



## Mrs. Evelyn Elaine Gafford

June 13, 1948 - May 2, 2017

Celebrating The Life Of Evelyn Elaine Gafford:

Good morning loved ones, family and friends, today we are gathered here to celebrate my transition from labor to reward. So lets make this a memorable time because I am at peace and resting in the arms of the Lord. Allow me this opportunity to summarize my life for you as I have lived a wonderful life and shared so many experiences with all of you.

I, Evelyn Elaine Gafford, (respectfully known as Auntee) born in Farmerville, Louisiana to Thelma Lee Johnson and Lewis Gafford on June 13, 1948. I was the first sibling born of six, two of which Mary Annabeth Gafford and Cedrick Gafford, preceded me in death. My parents both preceded me in death as well.

At a very early age, my family and I relocated to Detroit, Michigan, where I accepted Christ at an early age and preceded to graduate from Pershing High School. After graduating, I attended Community College until I began my professional career at Blue Cross and Blue Shield of Michigan. I also formed a brief union with Skip Logan. From there I went to work at Detroit Edison where I retired with 25 years of service.

As everyone knows, I really loved the Lord. I found my church home right here at 12th Street Missionary Baptist Church. Here I've devoted my life to carrying

out God's will by serving on various auxiliary committees; such as, assistant director of the youth usher board, food ministry and facilitated the graduation reception, which I said every year since 1996, this was my last year when Tulane and the rest of the youth she grew up with graduated, however I continued to do it for many years because I loved the youth of the church.

On June 9, 1978, the Lord blessed me with a beautiful baby girl, Tulane Janet Gafford, that I had prayed for. I was so proud of her and would talk about her to everyone. She even inherited my ability to sing. In my earlier years, I was a part of a traveling gospel group by the name of, "Inspirational Sounds". I absolutely loved music. From this experience, I developed a passion for traveling and seeing new places. One of my favorite forms of traveling was cruises. I recently took my last cruise, along with my family, and it was one of my most cherished memories. Some other things I enjoyed were, collecting life-like dolls and being an active member of the Detroit Mid-City Lions Club. Many organizations were near and dear to my heart, two of those, St. Jude and Barbara Karmanos.

# Cemetery Details

## Woodlawn Cemetery

19975 Woodward Ave.  
Detroit, MI 48203

# Previous Events

## Visitation

Thursday, May **11**. 4:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

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

## Family Hour

Friday, May **12**. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

Twelfth Street Baptist Church  
1840 Midland  
Detroit, MI 48238

## Funeral Service

Friday, May **12**. 11:00 AM (ET)

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Detroit, MI 48238



# Tribute Wall



“ *Mrs. Evelyn Elaine Gafford*

January 21, 2023 at 09:34 PM



“ *My sincere condolences to you and your family she will always be loved and miss she was the best person I've ever known in met love Always M.k.S*

**Kierra Mitchell** - May 22, 2018 at 09:47 PM



“ *I'm So sorry for ur lost She was the best I loved her so much I'm so sorry Talane*

**Kierra Mitchell** - May 22, 2018 at 09:46 PM



“ *My sincere sympathy to Evelyn Gafford family. Cousin Gwen Johnson Hansberry and Family-EL Paso, Texas*

**gwen hansberry** - May 08, 2017 at 07:15 PM



“ *God Bless!*

*Harriet (DTE)*



**Harriet Manoogian** - May 08, 2017 at 04:02 PM

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“ *Tulane and Makeshia and the rest of the family, I send my deepest condolences to you all and continue to pray for your strength. You are the best daughters in the world and meant the world to her and I know she is looking down and smiling on you both. May god be with you through it all and forever....*



*April Dillapree, on behalf of Woodlawn Cemetery*

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**april** - May 06, 2017 at 01:47 PM

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“ *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. You have my deepest sympathy.*

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**Laverne** - May 04, 2017 at 02:28 PM