



## Leonia Lyle

May 9, 2020 - September 7, 2020

Leonia Lyle was the fourth child born to the late Howard and Catherine Snorton on May 9, 1928 in Needmore, Tennessee. She was raised five siblings: Howard Jr., Willie, Roy, Mary, and Frances Snorton, all of whom preceded her in death, as well as her beloved husband Evans Lyle, son James (Clarinda) Snorton, and Uncle Pete (Eva) Lyle, Jr. She attended first through eighth grade in Needmore, Tennessee's Public-School System. She graduated from Burt High School in 1947.

On Monday, September 7, 2020 at 11:43 p.m., Leonia journeyed to her heavenly home as she was comforted by family and friends at Hospice of Northwest Ohio in Toledo, Ohio. Truly blessed, God welcomed Leonia to her eternal home at ninety-two years of age.

As a young child, Leonia joined Williams Chapel Church and was baptized by Reverend A. Long. Later, she joined Mount Pisgah under the leadership of Reverend L.D. Fort. While attending Mount Pisgah, she taught Sunday School. After she and her husband Evans Lyle moved to Toledo, Ohio, she joined Calvary Missionary Baptist Church, under the leadership of Pastor Floyd Smith, Jr. At Calvary, Mrs. Lyle, the eldest member of the church, dedicated many years as the Pastor's Aide, served on the Repast Committee and assisted with the youth of the church. She had a natural gift for working with young people. Leonia loved gospel music. Songs like "I Don't Feel No Ways Tired," and "I'm So Blessed" were two of her favorites. She was inspired by many biblical scriptures, such as Psalms 71 and 121. Her favorite poem was "God's Promise".

Before leaving Clarksville, Tennessee, Leonia worked as a domestic housekeeper. After moving to Toledo, Ohio, she worked as an inspector at Daehler-Jarvis, until she retired after 20 years of service.

Needless to say, it's no secret that Leonia was a "phenomenal woman, and a diva for sure who dressed to the nine!" She often times informed her family and friends that Lyle took good care of her! Always shopping, (which was her favorite past time), for the very best wardrobe. Everyone took notice when Mrs. Leonia walked in the room. She loved to

travel, and would think nothing of taking a long bus ride to visit family members. Leonia devoted much of her time to her loving husband, Evans. She enjoyed bowling and riding on his motorcycle. She was a proud mother! She simply adored her grandchildren: Jeffery, Timothy, Christopher, Derrick, Steven (Kendra) Snorton, Jackie and Tony Leavell. She leaves to her legacy twenty-seven great grandchildren and twenty-four great-great grandchildren. She also blessed one living sister in law, Berline White, and a Goddaughter Chinina (Bobby Jr.) Cooper, a host of family, cherished friends, and beloved church family.

# Cemetery

**Historic Woodlawn Cemetery**  
1502 West Central Avenue  
Toledo, OH,

# Events

- SEP 12

Visitation

01:00PM - 03:00PM

Calvary Baptist Church

702 Collingwood Blvd, Toledo, OH, US, 43604-8477
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Service

03:00PM

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# Comments

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“ Leonia was always a joy to be around, her presence will be sorely missed.

**Ann M hall** - September 14, 2020 at 10:40 PM