



Nina Mae McAllister

April 26, 1916 - October 13, 2015

MCALLISTER, Mrs. Nina Mae - age 99, passed away, Tuesday, October 13, 2015 at Crittenton Hospital. Family hour 10:30 AM Friday, October 23, 2015 at New Jerusalem Missionary Baptist Church, 168 Prospect Street, with funeral service commencing immediately at 11:00 AM. Pastor Lorenzo Robertson, officiating. Friends and pallbearers will assemble at the church 10:30 AM Friday. Mrs. McAllister will lie in state in the Chapel of Lawrence E. Moon Funeral Home, 268 N. Perry St., and may be viewed from 1:00 PM - 8:00PM Thursday. The family will be present to receive friends from 5:00PM - 8:00 PM Thursday.

Mrs. Nina Mae McAllister was born April 26, 1916 in Pulaski, Tennessee. Nina was the youngest of thirteen children born to the union of Robert Gordon and Harriet Kennedy. The family moved to Decatur, Alabama when she was a young girl. Nina grew up in a three room house on four acres of land. Her parents were farmers who lived off the land. Nina had fond memories of her life with her family in Decatur. While in Decatur, she worked as a seamstress at Montgomery Ward's Department Store. Nina moved to Pontiac, Michigan in the early fifties. She later met the love of her life, Arthur McAllister at the first Kennedy family reunion in Cleveland, Ohio. They were married at the home of James and Ruth Mitchell in Pontiac, Michigan in 1953. They remained devoted to each other until Arthur's death in 2007. Nina had no biological children but had two daughters through marriage. Nina was known for her

sewing ability often making her own outfits including hats and shoes. Nina and Arthur enjoyed being around family. They often took trips down south to visit family members. She was a surrogate mother of her many nieces and nephews. They often took their surrogate children on family outings picking up all expenses. Nina accepted Christ at a young age. At the time of her passing she was member of New Jerusalem Missionary Baptist Church Family. Nina enjoyed going to church on Sunday's and listening to her Pastor deliver the word. Nina was also a sports fan. She loved to watch baseball, basketball and football. She also enjoyed her "Snickers" candy bar. Nina was looking forward to her 100th birthday so she could get a birthday card from President Obama. She did vote in the last election and was happy to see our first black president. Nina didn't want any flowers for her funeral but instead wanted the money donated to a children's organization.

Nina leaves to cherish her passing her two step daughters, Belinda (Frank) Johnson of Ann Arbor, MI and Doris Wilkes of Pontiac, MI; grandchildren, Christina Childs of Pontiac, MI, Darrell Johnson of Portage, MI, Johnnie Childs of Pontiac, MI, Wesley Johnson of Chatsworth, CA, Yorcka Tutstone of Rochester, MI and Tiffany Thach of Pontiac, MI; ten great grandchildren; nieces, Ruth Helen Harris of Athens, AL, Margaret (William) Love of Southfield, MI, Dorothy (Lincoln) Stewart of Nashville, TN, Ruth (James) Mitchell of Pontiac, MI, Billie Joyce Walker of Cleveland, OH, Carolyn Gaiter of Cleveland Heights, OH, Nina Mae Bankston of Decatur, AL; nephews, Pathon Swoope, Jimmie Swoope and Wendell (Veda) Swoope all of Cleveland, OH, Leo Gray of Decatur, AL Calvin McKissack; and multiple generations of great nieces and nephews and a host of friends.

Nina was preceded in death by her husband, Arthur McAllister; parents, Robert Gordon and Harriett Kennedy; twelve siblings.

Cemetery Details

Perry Mount Park Cemetery

878 N. Perry St.
Pontiac, MI

Previous Events

Visitation

OCT **22**. 1:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

Lawrence E. Moon Funeral Home Pontiac
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Family Hour

OCT **23**. 10:30 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

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Funeral Service

OCT **23**. 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM (ET)

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Tribute Wall

HG

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Henry Kennedy Gordon - October 23, 2015 at 08:14 PM

TH

“ *In Loving Memory of our Aunt Nina who was loved dearly by all and will truly be missed...I will never forget the last time she came to Nashville for the Family Reunion and came to visit me we sat laughed and talked about old times from back in the day when we grew up together... Aunt you will truly be missed..*



Love , Dorothy (Dot) Stewart & Nashville Family

Tanisha H - October 22, 2015 at 08:44 PM

RS

“ *My deepest sympathy and condolences to the family.*



Renee Simpson - October 22, 2015 at 06:22 PM

WE

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Wendell - October 21, 2015 at 10:52 PM

EE

“ *May God be your source of peace and strength at this time.*

Elenora Eden



Elenora Eden - October 20, 2015 at 05:13 PM

EE

“ *Mrs. Nina I can't even begin to tell you how much I miss you. I will miss the times I ran over to visit or just to check on you, and you would open the door and your eyes and smile would light up like sunshine. I used to sit for hours and listen to you talk about your sisters, your nieces, nephews, and your upbringing. We would sit and watch Family Feud and laugh at how silly Steve Harvey was. I will miss the homemade banana bread, peanut butter cookies, and sitting drinking hot tea. Often times you would talk about gardening and planting flowers. I just enjoyed and admired you so much. We will miss you Tyler and I. I will cherish my memories of you for a lifetime. I love you.*

Elenora Eden - October 20, 2015 at 04:40 PM

BS

Our great aunt who was blessed to live a full life. I'm humbled and grateful to the creator for allowing my sister's and I the opportunity to have met such an awesome soul may she rest in peace

Brenda Swoope - October 31, 2015 at 11:18 AM

DC

“Aunteen always had a warm heart and smile for all of her extended family. Her joy will be missed but her kindness lives on in our hearts.

Denise Chambers, family friend

Denise O. Chambers - October 20, 2015 at 02:09 PM

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Wendell - October 19, 2015 at 05:08 PM

WE

“Aunteen was loved like my mother, She made all of us Feel Special. You could talk to her about anything and she always kept it real... She was on top of her game until God called her home. I will miss being able to call her and tell her I Love You, but then she knew it before it was even spoken... 99.5 years, She was quite a LADY. Love, Wendell Swoope

Wendell - October 19, 2015 at 04:41 PM

WE

“ 1 file added to the tribute wall



Wendell - October 19, 2015 at 03:57 PM

HG

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Henry Gordon - October 18, 2015 at 11:15 PM

BL

“ Brenda Lawrence purchased the Cup of Roses Bouquet for the family of Nina Mae McAllister.



Brenda Lawrence - October 16, 2015 at 06:35 PM

RB

“ I, Renee Beckley was Miss Nina's driver...I will miss learning about fruits and vegetables, and how to bake from real flour and sugar...she use to out walk me in the store and I am in my early 50's, I have know her and my late Mr. Art since I was a very little child. I going to miss talking to her and all the memories I had, she made my debutante gown and I still have it. Great lady from Alabama full of knowledge taught Michigan how to live. God bless Ms. Nina's family,



Renee Beckley - October 15, 2015 at 07:51 PM

MM

“ Miss. M.Hurner sent a virtual gift in memory of Nina Mae McAllister



Miss. M.Hurner - October 14, 2015 at 05:57 PM