



## Tessola BirdiETT "Tess" Kimble

March 4, 1948 - September 21, 2014

KIMBLE, Mrs. Tessola BirdiETT "Tess" . - age 66, passed away, Sunday, September 21, 2014 at St. Joseph Mercy Hospital Oakland. Family hour 10:00AM Saturday September 27, 2014 at New Hope Missionary Baptist Church, 394 Howland Auburn Ave. with funeral service commencing immediately at 11AM. Pastor Solomon Smith, Sr., officiating. Interment Perry Mount Park Cemetery, 878 N. Perry St. Friends and pallbearers will assemble at the church 10:00AM Saturday. Mrs. Kimble will lie in state in the Chapel of Lawrence E. Moon Funeral Home, 268 N. Perry St., and may be viewed from 1PM-8PM Friday.

God in his infinite wisdom saw fit to call Tessola BirdiETT Kimble from labor to reward on Sunday, September 21, 2014. Tess was born on March 4, 1948 in Atlanta, Georgia to the late Almolie BirdiETT and Amos Johnson. She was adopted by Beautie C. and L. V. Bailey at birth after the passing of her mother. She graduated from Booker T. Washington High School and continued her education at Spellman College. Tess accepted Christ at an early age and was a member of Greater Travelers Rest Baptist Church, Atlanta, GA. When she came to Michigan she continued her education at Oakland University. She worked for Michigan Bell/AT&T for thirty plus years as a operator/senior Clerk. She joined and devoted her time to New Hope Missionary Baptist Church serving and enjoyed teaching the children. She loved to write poems, reading, helping anyone she

could with a need and speaking at women- based speaking engagements promoting empowerment through Jesus Christ with a natural compassion.

Mrs. Kimble leaves to cherish her memory: children, Leondra L. (Lennox) Reid of Pontiac, MI and Rev. Exzavia D. (Carla) Kimble of Southfield, MI, stepchildren, Sherry Hayes of Lake, MS; Cynthia (Kent) of Morton, MS and Deborah Kimble of Brandon, MS; twelve grandchildren; six great grandchildren; brothers, Exzavia V. (Terri) Woodley of Crossville, TN; close friends and sisters, Josilee Ogletree, Rosalyn Frazier and Sheryl Holloman; and a host of numerous other relatives and friends.

Mrs. Kimble was preceded in eternal rest by her husband, Leon Kimble; parents, Almolie Lee Birdiett and Amos Johnson; and siblings, Lorraine Lewis, Albert Johnson, Sallie Pearl Woodley, Lillie Raines and Beatrice Harris.

# Cemetery Details

## Perry Mount Park Cemetery

878 N. Perry St.  
Pontiac, MI

# Previous Events

## Visitation

SEP **26.** 1:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

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

## Service

SEP **27.** 10:00 AM - 12:00 PM (ET)

New Hope Missionary Baptist Church  
394 Howland Avenue  
Pontiac, MI 48341

# Tribute Wall

SB

“ *Shannon Buckines lit a candle in memory of Tessola BirdiETT "Tess" Kimble*



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**Shannon Buckines** - September 26, 2014 at 11:05 AM

DR

“ *We have lost a great person at st joes on Sunday tessola Kimble (mom) we love you ,, You definitely will be missed you are now an angel*



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**dwayne reid** - September 26, 2014 at 02:04 AM

JS

“ *Jessica Smith lit a candle in memory of Tessola BirdiETT "Tess" Kimble*



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**Jessica Smith** - September 25, 2014 at 06:07 PM

JS

“ Words can't express my sorrow. You will forever be loved and missed. I could always count on you to get the children at our church to rehearsals and programs **FIRE** UP, motivated and ready to do whatever you ask. You will forever remain in my heart. Love Always, Jessica and "Your Boys" (as you affectionately called my children)

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**Jessica Smith** - September 25, 2014 at 06:06 PM

AM

“ I am truly going to miss you Auntie Tess. You have been the only aunt that I have been around my entire life. I've seen you help so many people without hesitation. You were truly an angel here on earth and now God has called you home to be with Him. I love you so much and you will be deeply missed by all.



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**Anizia Miller** - September 25, 2014 at 10:47 AM

MH

“ Mel Hurner lit a candle in memory of Tessola Birdiett "Tess" Kimble



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**Mel Hurner** - September 23, 2014 at 06:28 PM



“ *Strength & Solace Spray was purchased for the family of Tessola Birdiett "Tess" Kimble.*



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September 23, 2014 at 09:24 AM



“ *Today I cry once again for My friend, my tears are of sorrow and joy, the joy of knowing Tessola and sorrow of not seeing her face again I will miss her soft voice and wonderful smile, R I P Tessola...*



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**Adele Hopkins** - September 22, 2014 at 03:15 PM



“ *To God Be the Glory for the marvelous things he has done, another angel he has requested to be with him, (Ms. Tess) is what I called her, worked together at Michigan Bell, AT&T, Her loving & caring spirit is what made us to become Sister Friends. God bless the family and stay strong, do as Mother, Grandmother would want you to do.*  
*Beverly Hodges*

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**Beverly Hodges** - September 22, 2014 at 03:08 PM