



## C. "Liz" McCathern

February 3, 1935 - June 15, 2008

MCCATHERN, Mrs. C. Elizabeth "Liz" - Age 73, passed Sunday June 15, 2008 at her residence. Family hour 1:00p.m. Saturday June 21, 2008 at New Bethel Missionary Baptist Church, 174 Amos G. Johnson St., with funeral service commencing immediately at 1:30p.m. Pastor Keyon S. Payton officiating. Interment Oak Hill Cemetery, 216 University Drive. Friends and pallbearers will assemble at the church 1PM Saturday. Mrs. McCathern will lie in state in the Chapel of Lawrence E. Moon Funeral Home, 268 N. Perry St., and may be viewed from 1 to 8p.m. Friday. Elizabeth "Liz" (Ray) McCathern was born February 3, 1935, in Shelbyville, Tennessee. She was an only child to the late Hattie Mae Stone. Liz departed this life on June 15, 2008, following a lingering illness. As a young adult, she joined New Bethel Baptist Church and was baptized under the Pastorate of Reverend William Bell. She attended Wilson County schools in Tennessee until she moved to Pontiac, Michigan in 1943. In 1953; she married the late Johnnie McCathern. She is survived by 5 children; Rev. Claude (Teresa) McCathern and John McCathern of Nashville, TN. Pastor Robert S. (Myra) McCathern of Flint, MI, Curtis (Denise) McCathern of Muskegon, MI, Charmeen R. "Bug" McCathern of Pontiac, MI and a special son Anthony "Tony" Ware of Pontiac, MI. She was also blessed with 5 grand children. LaTrease Wright of Mt. Clemens, MI, Andrey McCathern of Flat Rock, MI, Dominique Tranzie of Muskegon, MI, LaTanya (Jason) Meriwether of Nashville, TN and Darian McCathern of Flint, MI; 5 great grandchildren Aaron and Sabrienne Adams, Paige and Jaylen

Hatfield and Julian Meriwether. She is also survived by a brother and sister-in-law, Herman and Kim McCathern of Lebanon, TN, a host of nieces, nephews, cousins, God children and friends. Elizabeth cherished her life long friendship with Ilar (Ruth) Daniels, Delores (Lois) Blackburn and the late Ruby Lucile Henderson. She considered them the "sisters" she never had. Elizabeth always exemplified leadership and a resilient spirit. She excelled in education and became the first African American cashier to work in the front office of Michigan Bell in downtown Pontiac. Liz also worked for the Pontiac School District with physically/mentally challenged youth. She finally retired after years of service with the Attorney Seth (Mary) Barsky family. After retirement, Liz moved to the America House (Oakland) and remained active as secretary of the residents association. Elizabeth loved God, her church and over the years served in numerous auxiliaries such as the seraphic, helped to organize the Sunbeam & Youth Choirs, Sunday school teacher, a Red Circle leader, youth ministry advisor and the young matrons. Her service to the Lord also extended into the ministries of her sons Pastorates and even encouraged her daughter to seek theological training which she currently pursues. Liz's gift of hospitality was a secret to no one. She loved to cook and on any given Sunday many would gather at her table for food, fun and fellowship. She also enjoyed gardening and was recognized and received the "Home Beautification Award" by the City of Pontiac. Liz was passionate about bowling which included her involvement in the Pontiac Teachers League, New Bethel's Church League and National Tournaments. Be it Spades, Bid whist, 5 Up, Rummy, or Dominoes, she was a hard woman to beat. Liz enjoyed her life and even in sickness displayed grace, dignity and an Unwavering faith in God. She will be greatly missed, but "never ever" forgotten.

# Tribute Wall

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“ Reverend McCathern,

*Our prayers are with you and your family in your time of sorrow. Although I never had the opportunity to meet your mother, I can certainly see by reading her obituary that she was a beautiful person that was loved by many. I could feel the love from you and your family here because Teresa never failed to ask for prayer for her each Sunday in Sunday School. I pray that God watches over each of you as you travel. Finally, remember that myself and the entire Mt. Bethel family love you and your family very much.*

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**Lesa Jackson** - June 15, 2008 at 12:00 AM

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“ Charmeen:

*Please know that you and your family are in my prayers. Your faith in God will get you through this difficult time.*

*Shelia*

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**Shelia Crosby** - June 15, 2008 at 12:00 AM

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“ Charmeen and Family,

*I am so sorry to hear of the passing of your mother. Please know that you are in my thoughts and prayers.*

*Your friend,*

*Wendy Farrell*

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**Wendy Farrell** - June 15, 2008 at 12:00 AM

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“ *May God bless you and your family during these trying times. We will continue to keep you in our prayers.* ”

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**Kevin & Lanique Woodson** - June 15, 2008 at 12:00 AM