



## Ossie Lee McKnight

July 27, 1913 - April 8, 2014

Our beloved mother, grandmother, great-grandmother and great-great-grandmother went peacefully, with her devoted daughter by her bedside, at the Saginaw Senior Care and Rehab Center on Tuesday, April 8, 2014 at the age of 100 years.

Ossie Lee McKnight was born July 27, 1913 in Smithville, TX, the daughter of the late Lonnie Sanders and Sophia Sanders. Ossie was a lifelong member of Zion Missionary Baptist Church where she served on the Mother's Board until her health failed.

She retired from The Saginaw Club in the early '70's. Ossie was a survivor of breast cancer in 2004. She loved to bake delicious cinnamon rolls and dinner rolls, which everyone enjoyed.

Her memory will be cherished by one daughter, Earleen McKnight, who cared for her every need; three granddaughters, Demishea McKnight, Judy McKnight and Milene Griffin; one grandson, Otis Griffin, Jr.; four great-grandchildren; nine great-great-grandchildren; one special nephew, Ray Mannie, Sr.; one special niece, Dorse Sanders; and many other relatives and friends, including special friends, Magnolia Taylor, Alice Nickleberry and James Hooper.

Ossie was preceded in death by one daughter, Earestine McKnight; and one son, Otis Griffin, Sr.

Funeral service will take place at 11:00 a.m. on Monday, April 14, 2014 at Zion Missionary Baptist Church, 721 Johnson Street. Pastor Rodrick A. Smith will officiate with interment in Forest Lawn Cemetery. Friends may call at the church on Monday from 10:00 a.m. until time of service.

# Cemetery Details

## Forest Lawn Cemetery

3210 S. Washington Avenue  
Saginaw, MI

# Previous Events

## Visitation

APR 14. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

Zion Missionary Baptist Church  
721 Johnson Street  
Saginaw, MI 48607

## Service

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# Tribute Wall

DM

“ *Doloris Mixon lit a candle in memory of Ossie Lee McKnight*



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**Doloris Mixon** - June 06, 2014 at 12:30 PM

MA

“ *I send my sympathy to the family and friends of Ossie Lee McKnight, may the many years of memories for your mother, grandmother, great and great, great grandmother always race through your minds and hearts. It's always amazing to see that someone can live pass 99 years old in these days.. Which make me reflex on the promises for love one like her in the very near future.. " And He will wipe every tear from their eyes and death will be no more, neither mourning nor outcry nor pain be anymore. The formal things have passed away.- Rev 21:3-5. I am sorry for your loss.... may these words comfort you all.... www.jw.org*

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**Margaret** - April 21, 2014 at 06:31 AM

HJ

“ *Houston And Elaine Jackson, Jr. sent a virtual gift in memory of Ossie Lee McKnight*



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**Houston and Elaine Jackson, Jr.** - April 18, 2014 at 10:35 AM

HJ

*Earlene, Our prayers & condolences go out to you and your Family. What a long life and a true blessing! "To God Be The Glory!!!" Love You*

**Houston and Elaine Jackson, Jr.** - April 18, 2014 at 10:44 AM

MF

“ *Earlene and Family, my sincerest sympathy. God bless you. Love, Brenda*

**Ms. Brenda Bryant-Reynolds & Family** - April 16, 2014 at 02:06 AM

LT

“ *Linda Troutmon lit a candle in memory of Ossie Lee McKnight*



**Linda Troutmon** - April 15, 2014 at 10:41 AM

RV

“ *Robert And Linda Veasley lit a candle in memory of Ossie Lee McKnight*



**Robert and Linda Veasley** - April 13, 2014 at 07:40 PM

RF

“ To Earleen and Family,I am praying for your strength during this difficult time. I will never forget Momma Ossie, She would always look after my aunt Cordelia when I wasn't there, and she used to always make me cinnamon rolls, and when she wanted to go to Bingo, she would always call me. Punkin and Judy she loved you so very much.

Rita Farrell-Williams - April 13, 2014 at 07:14 PM

RF

“ Rita Farrell-Williams lit a candle in memory of Ossie Lee McKnight



Rita Farrell-Williams - April 13, 2014 at 07:05 PM

SO

“ Earleen friend of mine so saddened by your moms passing, just think of the long glorius years that she spent on this earth cherish the shared moments and memories and know that she is in heaven lookin leading and guiding you. Thank God for having her and that He shared her with you.....Peace be still in your heart..

sonacarruth - April 13, 2014 at 05:21 PM

SO

“ Sonacarruth lit a candle in memory of Ossie Lee McKnight



sonacarruth - April 13, 2014 at 05:15 PM

WB

“ *Walsezetta Bennett sent a virtual gift in memory of Ossie Lee McKnight*



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**Walsezetta Bennett** - April 12, 2014 at 01:49 AM

GC

“ *WOW !!!! Earline the joy it must have been to have your mom just to see her turn 100 yrs young. "Tears may endure for a night but joy cometh in the morning " hold to Gods unchanging hand for he WILL carrie you thru this and you and your family are in my prayers. Love ya girl*



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**Gwen Conway** - April 11, 2014 at 10:27 PM

JG

“ *Jackie Garcia lit a candle in memory of Ossie Lee McKnight*



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**Jackie Garcia** - April 11, 2014 at 09:02 PM

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“ WITHIN YOUR EARTH BOUND LIFETIME YOUR'E BLESSED IF JUST ONE PERSON LIKES YOU OR TRUELY LOVES YOU. WHAT A BEAUTIFUL PICTURE TO DISPLAY YOUR MOTHER'S HOME GOING. MRS MCKNIGHT AND I SHARED A VERY EXTENDED CONVERSATION AS SHE SAT IN HER WHEEL CHAIR. AT THE WARREN STREET HIGHRISE APARTMENTS. SHE WAS SITTING IN THE LOBBY. SHE SAID JACKIE HOW ARE YOU I SAID FINE WHAT ARE YOU UP TO. I TOLD HER WE ARE IN THE PROCESS OF MOVING OUR 90 YEAR OLD GRANDMOTHER TO A NURSING HOME SHE SAID YOU KNOW I KNOW MARCEDUS. MRS MCKNIGHT CHATTED ABOUT FAMILY AND SHE SAID SOME WORDS THAT STUCK WITH ME. JACKIE YOU KNOW EARLEEN HAS ALWAYS BEEN GOOD TO ME. SHE TAKES ME TO HAVE MY HAIR AND NAILS DONE I WANT FOR NOTHING. THE MOST MEMORABLE TIME GIVEN IS THE LESS TIME GIVEN. HER DAUGHTER SHARED MANY EFFORDLESS ACTS BESTOWED UNTO MRS MCKNIGHT. SHE HAD NO COMPLAINTS SHE WAS WELL MAINTAINED. NOW HER HEART MIND AND SOUL HAS BEEN PASSED TO OUR CREATER. 100 YEARS OLD GOD ALLOWED MRS MCKNIGHT MANY EXTRA YEARS SPACE AND TIME WITH HER FAMILY. ALTHOUGH MY GRANDMOTHER PASSED AT THE AGE OF 92 I WISH I INHERITED THOSE EXTRA 8 YEARS. GOD ALLOWED MRS MCKNIGHT NO TIME FOR SADNESS. THE BACK STORIES OF MEMORIES THE HISTORY OF HER LIFE. ARE INTACT IN THE CENTER OF YOUR HEART WERE GOD CREATED A SPACE FOR THE PEOPLE YOU HAVE TRULEY LOVED WITHIN YOUR LIFETIME. LOVE SHELLEY AKA JACKIE SANDERS HILL

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shelley aka jackie sanders hill - April 11, 2014 at 06:05 PM

JS

“ *Jamie Sanders Hicks And Mattie Sanders lit a candle in memory of Ossie Lee McKnight*



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**Jamie Sanders Hicks and Mattie Sanders** - April 10, 2014 at 11:44 PM

BK

“ *To the McKnight family  
Mrs McKnight was a beautiful person I had the opportunity to talk with her while managing Maplewood Manor. A woman full of wisdom. My condolence to the family.  
King Family*

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**Betty King** - April 10, 2014 at 05:02 PM

DA

“ *Debra Austin lit a candle in memory of Ossie Lee McKnight*



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**Debra Austin** - April 09, 2014 at 09:42 PM

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“ *Dona Austin-Bigby lit a candle in memory of Ossie Lee McKnight*



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**Dona Austin-Bigby** - April 09, 2014 at 08:33 PM

AL

“ *Annie Lowery lit a candle in memory of Ossie Lee McKnight*



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**Annie Lowery** - April 09, 2014 at 07:31 PM

AF

“ *Ann Ford & Family sent a virtual gift in memory of Ossie Lee McKnight*



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**Ann Ford & Family** - April 09, 2014 at 03:20 PM

DG

“ *Debra Guster lit a candle in memory of Ossie Lee McKnight*



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**Debra Guster** - April 09, 2014 at 09:59 AM

PJ

“ *Pauline Jones lit a candle in memory of Ossie Lee McKnight*



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**pauline jones** - April 08, 2014 at 10:32 PM