



Mother Louise Grays

January 5, 1936 - November 26, 2014

Mother Louise (Gentry) Grays was born January 5, 1936 in Watson, Arkansas, the fifth of ten children born to the late Thomas and Annie (Branch) Gentry. Louise was educated in the Dumas, Arkansas Education System.

In the 1950's, Louise relocated to Saginaw to be with her sister, Annie. She met the love of her life, Claud Grays, in 1955 on the steps of her sister's house. They were united in Holy Matrimony June 23, 1956. To their union, Claudine, Guy, Brenda and Daryl were born. Claud preceded Louise in death on May 4, 2009.

Louise accepted Christ and was baptized at the age of fifteen at St. John A.M.E. Church in Watson, Arkansas. Upon marriage, she united with Tabernacle Missionary Baptist Church. She served there for over forty years. Later, Louise continued her faith journey by uniting with Victorious Believers Ministries where she served on the Mother's Board until her death. Louise loved the Lord and instilled Christian values in her children and grandchildren. Her favorite scripture was Psalm 121.

Louise was employed by the Saginaw Board of Education for over 20 years. She enjoyed working with the children. Louise will be remembered for her love of family and kindness. Affectionately known as "Dear" to her siblings, she spent hours perfecting the art of 5-way calling with her sisters. She loved to

laugh and always seemed to know the right words of encouragement.

The Lord called Mother Louise to her eternal home on Wednesday, November 26, 2014 at the age of 78 years.

Mother Louise leaves to cherish her memory, three daughters, Joyce Adrow, Claudine Grays and Brenda (Phillip) Holley; two sons, Guy Grays and Daryl Grays; two grandchildren, Jordan and Jamal Holley; a great-grandchild, Tamara Halverson; three sisters, Annie B. Banks, Travelstine Butler and Clintontine (Robert) Fitz; two brothers, Clint (Verda) Gentry and, Thomas (Cynthia) Gentry; one uncle, Willie (Marvel) Branch; three aunts, Grace Branch, Dorothy Branch and Will Ella Giles; five sisters-in-law, Yvonne Gentry, Allean Junious, Maggie Erwin, Ida Stuckey and Virginia Grays; three brothers-in-law, Y.T. (Barbara) Gray, McKinley (Mary) Grays and O.D. Grays; her long-time friends, Victoria Monroe and Deloris Williams; and a host of special nieces, nephews, cousins, friends, and her VBM church family.

She was preceded in death by her husband; parents; one grandson, Markel Perkins; two sisters, Tommie Lee Hamlin and Emma Jean Grays; and two brothers, James Gentry and John Gentry.

Funeral service will take place at 11:00 a.m. on Saturday, December 6, 2014 at Victorious Believers Ministries C.O.G.I.C., 624 S. Outer Dr. Elder Christopher V. Pryor, Pastor. Elder Mel A. Pryor will officiate with interment in Forest lawn Cemetery. Friends may call at the Evans & Browne's Funeral Home, 441 N. Jefferson Ave., on Friday from 2:00 until 8:00 p.m., where the family will be present to greet friends from 4:00 until 8:00 p.m.

Cemetery Details

Forest Lawn Cemetery

3210 S. Washington Avenue
Saginaw, MI

Previous Events

Visitation

DEC 5. 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

DEC 6. 11:00 AM (ET)

Victorious Believers Ministries C.O.G.I.C.
624 South Outer Drive
Saginaw, MI 48601

Tribute Wall

CB

“ My condolences to the "Grays" Family in the loss of our Precious Loved one --- Cousin Louise was such a Beautiful Lady in side out, with a pleasant, loving, kind, and giving spirit. We will always remember her and carry her forever in our memory and heart. Love, Cousin Carolyn Branch



Carolyn Branch - May 16, 2016 at 06:54 PM

SC

“ Stacey Crosby lit a candle in memory of Mother Louise Grays



Stacey Crosby - December 05, 2014 at 08:28 PM

SG

“ Brenda, I have wonderful memories of coming to Saginaw and staying at your home with you and your parents. Your mom was so sweet, hospitable and nurturing. You and your siblings were so blessed to have such exemplary parents to emulate. May the Lord comfort you, Guy, Daryl and Claudine, your sons and extended family during this time of sorrow. The Queen is smiling down on us all now, she has gone on to glory!

Sandra Galiton-Wyrick - December 05, 2014 at 03:01 PM

PG

“ Guy Grays, sorry to hear about the loss of your Mother. We share some of the same family members the Banks & Clark. Praying for you & the entire Grays & Gentry family. Peter Cooper, Atlanta, Georgia

Peter Cooper, Atlanta, GA - December 05, 2014 at 01:52 PM

MS

“ We first met Mrs. Grays at Salina Elementary when she was an classroom aide, we feel in love with her then. And since then I would see her out faithfully at Healthsource first with Mr. Grays and then with Claudine. I know Im going to miss that her pushing her daughter through the halls of Healthsource, saying :hello Michelle, how's your mom(whom work with at Salina with) with that beautiful smile. God has pick a beautiful flower and I am bless to known Mrs. Grays. Rest on Mrs. Grays now you and Ms. Barnes can continue those stories about the kids that came through your path of life.



Michelle Stewart

Mcihelle & Jenneffe Stewart - December 05, 2014 at 09:30 AM

JF

“ Praying for The Grays' Family, sorry for your loss.

May God give you strength in this trying time.

God Bless,

The Mason's

Juidth ford - December 05, 2014 at 08:46 AM

MH

“ *Malcolm Holley purchased the Divine Peace Bouquet for the family of Mother Louise Grays.*



Malcolm Holley - December 05, 2014 at 08:01 AM

MH

“ *My prayers are with you and your family. From the Holley Family(Chicago) Malcolm, Teresa, Nathan, Lauren.*

Malcolm Holley - December 05, 2014 at 07:55 AM

TP

“ *Daryl and family, God promised to never leave nor forsake us. Rest in God's love, comfort, and the benefits of being a believer. Death did not win because your beautiful mother is in paradise with the Heavenly Father.*

Tamika Parks - December 05, 2014 at 07:05 AM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Mother Louise Grays.*



December 05, 2014 at 12:02 AM

LE

“ *Latiffany Ervin lit a candle in memory of Mother Louise Grays*



latiffany ervin - December 04, 2014 at 03:06 PM

SS

“ *Shawn Surles lit a candle in memory of Mother Louise Grays*



Shawn Surles - December 04, 2014 at 11:30 AM

DI

“ *Brenda, I was so sorry to hear of your Mom's passing. I know your faith and the Lord will carry you through the long days of preparation for your mom going home. May her journey be glorious and that thought bring you and your family comfort. As told to us in Proverbs 31:31, "Honor her for all that her hands have done, and let her works bring her praise at the city gate."*

Deb laconelli

Deb laconelli - December 03, 2014 at 06:18 PM

HE

“ *Brenda and Phillip: I am so sorry to hear of your loss. My sympathy goes out to you and your loved ones.*

Helen Ford

Helen - December 03, 2014 at 12:28 PM

DH

“ 1 file added to the album *Photos & Videos*



dericee hamilton - December 03, 2014 at 11:38 AM

TY

“ *Traci Young lit a candle in memory of Mother Louise Grays*



Traci Young - December 02, 2014 at 11:23 PM

DA

“ *Dwight&Shalanda Akins family would like to send there Condolences to the Gray's Family.*

Dwight Akins - December 02, 2014 at 10:50 AM

DJ

“ *DALLAS AND BARBARA JONES lit a candle in memory of Mother Louise Grays*



DALLAS AND BARBARA JONES - December 02, 2014 at 10:33 AM

TA

“ Wishing you strength and peace, thinking of you all. Deepest sympathies. Macy

Thomasa Almond - December 01, 2014 at 10:56 PM

CS

“ To Daryl and entire family, I am sadden to hear about the loss of your mom. May God give you the strength needed to endure remember to lean on him for your understanding for he makes no mistakes.

Clarissa, Sophia and Antwinette Snow - December 01, 2014 at 12:30 PM

BP

“ Barbara Payton lit a candle in memory of Mother Louise Grays



Barbara Payton - November 30, 2014 at 08:14 PM



“ Mrs. Dorothy Salone Campbell-Lewis

Edith Lewis - November 30, 2014 at 07:06 PM

PJ

“ Patricia Green Jones lit a candle in memory of Mother Louise Grays



patricia green jones - November 30, 2014 at 08:21 AM

PR

“ MRS.RICHARDSON AND FAMILY LIKE TO SEND THERE CONDOLENCES TO THE GRAYS FAMILY.



PAMELA L RICHARDSON - November 29, 2014 at 02:35 PM

LB

“ Lawrence Brooks lit a candle in memory of Mother Louise Grays



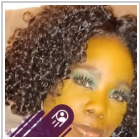
Lawrence Brooks - November 28, 2014 at 09:36 PM

CC

“ Cheryl Coleman-Morris lit a candle in memory of Mother Louise Grays



Cheryl Coleman-Morris - November 28, 2014 at 11:13 AM



“ Cynthia Adams lit a candle in memory of Mother Louise Grays

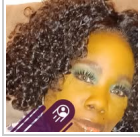


Cynthia Adams - November 27, 2014 at 10:13 PM



Condolences. To u & ur famil. Darryl sorry about ur loss

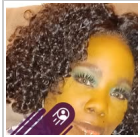
Cynthia Adams - November 27, 2014 at 10:16 PM



“ *Cynthia Adams lit a candle in memory of Mother Louise Grays*



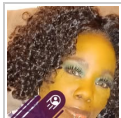
Cynthia Adams - November 27, 2014 at 10:13 PM



“ *Cynthia Adams lit a candle in memory of Mother Louise Grays*

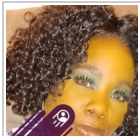


Cynthia Adams - November 27, 2014 at 10:07 PM



Darryl condolences to u & ur family

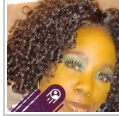
Cynthia Adams - November 27, 2014 at 10:18 PM



“ *Cynthia Adams lit a candle in memory of Mother Louise Grays*



Cynthia Adams - November 27, 2014 at 10:06 PM



On behalf of. Shauna Hemphill sorry about ur loss condolences

Cynthia Adams - November 27, 2014 at 10:17 PM



“ *Cynthia Adams lit a candle in memory of Mother Louise Grays*



Cynthia Adams - November 27, 2014 at 10:06 PM



“ *Henry & Brenda Gibbs lit a candle in memory of Mother Louise Grays*



Henry & Brenda Gibbs - November 27, 2014 at 09:13 PM



“ *Harriet Brittain lit a candle in memory of Mother Louise Grays*



Harriet Brittain - November 27, 2014 at 07:29 PM

TF

“ *The Oliver Family lit a candle in memory of Mother Louise Grays*



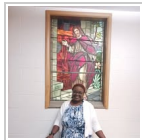
The oliver family - November 27, 2014 at 07:25 PM

IF

“ *Ida Helton And Family lit a candle in memory of Mother Louise Grays*



ida Helton and family - November 27, 2014 at 12:23 PM



“ *On Behalf of the Evans family we are saddened by the passing of such a angel.Louise was a beautiful person inside and out.My dads Cousin.I'm so proud to be part of such an amazing family.to my cousins keep your head up i love you dearly.*



LaShonda Evans - November 27, 2014 at 03:14 AM



Valarie and I are so sorry to hear of your loss. Please know that that the family are in our prayers. (James WARDELLCasey daughters)

Shila Casey - November 28, 2014 at 03:26 PM

RI

Cheryl & I are deeply sorry for your loss. We will miss her dearly one of my best neighbors. Your family is in our prayers.

Richard - December 05, 2014 at 02:05 PM



So sorry to hear about your loss know that we are praying for your family. Robert and Jeanette Willams

Jeanette Willams - December 09, 2014 at 03:05 AM