16, 2015 at 11:52 AM

MF

“ Mosella Reed And Family lit a candle in memory of Mary Elizabeth Lilly "Aunt Baby"



Mosella Reed and Family - July 16, 2015 at 11:51 AM

LA

“ Linda A.Veasley lit a candle in memory of Mary Elizabeth Lilly "Aunt Baby"



Linda A.Veasley - July 16, 2015 at 11:43 AM

DW

“ *Deborah Williams lit a candle in memory of Mary Elizabeth Lilly "Aunt Baby"* ”



Deborah Williams - July 15, 2015 at 08:58 PM

VJ

“ *Vera Jones sent a virtual gift in memory of Mary Elizabeth Lilly "Aunt Baby"* ”



Vera Jones - July 15, 2015 at 04:33 PM

SM

“ *Sonny & Pamela Moten lit a candle in memory of Mary Elizabeth Lilly "Aunt Baby"* ”



Sonny & Pamela Moten - July 15, 2015 at 02:48 PM



Shalanda Jackson

“ *Shalanda Jackson purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Mary Elizabeth Lilly "Aunt Baby".* ”



Shalanda Jackson - July 15, 2015 at 01:19 PM

KC

“ *Kimberly Culbert lit a candle in memory of Mary Elizabeth Lilly "Aunt Baby"* ”



Kimberly Culbert - July 15, 2015 at 12:52 PM

BT

“ *Barbara Thomas-Watkins lit a candle in memory of Mary Elizabeth Lilly "Aunt Baby"* ”



Barbara Thomas-Watkins - July 15, 2015 at 12:24 PM



Shalanda Jackson

“ *This lady was my greatest inspiration when it comes to living life. I will miss you. Love always- Shalanda* ”

Shalanda Jackson - July 15, 2015 at 12:03 PM

YW

“ *Yvonne Weathers sent a virtual gift in memory of Mary Elizabeth Lilly "Aunt Baby"* ”



Yvonne Weathers - July 15, 2015 at 11:47 AM

DK

“ Deacon Bobby & Thelma Kelley lit a candle in memory of Mary Elizabeth Lilly "Aunt Baby"



Deacon Bobby & Thelma Kelley - July 15, 2015 at 07:01 AM

LC

“ Our thoughts and prayers to Reeves Family during this time of bereavement. Miss Lilly will truly be missed. She was joy to be around. Connie & Maryln don't hesitate if there is anything we do to assist.



Larry Campbell & Family

Larry & Carrie Campbell - July 14, 2015 at 10:02 PM

AC

“ Arwanda Conner lit a candle in memory of Mary Elizabeth Lilly "Aunt Baby"



arwanda conner - July 14, 2015 at 09:31 PM

DS

“ DENISE SYKES AND LUCY SMITH lit a candle in memory of Mary Elizabeth Lilly "Aunt Baby"



DENISE SYKES AND LUCY SMITH - July 14, 2015 at 07:13 PM

DS

“ DENISE SYKES lit a candle in memory of Mary Elizabeth Lilly "Aunt Baby"



DENISE SYKES - July 14, 2015 at 07:11 PM

DG

“ Denise Green lit a candle in memory of Mary Elizabeth Lilly "Aunt Baby"



Denise Green - July 14, 2015 at 07:09 PM

GK

“ Griffin Family , Addie, Kim lit a candle in memory of Mary Elizabeth Lilly "Aunt Baby"



Griffin Family , Addie, Kim - July 14, 2015 at 06:41 PM

DM

“ to deacon / deaconess reeves my prayer to you and you family you both had done a good job taken care of mother mary let the time that you share give you peace that you did your best caring for her may she rest in peace in name of jesus amen,with love deacon Charles /deaconess dale mitchner



dale mitchner - July 14, 2015 at 06:36 PM

CF

“ Cassen Gates & Family lit a candle in memory of Mary Elizabeth Lilly "Aunt Baby"



Cassen Gates & Family - July 14, 2015 at 05:15 PM

CJ

“ Chris&Wayne Jernigan sent a virtual gift in memory of Mary Elizabeth Lilly "Aunt Baby"



Chris&Wayne Jernigan - July 14, 2015 at 04:48 PM

BM

“ Bernice McGlothin lit a candle in memory of Mary Elizabeth Lilly "Aunt Baby"



Bernice McGlothin - July 14, 2015 at 03:13 PM

RC

“ Renee And James Curry lit a candle in memory of Mary Elizabeth Lilly "Aunt Baby"



Renee and James Curry - July 14, 2015 at 02:27 PM

BD

“ Berta L. Davis lit a candle in memory of Mary Elizabeth Lilly "Aunt Baby"



Berta L. Davis - July 14, 2015 at 12:43 PM

BD

Deacon & Deaconess Reeves you are in my thoughts and prayers. I commend you on a job well done in caring for Mother Lilly. May your memories give you comfort. If I can be of service to you don't hesitate to ask. "To be absent from the body, is to be present with the Lord. Because He lives, Mother B.L.Davis

Berta L. Davis - July 14, 2015 at 12:52 PM

MD

“ Marquetta Davis lit a candle in memory of Mary Elizabeth Lilly "Aunt Baby"



Marquetta Davis - July 14, 2015 at 12:41 PM

MS

“ *Mary Smithers lit a candle in memory of Mary Elizabeth Lilly "Aunt Baby"* ”



Mary Smithers - July 14, 2015 at 09:09 AM

LJ

“ *Leon Jackson lit a candle in memory of Mary Elizabeth Lilly "Aunt Baby"* ”



Leon Jackson - July 14, 2015 at 04:08 AM

DB

“ *Diane Bond lit a candle in memory of Mary Elizabeth Lilly "Aunt Baby"* ”



Diane Bond - July 13, 2015 at 05:38 PM

CS

“ *Clifford Davis Sr lit a candle in memory of Mary Elizabeth Lilly "Aunt Baby"* ”



Clifford Davis Sr - July 13, 2015 at 02:51 PM

DW

“ *Deborah Williams lit a candle in memory of Mary Elizabeth Lilly "Aunt Baby"* ”



Deborah Williams - July 13, 2015 at 02:16 PM

GB

“ *Gwen White Bowman lit a candle in memory of Mary Elizabeth Lilly "Aunt Baby"* ”



Gwen White Bowman - July 13, 2015 at 09:43 AM