



Ms. Pearlie Mae Lawson

May 27, 1939 - February 2, 2026

Pearlie Mae Lawson passed away peacefully at the age of 86, in her home on February 2, 2026 after a 9 year journey with Alzheimer's disease. Up until the end, Pearl maintained her love for God, kindness, grace, compassion, love of family and friends, and expressed gratitude for her long life, full of wonderful and varied experiences.

Pearl was born in El Campo, Texas on May 27, 1939 to the parents of J. B. and Betty Lawson. The family moved to Saginaw, Michigan in 1942. Pearl graduated from Saginaw High School and went on to pursue a career in nursing. On June 3, 1968, Pearl received her Licensed Practical Nurse Certification. She retired from nursing after 30 years of service from Saginaw General Hospital.

Pearl was a firm believer in God and family. She was a devoted mother of three. Pearl cherished her friendships, her closest friends; Dorothy Moore and Margie Noel were like sisters to her. Pearl's friendships encompassed all aspects of life, and each were special to her. From chats on the phone to joint family outings, to helping in times of sadness and difficulty, Pearl was up for it all. She was known not just for enjoying her friendships but for being a good friend as well. Although Pearl was an only child, her mother Betty was the eldest of 14 and Pearl grew up amongst her uncles, aunts and cousins. She spent many summers and vacations in Texas with family. She loved roller

skating in her early years. When not working, Pearl enjoyed bowling, playing cards (tunk for those who know!) Spades and BINGO! Everywhere she traveled, she found a bingo hall.

Pearl is survived by her three children; Kenneth (Linda) Lawson of Saginaw, MI, Tony (Karen) Chantaca of Dallas, TX and Tina Chantaca of Saginaw, MI; grandchildren, Kenisha Lawson, Torre Lawson, Tiffany Chantaca, Kenneth Lawson, Jr., Danielle Chantaca, Brandon Lawson, Antonio D. Chantaca, Ty Jordan Pvel and Noelle Pvel; great-grandchildren, Jamarion, Lorenz, Jalen, Jordan, Aija, Journie, Aniya, Amari, Alyssa, Jordyn, Rayon, Jayon, Trayvon, Jayden, Isabella, Cashus, Nova, Nicholas, Aaliyah, Ahmir, Arya and Amaya; as well as nine great-great-grandchildren.

Pearl was preceded in death by her parents J.B. and Betty Lawson; granddaughter, Tamika Boyd; several aunts, uncles and cousins.

The family would like to express special thanks to Antonio M. Chantaca for being a dedicated caregiver up until his recent passing. Thanks to Jamarion Lawson for his dedicated time and care of his great-grandmother. Special thanks to All Valley Home Health & Hospice Care, Aide, Kayla and RNs , Jen and Lori for keeping Mom comfortable in her last days.

Family hour will take place at 10:00 a.m. with the funeral service commencing at 11:00 a.m. Wednesday, February 18, 2026, at Evans & Browne's Funeral Home, 441 N. Jefferson Ave., Saginaw, MI 48607. Pastor Rita Gallardo will officiate with interment in Forest Lawn Cemetery, 3210 S. Washington Ave., Saginaw, MI 48601. Visitation will take place from 9:00 a.m. until the time of service.

Cemetery Details

Forest Lawn Cemetery

3210 S. Washington Avenue
Saginaw, MI

Previous Events

Visitation

FEB 18. 9:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

Evans & Browne's Funeral Home
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Tribute Wall



“ *Evans & Browne's Funeral Home created a Webcast in memory of Ms. Pearlie Mae Lawson*



Browne's Mortuary - February 18 at 10:52 AM

WF

“ *Wanda Faye Reynolds And The Reynolds Fam lit a candle in memory of Ms. Pearlie Mae Lawson*



Wanda Faye Reynolds and the Reynolds fam - February 28 at 06:10 AM

DR

“ *My deepest condolences go out to you Tina and your family Pearl will truly be miss I thank got I had the pleasure of her in my life she always have me love ❤️ RIH 🙏*



Delores Roberson - February 24 at 09:11 AM

GD

“ Gregory LeVOY Daniel lit a candle in memory of Ms. Pearlie Mae Lawson



Gregory LeVOY Daniel - February 21 at 01:10 PM

RB

“ Rosette Marie Blakes lit a candle in memory of Ms. Pearlie Mae Lawson



Rosette Marie Blakes - February 20 at 08:10 PM

RS

“ Praying for the strength Mother Pearlie’s family as you grieve a tremendous loss. Kenneth Sr. remembering you coaching and spending countless hours with the boys in the neighborhood on Woodward. 🏀🏈🏉 God Bless 🙏🕊️🕊️



Regina Smith-Johnson - February 19 at 07:12 PM

MF

“ This is the children of the late Mattie T. Calhoun. My mother was best of friends with Ms. Betty and her husband J.B. I'm so deeply sorry for the passing of your Mother. We lost contact with them and I hate it. I pray I will get chance on seeing you all. Again we send our deepest sympathy to u all.



Malina Calhoun Barlow and famy - February 17 at 07:41 PM

BF

“ Bennett & McCollough Family purchased the Classic Sympathy Dish Garden for the family of Ms. Pearlie Mae Lawson.



Bennett & McCollough Family - February 17 at 07:26 PM

DC

“ Dr. K.A. & Mrs. Doris Tenah and church purchased the Floor Plant for Sympathy for the family of Ms. Pearlie Mae Lawson.



Dr. K.A. & Mrs. Doris Tenah and church - February 17 at 02:33 PM

DC

“ Dr. K.A. & Mrs. Doris Tenah and church planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Ms. Pearlie Mae Lawson.

Dr. K.A. & Mrs. Doris Tenah and church - February 17 at 02:33 PM

EW

“ *Edward Brown, Jr. and Connie Williams purchased the Blue & White Sympathy Floor Basket for the family of Ms. Pearlle Mae Lawson.*



Edward Brown, Jr. and Connie Williams - February 16 at 04:08 PM

JB

“ *Janice Baston-Lee lit a candle in memory of Ms. Pearlle Mae Lawson*



Janice Baston-Lee - February 16 at 01:11 PM

TB

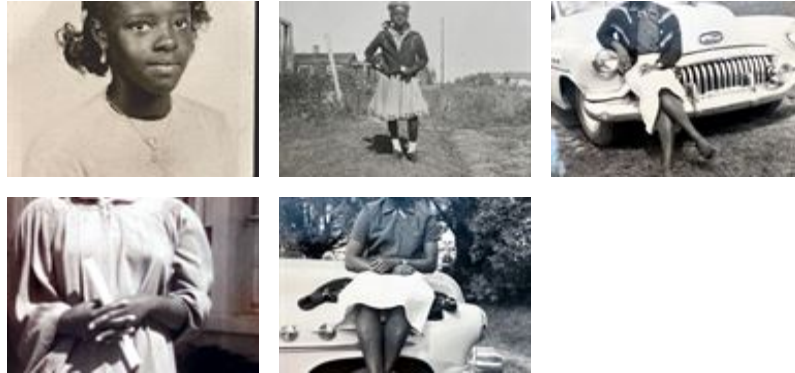
“ *Tyretha Baston lit a candle in memory of Ms. Pearlle Mae Lawson*



Tyretha Baston - February 16 at 12:39 PM



“ 82 files added to the album *Life Tributes*



Browne's Mortuary - February 16 at 10:18 AM

CN

“ To the family of Peralie Lawson, my deepest condolences and prayers, I worked with her at Saginaw General Hospital for years. She was such a hard working caring person. She made all of the people she cared for special.



Cheryl R Nash - February 16 at 10:08 AM

SS

“ Sue Surles-McDole sent a virtual gift in memory of Ms. Pearlie Mae Lawson



Sue Surles-McDole - February 16 at 10:05 AM

MB

“ I’m sorry to hear of Pearl’s passing. We were students in nursing school and black nurses association. She was a great nurse and fun to be around. May God continue to comfort you in this difficult time!



Mary Burks - February 15 at 06:42 PM

CC

“ Cheryl Cooper lit a candle in memory of Ms. Pearlie Mae Lawson



Cheryl Cooper - February 15 at 12:05 PM

CF

“ I worked with Pearlie at Saginaw General Hospital and remember her fondly, she was a great nurse and person. My condolences to all her family.

Carolyn Frank - February 15 at 09:07 AM



“ Peace, Prayers, & Blessings- Lavender and White was purchased for the family of Ms. Pearlie Mae Lawson.



February 13 at 12:59 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Ms. Pearlie Mae Lawson.

February 13 at 12:59 PM



“ What a beautiful soul. Sending heartfelt condolence. Sincerely Donna Shipman ❤️🙏
❤️



Donna Shipman - February 12 at 11:20 PM



“ Mary Benjamin lit a candle in memory of Ms. Pearlie Mae Lawson



Mary Benjamin - February 12 at 04:37 PM



“ Howard And Yvonne Tate lit a candle in memory of Ms. Pearlie Mae Lawson



Howard and Yvonne Tate - February 11 at 05:47 PM

KJ

“ *KimberlyFay Jackson-Woodley lit a candle in memory of Ms. Pearlie Mae Lawson*



KimberlyFay Jackson-Woodley - February 11 at 04:40 PM



“ *Floor Plant for Sympathy was purchased for the family of Ms. Pearlie Mae Lawson.*



February 10 at 08:25 PM

DL

“ *Dan C. Lewis*



Dan C. Lewis - February 10 at 07:36 PM

KC

“ *1 file added to the tribute wall*



Karen Chantaca - February 10 at 07:22 AM

KC

“ 6 files added to the tribute wall



Karen Chantaca - February 10 at 06:48 AM

VT

“ Victoria Plowden Taylor lit a candle in memory of Ms. Pearlle Mae Lawson



Victoria Plowden Taylor - February 08 at 09:12 PM

FJ

“ Felicia Jones lit a candle in memory of Ms. Pearlle Mae Lawson



Felicia Jones - February 08 at 03:08 PM

KR

“ Kevin Richard lit a candle in memory of Ms. Pearlle Mae Lawson



Kevin Richard - February 08 at 02:46 PM

DG

“ To the family of Ms Pearl, she was a great lady and nurse.

Delores Gayles - February 08 at 01:05 PM

IC

“ PRAYING FOR THE FAMILY AT THIS DIFFICULT TIME 🙏🙏🙏



Irma Chism - February 07 at 12:01 PM

BH

“ Sending love, prayers and condolences to our family. We shared many memories. One of my fondest memory was you helping me study the function of the heart for my Medical Assistant final, that I aced! Take your rest. You fought a good fight. I love you.

Barbara Hollis-Lawson - February 05 at 10:33 PM

DM

“ Sincere Condolences ❤️



Deborah Morris-Williams - February 05 at 06:36 PM

JW

“ Jean Willis sent a virtual gift in memory of Ms. Pearlle Mae Lawson



Jean Willis - February 05 at 03:43 PM

NC

“ Nancy Chantaca lit a candle in memory of Ms. Pearlle Mae Lawson



Nancy Chantaca - February 05 at 02:23 PM

BR

“ Brenda Ryan lit a candle in memory of Ms. Pearlle Mae Lawson



Brenda Ryan - February 05 at 01:50 PM

TP

“ Tony & Karen, I am so very sorry for your loss. While I did not know your mother personally, I know the love and values she passed on through you. May her memory be a blessing and may you feel surrounded by comfort and care. My thoughts are with you and your family during this time of sorrow.

Teresa Pratt

Teresa Pratt - February 04 at 06:59 PM

JU

Sorry to hear about your loss. You and your family are in my thoughts and prayers. Juanita Layfield

Juanita - February 04 at 08:04 PM

NG

“ *Nina Gardner lit a candle in memory of Ms. Pearlle Mae Lawson*



Nina Gardner - February 04 at 06:59 PM

NG

Tina you and your family are in my thoughts and prayers. Much love

Nina Gardner - February 04 at 07:00 PM

DD

“ *Tina, I am so sorry to hear of your mother's passing.* 🙏🙏🙏



Donna Dawkins - February 04 at 06:52 PM

KC

“ *Kathy Chantaca-Kubczak lit a candle in memory of Ms. Pearlie Mae Lawson*



Kathy Chantaca-Kubczak - February 04 at 08:45 AM

KM

“ *Kenneth A Myles lit a candle in memory of Ms. Pearlie Mae Lawson*



Kenneth A Myles - February 04 at 08:06 AM

BN

“ *What a beautiful person Pearl was to both Viela and I, she gave us her love ❤️ and we knew it. I'm so saddened for my dearest Tina who no doubt lost her BEST friend in the world. God blessings to all of her family for peace and comfort during these difficult times in Jesus mighty name I pray 🙏 Amen 🙏 sending love to you all Belinda Neitzelt*

Belinda Neitzelt - February 03 at 09:07 PM

RW

“ *Rhonda L. Warren lit a candle in memory of Ms. Pearlie Mae Lawson*



Rhonda L. Warren - February 03 at 06:12 PM

CC

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



Cheryl Cooper - February 03 at 09:03 AM

DH

“ *Delta Hawkins lit a candle in memory of Ms. Pearlie Mae Lawson* ”



Delta Hawkins - February 03 at 01:11 AM

M?

“ *Mary Hannibal, Saginaw, Texas 🇺🇸. lit a candle in memory of Ms. Pearlie Mae Lawson* ”



Mary Hannibal, Saginaw, Texas 🇺🇸. - February 02 at 10:11 PM

IC

“ *PRAYING FOR THE ENTIRE FAMILY AT THIS DIFFICULT TIME* 💕💕🙏🙏💕💕 ”



Irma Chism - February 02 at 09:00 PM

DH

“ Dwight /Shalanda Akins Houston lit a candle
in memory of Ms. Pearlie Mae Lawson



Dwight /Shalanda Akins Houston - February 02 at 06:18 PM

AH

“ Alice Hunt lit a candle in memory of Ms.
Pearlie Mae Lawson



Alice Hunt - February 02 at 04:28 PM