



Ms. Pauline JoAnn White

June 5, 1933 - January 18, 2018

Ms. Pauline JoAnn (Holbert) White was born June 5, 1933 in Shelbyville, Tennessee, the daughter of Mattie V. (Holbert) Wells. She departed this life on Thursday, January 18, 2018 at the age of 84 years.

Ms. White loved the Lord, her church and family. She is a member of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints of Saginaw, MI. Pauline was a former member of Mt. Zion Baptist Church in Shelbyville, TN. She believed all things are possible through the power of prayer; she was constantly in prayer for friends and family, especially her children and grandchildren. Giving was a constant part of her life and she put others before herself. She was a blessing to many by sharing her advice, her wisdom and financial support. She enjoyed helping and doing for others.

Pauline was a good singer, she frequently would sing one of many gospel or spiritual songs she'd learned as a child at Mt. Zion Baptist Church. She also enjoyed secular and blues tunes, two of her favorite artists were Prince (When Doves Cry, Purple Rain) and Spencer Wiggins (Old Friend). She was affiliated with the Eastern Star of Dayton, OH.

Pauline worked as a surgical aid at a young age at St. Elizabeth Hospital in Dayton, OH. She also worked as Head Cook, a Home Health Care Aide, and an entrepreneur of an Adult Foster Care Facility for many years. She provided loving care for her mother throughout her life. She had a great work ethic, and

was a dedicated and faithful worshipper until her health failed.

Ms. White leaves four children to cherish many memories, Lawrence V. Wells, Paulette (Adedji, Henry) Awosafaju, Denise Murphy and Dennis (Mitzi) Sanders; 11 grandchildren; 19 great-grandchildren; two brothers, Mark Avery Wells and David Allen Wells.

“Blood makes you a relative it doesn’t necessarily make you family”. She also leaves sisters in Christ, Novola McClendon, Kathy (Dave) Berry and Dee Dudley; adopted family, sisters, Mattie Hill and JoAnn Wilcox; daughters, Brenda Davis Sherley, Stephanie Hall, Delores Henry and Linda Comstock; sons, Calvin White and Dr. Gary Brooks; grandkids, Nikki Brewer, Chenntel Henry and Shirley Rose Caffey; many other relatives and friends including special friend, Mary Gilmore.

Family hour 10:00 a.m. Monday, January 29, 2018 with funeral service commencing at 11:00 a.m. at Thomas Funeral Home, 4520 Salem Avenue, Dayton, OH 45416. Eulogist Lawrence Wells with interment at Woodland Historic Cemetery, Arboretum & Foundation, 118 Woodland Ave., Dayton, OH 45409. Visitation will be 10:00 a.m. until the time of service.

A Memorial service will take place Thursday, February 1, 2018 at 6:00 p.m. at The Church of Jesus Christ Latter Day Saints, 1415 North Center Rd., Saginaw, MI 48603 Mr. David Barry will officiate.

Cemetery Details

Woodland Historic Cemetery, Arboretum & Foundation

118 Woodland Avenue
Dayton, OH 45409-2892

Previous Events

Family Hour

JAN 29. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

Thomas Funeral Home
4520 Salem Avenue
Dayton, OH 45416

Funeral Service

JAN 29. 11:00 AM (ET)

Thomas Funeral Home
4520 Salem Avenue
Dayton, OH 45416

Memorial Service

FEB 1. 6:00 PM (ET)

Church of the Latter Day Saints
1415 North Center Rd.
Saginaw, MI

Tribute Wall



“ *Evans & Browne's Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Ms. Pauline JoAnn White*



Browne's Mortuary - January 30, 2018 at 11:41 AM

WS

Oh Larry...it's so beautiful. Well done. Thank you for including our pictures in the remembrance. We are honored. A great family, we are proud to be a part of. Thank you. God bless.

Walter & Carol SLIFE - March 14, 2018 at 09:58 PM

SD

Awesome and so lovely. We (Mommy and I) really liked it Uncle Larry.

Shamika and Denise - March 14, 2018 at 11:19 PM

TH

I will always love you! 💜

Toni Holland - June 14, 2025 at 09:05 PM

JA

“ *Dr. Wells, I offer my sincere condolences for the loss of your mother. I pray for your strength and comfort during this difficult time. God bless.*

Janice Anderson - February 06, 2018 at 03:33 PM

MH

“ *My deepest sympathy to Larry and family in the loss of your love one. May you take comfort in fond memories shared throughout the years. Earth has no sorrow that heaven cannot heal. Let the joy of the Lord be your strength.* ”



Michelle Hall - January 28, 2018 at 07:43 PM

JS

“ *Janie Surles-Cork sent a virtual gift in memory of Ms. Pauline JoAnn White* ”



Janie Surles-Cork - January 25, 2018 at 04:48 PM

AS

“ *Andre' Jackson Sr lit a candle in memory of Ms. Pauline JoAnn White* ”



Andre' Jackson Sr - January 25, 2018 at 11:49 AM

SS

“ *Sue Surles-McDole lit a candle in memory of Ms. Pauline JoAnn White* ”



Sue Surles-McDole - January 25, 2018 at 10:59 AM

YB

“ Yvette Ellis Barr lit a candle in memory of Ms. Pauline JoAnn White



Yvette Ellis Barr - January 24, 2018 at 10:37 PM

SB

“ Sheilda Braddock lit a candle in memory of Ms. Pauline JoAnn White



Sheilda Braddock - January 24, 2018 at 10:05 PM

JC

“ Judge Terry Clark lit a candle in memory of Ms. Pauline JoAnn White



Judge Terry Clark - January 23, 2018 at 02:59 PM

PF

“ Phi Beta Sigma Fraternity lit a candle in memory of Ms. Pauline JoAnn White



Phi Beta Sigma Fraternity - January 23, 2018 at 02:57 PM

MH

“ I met Mrs White about thirteen years ago. We talked about everything. She gave me good advice like when my husband was ill she said "Sweetie you have to take care of yourself if you are going to take care of him." Thank you for that. I heard her sing, had a beautiful voice. Was a good cook, I will always remember those pig feet she cooked one time. She was generous to a fault-would give you the shirt off her back. Now you are with your Heavenly Father and at rest. I love you still and I will see you later.

Mattie Hill - January 23, 2018 at 12:51 PM

LW

“ Praying for you Uncle Mr Wells and the entire Pauline White and Wells family. Ms Pauline was a joy to be around and my Fellow Nurse will surely be missed



Larissa White - January 23, 2018 at 12:23 PM

MS

“ Mary Smithers lit a candle in memory of Ms. Pauline JoAnn White



Mary Smithers - January 23, 2018 at 09:19 AM

DM

“ *DIANA (COLEMAN) MIREE lit a candle in memory of Ms. Pauline JoAnn White*



DIANA (COLEMAN) MIREE - January 22, 2018 at 11:54 PM


Shirleyrose
Caffey

“ *I will always love you Ms. Pauline!*



Shirleyrose Caffey - January 22, 2018 at 08:59 PM

NB

“ *Granny Pauline in the short time we had together it felt like a lifetime. We shared so many memories together a lot laughs but more importantly love that no one can understand. You were my angle in my dark time. You always had a way of lightning my day. I'm missing you like crazy. Rest peaceful my love.*



Niekia (nikki Bee) Brewer - January 22, 2018 at 08:13 PM

MC

“ *Myrtle Collier sent a virtual gift in memory of Ms. Pauline JoAnn White*



Myrtle Collier - January 22, 2018 at 07:06 PM

SH

“ Stephanie Hall sent a virtual gift in memory of Ms. Pauline JoAnn White



Stephanie Hall - January 22, 2018 at 03:14 PM

SH

There are no words to express how very much I' am going to miss you Pauline, You were my second Mom and a huge part of my life and heart. I prayer you rest in Heavenly peace, and don't worry about Larry too much. Larry, you know I'm here for you each and everyday as we both take this journey of missing our Moms. I pray for comfort and strength for your entire family and Gods grace and mercy.

Stephanie Hall - January 22, 2018 at 03:22 PM

SG

Our prayers are with you and your family. Sam and Valerie Gatson

Sam Gatson - January 24, 2018 at 12:27 PM

MS

“ Mr. And Mrs. William H. Doxie Sr. lit a candle in memory of Ms. Pauline JoAnn White



Mr. and Mrs. William H. Doxie Sr. - January 22, 2018 at 02:33 PM

CB

“ *My condolences and prayers to the family.* ”



Cynthia Brackett - January 22, 2018 at 12:30 PM

AS

“ *Andre' Jackson Sr sent a virtual gift in memory of Ms. Pauline JoAnn White* ”



Andre' Jackson Sr - January 22, 2018 at 11:51 AM

HJ

“ *Our Sincere Condolences To Larry and The Entire Pauline White Family & Friends. Lifting you up in prayer and know that Ms. Pauline was a blessing to many. It was good to have known her. "To God Be The Glory!!!"* ”



Houston and Elaine Jackson, Jr. - January 22, 2018 at 10:31 AM

KS

“ *Kathy Shaw sent a virtual gift in memory of Ms. Pauline JoAnn White* ”



Kathy Shaw - January 22, 2018 at 08:30 AM

DM

“ *DIANA MIREE sent a virtual gift in memory of Ms. Pauline JoAnn White*



DIANA MIREE - January 20, 2018 at 09:49 PM



“ *My sincerest prayers and condolences.*



Gwendolyn Brazil - January 20, 2018 at 11:31 AM

MH

“ *To Larry and the entire family of Mrs Pauline White, please know that you are in my thoughts and prayers. Please look to the Lord for He is the only one who can heal your hurting hearts. Remember that earth has no sorrow that Heaven cannot heal. Much love.*
MATTIE HILL & FAMILY

Mattie Hill - January 19, 2018 at 04:29 PM