



# Nellie France Spence

MAR 6, 1930 - SEP 19, 2021



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The House Of Johnson  
Funeral Home

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In 1957, Nellie moved to Jackson, Michigan where she attended Second Missionary Baptist Church under Rev. Amos Polk Williams. She sang in the Senior Choir, was a member of the Usher Board and was in the Nurse's Guild.

Along with the Lord, Nellie also loved her late husband; Eulice Z. Spence to whom she was married to for 47 years. Nellie was a loving person who loved people and bowling. She was inducted into the bowling Hall of Fame. She always had a smile on her face and a piece of candy for everyone who needed it and a smile.

Nellie was preceded in passing by her parents and late husband. Nellie will be greatly missed by all her family and friends.

Offering thanks for Nellie's life are her sister; Willie A. Williams, adopted son; Terry Spence, godchild; Latesha Campbell, grandchildren, great grandchildren and a host of nephews, three special friends; (adopted sisters) Ethel Lou Moss, Margie Thomas, and Rether McCaskill, and her many special church and bowling friends; Terry Meeks, Elvis Joplin, Annie Mcgurie, Fay Ingram, John and Jim.

Thanks to all who played a special part in Mrs. Spence life.



# Events

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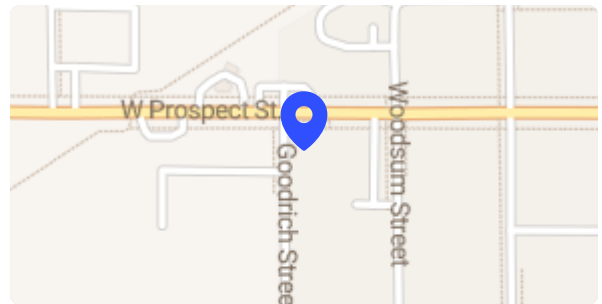
## Visitation

**Tuesday**, September 28, 2021

2:00 PM - 8:00 PM ET

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

235 West Prospect Street, Jackson MI 49203



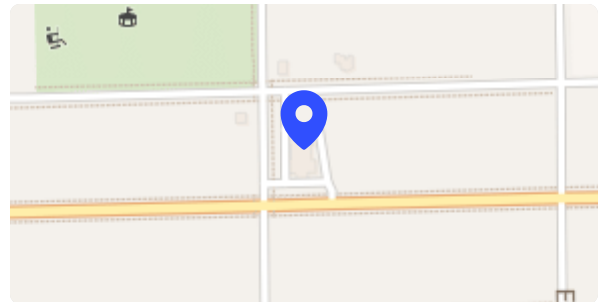
## Family Hour

**Wednesday**, September 29, 2021

10:00 AM - 11:00 AM ET

**Second Missionary Baptist Church**

304 E. Prospect Street, Jackson MI 49203



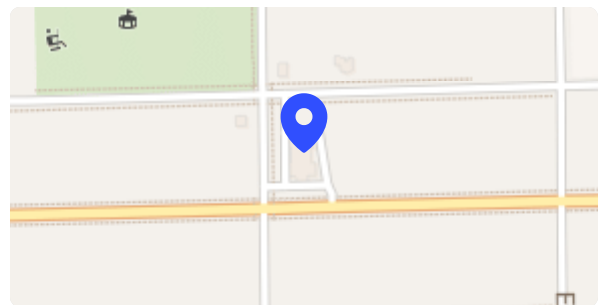
## Funeral Service

**Wednesday**, September 29, 2021

11:00 AM ET

**Second Missionary Baptist Church**

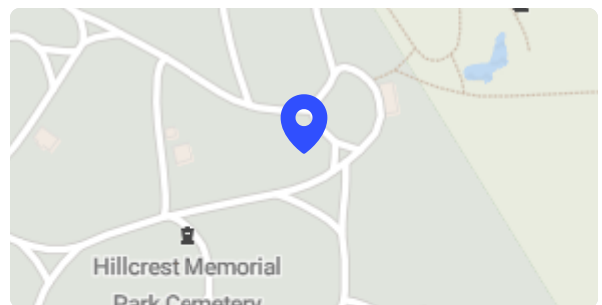
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## Cemetery Details

**Hillcrest Memorial Cemetery**

1425 N. Elm Ave., Jackson MI 49202





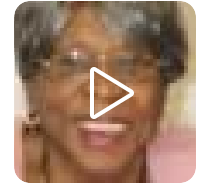
# Tribute Wall

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



September 29 at 4:58 AM



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



November 2 at 10:49 AM



**Phillip Selby** lit a candle in honor of Nellie.



October 5 at 8:41 PM



**Frances Chappell** lit a candle in honor of Nellie.



September 29 at 11:09 AM

**FC Frances Chappell** September 29 at 11:24 AM  
Bowled with Nellie for several years. She loved the Lord, she loved her church, she loved bowling. We enjoyed our visits when I was in town. RIH, Nellie. I will miss you.



**Mrs. Barbara Smith** lit a candle in honor of Nellie.

Sis. Spence, I will always remember you when we first joined Second Baptist how you made Rev. & I feel so welcome to be a part of the church family. I love you Sis. Spence but God loved you BEST. SIS. Barbara Smith



September 29 at 4:49 AM



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**Midge Jones** lit a candle in honor of Nellie.

Nellie, You were One of a Kind!! Always with a smile and something sweet to say! I Loved you like a Mother and my heart is so full of sickness and blessing for you!! God Bless Your Family!Love,Sam & Midge

September 28 at 3:16 PM



**Joan & Bobby Harvey** posted:

We just loved Nellie from church to bowling may u Rest In Peace Nellie Bobby an Joan Harvey

September 27 at 4:23 PM



**Queen D.** sent a Peaceful White Lilies Basket to the Spence family.

September 27 at 8:46 AM



**Geneva Harris Lakeland FI** sent a Medium Dish Garden to the Spence family.

September 26 at 9:01 PM



**Cynthia Kelley** lit a candle in honor of Nellie.

September 26 at 8:53 AM



**Anonymous** sent a Florist Choice Bouquet to the Spence family.

September 26 at 8:03 AM





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LB

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

September 25 at 3:19 PM



CB

**Carol Buckner** sent a Blue Caribbean Bouquet to the Spence family.

September 25 at 9:52 AM



CC

**Charlotte Conner** lit a candle in honor of Nellie.

September 24 at 6:38 AM



CO

**Castine Olivo** lit a candle in honor of Nellie.

September 24 at 6:36 AM



FB

**Family Of Augusta Baynes** lit a candle in honor of Nellie.

September 24 at 2:05 AM



BL

**Brenda Lowder** lit a candle in honor of Nellie.

September 23 at 7:10 AM





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**Brenda L.** sent a sympathy card to the Spence family.

September 23 at 7:09 AM



**Margaret Reynolds** posted:

With deep sorrow, I heard that our long-time family friend had passed way. You got your wings, fly high and rest easy dear Nellie.

September 22 at 6:33 AM



**Sonny Harren** September 28 at 7:57 AM

So sorry earing the news of Nellie. She was a great lady and servant of God. You will be missed. Prayers go out to your family. RIH



**Robert Muray** lit a candle in honor of Nellie.

September 21 at 1:16 PM



**Lezlie Bowles & Michael Gant** lit a candle in honor of Nellie.

September 21 at 7:00 AM



**Julius & Willye Pigott** lit a candle in honor of Nellie.

September 21 at 6:17 AM





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**Sis. Teresa Gibson** sent a virtual gift in honor of Nellie.

Praying for the Family of Sis. Nellie Spence. May her soul now Rest in Peace.

September 21 at 5:35 AM



**Lisa Williams** lit a candle in honor of Nellie.

September 21 at 2:08 AM





# Media

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**WEBCAST**

**SCAN TO WATCH**



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November 2 at 10:49 AM

**PALLBEARERS**  
Friends of the Family

**FLOWER BEARERS**  
Friends of the Family

**INTERMENT**  
Eternal Memorial Park Cemetery

**ACKNOWLEDGMENT**  
We would like to express our heartiest appreciation for your sympathy to our dear friend, Nellie France Spence. Her daughter and granddaughters, all of us, thank you. Special thanks to Dr. Rogers Williams.

**ARRANGEMENTS ENTRUSTED TO**  
The House of Johnson Funeral Home  
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\*Warning: Do Not Allow Anyone to Drive, Drive, and Do Not Drink and Drive\*

Sumner: March 6, 1930  
Sunset: September 19, 2021

*Celebrating The Life Of*

**Nellie France Spence**  
Wednesday, September 29, 2021  
Family Hours: 12:00-4:00 PM  
Funeral: 12:00-4:00 PM

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Rev. Darvin L. Williams, Sr., Officiating

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I am the resurrection and the life: he that believeth in me, though he were dead, yet shall he live: And whosoever liveth and believeth in me shall never die.  
John 11:25-26

*Visitors in the funeral procession please turn on your headlights for safety and stay one car length behind the car in front of you. Please do not allow large gaps between cars.*

**Order of Service**

**Minister:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Processional and Viewing:** \_\_\_\_\_ Clergy, Family & Friends

**Prayer:** \_\_\_\_\_ Rev. Dr. Clayton Smith

**Scripture:** \_\_\_\_\_ Psalm

**Selection:** "Old Testament and New Testament" \_\_\_\_\_ Sister Kathy White

**Acknowledgments, Cards, Telegrams**

**Condolences and Obituary:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Selection:** \_\_\_\_\_ Sister Kathy White

**Remarks:** \_\_\_\_\_ Family and Friends

**Funeral:** "Two Minutes Please" \_\_\_\_\_ Rev. Darvin L. Williams, Sr.

**Recessional:** \_\_\_\_\_ Clergy, Family and Friends

**Musical Postlude:** \_\_\_\_\_ Musicians

**Choices**

You can shut down that she is gone, if you can smile because she has lived.  
You can close your eyes and pray that she'll come back.  
Or you can open your eyes and see all she's left.  
Your heart can be empty because you can't see her.  
Or you can be full of the love you shared.  
You can turn your back on tomorrow and live yesterday.  
Or you can be happy for tomorrow because of yesterday.  
You can remember only that she is gone.  
Or you can cherish her memory and let it live on.  
You can cry and close your mind, be empty and turn your back.  
Or you can do what the world wants, smile, open your eyes, live and go on.



# Memories only last if you share them

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



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