



# Josephine Thornton

DEC 31, 1940 - APR 13, 2021



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Josephine Thornton was born December 31, 1940 to Lucille Mays and Reginald Thornton in Port Gibson, Claiborne County, Mississippi. Josephine moved with her family to Jackson, Michigan in 1944. Educated in the Jackson Public School System she attended Allen Elementary, East Intermediate and Jackson High School. As a youth she attended Second Baptist Church. She became a mother to three loving children, Raycele, Robert and Robyn.

Josephine later became employed with W. A. Foote Memorial Hospital (now known as Henry Ford Allegiance Health), and began an illustrious career lasting 42 years in the dietary department. In the mid 70's while employed at the hospital, a co-worker encouraged her to attend Second Baptist. She later reunited with the church, rededicated her life to Christ and faithfully served until health no longer permitted. At Second Baptist, under the late Pastor A. P. Williams and later under Pastor Darius Williams, she dutifully served on the Sr. Usher Board, Deaconess Board, Missionary Society, Sunday School & BTU (where she loved teaching her students, helping them get to know the Lord), Supervisor of Junior Ushers, Kitchen Committee, and Pastor's Aide Club. She served the Jackson Community through Church Women United, AARP, Quest Lions Club. She also enjoyed being a part of the Chain Lake Missionary Baptist District Association.

On Tuesday, April 13, 2021, Sister Thornton heard the Master's voice and entered into eternal rest. She was preceded in by her parents and brother; James Thornton. She leaves to cherish her memory, her three children; Raycele Thornton, Robert Pointer and Robyn Thornton, nine grandchildren; Takeia, Tauraen, Joseph, Ashlee, Andre, Jaronn, Aaronn, Ahziye and Jaylen, ten great-grandchildren; Symphony, Yamoni, Yazonn, Yanyla, Kaiden, Angelo, Cadence, Jazarri, Carson, and Lyric, aunt; Ollie Lou Kauthar, brothers; Tony Mays, Norman Mays and Thomas Mays and a host of other relatives, bonus children and friends.



# Events

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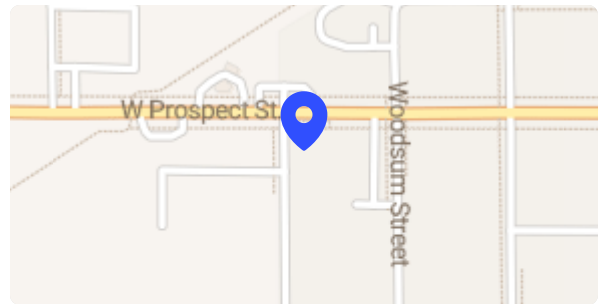
## Visitation

**Wednesday**, April 21, 2021

2:00 PM - 8:00 PM ET

**The House of Johnson Funeral Home- Jackson Chapel**

235 West Prospect Street, Jackson MI 49203



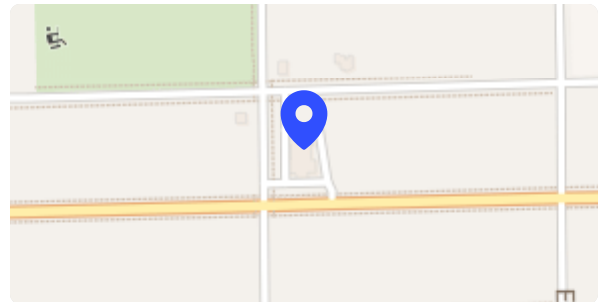
## Family Hour

**Thursday**, April 22, 2021

11:00 AM - 12:00 PM ET

**Second Missionary Baptist Church**

304 E. Prospect Street, Jackson MI 49203



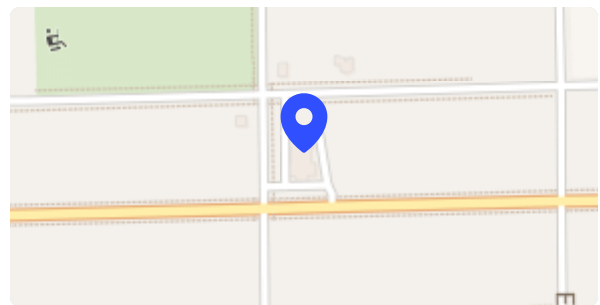
## Funeral Service

**Thursday**, April 22, 2021

12:00 PM ET

**Second Missionary Baptist Church**

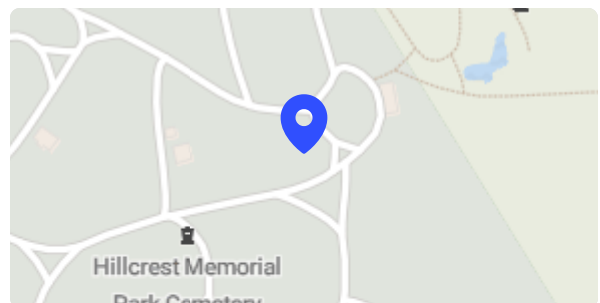
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## Cemetery Details

**Hillcrest Memorial Cemetery**

1425 N. Elm Ave., Jackson MI 49202





# Tribute Wall

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**The House Of Johnson Funeral Home** shared a **Webcast Video**.



April 22 at 6:35 AM



**The House Of Johnson Funeral Home** shared an album called **Obituary**.



November 2 at 11:38 AM



**Tony Al Lyons** posted:

Lovely person so supportive her Church and Community. May you rest in peace.

April 23 at 12:03 PM



**Michelle Stark** April 24 at 2:06 AM

RIP jo



**Gladys L. Reid** posted:

To The Family and Friends of Ms. Josephine Thornton, sending sincere sympathy to all who knew and loved her. I met Ms. Jo in April 2009, a new employee at Foote Hospital working in the dietary department. She was such a very kind and soft spoken lady. I found much pleasure in our conversations which included an invitation to visit Second Baptist Church. She was loved in the dietary department and was an excellent cook. We were sad when she retired and sadness has come again as the news of her passing spread through out the department. She loved the Lord and now she is resting comfortably in His arms. The pain of losing someone special seems to never cease, but with the help of GOD and praying everyday it will get better. I'm speaking from experience, it won't go away but you'll be able think of those precious memories and a smile will make you feel better. As long as you have memories she will forever be with you all. GOD's blessings to each of you. Gladys Reid, Albion

April 21 at 5:14 PM



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**Lawanna Brown** lit a candle in honor of Josephine.

To the Family of Jo Thornton, Sending my sincere thoughts, condolences and prayers. The Lord had given another Angel her wings. May the Lord bless you is peace, strength and love, during this time of bereavement. 🙏😭🙏

April 21 at 10:08 AM



**Anonymous** sent a Divine Peace Bouquet to the Thornton family.

April 20 at 8:10 PM



**Love, Sis. Teresa Gibson And Family.** lit a candle in honor of Josephine.

To the Family of Sister Thornton, I light this candle in her Precious Memory. May her sweet spirit now Rest in Glory with her Savior. She fought a long time, kept her faith and can now receive her Crown. She has been set free from all the pain and troubles of this world. Grief has entered in, and the tears have fallen, but know this one thing, Jesus will wipe away your tears, and you will find peace and joy in the morning. As you gather not to say good-bye, but to rejoice and celebrate a life well lived, because another soldier has made it in. Family hold to God's unchanging hand, for he will give you strength during this time. Praying for each of you. Blessing and Love always.

April 18 at 11:13 AM





# Media

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April 22 at 6:35 AM



**Evelyn Pointer Strickland** April 22 at 11:21 AM

Sleep on Jo I will see you one day in that great beyond, Your sister in Jesus Christ Evelyn Pointer Strickland



The House Of Johnson Funeral Home shared 2 photos to the Obituary album.

November 2 at 11:38 AM

**PALLBEARERS**  
Joseph Thornton, Jerome Thornton, Josephine Foster, Jeff Hunt, Andy Graybe, Jr., Jack Thornton

**HONORARY PALLBEARERS**  
Sharon Thornton, Donald McCallister, Thomas Wilson, David Oliver, Willie Charbonnet, Donald Landenberg, Richard Phing, Jerry Sims

**FLOWER BEARERS**  
Friends of the Family

**INTERMENT**  
Hickory Hill Memorial Park

**ACKNOWLEDGMENT**  
With sincere gratitude and appreciation the family of Josephine Thornton thanks you for your kind expressions of love, sympathy and support. Special thanks to Stephanie Wilson, Debbie Kelly, Wanda, Leslie, Sharon, Sharon, Sharon, and Deborah Wilson, Edna, Edna, Edna.

**ARRANGEMENTS ENTRUSTED TO**  
The Office of Minister James Williams  
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Josephine December 31, 1940 - Passed April 13, 2021

*Resting In Peace*

**Josephine Thornton**

Services: April 23, 2021  
Funeral Home: 10:00 AM - 12:00 PM  
Pastor: 12:00 PM

**Second Missionary Baptist Church**  
8014 Highway Street  
Jackson, Mississippi 39208

Pastor Darvin Williams, officiating

**Obituary**

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Josephine later became employed with St. J. From Memorial Hospital three hours as Henry Ford Diagnostic Health, and began an administrative career lasting 42 years in the dietary department. In the mid 70's while employed at the hospital, a co-worker encouraged her to attend Social Impact. She later received with the church, reallocated her \$80 to Christ and faithfully served until health no longer permitted. At Second Baptist, under the late Pastor H. P. Williams and later under Pastor Darvin Williams, she ably served on the St. Luke Board, Deacons Board, Missionary Society, Sunday School & BPTI where she loved teaching her students, helping them get to know the Lord, Supervisor of Junior Ladies, Church Committee, and Pastor's Aide Club. She served the Jackson Community through Church Women United, AARP, Quail Lane Club. She also enjoyed being a part of the Church Lake Missionary Baptist District Association.

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**I Am Always With You**  
When I am gone, please me, do not cry. I have so many things to see and do. You reached the promised land, you have many years, that be blessed we had so many good years. I gave you my love, and you, you only gave me much, you gave me no happiness. I thank you for the love that you have shown, but now it is time I should be alone. Be grateful for me while I am here, you will miss me in your grief be comforted by trust, that is only for a while that we must part, so treasure the moments while you have. I want to be with you for the rest of my life. And if you need me, call and I will come. Though you can't see or touch me, I will be near, and if you have with your heart, you'll have all my love around you and mine. And then, when you come this way alone, I'll greet you with a smile and a "Welcome Home"

**Order of Service**  
Family Home

**Music Prelude:** Larry Sumner, Jr.  
**Family Processional:** Clergy, Family & Friends

**Selection:** "Precious Lord" - Aronza Sumner

**Old Testament Scripture:** Psalm 23

**New Testament Scripture:** Matthew 5: 14-16, St. John 14: 1-6

**Prayer of Comfort:** Minister

**Acknowledgments, Cards, Telegrams:** Minister Kathy White

**Condolences and Obituary:** District Captain Curtis Chastain, Lions Club International

**Special Presentation:** District Captain Curtis Chastain, Lions Club International

**Selection:** "His Eye is on the Sparrow" - Aronza Sumner

**Remarks:** St. Brenda Parrie, Chairman, Ladies' Mission Department

**Selection:** Aronza Sumner

**Final Viewing:** "Amazing Grace" - Immediate Family Only

**Eulogy:** "All Others Please Remain Seated" - Pastor Darvin Williams

**Recessional:** Clergy, Family and Friends

**Organ Postlude:** Larry Sumner, Jr.

**Jo's Favorite Sayings**  
"We must always remember that in the day the Lord has made, We will rejoice and be glad in it" Psalm 118:24  
"Rejoice in life and in death because in II Corinthians 5:8 it says to be absent from the body is to be present with the Lord". Never ever forgotten.



# Memories only last if you share them

Join us in honoring Josephine by contributing to a collection of shared memories.



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