



Ms. Viola Mae Bonds

February 18, 1951 - June 10, 2025

Viola Mae Dennis was born on February 18, 1951, in Detroit, Michigan, to Eva Mae Dennis and Baltimore Babcock. She was a beloved daughter whose life journey began with the love and guidance of her parents.

Viola accepted Christ at an early age, beginning a lifelong journey of faith. Later in life, she reaffirmed her commitment by being baptized at Gilead Church, a moment that held deep spiritual meaning for her.

Viola was educated in the Detroit Public School system and attended Pershing High School, where she blossomed into a thoughtful and determined young woman. She was a proud member of the National Honor Society and graduated in 1969. Her hard work and academic excellence earned her a scholarship to Wayne State University, where she pursued studies in Business Administration.

Viola dedicated over three decades of her career to public service. She began at Michigan Bell, where she worked as a clerk, and later joined the City of Detroit as a principal clerk faithfully serving until her retirement in December 2006.

Viola was united in holy matrimony to Cleveland Bonds, and together they shared 11 years of marriage. From this union, they were blessed with two

children.

Viola found joy in life's simple pleasures-shopping, collecting purses and books, and tending to her beloved plants. What brought her the greatest happiness, though, was sharing heartfelt conversations with her best friend and family, and watching her grandsons play basketball on television.

On June 10, 2025, Viola peacefully departed this life. She was preceded in death by her parents and her former husband.

Viola leaves behind a legacy of love and cherished memories in the hearts of her children, Selina Johnson (Raphael) and Cleveland Bonds, Jr.; her siblings Alex, David, Dorothy, Isaac (Joanne), and Maggie; her beloved grandchildren Mariah, Ciera, Amauri, Jaden, and Cassia; one great-granddaughter and a host of devoted nieces, nephews, aunts, uncles, cousins, and dear friends.

Viola will be dearly missed and forever in our hearts.

Cemetery Details

Trinity Cemetery

5210 Mt. Elliott
Detroit, MI 48211

Previous Events

Visitation

Sunday, Jun. **22**. 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, Jun. **23**. 12:00 PM - 12:30 PM (ET)

O. H. Pye, III Funeral Home
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Funeral Service

Monday, Jun. **23**. 12:30 PM (ET)

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Tribute Wall



“ *Sweet Solace Spray was purchased for the family of Ms. Viola Mae Bonds.*



June 20, 2025 at 10:04 AM



“ *Piston's MP&L Team purchased the Medium Dish Garden for the family of Ms. Viola Mae Bonds.*



Piston's MP&L Team - June 20, 2025 at 09:42 AM



“ *Piston's MP&L Team planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Ms. Viola Mae Bonds.*

Piston's MP&L Team - June 20, 2025 at 09:42 AM

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“ To: Selena and family, I know firsthand what it feels like to lose a parent. It's a quiet, unnatural experience. However, one thing remains true: God is our divine protector, and He will not prolong the suffering of His children. I genuinely believe that your mother is in a beautiful, better place now. I would like to express my condolences: My thoughts are with you and your family. I pray for peace for you and your family during this difficult time. ~~Karen Gibson, Piston Automotive~~

Karen Gibson - June 18, 2025 at 10:37 AM

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“ Jeffrey Davis lit a candle in memory of Viola Bonds



Jeffrey Davis - June 14, 2025 at 11:24 AM