



## Mother Helen K. Washington

August 18, 1922 - March 26, 2020

WASHINGTON, Mother Helen K. - age 97, passed away Thursday March 26, 2020 at Regency of Waterford Nursing and Rehabilitation Center. Public Visitation Monday, April 6, 2020 from the Chapel of Lawrence E. Moon Funeral Home, 268 N. Perry Street, Interment Perry Mount Park Cemetery, 878 North Perry Street. Mother Washington will lie in state in the Chapel of Lawrence E. Moon Funeral Home and may be viewed from 2:00 PM – 8:00 PM Monday.

Reverend Mother Helen K. Washington was born August 18, 1922 in Eros, Louisiana, the daughter of Elbert and Mary King.

Helen, as she was known to most family and friends, graduated from Chatham High, in Chatham, Louisiana, where she loved playing basketball.

July 2, 1951, Eli Washington Sr. married Helen King. Shortly afterwards, they moved to Pontiac, Michigan. They met a friend from down south (Deacon Estrow Hanspard) that introduced them to the Spiritual Israel Church and Its Army.

Mother Helen became a minister, Mission Head for Mission Band, A Golden Jewell, which she enjoyed very much and singing her song, "This Train is Bound for Glory." She also loved planting flowers, word puzzles and writing

poetry.

Her hobbies were sewing and telling jokes. Helen helped her husband raise four boys and two girls. She loved children.

Reverend Mother Washington leaves to cherish her memory: children, Clarence Edward (Shellie) Washington of Lake Orion, MI and Alice Faye France of Pontiac, MI; two special grandchildren, Mecca Sha France and Kacey Davis; a host of other grandchildren; a host of great-grandchildren; sister-in-law, Minnie King of Pontiac, MI; and a host of nieces and nephews.

Reverend Mother Washington was preceded in death by her husband, Eli Washington Sr.; children, Exel Bill Washington, Eli Washington Jr., Henry Lee Washington and Catherine Sanders; and brothers, Hollie King and David King.

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 March 17, 2020 at 9:00 am, and continuing through April 5, 2020 at 5:00 pm, all assemblages of more than 50 people in a single indoor shared space and all events of more than 50 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.

# Cemetery Details

## Perry Mount Park Cemetery

878 N. Perry St.  
Pontiac, MI

# Previous Events

## Visitation

APR 6. 2:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

Lawrence E. Moon Funeral Home Pontiac  
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Pontiac, MI 48342  
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## Burial at Perry Mount Park Cemetery Tuesday, April 7, 2020

APR 7. 11:00 AM - 11:30 AM (ET)

Perry Mount Park Cemetery  
878 North Perry Street  
Pontiac, MI 48340

# Tribute Wall



“ *Lawrence E. Moon Funeral Home created a Webcast in memory of Mother Helen K. Washington*



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**Lawrence E. Moon Funeral Home** - April 06, 2020 at 01:12 PM

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“ *Family, what a blessing to have had Helen for all these years. May the God of Israel continue to bless you all and may she rest in peace.*



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**I Washington** - April 07, 2020 at 12:59 PM

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“ *Our love and condolences go out to the family of Mother Helen. You are in our prayers. The God of Israel will strengthen and comfort you. Peace and Love*  
*Bishop Kenneth Edwards*  
*Elder Marion Robinson*  
*The Mt. Clemens Temple*

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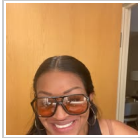
**Kenneth Edwards** - April 06, 2020 at 10:36 AM

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“ PEACE AND LOVE TO THE FAMILY OF MOTHER HELEN WHOM WE AFFECTIONATELY CALLED THE GLORY TRAIN LADY.. SHE WAS A DELIGHT DURING HER LIFETIME AND SHE WILL BE LOVED AND HER PRESENCE MISSED AMONG US BUT SHE WILL LIVE ON IN THE HEARTS AND MINDS OF ALL THAT KNEW HER. STAY STRONG FAMILY PEACE AND LOVE BISHOP BOBBY AND ELDER GLORIA DAVIS, KING AND QUEEN OF ISRAEL

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**BIS BOBBY DAVIS** - April 04, 2020 at 09:07 PM



“ We love you grandma!!!



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**Chaunta Tsegaye** - April 04, 2020 at 08:56 PM

BG

“ *Bishop Goodwin, RBM Irene and the Brooklyn Temple send our deepest sympathy to Elder Alice France and the family. Asking the God of Israel to give you strength and comfort. Sending our prayers and love.*

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**Bishop Linnie Goodwin** - April 04, 2020 at 05:32 PM



“ *Jacqueline Knight sent a virtual gift in memory of Mother Helen K. Washington*



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**Jacqueline Knight** - April 04, 2020 at 03:11 PM



“ *Eld Larry and I are sending love and prayers for comfort to the family. Mo Helen was a nice funny lady and we always enjoyed being around her. I tried to sing This Train at times but I never could do it as well as her! Praying for perfect peace -*

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**Jolaine Walker** - April 03, 2020 at 05:49 PM



“ *Greetings All, the memories I have for Mo Helen are ALL good... From traveling down to Louisiana and her teaching me how to keep my garden straight to her and Rev Hollie singing all those Old time religion songs - my Favorite " I got a new home in Israel" Mo Helen will surely be missed... Love You Family.*

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**Mo. Octavia** - April 03, 2020 at 01:57 PM



*Greeting to all, Br. Mo. Helen was a wonderful mother in the Spiritual Israel church, she was dutiful and faithful. we shared many laughs together and she will be missed by all of us,  
Br. Mo. Clara*

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**Clara Williams** - April 03, 2020 at 01:59 PM

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*My deepest condolences to the Washington family. I got to know Mother Washington late in her life, but she was a beautiful person. I am praying for her family to have peace in her living memory.*

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**Twana L Burney** - April 03, 2020 at 04:12 PM

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*My prayers and Condolences to Elder Alice France, the family of Mother Helen Washington and the Pontiac membership. Mothers' presence will be greatly missed throughout Israel, but her "beautiful Spirit" will live on. Peace, Love, and Strength.*

*Elder Dr. Bettie Holt, Milwaukee, WI*

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**Bettie Holt** - April 05, 2020 at 12:22 PM