



Pallbearers

Josiah Johnson | Chanton Brown | Imani Kenny
Tyvann White | Christopher Johnson

Flower Bearers

Friends of the Family

Interment

Chapel Hill Memorial Gardens
4444 West Grand River Ave.
Lansing, Michigan 48906

Acknowledgement

The family appreciates the many kind expressions of love and concern extended to them during this time of bereavement. Our special thanks!

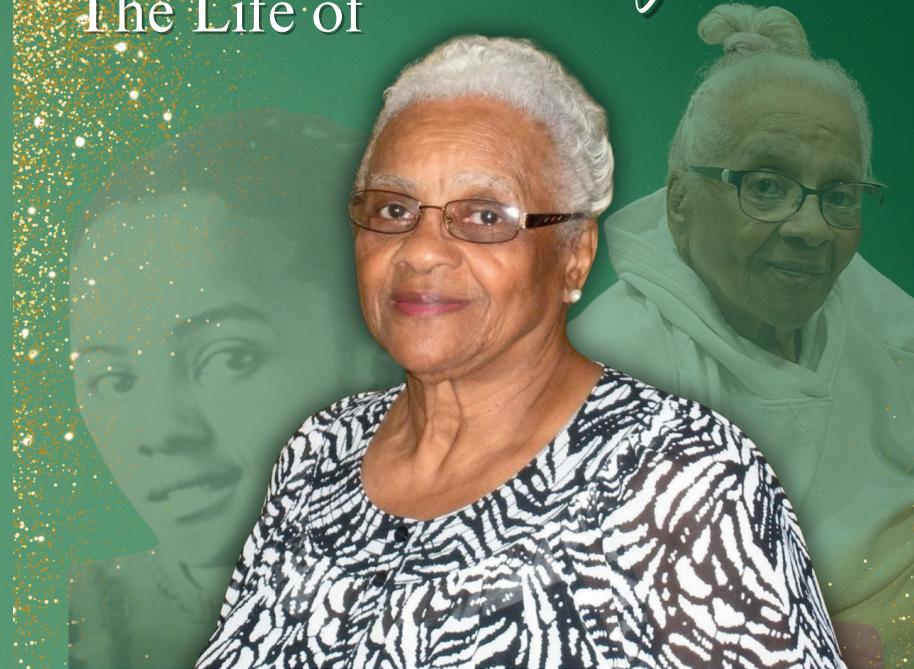


**Paradise Funeral Chapel
& Arrangement Services**

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Celebrating
The Life of



Gladys Kelley

Sunrise: December 31, 1929 - Sunset: June 10, 2025

Tuesday, June 17, 2025 - 11:00 A.M.

Union Baptist Missionary Church
500 South Martin Luther King, Jr. Blvd.
Lansing, Michigan 48915

Associate Minister Charles Magee,
Officiating



*Those we love remain with us for love itself lives on,
and cherished memories never fade
because a love one's gone...*

*Those we love can never be more than a thought apart,
for as long as there is memory,
they'll live on in the heart.*



Obituary

Prelude

Processional
Family

Scripture Reading
Old Testament
New Testament

Associate Minister Charles Magee

Prayer

Associate Minister Charles Magee

Solo

Phyliss Branson

Acknowledgement of Cards,
Condolences & Obituary
Telicia Kelley Patrick

Reflections
(Please limit to two minutes)

Falyn Kelley
Family & Friends

Slideshow & Tribute
Telicia Kelley Patrick

Eulogy

Associate Minister Charles Magee

Committal | Benediction | Recessional



memories



Obituary

Mrs. Gladys Kelley peacefully transitioned on Tuesday, June 10, 2025, in Lansing, Michigan, at the remarkable age of 95. She was born on December 31, 1929, in Cusseta, Georgia, to her beloved parents, Gaines “Papa Candy” Jackson and Gracie “Mwah” Jackson.

Though a longtime resident of Lansing, Michigan, Gladys’s heart remained deeply rooted in her Southern heritage, being from Georgia. A proud graduate of Ratcliff High School, she later built a fulfilling career in the culinary arts, retiring from Michigan State University after many dedicated years of service.

A devoted member of Union Missionary Baptist Church, Gladys was honored to serve as a cherished Church Mother—offering guidance, grace, and love to her faith community.

Gladys was a mother and nurturer to many, known for her generous spirit and servant’s heart. She found joy in cooking, volunteering, bargain hunting, and—above all—loving her family. Her legacy is one of compassion, strength, and unwavering devotion.

Gladys leaves to cherish her memory, daughters, Brenda Kelley and Deborah Kelley Gray; grandchildren, Earl Fenoy Kelley, Falyn Kelley, Tambra Hinton, Ashley Kelley, David L. Gray, Chantone Brown, Kanika Brown, Gerald Lawrence, Michael Lawrence, and Telicia Kelley-Patrick; many beloved great grandchildren; 2 brothers, Mercier Jackson and Hubbard Jackson; as well as many other family members and beloved friends, including good friend, Juanita Thorton.

She is preceded in death by husband, Waymon Kelley, Sr.; sons, Waymon Kelley Jr. and Gerald Kelley; grandchildren, Antonio “Tony” Kelley, Aisha Gray, Nyrianca Kelley; 4 sisters; 7 brothers; and good friends, Doris Hanley and Maryland Langan.