



## Evelyn Floretta LeDuff

January 9, 1946 - December 4, 2015

LeDUFF, Ms. Evelyn Floretta - Age 69, passed away Friday December 4, 2015 at William Beaumont Hospital - Troy. Family hour 10:30AM Monday December 14, 2015 at Welcome Missionary Baptist Church, 143 Oneida St., with funeral service commencing immediately at 11:00AM. Pastor Douglas P. Jones, officiating Interment Perry Mount Park Cemetery, 878 N. Perry St. Friends and pallbearers will assemble at the church 10:30AM Monday. Ms. LeDuff will lie in state in the Chapel of Lawrence E. Moon Funeral Home, 268 N. Perry St., and may be viewed from 10AM-4PM Sunday.

Ms. Evelyn Floretta (Killian) LeDuff, daughter of the late Edward and Sarah Ringgold was born January 9, 1946, in Birmingham, Alabama. Evelyn graduated from Pontiac Central High School in 1964 as an honor roll student. Evelyn was the first vice president of the first junior NAACP of Pontiac at the tender age of 14, which introduced her to the life of Political Activism. She went on to graduate from Oakland Community College top of her nursing class, and later switched careers to become the first black female engineer/skilled trades in her division at General Motors. Upon retiring, Evelyn took pride in raising her children and being active in the community. She was an active leader in all political aspects. Her involvement included but was not limited to: NAACP, Title One, volunteered in Pontiac Schools, Pontiac Library Board member, Pontiac Charter Commissioner, the Jazzy Ladies Red Hatters Society, the Rosetta Chapter 69# Eastern Stars, the Oakland County

Democratic Club, Unity Church in Pontiac, Oakland County Pioneer and Historical Society, Pontiac Area Sun Time Bank, Pontiac Democratic Club, Pontiac Summit, Greater Pontiac Community Coalition, The Committee of Fifty, Center for Community Schools, Safe City Safe Pontiac and the Oakland University Pontiac Forum. Her spirit of philanthropy was passed down to her children and grandchildren as she taught them all that nothing was more important than education and, giving back to your community.

Evelyn departed her earthly home on Friday, December 4, 2015, leaving to cherish her memory: children, Bryan Killian, Sonya Malone, and Deonna LeDuff; siblings, Raouf Abdulla, Timothy Williams, Ronald Williams, Claude Williams, Linda Williams, Shirley Rasheed, Diane Johnson, and Beverly Reid; grandchildren, Brandon Killian, Erica Crumb, Bryana Killian, Donavin McAfee, Armon Killian, Domeon Carpenter, Daia Carpenter, and Braylon Watkins; and a host of other loving relatives and friends.

Evelyn was preceded in death by her parents: Edward and Sarah Ringgold; daughter, Leonna LeDuff; siblings: Beatrice Ringgold, Edward James "Jab" Ringgold, and Ralphine Humphrey; niece, Pamela Ringgold; nephew, Todd Bowman

# Cemetery Details

## Perry Mount Park Cemetery

878 N. Perry St.  
Pontiac, MI

# Previous Events

## Family Hour

DEC 13. 10:30 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

Welcome Missionary Baptist Church  
143 Oneida St.  
Pontiac, MI

## Funeral Service

DEC 14. 11:00 AM - 12:30 PM (ET)

Welcome Missionary Baptist Church  
143 Oneida St.  
Pontiac, MI

# Tribute Wall

BB

“ Thinking of Evelyn LeDuff who won our Mother's Day pot of flowers at the Pontiac Public Library several years ago. She was a wonderful part of the library board and I miss her kind gentle spirit. I also vividly remember her helping her granddaughter to read in the youth department of the Pontiac Public Library. The beaming smile on Evelyn LeDuff's face, her loving joy in her granddaughter success, touches my heart to this day.

*Bonnie Balduf, Youth Services Librarian*

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**Bonnie Balduf** - April 29, 2022 at 04:28 PM

BY

“ To Sonya, and family. Please know that many prayers go out to you all. Your mother meant so much to so many people. She loved being active in the community and always had a smile. May God's loving arms comfort you during this time, and rest assured that He will carry you through. Betty J. Yancey

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**Betty J. Yancey** - December 13, 2015 at 02:32 PM

DE

“ To the family of Ms. Evelyn La Duff, my sincere condolences to your family. I truly appreciated your mother's devotion as a true STEWART of our community. May she rest in God's hands and may the perpetual light shine on her always.



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**Debra Ehrmann** - December 12, 2015 at 06:25 PM

TR

“ Dear Sis, my sincere condolences go out to you and your family. I know that there are not enough encouraging words that could take away your pain for your loss. Just "trust and believe" in Him and that time does heal all wounds. Stay strong. Tanya Reid (Malone)



Tanya Reid - December 12, 2015 at 02:37 PM

FV

“ RIP Evelyn, your job of living were well done and tiresome now comes your reward rest in the arm of our lord Jesus Christ.

Fred & Mattie Vining - December 12, 2015 at 07:20 AM

MM

“ Our sincere condolences to the family of Evelyn LeDuff. May God's blessings and comfort be with your family through this difficult time and may your precious memories last through eternity. ~ Charles and Juanita Moody

Mr. & Mrs. Moody - December 12, 2015 at 03:20 AM

YOU DESERVE TO LOVE YOURSELF AS MUCH AS YOU LOVE OTHER PEOPLE

“ Tosha Travis lit a candle in memory of Evelyn Floretta LeDuff



Tosha Travis - December 11, 2015 at 09:58 PM

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I will miss you Mrs. LeDuff truly, you've been a staple in this community for years. My prayers to the family for your loss. God Bless...

Tosha Travis - December 11, 2015 at 10:05 PM

RP

“ *I met Evelyn on one occasion. She was inquisitive and joyful. My prayers are with your family. My prayers are you the family.*

*Rhonda Pugh  
First Independence Bank*

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**Rhonda Pugh** - December 11, 2015 at 02:07 PM

RW

“ *What a beautiful lady with a beautiful soul.  
RIP Evelyn.*



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**Robert and Susan Williams** - December 11, 2015 at 01:30 PM

JJ

“ *It is with great sadness that I say good-bye to my friend and fellow board member. I will miss our daily conversations, agreements, disagreements, and travel. Rest well my friend. I will see you later. Praying for the family's strength.*



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**Juliene Jenkins** - December 11, 2015 at 12:52 PM

MP

“ *Rest n Heaven, Evelyn! Thank you, for all you have given to our community, throughout the years, we will truly miss you!!!! Praying the Angels of comfort wrap their arms around your family.*

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**Mary Pietila** - December 11, 2015 at 06:59 AM

EC

“ *Edith B Bush Carter lit a candle in memory of Evelyn Floretta LeDuff*



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**Edith B Bush Carter** - December 10, 2015 at 11:56 PM

TG

“ *Rip. Aunty fli. Love you.*



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**theresa granberry** - December 10, 2015 at 07:30 PM

MH

“ *Mickie Howard lit a candle in memory of Evelyn Floretta LeDuff*



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**Mickie Howard** - December 10, 2015 at 06:27 PM

MH

“ *Bless your heart Evelyn, RIP, your pain and sorrow is over, fly with the angels, keep your eyes on Pontiac, Hugs and prayers to the LeDuff family, may God wrap his loving arms around you as you struggle to get through this difficult time*



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**Mona Hofmeister** - December 10, 2015 at 05:46 PM

TS

“ *The Pontiac Public Library Board and Staff purchased the Large Basket Garden for the family of Evelyn Floretta LeDuff.*



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**The Pontiac Public Library Board and Staff** - December 10, 2015 at 01:28 PM

PW

“ *My sincerest condolence are with the family of Ms. Evelyn LeDuff may the memories of your love one be forever in your heart. My thought and prayers are with each of you. God Bless! Patrice Waterman, President Pontiac City Council/District 1*

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**Patrice Waterman** - December 10, 2015 at 12:36 PM

BK

“ *Bryana Killian lit a candle in memory of Evelyn Floretta LeDuff*



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**Bryana Killian** - December 10, 2015 at 10:53 AM

PC

*Sorry about your mom my God bless her soul.*

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**Pamela Coston** - December 10, 2015 at 11:32 AM

SH

“ *Shellie B Houston lit a candle in memory of Evelyn Floretta LeDuff*



Shellie B Houston - December 10, 2015 at 09:14 AM

RS

“ *Renee Smoot lit a candle in memory of Evelyn Floretta LeDuff*



Renee Smoot - December 10, 2015 at 09:13 AM

RS

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Renee Smoot - December 10, 2015 at 09:12 AM

RS

*Sending prayers and condolences to the family.  
Renee & Robert Smoot*

Renee Smoot - December 10, 2015 at 09:12 AM

EC

*R.I.P. Evelyn, you will be missed. My prayers & thoughts are with your family. May their memories of you comfort them always.*

Edith B Bush Carter - December 10, 2015 at 11:55 PM

AN

“ *Sending prayers of comfort to the family.*

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**Adrienne Nickerson** - December 10, 2015 at 07:46 AM



“ *My condolences to the family and friends of Ms. Evelyn. She was a caring person and will be deeply missed.*



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**Devan Brie Green** - December 09, 2015 at 07:16 PM



“ *Evelyn was a fantastic, energized person for the children of Pontiac schools. Evelyn will be missed deeply. I want to believe I will see her in heaven, my sister.*

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**Kathy Fender** - December 09, 2015 at 05:32 PM



*This message was from Alnora Smith, using Fenders computer.*

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**Kathy Fender** - December 09, 2015 at 05:33 PM



“ *MY DEEPEST LOVE FOR THE FAMILY AND THOUGHTS OF HOW MUCH SHE WILL BE MIISED BY ALL OF PONTIAC....MY PRAYERS ARE WITH YOU... SHELIA E. CARTER....*



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**Shelia Carter** - December 09, 2015 at 05:20 PM

SS

“ *My thoughts are with your family at this time; I never had the pleasure to meet Evelyn beyond a few small words over the years, but the kindness and love that her children share with those they meet speaks volumes of the kind of woman she was.*

Sean S - December 09, 2015 at 12:32 PM

SS

“ *Sean S lit a candle in memory of Evelyn Floretta LeDuff*



Sean S - December 09, 2015 at 12:22 PM

SR

“ *Shaylor Ray lit a candle in memory of Evelyn Floretta LeDuff*



Shaylor Ray - December 08, 2015 at 03:33 PM

RS

“ *Renee Smoot lit a candle in memory of Evelyn Floretta LeDuff*



Renee Smoot - December 08, 2015 at 06:30 AM

RS

*Sending prayers and condolences to the family.  
Robert & Renee Smoot*

**Renee Smoot** - December 08, 2015 at 06:31 AM

SR

*My prayers are with Evelyn's family. GOD will see you through this time of grief because HE will never leave you or forsake you. Shaylor Ray*

**Shaylor Ray** - December 08, 2015 at 03:33 PM

FR

*Our prayers and condolences to Ms. Evelyn's children and her family. May the Creator of the Heavens and Earth grant you peace during your time of sorrow!!! Peace and Love !!!*

**Frank and Mary Russell** - December 08, 2015 at 07:14 PM

DC

*Evelyn: I'm glad I stopped to talk to you on November 14th. I'm glad I saw the grandkids. I'm glad I saw you throughout that morning and could look into your eyes. I'm glad to have given you a glancing smile remembering the times our paths crossed over the years. I am sorry I will have to see you again in the same place I last saw you and cannot see your eyes but In the same place, I am glad it's where I gave you that last kiss on the cheek and to me that is worth a thousand words. Now you're home. To your family, Keep your head up to remember.  
Denise Cobb*

**Denise Cobb** - December 09, 2015 at 07:46 PM

AH

“*Heart is heavy right now, Prayer for Evelyn family...#rip*



**Adele Hopkins** - December 07, 2015 at 08:01 PM

BT

“ *Bernice Thomas lit a candle in memory of Evelyn Floretta LeDuff*



**Bernice Thomas** - December 07, 2015 at 11:19 AM

RH

*Your accomplishments and goals speak for themselves, you will always be remember. As I look back on yesterday, the memories of our friendship will be warm and happy ones.*

**Rosalind Harris** - December 11, 2015 at 08:59 AM

  
Walter  
Moore

*Words alone can't express what Floretta has meant to me personally and to the City of Pontiac , My experience with her go back to the "Old Projects , Wilson Elementary, Eastern Jr. High and Pontiac Central. Her uncompromising commitment to our City produced a fighter that can never be replaced .I remember the many nights that she brought her daughters to the Pontiac City Council meetings and they did their homework at City Hall. The greatest act to honor her memory is to give a little of yourself for the betterment of our great city. Our hearts go out to her family especially her lovely daughter Sonya who has no choice other than to carry her mothers legacy. We ask GOD to give her the strength to carry on". Rest in peace " My Sista " for a life of giving job well done. Mayor Walter Moore & Family*

**Walter Moore** - December 11, 2015 at 11:23 PM

DJ

*You can now rest in peace , I'm glad the family got to spend the time with you before you left us , much love your sister Diane*

**diane Johnson** - December 14, 2015 at 03:23 PM

RW

*Rest in peace Flo, may God bless your soul and keep the family strong. Love, your brother Ronald*

**Ronald Williams** - December 14, 2015 at 03:47 PM