



Mrs. Thelma Giles

April 13, 1938 - August 25, 2016

The Life and Legacy of Thelma Giles:

Thelma Fountain Giles fondly known as, "Bay" was born April 13, 1938 in Gainesville, Alabama to William and Annie Beatrice Fountain. Thelma was the second of six siblings. During her teen and young adult years, the family migrated to Meridian, Mississippi where she met and married Leonard Giles in 1953. Upon her husband's passing, she relocated to Detroit, Michigan where she worked and raised her family.

Thelma confessed to Christ and was baptized at Miller Hill Baptist Church (Alabama) at an early age. She continued her spiritual journey under Reverend Lawrence London at New Jerusalem Baptist Church, Detroit, Michigan where she served on the Benevolence Committee until her failing health.

Thelma loved watching tennis and golf. She loved family gatherings especially spending time with her children, grandchildren and great-grand children. She was the perfect mother-in-law (no joke). She also loved reading, sewing and cooking. Her specialties in cooking were sweet potato pies and peach cobbler and she'd spend countless hours making pies for each of her eleven children for Thanksgiving and Christmas. She cherished the connection she had with all of her children. And as part of her motherly love and affection, she would call each of her children every Saturday morning to chat and to keep everyone

up to date on family matters. It was truly amazing how she always remembered everybody's telephone number!

Thelma was a dedicated employee of MNP Corporation, where she retired in 2005. She was a role model for having strong work ethics, which she instilled in all of her children.

Thelma weathered many storms throughout her life which included battling and surviving cancer in 1995. She was always optimistic and never complained about her illnesses or physical challenges. Thelma will always be remembered for her never-ending and magnificent smile and her contagious laughter. Her kind and gentle spirit has left an unforgettable mark in the hearts of many and she will never ever be forgotten.

Thelma departed this life on Thursday, August 25, 2016.

Cemetery Details

Detroit Memorial Park West

25200 Plymouth Road
Redford Twp., MI 48239

Previous Events

Family Hour

Saturday, Sep. **3.** 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

Oakland Church of Christ
23333 W. 10 Mile Road
Southfield, MI 48033

Funeral Ceremony

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Tribute Wall



“ *Mrs. Thelma Giles*

January 21, 2023 at 09:34 PM



“ *Kathi Hanzel, Jim Grier, Jeff Lentz, Dave Egan purchased the Medium Dish Garden for the family of Mrs. Thelma Giles.*



Kathi Hanzel, Jim Grier, Jeff Lentz, Dave Egan - September 02, 2016 at 10:22 AM



“ *My sympathy to the family. When someone we love dies the pain and grief can seem unbearable. May you find comfort in Jesus words, "I am the resurrection and the life."-John 11:25*

Ms. Dee - September 01, 2016 at 05:47 AM



“ *Minister Arthur Cooper; I'm deeply sorry for your lost. Very truly i tell you, You will weep and mourn while the world rejoices, You will grieve, but your grief will turn to Joy. John 16:20! Maybe The Lord sustain this family and bring closer. In Jesus name amen*

Arthur Cooper - August 31, 2016 at 04:40 PM



“ *Brenda, my condolences to you & your family.
Yvette Grimmatt .. AT&T*

Yvette Grimmatt - August 31, 2016 at 10:40 AM

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“ *My condolences to you and your family...
Wishing you all peace and comfort in your
time of need.*



Shenesia - August 31, 2016 at 08:39 AM

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“ *I am so very sorry for your loss. May the God of all comfort embrace
you with peace and hope now and in the days to come. Rev 21:4*

Ms Laverne - August 30, 2016 at 04:19 PM