

RESOLUTION

Mother Gladys J. Witherspoon



God's Woman of Love & Faith ~ All Hail "The Queen"

Sunrise: Thursday, April 5, 1928 thru Monday, June 17, 2024: Sunset

The Honorable Coleman A. Young II

Celebrates and Honors the Legendary Life of Love and Service of This Extraordinary Faithful Woman

- WHEREAS: Gladys Hinton was born on Thursday, April 5, 1928, to the parents of Australia Hinton and Mary E. Hinton in Tuscaloosa, Alabama, three days before Easter; and
WHEREAS: Gladys Hinton embraced her faith at a young age and became a member of Bethel Baptist Church, led by the late Rev. O.S. Harvey. Her grandmother played a pivotal role as one of the church's founding members. One of Gladys's proudest moments was witnessing the baptism of all 8 of her children. She received her education in the Alabama Public School system, where dedicated teachers not only educated her but also provided nurturing support; and
WHEREAS: Gladys Hinton and Calvin Witherspoon entered into matrimony on the 18th of May, 1945 and their union brought forth eight children and endured for 69 years as a testament to their enduring love and commitment; and
WHEREAS: Gladys Witherspoon's love extended far beyond her immediate family. Anyone who encountered her felt embraced as part of her own inner circle. Her infectious smile and unwavering positivity left a lasting impact. She warmly welcomed everyone into her home, saying, "Come on in, have a seat... Let me get you something to drink and eat."; and
WHEREAS: Gladys Witherspoon, Calvin Sr., and their children made the decision to relocate to Detroit, Michigan, in 1969. Upon their arrival, Calvin Sr. and the elder children successfully secured employment opportunities. Subsequently, Calvin Sr. was able to retire, expressing great pride in his cherished and steadfast wife; and
WHEREAS: Gladys Witherspoon became a member of Dexter Avenue Baptist Church in 1970. She diligently sought out Pastor William R. Haney, an esteemed clergyman known for delivering several impactful revivals at her residence in Tuscaloosa, AL; and
WHEREAS: Gladys Witherspoon held memberships in various ministries at Dexter Avenue, including the Missionary Society Circle #6, District #5, and the Mother's Board. Her commitment to missionary work transcended the church premises, as evidenced by her longstanding presidency of the 3200 Virginia Park Block Club, spanning over two decades; and
WHEREAS: Mother Gladys J. Witherspoon, made her transition, on Monday, June 17, 2024 awaiting their angel's arrival were her husband, two daughters, two sons, and her grandson. She leaves to cherish and celebrate her memory; Jerrie, Lauren (Robert), Mary (Deacon Eddie Sr), and one son Dewayne; grandchildren: Darian (Iola), Anthony, Robert Jr, Terence, Michael, Derrius, Pastor Eddie Jr (Carly), Daneka, Jennifer & Alan Jr; 7 Great-grandchildren, 3 Great great-grandchildren (5 generations); Three sisters: Lillie Hinton, Jean Lard and Ruby Hinton and cousin Arlue White. Extended Family LaVerne Kelley and Alexis Danielle (Faithful Caregivers), Tina and Lakaia (Optimal Home Care); and Her Beloved Dexter Avenue Baptist Church Family. Now Therefore Be It

RESOLVED: The Honorable Coleman A. Young II, Council Member At-Large #1 & All the Honorable Members of The Esteemed Detroit City Council Celebrate the Life and Legacy of Mother Gladys Witherspoon, a Woman of God's Love and Service for a Lifetime. May the Name and Memory of Mother Gladys J. Witherspoon live on forever! All Hail The Queen!



Signatures of Council Members including Mary Shell and Coleman A. Young II

Saturday, June 29, 2024

Presented to the Devoted & Loving Family of Mother Gladys J. Witherspoon ~ All Hail "The Queen"