



Olivia Lucas

May 29, 1936 - September 14, 2013

LUCAS, Ms. Olivia - Age 77, passed away Saturday September 14, 2013 at her residence. Family hour 11:30AM Friday, September 20, 2013 at New Bethel Missionary Baptist Church, 174 Branch Street, with funeral service commencing immediately at 12:00PM. Pastor Keyon S. Payton, Officiating. Interment Perry Mount Park Cemetery, 878 N. Perry St. Friends and pallbearers will assemble at the church 11:30AM Friday. Ms. Lucas will lie in state in the Chapel of Lawrence E. Moon Funeral Home, 268 N. Perry St., and may be viewed from 2:00PM-8:00PM Thursday.

Olivia was born on May 29, 1936 to the union of Oliver and Irene Mathes in Pontiac, Michigan. She was the youngest child of a large loving family of eleven children: two boys and nine girls.

Olivia was a graduate of Pontiac High School; and was the first black woman to be hired by the Michigan Bell Telephone Company soon after graduation as a communications operator. She was later promoted to a responsible position designing sites for new installations. After forty years with the telephone company, she worked at the J.C. Penney Store in the jewelry department as a sales clerk. Olivia enjoyed her work and endeared herself to many of her co-workers and customers during her working years.

At an early age, Olivia accepted Christ as her Lord and Savior and was a

member of the New Bethel Missionary Baptist Church where she enjoyed singing in choir.

“Liv,” as she was often lovingly called, had only one son, Steven Surad Mathes Lucas, but her love of children attracted many nieces and nephews to her. She lavished love on all of them, but of course, had a special love for Steven and his children, Elijah and Jus’tyce.

Olivia is survived by her son, Steven Surad Mathes Lucas; two grandchildren, Elijah and Jus’tyce; sister, Joan (James Herbert) White; and a host of nieces, nephews and cousins who loved dearly. We loved her much—but God loved her best.

Olivia was preceded in death by her parents, Oliver and Irene Mathes; seven sisters, Anna Mae (Coley) Gracey, Evelyena (Julius) Ward, Katie Mae (Leon) Looney, Mary Alice (Francis Verl) White, Eunice Fortier, Hilda (Zeal) Hamilton and Constance (William) Gracey; two brothers, Rev. James (Ethlyn) Mathes and Oliver (Vivian) Mathes Jr.

Cemetery Details

Perry Mount Park Cemetery

878 N. Perry St.
Pontiac, MI

Previous Events

Visitation

SEP **19**. 2:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

Lawrence E. Moon Funeral Home Pontiac
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Service

SEP **20**. 11:30 AM - 12:00 PM (ET)

NEW BETHEL MBC
174 BRANCH ST.
PONTIAC, MI 48341

Tribute Wall



“ I'm so very sorry for your loss. May you find comfort in knowing we've been promised the hope of a resurrection whereby, one day in the future, you will have the opportunity to be reunited with "OLIVIA" again. (John 11:35-44) At that time, she will never again say, "I am sick". (Isaiah 33:24)

L - April 09, 2015 at 08:28 PM



“ Dear Lucas Family and Friends,
I am so sorry to hear of the loss of your dear loved one. Please accept my sincere condolences. I too have lost several loved ones in death, and the pain is tremendous, even with the passage of time. Thankfully, I have found relief in knowing that "The Most High God" is the "Hearer of Prayer", and a source of tremendous comfort in times of grief and distress according to Psalms 83:18, and Psalms 65:2. Please be assured , death will soon be "swallowed up forever" and we will have the opportunity to see our dead loved ones again, as promised at John 5:28.29 and Isaiah 25:8. My family and I wish you and yours peace.

Lisa - September 25, 2013 at 10:22 AM

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“ WE WILL MISS HER...SHE WAS A GOOD FRIEND AND PERSON. SHE GROW UP WITH MY SISTER LETHA AND BROTHERS AND CUSIN,,,GENE, JOHNNY,AND BUCKY, ON LAKE STREET, AND I WORKED WITH HER(SHELIA)..AT JCPENNEY AND COMCAST,,,SHE COULD MAKE YOU LAUGH...AND I GOT MY HHR BECAUSE I LIKE HERS...RIP MY FRIEND...AND WE WILL MEET AGAIN... FROM...LETHA, BUCKY, AND SHELIA...



SHELIA CARTER - September 19, 2013 at 01:19 PM

SJ

“ Your Granddaughter and I love and adore you. We will miss your smile, spirit and love for others as well as the Lord. Never goodnight always goodbye... we will meet you in our dreams until we meet again!

Shannan & JusTyce Jackson - September 18, 2013 at 11:55 AM

RJ

“ ROSE JACKSON lit a candle in memory of Olivia Lucas



ROSE JACKSON - September 18, 2013 at 09:11 AM

RJ

I WILL ALWAYS REMEMBER HOW MUCH SHE LOVED HER GRANDCHILDREN AND SON AND HER WARM AND SINCERE SMILE

ROSE JACKSON - September 18, 2013 at 09:47 AM

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“ I will always remember her beautiful smile, kind words and fun spirit.
R.I.P. Livie

Terri Harps - September 17, 2013 at 03:17 PM

AZ

“ So gonna miss you Auntie...Kiss my Nanny for me!

Azya - September 17, 2013 at 12:19 PM

JM

“ Janice Morgan lit a candle in memory of
Olivia Lucas



Janice Morgan - September 17, 2013 at 11:21 AM



“ Lily and Rose Tribute Spray was purchased for
the family of Olivia Lucas.



September 16, 2013 at 07:29 PM