



Mrs. Minnie Leola Rowe

January 21, 1940 - September 2, 2022

In Loving Memory Of

Minnie Leola Rowe was born to Rev. Beauregard “BJ” Jackson and Ida Russ on January 21, 1940 in Woodville, MS but the state did not recognize it until February 21. She was the youngest of 15 siblings whom she loved very much, but have unfortunately all preceded her in death.

Minnie was baptized at Bleak House Baptist Church under the leadership of her father, Rev. B.J. Jackson and served as a faithful member for many years. She went on to attend Beech Grove Schools and after high school, Minnie earned her B.S in Elementary Education at Southern University. Minnie then went on to teach and enrich the lives of Mississippi’s children until she moved to Wisconsin in 1965.

In 1966, Minnie settled down in Detroit with her two daughters, (Sandra Faye and Sharon Bonita) and became a Postal Clerk for the United States Postal Service. She worked at the Detroit – Main, Strathmoor and the International Mail location until her retirement in December of 2000, leaving a stellar 34 year career of exemplary work.

In 1975, Minnie joined together in holy matrimony with Lewis Arthur Rowe. A union that would last for 46 years until the time of her departure. To this union her third daughter (Shannon Yvette) was born.

In 1975, Minnie joined New Prospect Missionary Baptist Church and was a devoted member for over 45 years. She regularly attended Bible Study, Sunday School and Vacation Bible School. You could also find her assisting

the Audio Ministry with producing and selling tapes. Most notably, she found her passion in ushering. She mainly served on Usher Board #2, but could be found assisting and mentoring the Youth and Young Adult Usher Boards as well. Minnie would even take time from her personal life to use her gift of sewing to make sashes for upcoming events for the different usher boards. Her favorite was the Kente Cloth sashes she made during Black History Month.

A few of Minnie's other hobbies included cooking, shopping and bowling. She was best known for her Lemon Pies, Homemade Ice Cream, German Chocolate Cake and Pineapple Pound Cake. When she wasn't at home in the kitchen or at church, Minnie could easily be found in her favorite store Parisians or in a consignment shop looking for white pants for the next postal tournament. She bowled in many postal leagues over the years, and traveled across the country for different bowling tournaments. She bowled in numerous Women International Bowling Congress(WIBC) National Tournaments, but was a faithful captain and participant in the Postal Federal Employees National Bowling Tournament that was held annually in May. She also was a long term member of the Motor City Bowlers Guild.

To relax, Minnie enjoyed gardening which included a beautiful assortment of houseplants and flowers in her front yard that impressed the neighbors. Minnie Leola Rowe departed from this life on September 2, 2022. She leaves to cherish her memory her loving husband, Lewis Rowe; three daughters, Sandra Rowe, Sharon Rowe and Shannon Rowe; two granddaughters, Jasmine Alexis Rowe and Janea Symone Lett; and her caregivers, Vera Johnson, Barbara James and Leslie Battles; as well as a host of nieces, nephews, family and friends.

Cemetery Details

Great Lakes National Cemetery

4200 Belford Rd.
Holly, MI 48442

Previous Events

Visitation

Sunday, Sep. **11**. 10:00 AM - 4:00 PM (ET)

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

Family Hour/Funeral

Monday, Sep. **12**. 10:00 AM - 10:30 AM (ET)

New Prospect Missionary Baptist Church
6330 Pembroke
Detroit, MI 48221

Tribute Wall



“ *Mrs. Minnie Leola Rowe*

January 21, 2023 at 09:34 PM



“ *Remembering your family and heartfelt prayer. May the God of all comfort help to ease the pain of your grief. Thinking of you all.*

Evans family - September 12, 2022 at 05:29 AM



“ *Strength & Solace Spray was purchased for the family of Mrs. Minnie Leola Rowe.*



September 10, 2022 at 11:03 AM



“ *Your friends at Dominican Literacy Ctr. purchased the Emerald Garden Basket for the family of Mrs. Minnie Leola Rowe.*



Your friends at Dominican Literacy Ctr. - September 08, 2022 at 04:30 PM



“ *Serenity Wreath was purchased for the family of Mrs. Minnie Leola Rowe.*



September 06, 2022 at 12:01 PM



“ *Sending sincere condolences to the Rowe family. Minnie was a very quiet and friendly lady. I enjoyed bowling with her over the years. May God grant peace and healing to her family.*

Georgianna Brent - September 06, 2022 at 10:54 AM