



## Ms. Alice (Bobbie) Ardean Ashmon

December 30, 1939 - April 22, 2018

In Remembrance Of Our Beloved Alice Ardean Ashmon "Bobbie":

Bobbie Jean Smith was born December 30, 1939 to G. W. and Pearl Smith in Morton Mississippi. Her parents separated in 1942 and her mother eventually migrated to Detroit with Bobbie Jean and her brother Sonny.

At an early age Bobbie Jean revealed the compassion and heart of Christ. She recanted a story when she was no more than the age of 5 of how she would sneak to give the Asians water as they were held in confinement during the WWII conflict. Her compassion, mild mannered and nonjudgmental ways continued throughout her life. She has been a member of God Land Unity Church since March 2013.

Bobbie Jean's early formal education was within the Highland Park and Detroit school districts. It was discovered during those early education days that Ms. Bobbie Jean was in fact Ms. Alice Ardean. As the story was told, one of Bobbie's aunts in Mississippi wanted her to be named after her maternal grandmother, Alice. The aunt changed the birth certificate and Bobbie, Bobbie Jean or Barbara Jean as she had been called since birth by family and longtime friends was officially Alice Ardean Smith.

Bobbie married Ronald E. Ashmon in 1958 and together they raised five children. Terry, Pam, Ronda, Jeorel and Jatou. Ronald Jr. died as an infant.

They were married for almost 30 years, divorced, but remained friends until his transition. Besides raising her own family, Bobbie was a surrogate mother and grandmother. She opened her heart and home and provided love and mothering to several others during her lifetime.

Alice retired from the General Motors Corporation in the late 1980s. After retirement she spent her time doing what she loved and that was being with family and friends. She traveled some but she was a homebody at heart. She loved being in the company of her children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren, enjoyed gospel music, loved to cut the rug (dance) and was a die-hard Detroit Pistons Fan.

Alice departed this life on April 21, 2018 at 10:54 p.m.

# Cemetery Details

## Detroit Memorial Park East

4280 East 13 Mile Road  
Warren, MI 48092

# Previous Events

## Visitation

Sunday, Apr. **29**. 10:00 AM - 8:00 PM (ET)

O. H. Pye, III Funeral Home  
17600 Plymouth Road  
Detroit, MI 48227  
(313) 838-9770  
info@pyefuneralhome.com

## Family Hour

Monday, Apr. **30**. 9:30 AM - 10:00 AM (ET)

O. H. Pye, III Funeral Home  
17600 Plymouth Road  
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## Funeral Service

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Monday, Apr. **30**. 10:00 AM (ET)

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# Tribute Wall



“ *Ms. Alice (Bobbie) Ardean Ashmon*

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January 21, 2023 at 09:34 PM



“ *I'm sorry to hear of your family's loss, may you find comfort in knowing that soon God will end all sickness and death forever. Isaiah 25:8*

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**Andrea** - April 24, 2018 at 08:55 AM