

Pallbearers

Kendall Ross | Miguel Ross | Kenneth Henry Ross II
Ross McClain | Jaiden Ross McClain | Ezekiel Ross

Honorary Pallbearers

Michael Ross | Gerard Blackmon | Dr. Nathaniel McClain
Kelvin Lawrence | Charlie "Shug" Scott | Jim Henry Bender

Flower Bearers

Friends of the Family

Interment

Roselawn Memorial Gardens
950 N Center Road
Saginaw, MI 48638

Acknowledgement

We, the family of Maggie Louise Ross, wish to extend our deepest gratitude for the many expressions of love and kindness shown during this time of bereavement. We are most grateful for the prayers, visits, calls, cards, flowers, and every act of compassion that has strengthened and comforted us. Your support—whether through words, presence, or deeds—has inspired us and given us courage to face this difficult hour.

We especially thank our church families, relatives, and friends whose generosity and faithfulness have ministered to us in countless ways. Your acts of kindness, both great and small, will forever be remembered.

May God richly bless each of you for your thoughtfulness,
and may His goodness and mercy follow you always.

The Lord's Prayer

Our Father which art in heaven, Hallowed be thy name.
Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done in earth, as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors.
And lead us not into temptation, But deliver us from evil:
For thine is the kingdom, And the power, and the glory, forever.
Amen.



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Sunrise: March 8, 1933 - Sunset: August 14, 2025



Celebrating the Life of
Maggie Louise Ross

Monday, August 25, 2025 12:00 PM

Zion Missionary Baptist Church
721 Johnson Street
Saginaw, Michigan 48607

Pastor Rodrick A. Smith, Officiating

Order of Service

Prelude Musician
 Processional Family
 Scripture Reading Old & New Testament Minister
 Prayer Minister
 Selection Church Choir
 Acknowledgements & Obituary Rhonda Farrell-Butler
 Poem Dr. Pamela Ross McClain, Daughter
 Expressions ... (Please Limit to 2 Minutes) ... Family & Friends
 Selection Church Choir
 Eulogy Pastor Rodrick A. Smith

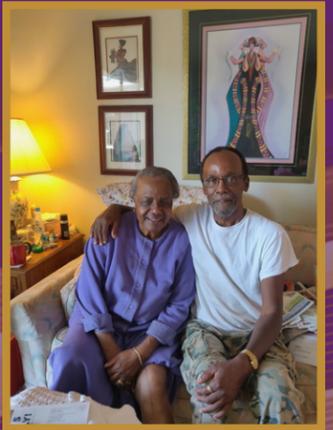
Committal
 Benediction
 Recessional

A Little While

I'm Free

Don't fill your hearts with pain and sorrow,
 Remember me in every tomorrow.
 Think of the joy, the laughter, my smile—
 I've only gone to rest a little while.
 Although my leaving may cause grief,
 My homegoing has given me relief.
 So dry your eyes and remember me,
 Not as I am now, but as I used to be.
 I will remember you all and look on with a smile,
 Understand in your hearts—
 I've only gone to rest a little while.

Don't grieve for me, For now I'm free,
 I've followed the path God set for me.
 I took His hand When I heard Him call,
 I turned my back And left it all.
 I served my time, I gave my best,
 Don't weep for me, I've earned my rest.
 My life was full, I've truly been blessed,
 I kept the faith, I passed the test.
 Open your hearts And let them swell,
 God called me home—
 And all is well.





The LORD is my *Shepherd*;
I shall not want.

He maketh me to
lie down in green pastures:

He leadeth me beside the still waters,

He restoreth my
soul:

He leadeth me in the paths of righteousness
for His name's sake. Yea though I walk through the
valley of the shadow of death.

I will fear no evil:
for Thou art with me;
Thy rod and Thy staff they comfort me.

Thou preparast a table before me in the presence of mine enemies

Thou anointest my head with oil; My cup runneth over

Surely goodness & mercy shall follow me
all the days of my life;

And I will dwell in the house
of the LORD *forever*.
- Psalm 23



"Strength and honour are her
clothing; and she shall rejoice in
time to come. She openeth her
mouth with wisdom;
and in her tongue is the
law of kindness."

Proverbs 31:25-26



Obituary

"Favour is deceitful, and beauty is vain: but a woman that feareth the Lord, she shall be praised."
Proverbs 31:30

Maggie Louise Ross, daughter of the late Eddie "Jaybird" Lawrence (1976) and Willie Bell Lawrence (1987), was born on March 8, 1933, in Lowndes County, Alabama. On August 14, 2025, at the blessed age of 92, Maggie completed her earthly journey in Arlington, Texas, and claimed her heavenly reward.

She was preceded in death by her beloved husband, John Henry Ross (2002); her son, Kenneth Henry Ross (2024); her parents; her brothers James Lawrence Sr. (1981), David Lawrence Sr. (1988), Eddie Lawrence (1988), Robert Lawrence (2000), Luke Lawrence (2015), and Lee Arthur Webb (2015); her sisters Gertie Mae Lawrence Davis (2004) and Nelle Lawrence.

She leaves to cherish her precious memory her devoted children: Sharon Ross-Blackmon (Gerard) of Arlington, TX; Michael D. Ross Sr. of Arlington, TX; and Dr. Pamela Ross McClain (Dr. Nathaniel) of Saginaw, MI; daughter-in-law, Sandra Ross of Dallas, TX; Mary Draine of Saginaw, eight grandchildren, Kendall R. Ross, Miguel Spain Ross, Kenneth Ross II, Kijuan Ross, Michael Ross II, Jetaime Ross, Ross McClain, and Jaiden McClain; fifteen great-grandchildren; four great-great-grandchildren; her special sisters-in-law, Dollie Lawrence and Pauline Lawrence of Saginaw, MI, and Laretta Ross of Sacramento, CA; along with a host of nieces, nephews, cousins, church family, and dear friends who will forever treasure her love and wisdom.

At an early age, Maggie confessed Christ as her Lord and Savior and was baptized at Shiloh Baptist Church in Tyler, Alabama. She received her high school diploma from Lowndes County Training School, Class of 1951, and continued her education at Alabama State University, where she studied Early Childhood Education.

In 1955, Maggie married her childhood sweetheart, the late John Henry Ross, and together they built a loving family. As a devoted wife and mother, she created a warm and nurturing home while supporting her husband's Air Force career. She embraced their assignments in Hawaii and Spain, treasured travels across Europe and the United States, and carried with her a lifetime of memories and friendships formed along the way. "She had a magnetic personality, and people were naturally drawn to her welcoming spirit."

After her husband retired from the Air Force, the family eventually relocated to Saginaw, Michigan, where she united with Zion Missionary Baptist Church in 1976. For nearly five decades, she served faithfully as a Sunday School Teacher, Deaconess, Usher, and dedicated worker in Christian Education. She was also an active member of the United Sisters in Christ.

Maggie also took courses at Delta College to pursue her career aspirations in education. She worked in the Saginaw Public School District in many capacities—teacher's aide, home-school aide, paraprofessional, and custodian. In every role, she was deeply respected, serving as both a trusted colleague and a mother figure to countless children and families.

Maggie enjoyed life to the fullest. She loved traveling, gardening, dancing, sewing, and bowling. A natural conversationalist, she loved to talk in both English and Spanish, connecting with people wherever she went. Known for her quick wit and great sense of humor, she could always bring a smile or a laugh to those around her.

Maggie Louise Ross lived a life of grace, faith, joy, and service. Her journey was a timeless reflection of kindness and selfless love. She leaves behind a legacy of devotion to Christ and an unconditional love for her family and community—one that will continue to inspire future generations.

"Love is patient, love is kind. It does not envy, it does not boast, it is not proud. It does not dishonor others, it is not self-seeking, it is not easily angered, it keeps no record of wrongs. Love does not delight in evil but rejoices with the truth. It always protects, always trusts, always hopes, always perseveres." — 1 Corinthians 13:4-7