



Mother Pearlie Mae Gathon

August 22, 1919 - October 2, 2020

Pearlie Mae Gathon, the beloved daughter, of the late Ruben “Rufus” Owens and Frankie Clark Owens was born August 22, 1919 in Grady, Arkansas. The last of eleven siblings, she lived a full and joyous life for 101 years and praised God every day for blessings and longevity.

She attended public schools in Grady, Arkansas. Pearlie was married to Charlie Gathon of Grady, Arkansas, he preceded her in death in the 80’s. She worked on a farm as a share-cropper for many years, and later as a cook/chef until she retired.

Mother Gathon loved cooking, fishing, doing Word Search Puzzles, quilting, and sewing. As she was raising her children, she made most of her daughters’ beautiful dresses.

Pearlie accepted Christ as her personal Savior as a child, at Paradise Missionary Baptist Church in Grady, Arkansas. Later she joined Bethlehem Missionary Baptist Church of Pickens, Arkansas in the early 40’s, participating in the choir, lady’s family church grounds dinners and hosting Pastoral Home Dinners. Prior to moving to Saginaw, Pearlie was an Eastern Star in Desha County Arkansas. She was also a member of the Saginaw NAACP for years. Finally joining Tabernacle Missionary Baptist Church, Saginaw, Michigan in 1969 under the leadership of the late Pastor R.B. Austin and currently under

the leadership of Pastor Blake Strozier. While at Tabernacle she served in the choir, Mission Ministry, the Mother's Board, a Prayer and Bible study participant and Sunday School student. She continued her faith, prayers and love of God until her death.

Pearlie's memory lives on through her three daughters, Dorothy N. Bragg of Junction City, KS, Helene Reese-George (James) of Dallas, TX; and Deborah R. Adams of Saginaw, MI; one god-son, Michael Alford of Grand Rapids, MI; 12 grandchildren; 36 great-grandchildren and 15 great-great-grandchildren; two first cousins, a host of nephews, nieces, second, third and fourth cousins, a host of other relatives and friends including dear friend, Clotile Mounger.

Pearlie was preceded in death by her parents; son, Ronnie R. Adams; brothers, James (Charlie) Owens, Garland White, Albert, Alfred and Ruben Owens; sisters, Cora Owens, Roberta Smith, Frankie Packard, Lillie Mae Jenkins and Annie B. Harris.

Funeral service will take place at 11:00 a.m. on Tuesday, October 13, 2020 at Evans & Browne's Funeral Home, 441 North Jefferson Avenue, Saginaw, MI 48607. Pastor Blake Strozier will officiate with interment in Forest Lawn Cemetery, 3210 South Washington Avenue, Saginaw, MI 48601. Friends may call at funeral home on Monday from 2:00 until 6:00 p.m.

Cemetery Details

Forest Lawn Cemetery

3210 S. Washington Avenue
Saginaw, MI

Previous Events

Visitation

OCT **12**. 2:00 PM - 6:00 PM (ET)

Evans & Browne's Funeral Home
441 North Jefferson Avenue
Saginaw, MI 48607

Funeral Service

OCT **13**. 11:00 AM (ET)

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Tribute Wall



“ Evans & Browne's Funeral Home created a Webcast in memory of Mother Pearlle Mae Gathon



Browne's Mortuary - October 13, 2020 at 10:56 AM

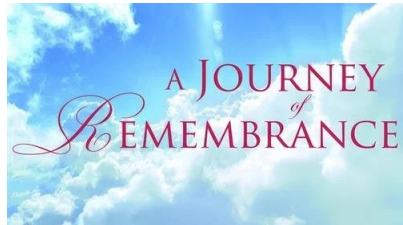
TN

My family we missed being with you, but we were with you online and in spirit always. Our love goes with you all. TINA, Kirt, Terry, Dorothy, Janie and Gloria.

Tina Nichols - October 13, 2020 at 12:30 PM



“ Evans & Browne's Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Mother Pearlle Mae Gathon



Browne's Mortuary - October 13, 2020 at 10:53 AM

JA

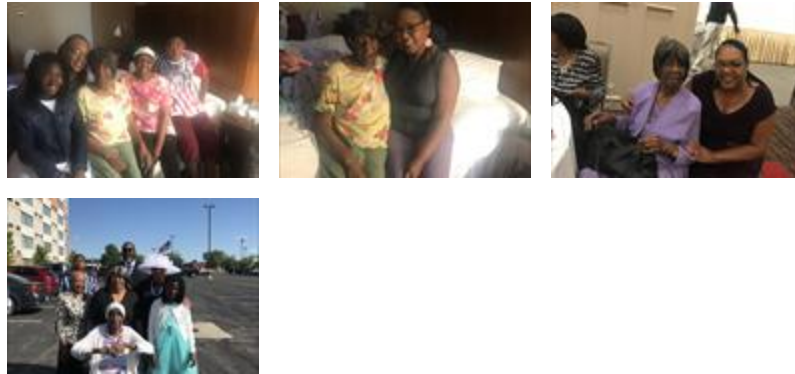
“ JJ Akins sent a virtual gift in memory of Mother Pearlle Mae Gathon



JJ Akins - October 13, 2020 at 10:06 AM

AW

“ 4 files added to the album Memories Album



Aretta Williams - October 12, 2020 at 11:04 PM

ST

“ Mrs. Pearlle Mae is another Angel from our village. I'll always remember the special times spent talking to Mrs. Pearlle Mae on her porch on Bismarck.
The Triplett family is sending love prayers and sympathy to Debbie; our friend, former neighbor and the entire Gathon family.
Through this time of grief, give your prayers to God and know that He is with you always. I am praying for you to find healing through the Lord's infinite love. Lend Him your worries and take comfort that He is always by your side. Evelyn Triplett, Shantay Triplett and the entire Triplett family 🙏🙏🙏🙏

Shantay Triplett - October 12, 2020 at 01:01 PM

AW

*Aunt Pearlle,
A Woman of God, Grace, Integrity, Valor, Humorous and of Excellence.
A Virtuous Woman, who can find?*

Aunt Pearlle was a clear example a Virtuous Woman. She worked hard, to provide for her family. She was a dedicated daughter, sister, mother, aunt, grandmother and great grandmother. Auntie Pearlle cared for her family. Loved them unconditionally. She trained up her children and all who knew her were blessed by her wisdom.

'I most definitely was and is blessed to have had the opportunity just to sit and talk with Auntie.'

Aunt Pearlle, You will Truly be missed at the Family Reunions. God called you home b/c He needed you more. It's not good bye. It's, I will see you soon. Love ❤️ you Aunt Pearlle!

Aretta Williams and Family

(Your Great Niece, Massachusetts)

Aretta Williams - October 12, 2020 at 09:57 PM



“ 86 files added to the album Life Tributes



Browne's Mortuary - October 12, 2020 at 12:25 PM

CB

“ *Sending Condolences to Debbie and Family my next door neighbors since childhood. I'm truly sadden to hear about your mom. Ms Pearlie Mae was my girl we have had so many laughs, cries, and talks. Thank you for always being their for me and my family. You will truly be missed and I know you got your wings and went to heaven. I Love you and will keep you in my heart til we meet again.* 🙏🌹❤️😞😭



Cecelia Barnett-Alston - October 11, 2020 at 11:38 PM

DJ

“ *Mother Gathon made a difference in so many lives. She was a dedicated and faithful member of the church; we are thankful to have been members of her church family. Please know that you are in our hearts and prayers.*



*Tabernacle Missionary Baptist Church
Deacon Board*

Deacon Eugene Moten Jr. - October 11, 2020 at 07:42 PM

EL

“ *1 file added to the tribute wall*



Elijah Lowery - October 10, 2020 at 07:42 PM

MT

“ Margo Tyus sent a virtual gift in memory of Mother Pearlle Mae Gathon



Margo Tyus - October 10, 2020 at 02:49 PM

ST

“ Sheldon&Cynthia Tillman lit a candle in memory of Mother Pearlle Mae Gathon



Sheldon&Cynthia Tillman - October 10, 2020 at 04:31 AM

JP

“ To Deborah and the entire family of Mother McGothon my prayers are with you mother was a very beautiful and loving person smiling every time I saw her.



Janice Powell-Coleman - October 08, 2020 at 09:56 PM

EL

Prayers of peace and comfort to the family. Love...Elijah and Gwen Lowery

Elijah Lowery - October 10, 2020 at 07:35 PM



“ *Large Basket Garden was purchased for the family of Mother Pearlie Mae Gathon.*



October 08, 2020 at 09:56 PM



“ *Clotile Mounger sent a virtual gift in memory of Mother Pearlie Mae Gathon*



Clotile Mounger - October 08, 2020 at 02:27 PM



“ *Prayers and condolences to the family just like my family all these years I known you since I was a little child all you wisdom and strength we will carry with us and let you live on in us and we will be strong cause will know you lived a good life and left a good legacy .*



Yulondra Walker - October 08, 2020 at 08:00 AM



“ *There are no words to describe how much you are loved and will be missed by both Larrie (Lil Nano) and I, and our family.*

Valerie(Larrie) Packard - October 07, 2020 at 01:19 PM

VP

“ Gonna miss you Aunt Pearl! In so many ways you reminded me of my grandmother. We always could laugh and talk easily. I know you liked my neck bones! Take your well deserved rest now. If it's Gods will we will meet again. Prayers for all of our family.

Valerie Packard - October 07, 2020 at 01:17 PM

LM

“ LOUDEAN MOULTRIE sent a virtual gift in memory of Mother Pearl! Mae Gathon



LOUDEAN MOULTRIE - October 07, 2020 at 06:27 AM

MF

“ Mosella Reed & Family lit a candle in memory of Mother Pearl! Mae Gathon



Mosella Reed & Family - October 06, 2020 at 09:03 PM

AF

“ Alma Johnson & Family lit a candle in memory of Mother Pearl! Mae Gathon



Alma Johnson & Family - October 06, 2020 at 09:02 PM

AF

“ *Alma Johnson & Family lit a candle in memory of Mother Pearlie Mae Gathon*



Alma Johnson & Family - October 06, 2020 at 04:13 PM

MF

“ *Mosella Reed & Family lit a candle in memory of Mother Pearlie Mae Gathon*



Mosella Reed & Family - October 06, 2020 at 04:04 PM

DM

“ *Dale Mitchner lit a candle in memory of Mother Pearlie Mae Gathon*



Dale mitchner - October 06, 2020 at 02:53 PM

DB

“ *I am so sorry to hear Mrs Pearlie has passed away she was a kind and sweet woman I use to love talking to her in church may God rest her soul and to the family prayers and sympathy from Dorothy Burch and the BurchFamily*



Dorothy Burch - October 06, 2020 at 02:53 PM

GB

“ *Gwen White Bowman lit a candle in memory of Mother Pearlle Mae Gathon*



Gwen White Bowman - October 06, 2020 at 02:32 PM

TA

“ *Thanks for being the BEST grandmother and great grandmother we could have. We love you so much. Tequila, Nautica, Torrion, and Cameron*



Tequila Adams - October 06, 2020 at 12:02 PM

AF

“ *Annie Ruth Speight Fuller lit a candle in memory of Mother Pearlle Mae Gathon*



Annie Ruth Speight Fuller - October 05, 2020 at 10:36 AM

BW

“ *Bernice Williams sent a virtual gift in memory of Mother Pearlle Mae Gathon*



Bernice Williams - October 04, 2020 at 06:58 AM

JR

“ *Janice Ruffin lit a candle in memory of Mother Pearlle Mae Gathon*



Janice Ruffin - October 03, 2020 at 10:35 PM

MS

“ *Mary Ann Stewart sent a virtual gift in memory of Mother Pearlle Mae Gathon*



Mary Ann Stewart - October 03, 2020 at 02:21 PM

VF

“ *Veronica McClain & Family lit a candle in memory of Mother Pearlle Mae Gathon*



Veronica McClain & Family - October 03, 2020 at 10:13 AM

DM

“ *Delphine Martin lit a candle in memory of Mother Pearlle Mae Gathon*



Delphine Martin - October 03, 2020 at 01:25 AM

FC

“ *Faye Cole sent a virtual gift in memory of
Mother Pearlie Mae Gathon*



Faye Cole - October 02, 2020 at 09:52 PM

JW

“ *Joanie Williams sent a virtual gift in memory of
Mother Pearlie Mae Gathon*



Joanie Williams - October 02, 2020 at 09:34 PM