



## Ophelia Chavous Bryant

July 5, 1921 - September 5, 2012

“God took a walk through His garden and looked at how the flowers abound. As He strolled along the blooms...a special flower He found. On Wednesday, September 5, 2012, He reached down his massive hand and picked it from all the rest. He gazed at this special flower. He knew He picked the best! Dignity, elegance, beauty, courage and strength are all words that describe Mrs. Ophelia Chavous Bryant; a loving and God-fearing woman that touched the lives of many. She was a woman of extra ordinary grace and excellence sent to us by God.” She was surrounded by her loving family and friends at her home with Houston and Elaine Jackson, Jr. when God said “Well Done Thy Good And Faithful Servant.” Ophelia Chavous was born July 5, 1921 in Carrier Mills, Illinois to the late Terrell and Altha Chavous. She moved to Saginaw, Michigan in 1936 at the age of 15 years old. She was a graduate of Saginaw High School c/o 1939. She married the love of her life, Johnny M. Bryant, on February 24, 1940. He preceded her in death on May 9, 2003. She had been a faithful member of Bethel A.M.E. Church since 1936. She was a past member of Stewardess Bd. #1., The Busy Bee Club, “Queen” of the Retirees Club and the Travel Club. Ophelia worked at GM Grey Iron Foundry Local 668 (Metal Casting) in the core room for over 25 years. She was one of the women pioneers that opened doors for other women to work in the plant. She was a past member of F.W.C.C. Old Timers Club. She loved to cook, bowl, crochet, knit, garden, travel, watch the Detroit Tigers, bingo and had a flair for fashion until her illness of Alzheimers. She

leaves to cherish her memory, two daughters and two sons; Tyrone M. (Dorothy) Bryant, Ahmad (Betty) Hasan, Elaine (Houston) Jackson, Jr. and Brenda J. Bryant-Reynolds, all of Saginaw, MI; grandchildren, Terrence (Jenn) Bryant of Phoenix , AZ., Tyler (Wendy) Bryant, Kenneth Whittaker, Pastor Leslie Lewis, Linda and Fenesia Hasan, all of Saginaw, MI, Alan and Cariton Hasan of Detroit, MI, Andrea (Anthony) McRuffin of Ft. Lee, VA., Houston (Fredrika) Jackson, III of Flint, MI, Omar J. Jackson of Saginaw, MI, Adrienne Reynolds of Lewisville, TX and Steven B. Reynolds of Saginaw, MI; many great-grandchildren and great-great grandchildren; two sisters, Crystal Clark and Terrelline Jackson of Detroit MI; a host of nieces, nephews, relatives and numerous special friends. She was also preceded in death by three sisters, Louise Harris, Frances Payne, and Nita Mae Chavous; 3 brothers, G.B. "Brother", Delmar, and Robert Chavous; brothers in-law, a sister-in-law and several nieces and nephews. Special thanks to nephew, Charles (Deborah) Brown; great-granddaughter, Hannah Jackson; her wonderful girlfriend Geraldine (the late William) Scott; friends, Sharon Phillips, Ella Simmons, Helen Ross and Carrie Winston; Pastor and Mrs. P. David Saunders and The Entire Bethel A.M.E. Church Family; Covenant VNA hospice staff, Deb Guerrero, Barb Murphy, Toni, Devica, Mary Sobol and the staff of The James E. Cartwright Care Center for their excellent care. Family hour will take place at 10:00 a.m. on Tuesday, September 11, 2012 at Bethel African Methodist Episcopal Church, 535 Cathay Street, with the funeral commencing at 11:00 a.m. Pastor P. David Saunders will officiate with entombment in Eastlawn Memorial Gardens. Friends may call at the Evans & Browne's Funeral Home, 441 N. Jefferson Ave., on Monday from 2:00 p.m. until 8:00 p.m.

# Tribute Wall

LB

“ *Love You Mama, Your Baby Girl, Brenda lit a candle in memory of Ophelia Chavous Bryant*



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**Love You Mama, Your Baby Girl, Brenda** - October 10, 2012 at 02:53 PM

LJ

“ *Zeke im so sorry for your loss My family will keep you and yours in our prayers*

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**Leon Jackson** - September 05, 2012 at 12:00 AM

JR

“ *My deepest regret for your lost. May God be with you during your time of grief.*

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**Jessie Reed** - September 05, 2012 at 12:00 AM

DW

“ *Ms. Ophelia Bryant, to a beautiful person inside and out. May you rest in peace! I have been sending prayers to the entire family.*

*Love you Elaine, you are a wonderful person and daughter. God Bless you and family.*

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**Denise White** - September 05, 2012 at 12:00 AM

KW

“ My sincerest sympathy Elaine, Bren-Bren and the entire family. Your mom was a special lady and will be missed. My heart goes out to you during this period of grief and I will forever keep you in my prayers.

Love,  
Kat

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**Kathleen Wade** - September 05, 2012 at 12:00 AM

LV

“ Elaine, Houston, Brenda, and the entire family. I send my heartfelt sympathy to you. Your mom was always a beautiful lady on the outside as well as the inside. I spent a lot of time at your house as a child. Seems like everytime she came home, she had bags from shopping for her girls. I know you have many fond memories of her and your dad to cherish. May God keep you in his care. Love you Much! Linda

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**Linda Veasley** - September 05, 2012 at 12:00 AM

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“ Brenda you know im allways glad to recive a call from you but when you called about your MOM i was lost for words my prayers are indeed with you and your FAMILY. Trust in the LORD with all your heart Proverb 3:5

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**Cynthia (Clay)Ruth** - September 05, 2012 at 12:00 AM

WR

“ To the Bryant Family . May God Bless and keep you in his pray. We also love you and even god love you more. Keep your head up high to the star . I alway miss her smile and warming touch . From Wanda Faye Reynolds

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**Wanda Faye Reynolds** - September 05, 2012 at 12:00 AM

AF

“ ELAINE & FAMILY & FRIENDS I AM SORRY TO HERE ABOUT YOUR LOSS, YOU HAVE MY CONDOLENCE & PRAYER.

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**ALICE HUNT & FAMILY** - September 05, 2012 at 12:00 AM

GL

“ To my  
Great Aunt Ophelia, you have lived a great life and have raised a great family in which your memory will live on! You have completed your all that HE has asked of you! We love you with our hearts and remember you with our thoughts! THANK YOU!

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**Greg Paco Leonard** - September 05, 2012 at 12:00 AM

AM

“ Brenda,

*Sorry for the loss of your mother. She was classy and elegant. She is at rest now with her Heavenly Father. She was a good and faithful servant who fought the good fight. God will see you through this time of bereavement for the loss of your dearly departed loved one. You and your family are in my prayers.*

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**Audrey (Archer) McKandes** - September 05, 2012 at 12:00 AM

MM

“ To Tyrone and Leslie,

*Sorry to hear of the loss of your Mother and Grandmother. She will be greatly missed by all those who knew and loved her. God be with you at this time of mourning of your loved one. May she rest in peace. You and family are in our prayers.*

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**Melvin and Audrey McKandes** - September 05, 2012 at 12:00 AM

TW

“ *Sincere COndolences to the Bryant Family - Tyrone and Dorothy our prayers are with you and your family during this time~ LOVE You and God Bless*

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**Tracy Woods** - September 05, 2012 at 12:00 AM

TL

“ *To Auntie Ophelia,  
Although a person cannot choose there family it is no doubt that God may a wonderfully blessed choice for me by allowing me to be related to you Auntie. You were always so kind and ready with a smile. Now you and your beloved are together once again.*

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**Tamaira Leonard** - September 05, 2012 at 12:00 AM

CB

“ *DEAR ELAINE AND FAMILY" WE THANK GOD FOR THE LIFE AND BEAUTIFUL MEMORIES OF OPHELIA. SHE WILL BE IN OUR THOUGHTS AND WILL ALWAYS BE REMEMBERED AS OUR JAZZY AUNTIE, SWEET, kind GENTLE SMILE AND WE WERE BLESSED AND LUCKY TO KNOW HER AS OUR AUNT.MAY GOD CONTINUE TO GIVE YOU STRENGTH TO GET THROUGH THE DAYS AND WEEKS TO COME. SHE HAS ACCOMPLISHED HER EARTHLY JOURNEY,NOW WE HAVE TO LOOK FOREWARD TO GREETING HER IN THE NEW CREATION. WE LOVE YOU.LOVE THE BROWN, CONWAY FAMILY.*

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**CHARLES DEborah Brown** - September 05, 2012 at 12:00 AM