



## Mrs. Blondy Jean Hester

July 28, 1937 - November 6, 2017

I was born in Detroit, MI to Squire and Rose Emma Burris on July 28, 1937. I was the oldest of 6 children. My sisters and brothers: Burnnie Burris Minor, Lavender (Sonny), Detreich (Dee Dee), Aczoria (Zora) and Lycester (Cessie) like my parents, all preceded me in completing life's journey.

I was baptized at an early age and was involved in various youth ministries. As an adult I attended New Light Missionary Baptist Church. There I served on the usher board and was a Matron. In the early 1970's I joined New Prospect Missionary Baptist Church where I served as a Sunday school teacher; on the Courtesy Ministry, the Quilting Ministry and in 2000 I was the General Chairlady of the Women's Day Program. Additionally, I served as a Trustee under the leadership of Pastor Wilma R. Johnson and remained an active and faithful member until my health prevented me from doing so.

I was educated in the Detroit Public School system, attending Maybee Elementary and Dwyer Jr. High. Education was always very important to me; I graduated from Northern High School a year early, in 1954. In the years that followed I continued my education earning my Associates Degree from Wayne County Community College in 1976; my Bachelor's Degree in 1987 and my Master's Degree in 1994, both from Wayne State University while overcoming various obstacles and never giving up.

I was employed by Detroit Public Schools as a secretary for 20 years. I had always dreamed of becoming an English teacher and even though it was a “dream deferred” I did teach for the last 15 years of my career, retiring in 2002.

I was married to the love of my life Odis Hester for over 59 years. We were married on April 26, 1958. We were blessed with three wonderful children; Vernard, Roselyn and Patrick of whom we are very proud. They never gave us any trouble or serious worry, but always showed us love and respect, caring for us particularly as we advanced in years.

In my leisure time I loved shopping, cooking, travelling, reading and writing. I have enjoyed being a member of the Northern High school reunion planning committee since 1974, and I looked forward to the activities and outings with Dwyer alumni. However, my greatest joys came from spending time with family, especially my grandchildren.

I have worked on several political campaigns and was active in various community organizations: I had the honor of serving as the 1995 Co-Chair of the NAACP Fight Freedom Fund Dinner; NAACP 1991-92 board member; Wayne State University board member; president of Optimist Club of New Prospect; a member of The Coalition of 100 Black Women; founder and queen of the Diamond Dames Red Hat Society and a member of Toastmasters. Although I have received a number of honors and awards, my greatest recognition was being honored as a Mother of the Year in 1997 by former Wayne County Clerk Teola P. Hunter.

I leave to cherish our memories my loving and supportive husband Odis; and to carry on my legacy I leave my children: Vernard (Roslyn) Hester, Roselyn (Dion) Traylor, Sr. and Patrick (Monica) Hester; seven grandchildren: Marcus, Kelley and Brian Hester; Denetta Harris and Dion Traylor; and Timythy and

Gabriellajean Hester; one great-grandson Princeton Harris. I also leave to cherish my memory 5 sisters-in-law Leola Harris, Gwen Hester, Regina (Guy) Glimp, Cynthia (John) Pringle, and Joyce Lindsey; 3 brothers-in-law; Kevin (Regina) Hester, Phillip (Marcie) Hester, and Christopher (Mary) Hester, and a host of nieces, nephews and other relatives and friends.

# Cemetery Details

## Roseland Park Cemetery

29001 Woodward Ave.  
Berkley, MI 48072

# Previous Events

## Family Hour

Saturday, Nov. **11**. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

New Prospect Missionary Baptist Church  
6330 Pembroke  
Detroit, MI 48221

## Funeral Service

Saturday, Nov. **11**. 11:00 AM (ET)

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# Tribute Wall

TC

“ *Blondy and I attended undergrad together at Wayne State U and graduated together. I still think of her often. Godspeed on your next journey!*♥♥♥  
*Antoinette (Toni) Carter*

Toni Carter - March 14, 2023 at 10:59 PM



“ *Mrs. Blondy Jean Hester*

January 21, 2023 at 09:34 PM

MT

“ *My sympathy to the family. May you find comfort in Jesus words, "I am the resurrection and the life."-John 11:25*

M. Tuffy - November 10, 2017 at 11:11 AM

ML

“ *I am so very sorry for your loss. May the God of all comfort embrace you with peace and hope as we all look forward to the time when even death will be no more. Rev 21:4*

Ms Laverne - November 10, 2017 at 09:31 AM

AD

“ *Augustus and Constance "Connie" Davis purchased the Be My Love Bouquet with Red Roses for the family of Mrs. Blondy Jean Hester.*



Augustus and Constance "Connie" Davis - November 09, 2017 at 09:04 PM

LF

“ *Lavern R Hester and Family purchased the Divine Peace Bouquet for the family of Mrs. Blondy Jean Hester.*



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**Lavern R Hester and Family** - November 09, 2017 at 08:50 PM

BP

“ *Love you*



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**Brenna Parlor** - November 08, 2017 at 05:50 PM

TH

“ *As a member of the administrative team at Charles R. Drew Transition Center and a colleague of Ms. Traylor's your family has my deepest condolences*

*Thaddeus Hill  
Assistant Principal  
Charles R. Drew Transition Center  
Detroit Public Schools Community District*

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**Thaddeus Hill** - November 08, 2017 at 02:02 PM

LW

“ Roselyn & Family,

*Condolences to you and your family. My thoughts and prayers are with you. I pray for peace and strength as you go through this difficult time.*

*Lisa Washington & Family*

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**Lisa Washington** - November 08, 2017 at 09:21 AM

ML

“ *May you find comfort in knowing that Blondy Hester is safe in God's memory and that while you are feeling a deep loss at this time, know that soon that pain will be replaced with joy when she is resurrect to perfect health on a paradise earth where death will be no more.*

*M. Leonard*

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**M. Leonard** - November 08, 2017 at 08:42 AM