



## Mrs. Vivian Shepard

December 16, 1940 - October 29, 2015

Mrs. Vivian Shepard passed away Thursday, October 29, 2015 at the age of 74 years, she was born December 16, 1940 in Bessemer, Alabama the daughter of George and Lillian King.

She grew up with six other siblings in the community of West Highland. Vivian confesses and accepted Christ in her life at an early age and was baptized at Oak Grove Baptist Church under the leadership of Reverend H. J. Jones in West Highland. She was active in the church Sunday School where she served as Church Secretary and was a member of the Usher Board. Vivian's education began at West Highland Elementary School, where she completed grades 1-6. She attended Pipe Shop Junior High School in Bessemer through middle school grades and earned her High School Diploma from Westfield High School in Westfield, Alabama.

Vivian was well-known for her fun loving, generous and helpful personality. She also enjoyed spending some of her summers in Montevallo, Alabama with one of her favorite aunts. Her favorite past times were dancing, going on community hay ride and following and cheering on the community's girl softball team. She also enjoyed playing bingo and pokino. Later she met and married her husband, James Shepard, Jr. Vivian moved to Saginaw, MI with him, where they remained married for 52 years until her death. Several years after her move to Michigan, she sought employment and was hired by

General Motors at Grey Iron Foundry in Saginaw. Vivian later transferred to the GM Oldsmobile facility in Lansing, MI. Several years later she returned to the General Motors Delphi facility in Saginaw where she was awarded a commendation for becoming the first female to operate machinery on the assembly line at this facility. Vivian remained there until her retirement in the year 2000, completing 28 years of employment at General Motors.

Mrs. Vivian Annette Shepard leaves to cherish her memory; husband, James Shepard, Jr. of Saginaw, MI; five daughters and four sons, Cassandra King of Bessemer, AL, Michelle Alexandra of Pensacola, FL, Vanessa Jackson, Connie Shepard, Michael (Chinetta) Shepard, Ronald Shepard, Terrell Shepard, Sr., Sherlle Shepard and James Shepard III, all of Saginaw, MI; eleven grandchildren, Jeffrey King of Bessemer, AL, Andre (Angie) Shepard, Victoria Shepard, Dwane Jackson, Cassandra Young, Deontray Shepard, Dameyon Shepard, DuWanna Jackson, Catera Shepard, Michael Shepard, Jr. and Reginald Johnson, all of Saginaw, MI; thirteen great-grandchildren, DeAndre, DreViontae, DreVion, Shaniya, Deontrana, Khaleesia, Kaiden Shepard, Courtney Johnson, Ciane Jackson (Jamila King), Derrisha House, Marci Hunter and Jordan Davis; three sisters, Vera King, Sherry Knight and Shirley Neal; brother, George King, Jr.; three aunts, Thelma, Wilma Cepheus and Delores Sea; four nieces, Stephanie King, Melonie, Crystalline Knight and Bridgette King; two nephews, Anthony Neal and Jason Neal; special cousin, Armigene T. Skipwith; sister-in-law, Mona King; brother-in-law, David Neal; other relatives and friends including special friends, May Curtis and Brandon.

Mrs. Shepard was preceded in death by her parents and grandparents.

The family would like to express special thanks to Dr. Rodomus Dedicatoria, Covenant Health Care and a very special thanks to Hospice Healthcare.

Funeral service will take place at 11:00 a.m. on Tuesday, November 10, 2015

at Spiritual Israel Church, 120 South 5th Street. Elder Joe Grace will officiate, with interment in Forest Lawn Cemetery. Friends may call at Evans & Browne's Funeral Home, 441 North Jefferson Avenue, Monday from 2-8 p.m.

# Cemetery Details

## Forest Lawn Cemetery

3210 S. Washington Avenue  
Saginaw, MI

# Previous Events

## Family Hour

NOV **9**. 2:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

Evans & Browne's Funeral Home  
441 N. Jefferson Avenue  
Saginaw, MI 48607  
(989) 754-0481  
evansbrownes@gmail.com  
<https://www.evansbrownesfuneralhome.com>

## Funeral Service

NOV **10**. 11:00 AM (ET)

Spiritual Israel Church  
120 North 5th Street  
Saginaw, MI 48601

# Tribute Wall

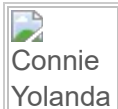


“ *Evans & Browne's Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Mrs. Vivian Shepard*



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**Browne's Mortuary** - November 10, 2015 at 10:56 AM



Connie Yolanda

*Missing my mom*

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**Connie Yolanda** - November 06, 2016 at 11:35 AM



Connie Yolanda

“ *Love you My Queen*



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**Connie Yolanda** - January 13, 2017 at 11:39 PM




Connie Yolanda

“ *Missing you ma*



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**Connie Yolanda** - April 29, 2016 at 01:06 AM

 Connie  
Yolanda

“ *Connie Yolanda lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Vivian Shepard*



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**Connie Yolanda** - November 12, 2015 at 10:02 PM

MF

“ *Ms. Brenda Bryant-Reynolds & Family lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Vivian Shepard*



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**Ms. Brenda Bryant-Reynolds & Family** - November 10, 2015 at 11:22 AM

CW

“ *Crystal Wilkerson lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Vivian Shepard*



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**Crystal Wilkerson** - November 09, 2015 at 08:41 PM

CW

*I am so sorry to hear of your loss. My prayers are with you all (Toni, and Connie) May God give you strength.*

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**Crystal Wilkerson** - November 09, 2015 at 08:45 PM

DS

“ Words cannot express the feelings me and my children have for you . You are Loved and will be truly missed. Denise Swearengen-Dosal.



Denise Swearengen - November 09, 2015 at 12:39 PM

EB

“ From the Browder Family to the Entire Shepard Family, sorry for your loss and We'll be praying for you and your family.

Love Elaine Browder Houston



Elaine Browder - November 08, 2015 at 02:57 PM

Connie Yolanda

“ Connie Yolanda sent a virtual gift in memory of Mrs. Vivian Shepard



Connie Yolanda - November 08, 2015 at 10:15 AM

Connie Yolanda

“ Connie Yolanda sent a virtual gift in memory of Mrs. Vivian Shepard



Connie Yolanda - November 07, 2015 at 11:40 AM

KK

“ Keeping you all in our prayers. Kenneth & Katrena King, Pensacola Florida

kenneth & Katrena King - November 06, 2015 at 10:04 PM

CT

“ Charlene Thomas sent a virtual gift in memory of Mrs. Vivian Shepard



Charlene Thomas - November 06, 2015 at 08:10 PM

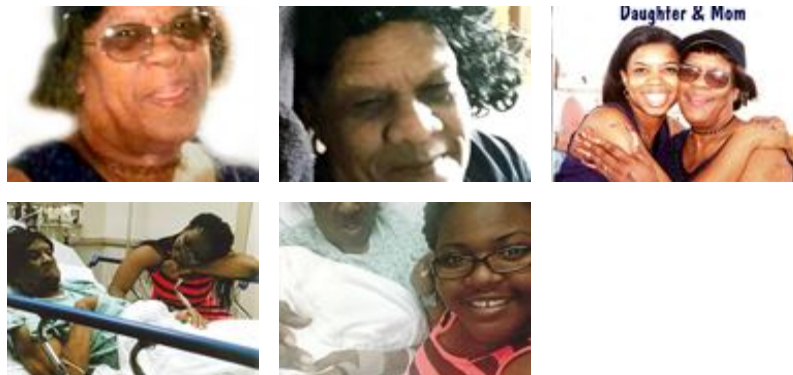
CT

My thoughts, prayers and condolences are with you Connie on the loss of your mom!

Charlene Thomas - November 06, 2015 at 08:11 PM



“ 104 files added to the album LifeTributes



Browne's Mortuary - November 06, 2015 at 01:54 PM

TP

“ Tracey Packard lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Vivian Shepard



Tracey Packard - November 06, 2015 at 07:39 AM

SH

“ Sherrell lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Vivian Shepard



sherrell - November 05, 2015 at 10:33 PM

YW

“ To the family I've been around a long time and can honestly say my thoughts and prayers are with you and I know I never would have made it with out Mrs Vivian Rip



yulondra walker - November 05, 2015 at 10:33 PM

EH

“ Elaine Browder Houston sent a virtual gift in memory of Mrs. Vivian Shepard



Elaine Browder Houston - November 05, 2015 at 05:38 PM

EG

“ Remembering all the good old days on 12th street ..may God bring peace to the family members that are left here I ask God to cover their hearts , soul and their minds just knowing that you are in the loving arms of Jesus....much love to my family from Elaine Grace and Cookie Grace. Much love.



Elaine Grace - November 04, 2015 at 10:05 PM

JS

Amen

Jeffrey Swan - November 29, 2015 at 08:54 AM

YH

“ Covering your family in prayers. May the Lord be with all of you in your time of sorrow.  
Blessings,  
Yvonne (Swilley) Hubbard

Yvonne (Swilley) Hubbard - November 04, 2015 at 08:23 PM

Connie Yolanda

“ I miss you mama



Connie Yolanda - November 04, 2015 at 03:59 PM

CP

“ *Candice Rice, Pensacola lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Vivian Shepard*



**Candice Rice, Pensacola** - November 04, 2015 at 03:50 PM



Breanna  
Rae

“ *Iloveyou grandma look over me cause i know u watching*



**Breanna Rae** - November 04, 2015 at 01:48 PM

YF

“ *Your DANTES family, Pensacola, Florida purchased the Divine Peace Bouquet for the family of Mrs. Vivian Shepard.*



**Your DANTES family, Pensacola, Florida** - November 04, 2015 at 10:22 AM



Connie  
Yolanda

“ *Connie Yolanda lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Vivian Shepard*



**Connie Yolanda** - November 04, 2015 at 12:52 AM



“ *Elesia Howell lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Vivian Shepard*



**Elesia Howell** - November 03, 2015 at 06:49 PM



“ *We love u grandma from McKenzie and Shaniya. Love always...❤️❤️❤️❤️*



**Victoria Shepard** - November 03, 2015 at 12:49 PM



“ *From your Great Grandkids Dre Dre, Tay, and Baby we love and miss you grandma*



**Connie Yolanda** - November 03, 2015 at 11:37 AM



“ *Connie Yolanda lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Vivian Shepard*



**Connie Yolanda** - November 03, 2015 at 09:10 AM

FM

“ *Vivian was an amazing part of my life when I was a little girl, I had the honor of having her as my godmother. Those memories I will cherish. My prayers to the family for strength during this difficult time and as much love and peace that your hands and hearts can hold.*

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**Faye Mueller** - November 03, 2015 at 08:06 AM



“ *Michael Shepard lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Vivian Shepard*



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**Michael Shepard** - November 02, 2015 at 09:32 PM

RS

“ *My condolences to the family and may God bless you and strengthen during this time of need. Love, Rita Swan*



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**Rita Swan** - November 02, 2015 at 01:21 PM

MF

“ *We are praying for your family  
LOVE the STEWART FAMILY*



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**MRS. STEWART, BILLY, VIC, MICHELLE & FRE** - November 02, 2015 at 01:03 PM

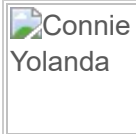


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**Connie Yolanda** - November 02, 2015 at 10:23 AM

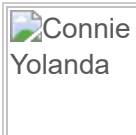


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**Connie Yolanda** - November 02, 2015 at 06:43 AM

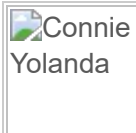


“ *Connie Yolanda lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Vivian Shepard*



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**Connie Yolanda** - November 02, 2015 at 06:43 AM

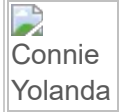


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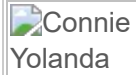
**Connie Yolanda** - November 01, 2015 at 10:14 PM



Connie  
Yolanda

*I love you mom and I mss you so much*

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**Connie Yolanda** - November 02, 2015 at 10:24 AM



Connie  
Yolanda

“ *Connie Yolanda sent a virtual gift in memory of Mrs. Vivian Shepard*



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**Connie Yolanda** - November 01, 2015 at 10:14 PM



Connie  
Yolanda

“ *Connie Yolanda lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Vivian Shepard*



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**Connie Yolanda** - November 01, 2015 at 10:13 PM

DS

“ *Desiree Sanders lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Vivian Shepard*



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**Desiree Sanders** - November 01, 2015 at 09:54 AM

CC

“ C. Allen Crisp Mrallenc. Ac@gmail. Com lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Vivian Shepard



C. Allen Crisp mrallenc. ac@gmail. com - November 01, 2015 at 12:15 AM

CG

“ LIT A CANDLE IN MEMORY OF VIVIAN SHEPARD FROM THE GOODMAN AND MARTIN FAMILY



Catherine Goodman - October 31, 2015 at 09:29 PM

FN

“ Freddie Mae Nowell lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Vivian Shepard



Freddie Mae Nowell - October 31, 2015 at 07:24 AM

Connie Yolanda

“ Connie Yolanda sent a virtual gift in memory of Mrs. Vivian Shepard



Connie Yolanda - October 31, 2015 at 02:30 AM