



Nena Denese "Mama Nena" Derrickson

August 16, 1954 - June 29, 2016

DERRICKSON, Ms. Nena Denese "Mama Nena" - Age 61, passed away Wednesday June 29, 2016 at St. Joseph Mercy Oakland Hospital. Family hour 10:30AM Thursday July 7, 2016 from the Chapel of Lawrence E. Moon Funeral Home, 268 N. Perry St., with funeral service commencing immediately at 11AM. Reverend Letha McCray, officiating. Interment Perry Mount Park Cemetery, 878 N. Perry St. Friends and pallbearers will assemble at funeral home 10:30AM Thursday. Ms Derrickson will lie in state in the Chapel of Lawrence E. Moon Funeral Home, and may be viewed from 1-8:00PM Wednesday.

Mrs. Nena D. Derrickson was the first born, dearly beloved of Charles B. and Mary E. Wilburne on August 16, 1954 in Chicago, Illinois. She graduated from Visitation Catholic High School, where she was called "Mama Nena," a name that would follow her for a lifetime. She took college courses at University of Illinois at Chicago.

Nena married Robert Stephenson of Panama and from their union a son, Nathan A. Stephenson was born. Nena relocated to Pontiac, Michigan in 1975. She did secretarial work, retail work and when she was unable to work due to injury, she helped other parents by providing childcare. She was a gifted artist and loved to read.

She met her life partner Linell Derrickson and from their union a daughter, Lennetta Derrickson was born. They were married June 10, 1991. She helped to raise many of her husband's children.

She joined Universal Hagar Spiritual Church, Temple #6 in 1980 and served as Temple Mother and Secretary until her transition.

Mrs. Derrickson leaves to cherish her memory: children, Nathan A. Stephenson and Lennetta Ferguson; grandchildren, Nate Stephenson Jr. and Nathia Stephenson, Dominique Houston, Ja'Mel Gilmore, Tre'Shaun Harris, Javon Franklin, Trevion McAfee; great-grandchildren, Nasariah Stephenson, NyAmber Stephenson, Gabrielle Stephenson, Breiahna Stephenson, Natalie Stephenson and King Houston; siblings, Charles Wilburne Jr. and Rev. Nora Wilburne; nieces, Veronica Wilburne, April Wilburne and Aja Henry; nephews, Charles Lewis and Steve Adams; and a host of other relatives and friends including church family, Shalonda, Ja'Wayne, Lisa, Christopher, KhriShawnda, ShiAnne and Lynda.

Mrs. Derrickson was preceded in death by her parents, Pastor Charles and Pastor Mary Wilburne; sister, Selena Roach; grandparents, Hugh and Nora Waters and Henry and Elizabeth Shelton and Sam Johnson, Walter "Doc" Wilburne; niece, Donzella "Donnie" Wilburne.

Cemetery Details

Perry Mount Park Cemetery

878 N. Perry St.
Pontiac, MI

Previous Events

Visitation

JUL 6. 1:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

Lawrence E. Moon Funeral Home Pontiac
268 North Perry Street
Pontiac, MI 48342
(248) 758-1913

Family Hour

JUL 7. 10:30 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

Lawrence E. Moon Funeral Home Pontiac
268 North Perry Street
Pontiac, MI 48342
(248) 758-1913

Funeral Service

JUL 7. 11:00 AM - 12:30 PM (ET)

Lawrence E. Moon Funeral Home Pontiac

268 North Perry Street

Pontiac, MI 48342

(248) 758-1913

lemoonfhpontiac@gmail.com

<https://www.lawrenceemoonfuneralhomepontiac.com>

Tribute Wall



“ *Lawrence E. Moon Funeral Home created a Webcast in memory of Nena Denese "Mama Nena" Derrickson*



Lawrence E. Moon Funeral Home - July 07, 2016 at 10:00 AM

RA

“ *Raymond lit a candle in memory of Nena Denese "Mama Nena" Derrickson*



Raymond - July 07, 2016 at 02:58 AM

RA

“ *Mama Nena, I'll never forget the words you said to me after my Mom past away, they were very comforting. I ask that you be a mighty spirit that I can call upon...Peace!*

Raymond - July 07, 2016 at 02:49 AM



“ Nate and Lennetta,



<http://storage.lifetributes.com/Candles/new/candle-4.png>

My prayers are with you and your loved ones during this time. May you be comforted and find peace knowing that "Though Mom's body is gone, her spirit will be with you always".

*Love,
Monica R. Nelson and family*

Monica R Nelson - July 06, 2016 at 01:59 PM



“ 122 files added to the album LifeTributes



Lawrence E. Moon Funeral Home - July 06, 2016 at 10:57 AM

DW

“ To Deacon Nate Stephenson,

Our deepest sympathies are with you and your family. Know that you are in our prayers of strength and encouragement, while sending Love your way.

Peace,

*The Sacred Staff & Sacred Mothers
Universal Hagar Spiritual Church*

Donna Williams - July 06, 2016 at 10:18 AM

MH

“ Miss. Hurner sent a virtual gift in memory of
Nena Denese "Mama Nena" Derrickson



Miss. Hurner - July 06, 2016 at 04:39 AM

GC

“ May God bless you with peace, love, and
comfort. "Weeping may endure for a night, but
joy cometh in the morning." Psalm 30:5.

*John 14:1-2 "Let not your heart be troubled:
ye believe in God, believe also in me.*

*2 In my Father's house are many mansions: if it were not so, I would
have told you. I go to prepare a place for you."*

*Psalm 46:1, "God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in
trouble."*



Gerri Collier - July 05, 2016 at 05:31 PM

GC

“ Gerri Collier lit a candle in memory of Nena Denese "Mama Nena" Derrickson



Gerri Collier - July 05, 2016 at 05:25 PM



“ Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Nena Denese "Mama Nena" Derrickson.



July 05, 2016 at 04:14 PM

TF

“ The McKenna Family purchased the Sweetest Sunrise Bouquet for the family of Nena Denese "Mama Nena" Derrickson.



The McKenna Family - July 05, 2016 at 10:39 AM