

Celebrating the Life of

Pallbearers

Mr. Damion L. Brown | Mr. Kristopher Livingston | Mr. Ronald Doxie
Mr. Delender Holloway | Mr. William Doxie, Jr. | Mr. Ross Conley

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Mr. Udell Holmes | Honorable Terry L. Clark | Dea. Freddie Sykes
Dea. Vincent Thompson | Mr. Glen Simon | Dea. Willie Eggleston
Dea. Willie Haynes

Flower Bearers

Women of New Mt. Calvary

Interment

Forest Lawn Cemetery
3210 South Washington Avenue
Saginaw, Michigan 48601

Acknowledgement

We are most grateful for the gift of friends like you, who have been so kind and thoughtful during these hours of sorrow. Your prayers, visits, calls, flowers, and every act of kindness, have given us strength and inspiration to face this hour. May God continue to bless each of you. The family wishes to give a special thank-you to Ascension St. Mary's Hospital Staff, Symphony Tri-Cities Monet Memory Care Unit, Compassus Hospice Care, Altamash Amin, M.D., and Ivan E. Phillips and the Staff of Paradise Funeral Chapel.

"The Livingston Family"



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Mrs. Christine Doxie-Livingston

Sunrise: April 15, 1942

Sunset: October 29, 2023

11:00 AM - Saturday, November 4, 2023

New Mt. Calvary Baptist Church
3610 Russell Street
Saginaw, Michigan

Elder Alfred Harris, Jr. Officiating
New Jerusalem Full Gospel Baptist Church - Flint, Michigan

Order of Service

Prelude

Processional & Parting View

Selection New Mt. Calvary
Scripture.....Old Testament Reverend Otis Washington
Scripture.....New Testament Reverend Tamara Johnson
PrayerPastor George Waddles, Jr.
SelectionNaKaja Reed
Acknowledgements & ObituaryChurch Clerk
Remarks.....2 Minutes PleaseFamily & Friends
Selection Sherry Wright
Eulogy Elder Alfred L. Harris, Jr.

Committal

Benediction

Recessional "I'm Going Away"



The Virtuous Woman

Proverbs 31:10, 25-31

A wife of noble character who can find?
She is worth far more than rubies.
She is clothed with strength and dignity;
She can laugh at the days to come.
She speaks with wisdom,
And faithful instruction is on her tongue.
She watches over the affairs of her household
And does not eat bread of idleness.
Her children arise and call her blessed;
Her husband also, and he praises her;
"Many women do noble things,
But you surpass them all."
Charm is deceptive, and beauty is fleeting;
But a woman who fears the Lord is to be praised.
Give her the reward she has earned,
and let her works bring her praise at the city gate.

Mother Livingston's Favorite Bible Verses:

"Love Ye One Another" John 13:34

"In my Father's House are many Mansions" John 14:2 - 6

"Let not your heart be troubled" John 14:1

"For God So Loved the World" John 3:16

Obituary



When Great Trees Fall

When great trees fall, rocks on distant hills shudder, lions hunker down
In tall grasses, and even elephants lumber after safety.

When great trees fall in forests, small things recoil into silence,
Their senses eroded beyond fear.

When great souls die, the air around us becomes light, rare, sterile.
We breathe, briefly.

Our eyes, briefly, see with a hurtful clarity.

Our memory suddenly sharpened, examines,

gnaws on kind words unsaid, promised walks never taken.

Great Souls die and our reality, bound to them, takes leave of us.

Our souls, dependent upon their nurture, now shrink, wizened.

Our minds, formed and informed by their radiance, fall away.

We not so much maddened as reduced to
the unutterable ignorance of dark, cold caves.

And when great souls die, after a period peace blooms,
slowly and always irregularly.

Spaces fill with a kind of soothing electric vibration.

Our senses, restored, never to be the same,

Whisper to us.

They existed.

They existed.

We can be.

Be and Be better.

For they existed.

-Maya Angelou

“Who can find a virtuous woman? For her price is far above rubies. Proverbs 31:10” Our beloved mother, grandmother, great-grandmother, great-great grandmother and sister went home to her Savior on October 29, 2023 at Symphony Tri-Cities Assisted Living. Age, 81 years. Christine Doxie Livingston was born to Emmitt O’Neal Doxie, Sr and Eliza Skipworth Doxie on April 15, 1942, Florence, AL. She was preceded in death by both parents. She came to Saginaw in 1953 raised by her older sisters and attended Saginaw Public Schools. In 1961, Christine married the love of her life, John D. Livingston, Sr. He preceded her after 52 years of marriage in 2013.

Christine retired from Health Source Saginaw, formerly Saginaw Community Hospital, after 22 years of service. She worked as a Nurse’s Assistant and served as Union Steward. She was a devoted member of New Mt. Calvary Baptist Church. Christine competed on the Ladies Bowling League with Saginaw Community Hospital. She was an avid shopper and reader of novels. During her earlier years, Christine was a baker of great German Chocolate cakes and sold Tupperware in her spare time. She also enjoyed spending time with her family until her illness.

Christine leaves to cherish her memories and wisdom, five children. John D. (June) Livingston, Jr., (Ypsilanti, MI); Yvonne Livingston (Saginaw, MI); James B. (Helen) Livingston, (Saginaw, MI); Christopher (Sharon) Livingston, (Austin, TX); Derrick Livingston, (Dumfries, VA); One dearest sister, Sarah A. Johnson (Saginaw, MI); Three sisters-in-law, Ulanda Smith (River Rouge, MI); Hattie Doxie (Saginaw, MI); Geraldine Doxie (Bridgeport, MI); One brother-in-law, Hanson Pitts (Flint, MI). Also surviving are 16 grandchildren, 27 great-grandchildren and 2 great-great-grandchildren. One god-son, Damion L. Brown. special nieces, Brenda Doxie and Evelyn Doxie Holloway. Also, special friends, Alma and Udell Holmes, Maxine Gillespie, Linda Stuckey and Ellen Simon, along with a host of other relatives and friends.

Mother Christine Doxie Livingston was preceded by her mother-in-law, Essie B. Livingston-Culpepper; five brothers, Robert Louis Doxie, Emmitt O. Doxie, Jr., Joseph Doxie, Tommie N. Doxie, William H. Doxie, Sr; sisters, Esther Mae Napier, Alma Jean Pitts. brothers-in-law, Arthur Napier, Harper Pitts and James Johnson; sisters-in-law, Eva Doxie, Fannie B. Doxie, Nancy Doxie and Laura Jean and Patricia Pitts; one granddaughter, Christina Patman and one great-grandson, Keon’tay Houston.

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