



Nona Iona Blanton

December 12, 1923 - August 19, 2012

Nona I. Blanton, 88, of Benton Harbor died Sunday, August 19, 2012, at the Lakeland Regional Medical Center in St. Joseph.

A memorial service will be held on Friday, Sept. 28, at 1:30 PM at Riverview Cemetery, St. Joseph, MI. Arrangements are by the Dey-Florin Chapel of Florin Funeral Service in St. Joseph. Please leave messages, memoirs or photos at www.florin.net.

Nona was born on December 12, 1923 in Caruthersville, MO to Ross and Mattie Steele. She was preceded in death by two husbands, Alfred H. Frazier and Arlett Blanton. Nona was a healthcare aid with Child and Family Services until she retired in 1977. Nona was active in community affairs including being Chairwoman of the Benton Harbor Crime Prevention Committee, Captain of her local Neighborhood Watch Block Club, the AARP, and the NCBA. She was also active in school affairs with the PTAs, Brownies, Girl Scouts, and Cub Scouts. Nona was a loving and caring mother who always put her family first.

She is survived by her children, Alfred H. (Deborah) Frazier, Jr. of Alexandria, VA, Brenda Massengale-Barnes of Benton Harbor, Clinton E. Frazier of Benton Harbor, Donna (Charles) Joseph of Queen Creek, AZ and Evelyn E. Powell of Burtonsville, MD; her brothers, Henry Long and Fannie Steele; her sisters, Inez Chesir, Dorothy Ross, Angelyn (Luke) Atterberry, and Phyllis(Logan) Scaggs; her 9 grandchildren; her eight great grandchildren and four great-great-grandchildren.

Nona was also preceded in death by 4 brothers, Lonnie Steele, Walter Steele, Harris Steele, and Baby Roscoe Steele; and her 3 sisters, Wilma Gist, Ruby Shield, and Ernestine Certian.

Cemetery Details

Riverview Cemetery

2925 Niles Rd
Saint Joseph, MI 49085
rvcemetery@parrett.net
<http://www.sjcity.com/services/riverview.phtml>

Previous Events

Service

SEP **28**. 1:30 PM (ET)

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Tribute Wall

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“ 1 file added to the tribute wall



Tia Burt - September 30, 2012 at 07:59 AM

RC

“ Regina Chesir lit a candle in memory of Nona Iona Blanton



Regina Chesir - September 27, 2012 at 06:04 PM

RC

Auntie Nona will truly be missed. Her soft spoken voice was unique and was always engaged with a smile. Our conversations and visitations were never boring. She always had a spike in those moments as long as I can remember. I thank GOD for her gentleness, humor and wisdom.

To the Family, may the LORD continue to Bless you all and may PEACE be with you, having no boundaries.

Love, Regina

Please put my Mama in your prayers. She is really going to miss her older Sis. Thank you.

Regina Chesir - September 27, 2012 at 11:04 PM

DF

“ *My grandmother had the most beautiful handwriting.*

My grandmother was an excellent cook.

My grandmother could sew just about anything.

My grandmother could tell a story of times long past and not leave out a single detail.

My grandmother could argue about what is wrong with the republicans in one breath, and tell you how to cook an awesome peach cobbler with the next breath.

My grandmother single handedly kept the Post Office in business, sending cards and letters to family every few weeks (I don't know what they are going to do now...lol).

My grandmother loved flowers.

My grandmother gave great hugs.

My grandmother always let me know that she loved me.

My grandmother now flies free and happy beyond birthdays and across forever. And until we meet again, these are the memories I will keep in my heart. I love you grandmother.

Your granddaughter,

Delinda Frazier



Delinda Frazier - September 20, 2012 at 04:41 PM

TB

“ Aunt Nona,
Much like a grandparent you played a significant part in our lives. You have left us with many precious memories that will always provide us with a smile. Forever, we will all cherish the history of our family that you shared so eloquently and the numerous long telephone conversations that gave us strength and comfort in difficult times. You fed our hearts and our appetites, the potato soup was awesome! You are and will always be a blessing to each and every one of us. We love you Aunt Nona.



Let not your heart be troubled: ye believe in God, believe also in me. In my Father's house are many mansions: if it were not so, I would have told you. I go to prepare a place for you. And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again, and receive you unto myself; that where I am, there ye may be also. John 14:1-3

*Elaine Perry & Family
Veronica Johnson & Family
Walter Steele & Family
Russell Steele & Family*

Tia Burt - September 20, 2012 at 11:59 AM

JL

“ Nona, as she was so affectionately known by my family, was a graceful caregiver, housekeeper and cook. She helped my Mother, who had a heart condition, take care of me on many occasions. Nona was like family. Oftentimes when she would come over she would bring her daughter Donna, whom I’m sure I terrorized at every opportunity. Nona was a most loving and gentle soul. As I look back at my childhood 55 years ago, I see that her steady demeanor taught me a lot about how to live life. Her work ethic was another example of a worthy life lesson. She also provided me the foundation to understand that there should be no difference between black and white in America. That everyone should be treated equally and have equal opportunity. With this backdrop I was able to initiate Project Paint in Benton Harbor, worked on Chuck Joesph’s Mayoral campaign, and help launch the www.thehistorymakers.com effort which pays tribute to African Americans, both sung and unsung ,that made a significant contribution to American life. Nona was one of those unsung heroes who will live on in our memory. Nona loved our family and we all loved her. May God Bless her in heaven and her family here on earth. With Love, John Liskey & family

John Liskey - September 20, 2012 at 11:13 AM

KB

“ Aunt Nona, I will always remember you for your caring spirit and caring heart. The family will miss you, but will always remember you.
Karen Bankston

Karen Bankston - September 20, 2012 at 05:28 AM

EB

“ Mom

You will forever be in my heart and I will love you always. Miss you so much! Thanks for being a strong, and compassionate mother. Thanks for teaching me the survival skills necessary in life to push forward and conquer obstacles allowing me to attain the goals I set for myself. Thank you for teaching me how to pray and to keep God present in all that I do. Keep smiling and rest in peace!

In Loving Memory

Your daughter -Evelyn Eileen Blanton (Powell)

Evelyn Eileen Blanton - September 14, 2012 at 11:06 AM

FH

“ *To the Blanton family; I want to offer my condolences and I pray that you all have the support you need and want as a family. May Proverbs 17:17 be true in your case, it states: " A true companion is loving all the time and is a brother born for when there is distress." May the words of family and friends bring a soothing comfort to your soul as Proverbs 25:11 says: " As apples of gold in silver carvings is a word spoken at the right time." Most importantly as you have hope in God and his comforting powers you will always be built up.*

Freda Hancock - August 24, 2012 at 11:56 PM

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Thank you for special support. Ina Swift

ina swift - August 25, 2012 at 02:13 AM

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“ To the rest of my family, we need to keep grandma memory forever and hold each other up in this time of need, because one day we will get to see her again. Let's continue to love one another and stay prayerful. I thank my mom Brenda for taking care of granny when I could no longer be there and I love her for that, pray for her too, that she will have peace and rest.

ina linette swift - August 24, 2012 at 08:30 PM

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“ 5 files added to the album Grand Children



ina linette swift - August 24, 2012 at 08:21 PM

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“ Brenda (daughter) sent a virtual gift in memory of Nona Iona Blanton



brenda (daughter) - August 24, 2012 at 08:13 PM

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“ *Ina Linette Swift lit a candle in memory of Nona Iona Blanton*



ina linette swift - August 24, 2012 at 08:10 PM