



Mother Neva M. Monroe

September 21, 1932 - April 30, 2014

Mother Neva Monroe, our Mother, Grandmother, Great-Grandmother, Sister and Aunt, transitioned peacefully from this life to heavenly rest on April 30, 2014 after a lengthy illness.

Neva Mae Washington was born on September 21, 1932 to Willie B. and Callie Mae Washington in Waldo, Arkansas. She was the 2nd oldest of 10 children. She was saved, sanctified, and Holy Ghost filled in 1958. Neva married Theodore Monroe, Jr. on January 11, 1951 in Charleston, Missouri.

Mother Monroe loved her family and was a caring and devoted mother of eleven children and a grandmother. She spent time praying and encouraging each one with every opportunity. She was a homemaker, excellent cook, gardener and her Sweet Potato Pies, Peach Cobbler and Dressing were the best. She was known for her Godly Wisdom, gentle spirit, humorous anecdotes, caring heart and comforting smile. She was a great singer who would often sing, "In Times Like These, Just Another Day, I'm Running for My Life and All of My Life I'll Say Yes Lord" which has proven to be her life testimony.

Mother Monroe loved to shop, dress up with her high heels and was known for her unique style of hats. Although she never had a driver's license, she managed to travel to wherever she wanted to go. She loved to attend church

and believed in having “GOOD” church! She would often remind her family how much she loved them. She encouraged them to have the same prayer life and righteous walk with the Lord as she did. One of her favorite sayings was, “Pray and Pray Some More, and when you get through Praying, Pray Some More.”

Mother Monroe served in leadership alongside her husband, Pastor Theodore Monroe, at the Good Shepherd Church of God In Christ (COGIC) for many years. She was the epitome of a Virtuous Woman. Mother Monroe also served in the COGIC Women’s Department for her Local, District and Jurisdiction. She was involved in the Southwest Michigan Jurisdiction, serving in District #8 under Superintendent Fred Lewis (currently Bishop, SW MI #4). Mother Monroe was appointed Chairperson of Superintendent Wives of SW First Jurisdiction 1991, 1995, 1996 and other teaching certificates under State Supervisor Mother Regina Edwards & Bishop J.H. Sheard. She was active in the Young Women’s Christian Council, Home and Foreign Mission, Sewing Circle, Prayer & Bible Band, and Hospitality Department. She was an inspiration to many women locally and throughout the State of Michigan. Mother Monroe was a faithful attendee of the COGIC Holy Convocation and International Women’s Convention for many years. She later became a member of Greater Metropolitan Cathedral COGIC under the pastorate of Dr. Roderick & Missionary Tangie Anderson, where she was a faithful member of the Mothers Board.

She joined Victorious Believers Ministries under the leadership of the late Bishop Marvin C. Pryor and Mother Ruth C. Pryor. She was awarded Mother of the Year in 2008 by Southwest Michigan Third Jurisdiction. She will be remembered as a faithful member of the Mothers Board – quiet in Spirit but quick in Holy Ghost Power. She would often speak in tongues “NANASEE NANASA” in Jesus Name.

She leaves to cherish her memory: her husband, Pastor Theodore Monroe; six sons and four daughters, Bill J. Bell of Cape Girardeau, MO, Jerry T. of Saint Paul, MN, Willie T. (Christine) of Eden Prairie, MN, Charles R. of Royal Oak, MI, Evangeline of Sterling Heights, MI, William L. (Denise), Minister Tony R (Carol), Ruth A., Caroline J. Young and Catherine Hicks, all of Saginaw, MI; 29 grandchildren and 40 great-grandchildren; six sisters, Ethel Beck and Melvetta Smith of St. Louis, MO, Annie Washington, Bonnie Washington and Betty Mitchell of Detroit, MI, and Dorothy Stevenson of Corpus Christi, TX; one brother, Johnnie (Michelle) Washington, St. Louis, MO; sisters-in law, Alberta Jackson, Dorothy Menzie, Geraldine (Moty) McKinney, and Leatrice, brothers-in law, Larry (Pamela) Monroe, Charley (Pickett) Monroe, John Fredrick (Sandra) Monroe, all of Saginaw, MI; one aunt, Zoredia Hicks of Saginaw, MI; a host of nieces, nephews, cousins, special friends and prayer partners, including Mother Lula Mae Brown, Mother Sarah Nix, Mother Earlene Shepard, Mother Margaret Brodus, Mother Earlene Owens, Mother Margaret Jones, Missionary Anna Shannon, Sister Doris Laster and Sister Ozzie Rideout, and special daughters, Joe Ann Rogan, Rhonda Farrell-Butler, Phyllis Oliver, Diane Dixon, Diane Shephard-English, Jalisa Owens, Shondresha and Shymia Wrihten and the Rideout Children.

She was greeted at the heavenly gates by a loving daughter, Vera Lynette Monroe; two grandsons, Antionne and Derrick Monroe; two granddaughters, Angela Monroe and Tinasha Young; two daughters-in-law, Debra and Linda Monroe; two brothers, Willie B. and George Washington; and one sister, Inez Washington.

Funeral service will take place at 11:00 a.m. on Friday, May 9, 2014 at Victorious Believers Ministries C.O.G.I.C., 624 South Outer Drive. Pastor Christopher Pryor will officiate with interment in Forest Lawn Cemetery. Friends may call at the Evans & Browne's Funeral Home, 441 North Jefferson

Avenue on Thursday from 2:00 until 8:00 p.m. where the family will be present for a 6:00 p.m. family hour.

Cemetery Details

Forest Lawn Cemetery

3210 S. Washington Avenue
Saginaw, MI

Previous Events

Visitation

MAY 8. 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>

Family Hour

MAY 8. 6:00 PM (ET)

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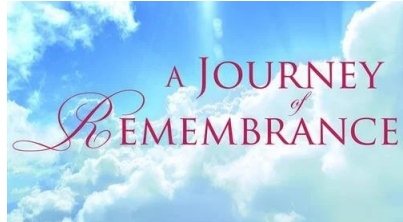
MAY 9. 11:00 AM (ET)

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

Tribute Wall



“ Evans & Browne's Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Mother Neva M. Monroe



Browne's Mortuary - May 08, 2014 at 12:42 PM

DM

“ Doloris Mixon lit a candle in memory of Mother Neva M. Monroe



Doloris Mixon - June 06, 2014 at 12:28 PM

TF

“ The Brazil Family sent a virtual gift in memory of Mother Neva M. Monroe



The Brazil Family - May 19, 2014 at 08:46 PM

TF

“ *The Brazil Family sent a virtual gift in memory of Mother Neva M. Monroe*



The Brazil Family - May 19, 2014 at 08:45 PM

GR

“ *My condolences to the Monroe family. GLENDA ROCKETT CLASS OF '76*

GLENDA ROCKETT - May 11, 2014 at 08:43 PM

JS

“ *My deepest sorrow to the family of Mother Monroe. I just learned of her transition to her heavenly home. She was a wonderful lady and a true inspiration to all who knew and loved her.*

Joyce Skillman - May 10, 2014 at 06:51 AM

AS

“ *Mother Monroe will be missed by all that new her. I am praying for my sisters and brothers. it is hard right now, but God is and will get you all through this. You all are in good hands, because you are in God's hand. Love you all.*

Anna Shannon - May 09, 2014 at 08:01 AM

AS

“ *Anna Shannon lit a candle in memory of Mother Neva M. Monroe*



Anna Shannon - May 09, 2014 at 07:40 AM

CR

“ *Cynthia Reed lit a candle in memory of Mother Neva M. Monroe*



Cynthia Reed - May 08, 2014 at 11:59 PM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Mother Neva M. Monroe.*



May 08, 2014 at 03:41 PM

YC

“ *Yvonne Corley lit a candle in memory of Mother Neva M. Monroe*



Yvonne Corley - May 08, 2014 at 07:47 AM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Mother Neva M. Monroe.



May 07, 2014 at 09:01 PM



“ To Carolyn and the entire Monroe family, I am praying that God will be a very present help in the time of trouble and sorrow during the loss of your beautiful Mother and Grandmother, Aunt, Sister, and woman of God.

Ivy Crudup - May 07, 2014 at 08:37 PM



“ Carolyn Washington lit a candle in memory of Mother Neva M. Monroe



Carolyn Washington - May 07, 2014 at 05:36 PM

DD

“ 26 files added to the album Mother Neva Monroe



Darnell Dunnaway - May 07, 2014 at 08:42 AM

EO

From Pastor Owens Family we are prayer for the entire family. Love Y'all!!!

Evelyn Owens-Ware - May 07, 2014 at 07:49 PM

MJ

“ *Praying for the entire Monroe Family during this difficult time in your life. Apostle Edward & Mattie Jackson of Christ Kingdom Ministries.*



Mattie Jackson - May 06, 2014 at 09:16 PM

FL

“ *Fermer & Jackie Bell Lewis lit a candle in memory of Mother Neva M. Monroe*



Fermer & Jackie Bell Lewis - May 06, 2014 at 04:25 PM

KA

“ *Kimberly Austin lit a candle in memory of Mother Neva M. Monroe*



Kimberly Austin - May 06, 2014 at 03:16 PM

KA

She was a mother to the motherless. She will be missed.

Kimberly Austin - May 06, 2014 at 03:18 PM

VB

“ *Valerie Baker sent a virtual gift in memory of Mother Neva M. Monroe*



Valerie Baker - May 06, 2014 at 03:00 PM

EH

“ *Praying for you and your family, love you Ruth*

Emma L. Hargrove - May 06, 2014 at 01:00 PM

VS

“ *Valarie Shepard lit a candle in memory of Mother Neva M. Monroe*



Valarie Shepard - May 05, 2014 at 09:17 PM

EW

“ To the Monroe family, we are praying for you. I will truly miss Mother Monroe. I was thinking about the road trips Mother and I took to Lansing, Grand Rapid , and the International Women Convention in San Diego. I glean so much wisdom setting at the feet of Mother Monroe. Mother was loved by so many people and because of her love for us we will love one another. Love The Watson's Family!



Elease Morris Watson - May 05, 2014 at 09:04 PM

TH

“ Prayers and thoughts are with you during this difficult time.

Terri and JoAnne Herring

Terri Herring - May 05, 2014 at 05:54 PM

SC

“ Sandra Chapman lit a candle in memory of Mother Neva M. Monroe



Sandra Chapman - May 05, 2014 at 04:48 PM

SC

Servant well done

Sandra Chapman - May 05, 2014 at 04:49 PM

DQ

“ I'm sorry Monroe family, that your sweet and nice mom, wife and grandma is gone home to be with her Lord. I know she would never want to come back here after making it into heaven. May God comfort the family and give you peace.

Daveda Quinn - May 05, 2014 at 03:47 PM

VE

“ To the Monroe Family,
What a beautiful woman of God! One of the nicest people in the world. Full of love. I know you will miss her as all who knew her. God strengthen you all.

Veronica

Veronica - May 05, 2014 at 02:32 PM



EC

“ Evelyn Culberson lit a candle in memory of Mother Neva M. Monroe



Evelyn Culberson - May 05, 2014 at 01:39 PM

GL

“ To the Monroe family,
You all are in our prayers, your mom was such blessed woman of God :), we loved her dearly, and we appreciate the time we shared with her.

Archie & Gloria Smith

Gloria - May 05, 2014 at 01:08 PM

AS

“ *Anna Shannon lit a candle in memory of Mother Neva M. Monroe*



Anna Shannon - May 05, 2014 at 08:29 AM

PS

“ *Peggy Fleming Scott lit a candle in memory of Mother Neva M. Monroe*



Peggy Fleming Scott - May 05, 2014 at 12:51 AM

AT

“ *ALONZO TATE lit a candle in memory of Mother Neva M. Monroe*



ALONZO TATE - May 04, 2014 at 07:21 PM

BW

“ *Barbara Watkins lit a candle in memory of Mother Neva M. Monroe*



Barbara Watkins - May 04, 2014 at 07:01 PM

OP

“ *Ophelia Packard lit a candle in memory of Mother Neva M. Monroe*



Ophelia Packard - May 04, 2014 at 01:31 PM

LP

“ *To Elder Monroe, Monroe Family, and to my friend Ruth, you have our deepest sympathy in the loss of your dear wife and mother. We are praying for you. As I sit here and read over Proverbs 31, there are so many portions of scripture that apply to Mother Neva Monroe--it praises her for the wife she has been, it honors her for the mother she has been, because she loved and revered the Lord, it dictated the life she lived, and thus because she was a blessed woman of God, her family was also blessed. You were blessed to have received from her, blessed to have had her for so many years, and she was a blessing to many. Ruth, for you I have chosen 1 Peter 5:7, Proverbs 3:5,6, Psalms 121, and finally Proverbs 17:17 says a friend loves at all times (I know that friend is God--but it is me too). Know that I am here for you, at any time, for anything. Family stay strong in the Lord. We love you.*

Larrie and Valerie Packard - May 04, 2014 at 09:00 AM

RM

“ *Rev.George Myles lit a candle in memory of Mother Neva M. Monroe*



Rev.George Myles - May 03, 2014 at 02:06 PM

JP

“ We send our deepest condolences to you
Rev.Monroe and family may the lord give
you'll peace and strength during this time of
bereavement. Jerome &Joyce Patrick



Jerome&Joyce Patrick - May 03, 2014 at 09:17 AM

LC

“ Lavern Chandler lit a candle in memory of
Mother Neva M. Monroe



Lavern Chandler - May 03, 2014 at 05:43 AM



“ Helen Jones lit a candle in memory of Mother
Neva M. Monroe



Helen Jones - May 02, 2014 at 08:47 PM

LD

“ Lily Dixon lit a candle in memory of Mother
Neva M. Monroe



Lily Dixon - May 02, 2014 at 07:54 PM

LD

To Catherine and entire family of Mother Neva Monroe, I was saddened to hear of your loved ones passing. May God Bless and comfort you during these times.
Mrs Lily Dixon (TAX LADY)

Lily Dixon - May 02, 2014 at 07:58 PM

AT

“ *Annette Turner lit a candle in memory of Mother Neva M. Monroe*



Annette Turner - May 02, 2014 at 07:14 PM

SW

“ *SANDRA WRIGHT WILLIAMS lit a candle in memory of Mother Neva M. Monroe*



SANDRA WRIGHT WILLIAMS - May 02, 2014 at 05:49 PM

TA

“ *Tommy&Rhonda Atkins lit a candle in memory of Mother Neva M. Monroe*



Tommy&Rhonda Atkins - May 02, 2014 at 05:45 PM

LM

“ *Larry And Pamela Monroe lit a candle in memory of Mother Neva M. Monroe*



Larry and Pamela Monroe - May 02, 2014 at 02:23 PM

EC

“ *Evangelist Pamela J. Dottery & Children sent a virtual gift in memory of Mother Neva M. Monroe*



Evangelist Pamela J. Dottery & Children - May 02, 2014 at 08:11 AM



“ *Helen Jones lit a candle in memory of Mother Neva M. Monroe*



Helen Jones - May 01, 2014 at 11:58 PM

MF

“ Dear Family,
Once again God has plucked one of his beautiful flowers from his garden here on earth.

We have lost so many over the past few years, but we should thank God for the time we shared with them. Neva is resting peacefully in the arms of her Saviour, where there is no more pain and suffering. I believe when she closed her eyes that night she told God if I don't wake up in the morning it will be alright, she was ready to meet the Lord. Let us be ready when he calls. Keep your eyes on God, keep your hands in his hands, trust that he will never leave or for sake us and we will be alright. Let's remember our sweet Neva and cherish the memories we all have of her. Hold on to God's hand and we will be alright.

Love,
Moty and Geraldine McKinney and Family



Moty McKinney and Family - May 01, 2014 at 10:43 PM

LC

“ R.I.H great grandmother Neva Monroe..
Sharmaine Monroe

Luanda Tank Canty - May 01, 2014 at 08:28 PM



“ I would like to express my sincere condolences to the Monroe family. Growing up in District 8 Southwest Michigan i will always remember Mother Monroe as the constant example of a saved woman of God. She would gladly proclaim her faith and her love for God and his people. Even though I know it is hard right now I hope you can get some comfort knowing that she is now resting with all the saints that have gone on before her. Remember the scripture: I will lift up mine eyes unto the hills from whence cometh my help. (Pslams 121: 1). May God bless and give you strength.

David Stephenson - May 01, 2014 at 04:57 PM



“ Tracey Packard lit a candle in memory of Mother Neva M. Monroe



Tracey Packard - May 01, 2014 at 02:42 PM



“ SHS Class Of 1976 sent a virtual gift in memory of Mother Neva M. Monroe



SHS Class of 1976 - May 01, 2014 at 11:54 AM

S1

To Ruth and the entire Monroe family. We your friends and classmates would like to express our sincere sympathy in the loss of your mother. Please know that we are praying for your strength at this difficult time. Ruth we are here for you and we will continue to pray for you as well.

SHS CLASS of 1976

SHS Class of 1976 - May 01, 2014 at 11:56 AM

CE

“ Cynthia Essex lit a candle in memory of Mother Neva M. Monroe



Cynthia Essex - May 01, 2014 at 11:03 AM

MJ

“ Praying 4 RUTH MONROE & Family in the LOSS of her MOTHER. Apostle Edward & Mattie Jackson. Christ Kingdom Church

Mattie Jackson - May 01, 2014 at 08:52 AM

BL

“ Barbara Land-Smith lit a candle in memory of Mother Neva M. Monroe



Barbara Land-Smith - May 01, 2014 at 08:38 AM

BL

To the entire Monroe family, may God comfort you during your time of sorrow. Mother Monroe was a wonderful individual, I can remember going over to play with Vera, Ruth Ann and Carolyn as a child, she always made me feel welcomed. R.I.H.

Barbara Land-Smith - May 01, 2014 at 08:41 AM

LN

“ *To The Monroe Family,
I pray the peace of God will rest upon you during this time of loss. Mother Monroe was truly a humble and kind servant of God. She will be missed by many but not forgotten.*



Psalm 27:4-5 “One thing I ask from the Lord, this only do I seek: that I may dwell in the house of the Lord all the days of my life, to gaze on the beauty of the Lord and to seek him in his temple. For in the day of trouble he will keep me safe in his dwelling; he will hide me in the shelter of his sacred tent and set me high upon a rock.”

Pastors Karl and Linda Nichols (Dixon)

Linda Nichols - April 30, 2014 at 08:13 PM

AB

“ *Alexander Brackett sent a virtual gift in memory of Mother Neva M. Monroe*



Alexander Brackett - April 30, 2014 at 06:48 PM

VJ

“ Vera Jones sent a virtual gift in memory of Mother Neva M. Monroe



Vera Jones - April 30, 2014 at 06:47 PM

LV

“ Linda Veasley lit a candle in memory of Mother Neva M. Monroe



Linda Veasley - April 30, 2014 at 06:00 PM

LB

“ Lawrence Brooks lit a candle in memory of Mother Neva M. Monroe



Lawrence Brooks - April 30, 2014 at 03:59 PM

DW

“ Dr. E. Walton-Coleman lit a candle in memory of Mother Neva M. Monroe



Dr. E. Walton-Coleman - April 30, 2014 at 03:01 PM