



## Winifred Byrd

October 31, 1917 - February 10, 2013

Our beloved mother, grandmother and great-grandmother went home to be with her heavenly Father on Sunday, February 10, 2013, at Kith Haven ECF in Flint, MI at the blessed age of 95 years. She was born October 31, 1917 in Ottawa, KS, the daughter of Frank and Cora (Bradshaw) Boston. She accepted Christ at an early age.

Winifred graduated from Kansas High School in Ottawa, KS, and relocated to Saginaw, MI shortly after graduation. She joined Zion Missionary Baptist Church in 1938, under the leadership of Rev. Schatein. Winifred was an active member of Zion MBC where she was the past secretary of the Young Matrons, the Missionary Society and B.Y.P.U. She was also past correspondence Secretary of the Missionary Society and a former member of the Usher Board.

Winifred met and married Jan D. Byrd. In 1944, they celebrated 50 years together. She retired from St. Mary's Medical Center after 21 years of service in the Dietary Dept. Winifred loved her job and was very good at her position. She carried her dietary education within her own home cooking, and was quick to let others know the proper proportion, or if you were using too much salt or sugar with your meals.

Winifred enjoyed taking care of her family, gardening and canning. She was a

precise person who always believed in doing things correctly. She had a smile that could melt anyone's heart. Winifred loved to entertain at her home and was a good hostess.

Her memory will be cherished by her devoted son and daughter-in-law, Philip D. (Robbie) Byrd of Archbold, OH; one daughter, Elva Rosenthal of Lansing, MI; stepdaughter, Francis D. Holmen of Detroit, MI; stepson, Haywood (Ellen) Giles of Coshocton, OH; 16 grandchildren and a host of great-grandchildren; also a host of nieces and nephews, including a special niece, Jacqueline Ketchum of Kansas City, MO; one Godson, Troy Louis Mitchell of Saginaw, MI; and special friends, Cora Mitchell and Maudina Johnson, both of Saginaw, MI.

Winifred was preceded in death by her husband, Jan D. Byrd in 1995 and one brother, Cornelius Boston in 1996. She was a special grandmother to the late Philip D. Martin-Byrd, who passed in 2000 and special mother to the late Patricia A. Martin, who passed in 1996.

The family would like to extend a loving and special thank you to Louis Cassell Mitchell, Jr. for his support and always being there for Winnie throughout her journey. A special thank you to Verna M. Cobb for all her help and prayers throughout her nursing home stay. Also, we thank McLaren Hospice in Flint, MI

Family hour will take place at 10:00 a.m. on Thursday, February 14, 2013 at Evans & Browne's Funeral Home, 441 N. Jefferson Ave. with the funeral service commencing at 11:00 a.m. Rev. Roosevelt Austin, Sr. will officiate with interment in Forest Lawn Cemetery.

# Cemetery Details

## Forest Lawn Cemetery

3210 S. Washington Avenue  
Saginaw, MI

# Previous Events

## Visitation

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

Evans & Browne's Funeral Home  
441 N. Jefferson Avenue  
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## Service

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# Tribute Wall



“ *Evans & Browne's Funeral Home created a Webcast in memory of Winifred Byrd*



**Browne's Mortuary** - February 10, 2013 at 12:00 AM

LJ

“ *Most certainly, I tell you, the hour comes, and now is, when the dead will hear the Son of God's voice; and those who hear will live. Mrs. Byrd will live on in our heart's and mind. Forever family*



**Louis C. Mitchell Jr** - February 12, 2013 at 12:56 PM

PB

*Thanks so much brother I wish you only new the love and blessing you have given Mom and Robbie and myself. For always beening there without hesitation. You are my brother for life!!! Love Philip { Tweet}*

**Philip Byrd** - February 17, 2013 at 03:04 PM

KW

“ *Karen Winchester-Gardner lit a candle in memory of Winifred Byrd*



**Karen Winchester-Gardner** - February 12, 2013 at 07:15 AM

KW

*Elva, Tanya and Ricky, my prayers are with you guys during this difficult time, I love you guys XOXO!!!*

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**Karen Winchester-Gardner** - February 12, 2013 at 07:20 AM

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*Thank you, Karen! Your prayers are certainly appreciated. I love you too!!*

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**Elva Rosenthal** - February 12, 2013 at 01:59 PM