



Deborah Mae "Big Red" Manning

September 20, 1955 - August 6, 2020

MANNING, Mrs. Deborah Mae "Big Red" - age 64, passed away Thursday, August 6, 2020 at McLaren Hospital Oakland. Family hour 12:30 PM Friday, August 14, 2020 at New Bethel Missionary Baptist Church, 174 Branch Street., with funeral service commencing immediately at 1:00 PM. Pastor Keyon S. Payton, Officiating. Interment Perry Mount Park Cemetery, 878 N. Perry St. Friends and pallbearers will assemble at the church 12:30PM Friday. Mrs. Manning will lie in state in the Chapel of Lawrence E. Moon Funeral Home, 268 N. Perry St., and may be viewed from Noon – 6:00 PM Thursday.

Mrs. Manning leaves to cherish her memory: children, Evelyn Smith, Deanna Newton, Deborah Newton and James Smith (Lanie Boas); stepdaughter, Destiny Daniels; grandchildren, Shaniqua Smith, Latonya Stimage, Kenneth, Kenyatta, Javonte, Kevonte and Keyra Smith, Ravon Love, Rachelle Macias, Jalen Bolden and Myles Boas-Smith; great-grandchildren, Ka-Marion Johnson, Kemelo Smith, Kenneth Smith, Jr., Teyanah Smith, Davon Smith, MJ and Romelo Heady; siblings, Jerry (Tammy) Smith, Neal (Karen) Smith, Jr., Robert Smith, Ellen Elam, Nathenia (Laurence) Johnson, Joyce (Johnny) Russell and Pamela Smith; and a host of nieces, nephews and other relatives and friends.

Mrs. Manning was preceded in death by her siblings, Edwin, James, Aaron and Leon Davenport, Henry Smith and Elaine Smith-Wright; parents, Neal and

Gladys Smith.

At Lawrence E. Moon Funeral Home, we value the safety and health of our customers, staff and the general public. Therefore, we will adhere to EXECUTIVE ORDER No. 2020-11 issued by our Governor Gretchen Whitmer, regarding assemblages in the wake of the unprecedented health challenge our state and nation is facing. The Executive Order is as follows: Acting under the Michigan Constitution of 1963 and Michigan law, I order the following: 1. Beginning on April 10, 2020 at 9:00 am, and Continuing Until Further Notice. All assemblages of more than 10 people in a single indoor shared space and all events of more than 10 people are prohibited in this state. A single indoor shared space includes but is not limited to a room, hall, cafeteria, auditorium, theater, or gallery. The prohibition on assemblages set forth in this section does not apply to: We do understand that this may pose a challenge to you and your family, but our dedicated staff is here to help guide you towards making the best decisions in memorializing your loved one.

Previous Events

Visitation

AUG **13**. 12:00 PM - 6:00 PM (ET)

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Family Hour

AUG **14**. 12:30 PM - 1:00 PM (ET)

NEW BETHEL MBC
174 BRANCH ST.
PONTIAC, MI 48341

Funeral Service

AUG **14**. 1:00 PM - 1:30 PM (ET)

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Tribute Wall

KJ

“ This is Kamarion Johnson i wanted to thank everyone for the support and love it would be helpful to send flowers i wanted to say she was a loving caring lady i miss he so much

Kamarion johnson - March 01, 2021 at 03:45 PM

RH

“ What a blessing Deb was to me and our class. Her voice in choir made us all Mr Jackson expected for greatness! May her legacy's day love remain strong in the hearts of her family and friends. Be encouraged.



Reverend Dawn Harmon - October 04, 2020 at 09:25 AM

RD

“ To the Family;
Deb was an awesome friend and classmate. May God comfort and give you peace.

Rev and Mrs Tommy Dean - August 17, 2020 at 08:09 PM

SH

“ Sending my thoughts, prayers and love to the family. My sincerest condolences to you all, during this time. I had the pleasure of meeting and being a part of the family, through Miss Deb's through her niece. I have always admired the bond and personalities of Miss Deb and her sisters, it was amazing to watch. It's with great dismay that I give you all my condolences and prayers for strength during this time. With love Shala

Shala - August 14, 2020 at 04:31 PM

DV

Debbie you will not be forgotten in my memory I'm going to miss the talks that we had at Herrington School last school year we had good times singing in the New Bethel Baptist Church choir Gone Too Soon love and miss you girl 🥹💔🙏

Deborah Sweeney Vaden - August 14, 2020 at 09:26 PM

SP

“ From the Peet & Taylor Family, May you be comforted by our lord and savior. Rest In Peace. We love you always cousin Debbie and we will miss you.



Schlene Peet - August 14, 2020 at 03:44 PM

MD

“ Mark Daniels lit a candle in memory of Deborah Mae "Big Red" Manning



Mark Daniels - August 14, 2020 at 02:08 PM

MD

My heartfelt condolences to the Manning & Smith Family, To God Be the Glory!!

Mark Daniels - August 14, 2020 at 02:13 PM

T"

“ I keep going over all of the memories I have of growing up on Gillespie and all the times I lived with you to help you and even after I came home from the military. I keep crying but through it all I KNOW God has you. I love you!! Rest easy Aunt Deb. Love Tammy

Tammy Whitters "Niece" - August 14, 2020 at 01:45 PM



“ Peace and Comfort to the family of "Aunt Deb." I remember her and her family from Friendship Baptist Church in Ames, IA. She was a hard worker and what I remember most was that she encouraged the youth. Prayers to the Manning and Newton family.



Tanya, Ashlynn and Alyssa Duval

Tanya Duval - August 13, 2020 at 12:56 PM

FR

“ Frank & Mary Russell lit a candle in memory of Deborah Mae "Big Red" Manning



Frank & Mary Russell - August 13, 2020 at 12:14 PM

ES

“ Elberta Stephens sent a virtual gift in memory of Deborah Mae "Big Red" Manning



Elberta Stephens - August 13, 2020 at 10:18 AM

ES

Deborah will be greatly missed. Praying God's comfort and peace to the family!

Elberta Stephens - August 13, 2020 at 10:21 AM

MF

“ Trust in God's peace and comfort during this difficult time.

Martha Clark & Family - August 11, 2020 at 04:30 PM

DC

“ Dianne Chatman lit a candle in memory of Deborah Mae "Big Red" Manning



Dianne Chatman - August 11, 2020 at 12:18 PM



“ Serene Retreat was purchased for the family of Deborah Mae "Big Red" Manning.



August 11, 2020 at 09:53 AM

JS

“ Janie Smith lit a candle in memory of Deborah Mae "Big Red" Manning



Janie Smith - August 11, 2020 at 01:58 AM

ME

“ So sorry to hear of Aunt Debbie passing. I still remember Michelle taking me over to her house for the first time. She was so funny and so real from day one. I appreciate the love the family has always shown me. My thoughts and prayers are with you during this time.

Melanie - August 10, 2020 at 10:36 PM

MM

“ To the Manning and Smith Family,

Our deepest sympathy. May the good Lord bless and give you peace at this time of sadness. But, know that she is now resting in the arms of our Lord. Always, always keep the memories of Deborah close.

Nathaniel & Marilyn McDonald & Family

Marilyn McDonald - August 10, 2020 at 08:49 AM

DW

“ Deborah Wellons lit a candle in memory of Deborah Mae "Big Red" Manning



Deborah Wellons - August 09, 2020 at 05:20 PM

GW

“ Your family have our deepest sympathy from the Walker family



Geraldine Walker - August 09, 2020 at 01:10 PM

C(

“ I have to many memories with my aunt Deb but the most special ones is she was in the delivery room with me while I was giving birth to some of my kids and she didn't have to I loved her for that. I miss you 🥺

catrina smith (niece) - August 08, 2020 at 09:59 PM

PS

“ 1 file added to the tribute wall



Pamela Smith - August 08, 2020 at 09:56 PM

PS

MY baby sister 💕.

Pamela Smith - August 08, 2020 at 09:57 PM

MD

My condolences to the Smith & Manning Family!

Mark Daniels - August 14, 2020 at 02:07 PM

TJ

Ellen, I am so sorry for your loss my Prayers and Condolences go up and out to you and your entire family, Praying for Comfort and Strength for you all. It's been so long since I've seen you I love y'all too the Moon and back 💋 Debbie had a heart of gold and the best sence of humour ever , gone too soon but she'll never ever be forgotten Rest In Paradise sweet Angel 😇

Teresa Johnson - August 22, 2020 at 04:26 AM



“ *Strength & Solace Spray was purchased for the family of Deborah Mae "Big Red" Manning.*



August 08, 2020 at 04:19 PM



“ *Jeremy Kamer lit a candle in memory of Deborah Mae "Big Red" Manning*



Jeremy Kamer - August 08, 2020 at 03:19 PM



“ *My Prayers & Condolences For The Entire Smith & Manning Families! 🙏
Deacon Reginald & Gwendolyn Burrell Ellis
Detroit, MI*



Gwendolyn Ellis - August 08, 2020 at 03:11 PM



“ *Deepest condolences to the Manning and Smith family !!! We know the Lord hears and answers our prayers. We also know he is the one who called her to our heavenly home and will supply comfort to you still here in this world.*



Rev Grady Garrison - August 08, 2020 at 12:25 PM

BG

“ *Our deepest condolences to the family.
James and Brenda Gadson*



Brenda Gadson - August 07, 2020 at 06:17 PM

SP

“ *Sandra Peoples lit a candle in memory of
Deborah Mae "Big Red" Manning*



Sandra Peoples - August 07, 2020 at 05:37 PM

SP

My Condolences sorry for your loss. Praying for you all!!

Sandra Peoples - August 07, 2020 at 05:38 PM

JJ

“ *We worked with Deb and bonded over the
Chiefs. We had season tickets and when her
nephew joined them we took her to some
games. She made the drives down and back
shorter. Her cooking skills made the trip and
tailgating. She will be missed by all. Condolences to the whole
family.*



Jerry Johnson - August 07, 2020 at 02:33 PM

DR

“ *Daphne Rankin lit a candle in memory of Deborah Mae "Big Red" Manning*



Daphne Rankin - August 07, 2020 at 01:46 PM

GL

“ *Gary Ledsinger lit a candle in memory of Deborah Mae "Big Red" Manning*



Gary Ledsinger - August 07, 2020 at 01:22 PM

TT

“ *Condolences to the family. Will miss you Debbie.*

Thelma and Andrew Terry - August 07, 2020 at 01:10 PM

SH

“ *Praying for my family! RIP Aunt Debbie! Love you!*

Sharon Harris - August 07, 2020 at 11:43 AM

RS

“ *Rev. Tony & Sylvia Simpson lit a candle in memory of Deborah Mae "Big Red" Manning*



Rev. Tony & Sylvia Simpson - August 07, 2020 at 11:38 AM

MH

“ *Marilyn Howard lit a candle in memory of Deborah Mae "Big Red" Manning*



Marilyn Howard - August 07, 2020 at 10:56 AM

MH

Deborah your pain and suffering is over my friend, So glad we got together with our classmates and we laugh and laugh and cry. will never forget you my friend.

Marilyn Howard - August 07, 2020 at 11:05 AM

JM

“ *Janice McClain-Morgan lit a candle in memory of Deborah Mae "Big Red" Manning*



Janice McClain-Morgan - August 07, 2020 at 10:33 AM

EB

“ *Edna Bass lit a candle in memory of Deborah Mae "Big Red" Manning*



Edna Bass - August 07, 2020 at 10:10 AM

DP

“ *My condolences and deepest sympathy goes out to the Smith and extended family. RIP Debra*



Dorothea Paul - August 07, 2020 at 09:29 AM