



Ms. Olevia Houston

November 26, 1936 - July 18, 2023

On July 18, 2023 Olevia Houston, age 86 was called home to be with God. Olevia was born on November 26, 1936 to her loving parents Tom and Ola Nelson in Dekalb, Mississippi. She would be the 10th of 11 children.

After spending her primary education years in Mississippi and helping out on the family farm raising chickens, hogs, and gardening, young Olevia moved to Matthews, Missouri soon after both of her parents had passed away to live with her older sister. It was also during that time when Olevia met and fell in love with Leroy Houston, they married and raised 7 children together in Saginaw, Michigan.

A significant turning point in Olevia's life came when she attended a new church revival lead by Rev. Hurley Coleman Sr. of Johnson Street Missions. She was so moved by the service and ready for change that she gave her life over to God on September 7, 1957 and became one the founding members of the church that would later relocate and be named Coleman's Temple Church of God In Christ "the little church with the big heart."

Olevia spent over 65 years as a dedicated woman of God and loyal servant to her church home. She became the very first church secretary and continued to work in that position for over 8 years. She also served as the Vice President of the Young Women's Christian Council for over 4 years and Sunday School

teacher to the young children. For over 10 years she served as one of the cooks in the kitchen helping prepare mouth-watering meals that would satisfy hungry stomachs after soul-stirring morning worship services. She was also a member of the choir and actively involved in various auxiliaries such as Home & Foreign Missions and The Prayer & Bible Band.

Throughout the decades when she was not home being a full-time wife and mother, Olevia worked as a Housekeeper for Health Source Community Hospital where she retired after 25 years of employment and later completed her position at American Maintenance after 8 years of employment.

Olevia has demonstrated to multiple generations in her family, friends, church, and community-at-large through her acts of leadership and genuine kind-heartedness what it means to be loyal, dedicated, and committed to building the kingdom of God here on earth.

Preceded in death by her parents, Tom & Ola Nelson; nine siblings, Edwina, Annie Jean, Rudolph, Johnnie, Jack, TJ, Lorine, & Lavone Nelson; two children, Leroy Jr. and Peggy; one grandchild, Michael.

Her legacy of life continues through her eight children, Loray (Kenneth Sr.) Haynes, Lisa Houston, Freddie (Deanna) Clark, Wayne Houston, Wade Houston, Brittany Houston, Porcha Houston, Brandy Houston; son-in-law, Eric Owens; 23 grandchildren, 26 great-grandchildren; two siblings Andrew and Albert Nelson; a host of nieces, nephews, cousins, and friends.

Lifelong friends Victoria Powell (predeceased) Dr. Georgia Conic, Ernestine Martin, Hattie Ray, Levater Houston, Ora Houston, Lillian Newsome, and Joshua Hughes; special niece Alma Clark; lastly; her beloved pet Coco.

Funeral service will take place at 11:00 A.M. on Saturday, July 29, 2023 at World Outreach Campus, 2405 Bay Rd., Saginaw, MI 48602. Bishop Designate Hurley J. Coleman, Jr. will officiate. Interment in Forest Lawn Cemetery, 3210 S. Washington Ave., Saginaw, MI 48601. Friends may call at Evans & Browne's Funeral Home, 441 N. Jefferson Ave., Saginaw, MI 48607 on Friday, from 2:00-6:00 p.m.

Cemetery Details

Forest Lawn Cemetery

3210 S. Washington Avenue
Saginaw, MI

Previous Events

Visitation

JUL **28.** 2:00 PM - 6:00 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

JUL **29.** 11:00 AM (ET)

World Outreach Campus
2405 Bay Road
Saginaw, MI

Tribute Wall

MP

“ *Mildred Price lit a candle in memory of Ms. Olevia Houston*



Mildred Price - August 05, 2023 at 07:46 AM

PB

“ *Patrick Brown lit a candle in memory of Ms. Olevia Houston*



Patrick Brown - August 03, 2023 at 01:12 AM

DM

“ *Deborah Morris-Williams sent a virtual gift in memory of Ms. Olevia Houston*



Deborah Morris-Williams - August 02, 2023 at 07:18 PM

DG

“ *DELORES GILES lit a candle in memory of Ms. Olevia Houston*



DELORES GILES - August 01, 2023 at 03:16 PM

BR

“ *Brenda Ryan lit a candle in memory of Ms. Olevia Houston*



Brenda Ryan - July 30, 2023 at 11:58 PM

BP

“ *Prayers of comfort for the family of Ms Olevia Houston.*



Barbara Payton - July 30, 2023 at 02:59 PM

CS

“ *Connie Sanders sent a virtual gift in memory of Ms. Olevia Houston*



Connie Sanders - July 30, 2023 at 01:57 PM

DH

“ *Always happy to see me & always inviting! I love you*



Demetrius Houston - July 30, 2023 at 12:13 PM

AD

“ *Angienell Davenport lit a candle in memory of Ms. Olevia Houston*



Angienell Davenport - July 29, 2023 at 08:21 AM

MM

“ *Moty And Geraldine Mckinney lit a candle in memory of Ms. Olevia Houston*



Moty and Geraldine Mckinney - July 29, 2023 at 08:06 AM

MM

We love you and are praying for you.

Moty and Geraldine Mckinney - July 29, 2023 at 08:08 AM

DH

“ *Delta Hawkins lit a candle in memory of Ms. Olevia Houston*



Delta Hawkins - July 28, 2023 at 11:03 PM

CS

“ Chris Snow-Jernigan sent a virtual gift in memory of Ms. Olevia Houston



Chris Snow-Jernigan - July 28, 2023 at 06:38 PM

DS

“ You all have my deepest condolence. Praying your grief be short and your joy much longer with beautiful memories of your beloved Ms Olevia Sincerely Donna Shipman ❤️🙏❤️

Donna Shipman - July 28, 2023 at 05:17 PM



“ 60 files added to the album Life Tributes



Browne's Mortuary - July 28, 2023 at 03:15 PM

FB

“ *Fazilet And William Bond sent a virtual gift in memory of Ms. Olevia Houston*



Fazilet and William Bond - July 28, 2023 at 11:29 AM

LO

“ *Leah O'Daniels lit a candle in memory of Ms. Olevia Houston*



Leah O'Daniels - July 28, 2023 at 10:31 AM



“ *Springtime Wishes was purchased for the family of Ms. Olevia Houston.*



July 27, 2023 at 09:51 PM

PL

“ *Remembering a beautiful a beautiful life.*



Pauline Lawrence - July 27, 2023 at 08:34 PM



“ *Pink & White Sympathy Floor Basket was purchased for the family of Ms. Olevia Houston.*



July 27, 2023 at 01:40 PM



“ *LoRay, you and your Family have my deepest condolences. May the God of all comfort strengthen your entire family. Keeping you and your family in my prayers. We love y'all. Greg and JJ Akins*



Greg & JJ Akins - July 27, 2023 at 12:43 PM



“ *Sharon Green lit a candle in memory of Ms. Olevia Houston*



sharon green - July 27, 2023 at 10:13 AM



“ *Joyce Robinson lit a candle in memory of Ms. Olevia Houston*



Joyce Robinson - July 27, 2023 at 12:53 AM



“ *White Standing Spray was purchased for the family of Ms. Olevia Houston.*



July 26, 2023 at 10:03 PM



“ *Cheryl Cooper lit a candle in memory of Ms. Olevia Houston*



Cheryl Cooper - July 26, 2023 at 09:48 PM



“ *Leodis Ford lit a candle in memory of Ms. Olevia Houston*



Leodis Ford - July 26, 2023 at 06:39 PM



“ *Minnie Taylor lit a candle in memory of Ms. Olevia Houston*



Minnie Taylor - July 26, 2023 at 01:56 PM

Adele
Johnson

“ To the Houston Family, Loray Chris Lisa Wayne and my Godsister Tawainna I love you, you are in my prayers Madea will is safe and resting in the arms of God, celebrating her life knowing she is with the saints of Coleman Temple



Adele Johnson - July 26, 2023 at 11:23 AM

MF

“ Sending prayers and love to the family.



Marie and Greene Family - July 26, 2023 at 07:48 AM



“ Rebecca Hughes lit a candle in memory of Ms. Olevia Houston



Rebecca Hughes - July 25, 2023 at 07:26 PM

MB

“ Marilyn K Burns-Bowman lit a candle in memory of Ms. Olevia Houston



Marilyn K Burns-Bowman - July 25, 2023 at 12:27 PM

EH

“ Eual And Renail Holman sent a virtual gift in memory of Ms. Olevia Houston



Eual and Renail Holman - July 25, 2023 at 11:30 AM

KT

“ Eual and Renail Holman



Kimberley H Tucker - July 25, 2023 at 11:29 AM

BC

“ Bobbie Crosby-Locke sent a virtual gift in memory of Ms. Olevia Houston



Bobbie Crosby-Locke - July 25, 2023 at 09:09 AM

IP

“ Irma Price-Calais lit a candle in memory of Ms. Olevia Houston



Irma Price-Calais - July 24, 2023 at 11:58 PM

IP

“ 1 file added to the tribute wall



Irma Price-Calais - July 24, 2023 at 11:52 PM

MF

“ Wayne, Chris, Loray, and family, I'm so sorry to hear this news, my deepest sympathies for your loss. Mrs Houston was a wonderful lady and mother and will be missed. Matt Fortin

Matt Fortin - July 24, 2023 at 09:28 PM

SD

“ Sheila Danley lit a candle in memory of Ms. Olevia Houston



Sheila Danley - July 24, 2023 at 09:25 PM

CP

“ Charlotte Perkins lit a candle in memory of Ms. Olevia Houston



Charlotte Perkins - July 24, 2023 at 02:57 PM

DC

“ I'm so sorry for your loss cousins you are in my prayers



Derinda Culberson - July 24, 2023 at 12:42 PM

KG

“ Ken, Tyrone, Geraldine lit a candle in memory of Ms. Olevia Houston



Ken, Tyrone, Geraldine - July 24, 2023 at 04:29 AM

KH

“ Kimberly Hardy lit a candle in memory of Ms. Olevia Houston



Kimberly Hardy - July 24, 2023 at 02:26 AM

BF

“ Batts Family lit a candle in memory of Ms. Olevia Houston



Batts Family - July 23, 2023 at 08:24 PM



“ *Velissa Batts lit a candle in memory of Ms. Olevia Houston*



Velissa Batts - July 23, 2023 at 08:19 PM

TA

“ *Sending prayers and love to the family. May God grant strength and comfort during this difficult time*



Trina Akins - July 23, 2023 at 07:20 PM

CC

“ *Clifford Carter lit a candle in memory of Ms. Olevia Houston*



Clifford Carter - July 23, 2023 at 05:59 PM

TM

“ *Such as beautiful classy lady! She was so loving and kind. I'm going to miss you Dearly. Rest in heaven.*



Tiffany Martin - July 23, 2023 at 05:22 PM

BP

“ Prayers for the Houston family.



Barbara Payton - July 23, 2023 at 05:00 PM

JB

“ To Loray I'm so sorry for your loss sending prayers and love from Janice Brown and family



Janice Brown - July 23, 2023 at 02:17 PM

MJ

“ MR.&MRS. MARION W GRIFFITH JR. lit a candle in memory of Ms. Olevia Houston



MR.&MRS. MARION W GRIFFITH JR. - July 23, 2023 at 01:37 PM

SH

“ SH lit a candle in memory of Ms. Olevia Houston



SH - July 23, 2023 at 09:39 AM

LW

“ *Louis Weems sent a virtual gift in memory of Ms. Olevia Houston*



Louis Weems - July 23, 2023 at 07:12 AM

MT

“ *Mary Hannibal, Fort Worth, Texas lit a candle in memory of Ms. Olevia Houston*



Mary Hannibal, Fort Worth, Texas - July 23, 2023 at 02:20 AM

LT

“ *Linda (ARNETT) Taylor lit a candle in memory of Ms. Olevia Houston*



Linda (ARNETT) Taylor - July 22, 2023 at 09:43 PM

DB

“ *Sympathy and prayers for the Houston family may God comfort and strengthen you at this difficult time*

Dorothy Burch - July 22, 2023 at 06:23 PM

CG

“ Carol Garnett lit a candle in memory of Ms. Olevia Houston



Carol Garnett - July 22, 2023 at 03:26 PM

MT

“ Margo Tyus lit a candle in memory of Ms. Olevia Houston



Margo Tyus - July 22, 2023 at 12:38 PM

DC

“ Deborah Champion lit a candle in memory of Ms. Olevia Houston



Deborah Champion - July 22, 2023 at 12:06 PM

YV

“ YvonneSanders lit a candle in memory of Ms. Olevia Houston



YvonneSanders - July 21, 2023 at 09:53 PM

HG

“ Henry And Brenda Gibbs lit a candle in memory of Ms. Olevia Houston



Henry and Brenda Gibbs - July 21, 2023 at 07:46 PM

CW

“ My Sincere Condolences to Houston Family, So sorry for your loss. May God give you Strength and Comfort during this difficult time. Love Carolyn Washington 🙏🙏❤️❤️



Carolyn Washington - July 21, 2023 at 07:06 PM



“ ❤️



Benzo BHlood - July 21, 2023 at 06:20 PM



“ I love you dea!! You will be truly missed!



Benzo BHlood - July 21, 2023 at 06:19 PM

TR

“ Terry&Emma Richard lit a candle in memory of Ms. Olevia Houston



Terry&Emma Richard - July 21, 2023 at 05:45 PM

JC

“ Jeanette B Champion sent a virtual gift in memory of Ms. Olevia Houston



Jeanette B champion - July 21, 2023 at 03:16 PM

LR

“ Lloyd Miller Riley lit a candle in memory of Ms. Olevia Houston



lloyd miller riley - July 21, 2023 at 01:47 PM

WH

“ Willie C. And Elaine Houston lit a candle in memory of Ms. Olevia Houston



Willie C. and Elaine Houston - July 21, 2023 at 01:27 PM

VT

“ Victoria Plowden Taylor lit a candle in memory of Ms. Olevia Houston



Victoria Plowden Taylor - July 21, 2023 at 12:27 PM

DH

“ Deidre Hunter sent a virtual gift in memory of Ms. Olevia Houston



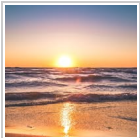
Deidre Hunter - July 21, 2023 at 11:50 AM

PB

“ Patricia Burns sent a virtual gift in memory of Ms. Olevia Houston



patricia burns - July 21, 2023 at 11:05 AM



“ Anna Brown lit a candle in memory of Ms. Olevia Houston



Anna Brown - July 21, 2023 at 10:37 AM

JE

“ Jeanine sent a virtual gift in memory of Ms. Olevia Houston



Jeanine - July 21, 2023 at 10:30 AM

DW

“ Deidra Williams lit a candle in memory of Ms. Olevia Houston



Deidra Williams - July 21, 2023 at 10:08 AM

JC

“ Janice Powell- Coleman lit a candle in memory of Ms. Olevia Houston



Janice Powell- Coleman - July 21, 2023 at 03:50 AM

TB

“ Miss. Olevia you lived the saved sweet and humble live. Love you Loray and Kenny. May god take care of you at this time. Teckner Brown



teckner brown - July 20, 2023 at 09:42 PM

RH

“ *Rd Houston lit a candle in memory of Ms. Olevia Houston*



Rd Houston - July 20, 2023 at 09:33 PM

IY

“ *Isabel Yrlas-Wilson lit a candle in memory of Ms. Olevia Houston*



Isabel Yrlas-Wilson - July 20, 2023 at 08:17 PM

BF

“ *Sending love and prayers to the Houston Family. Loray and my family met in the early 70's when we moved to BV. Our family quickly formed a loving bond. Mrs. Olevia was a very sweet and loving Mother. May the love of family and friends be abundant during this time of bereavement. We love you Sis* ❤️

Barbara Hollis and Family - July 20, 2023 at 07:27 PM

BH

Barbara Hollis-Lawson

Barbara Hollis - July 20, 2023 at 07:29 PM

CW

“ Calvin & Vivian Williams lit a candle in memory of Ms. Olevia Houston



Calvin & Vivian Williams - July 20, 2023 at 06:09 PM

RB

“ Rosette Blakes sent a virtual gift in memory of Ms. Olevia Houston



Rosette Blakes - July 20, 2023 at 05:27 PM

ST

“ Loray, you and your family have my deepest sympathy , my thoughts and prayers are with you.



Shirley Taylor - July 20, 2023 at 04:34 PM

MB

“ Mr.& Mrs Bentley lit a candle in memory of Ms. Olevia Houston



Mr.& Mrs Bentley - July 20, 2023 at 12:03 PM

MB

Love you so much 💕

Mr. & Mrs Bentley - July 20, 2023 at 12:06 PM

TF

“ *The Frierson & Webb Family sent a virtual gift in memory of Ms. Olevia Houston*



The Frierson & Webb Family - July 20, 2023 at 11:27 AM

RM

“ *Rita Mitchell-Taylor lit a candle in memory of Ms. Olevia Houston*



Rita Mitchell-Taylor - July 20, 2023 at 11:11 AM

LA

“ *Leopold & Janel Arnett sent a virtual gift in memory of Ms. Olevia Houston*



Leopold & Janel Arnett - July 20, 2023 at 09:59 AM

JC

“ Judge Terry L. Clark lit a candle in memory of Ms. Olevia Houston



Judge Terry L. Clark - July 19, 2023 at 02:07 PM

ML

“ Ms. Edith Delphine Lewis lit a candle in memory of Ms. Olevia Houston



Ms. Edith Delphine Lewis - July 19, 2023 at 10:37 AM

EM

“ Ernestine Martin lit a candle in memory of Ms. Olevia Houston



Ernestine Martin - July 19, 2023 at 07:53 AM

KR

“ Kevin Richard lit a candle in memory of Ms. Olevia Houston



Kevin Richard - July 19, 2023 at 07:01 AM

LF

“ *L.D. Frierson lit a candle in memory of Ms. Olevia Houston*



L.D. Frierson - July 18, 2023 at 09:03 PM

BH

“ *Brenda Harris lit a candle in memory of Ms. Olevia Houston*



Brenda Harris - July 18, 2023 at 07:27 PM