



## Mother Mae Gant

April 12, 2012

Mother Willie Mae Gant peacefully passed into the arms of her Lord on Thursday evening, April 12, 2012, surrounded by her loving family, at Hospice of Northwest Ohio. Willie Mae, the younger of two daughters was born to Harry and Hattie (Hare) Cogdell on January 11, 1925, in Wynne Arkansas. She married Jodie Gant in 1954 and upon his death in 1955 she relocated to Earle, Arkansas. Then in 1958 she moved to Toledo, Ohio to provide a better life for her and her children. There she married Henry Burton, Sr. who also preceded her in death. She was a faithful member of the True Vine Missionary Baptist Church for more than 40 years. She later became a faithful member of the Eastern Star Missionary Baptist Church where she served on the Mother's Board until her death. For more than 30 years Willie Mae was a domestic worker in the Toledo area, where she received the respect and love of all the families she was employed by. She was known for her cooking, gardening and love of hats. As the matriarch of the family her passion was to spend time with her children, grandchildren, and great-grandchildren along with her Eastern Star Missionary Baptist Church family. In addition to her husbands, she was preceded in death by her parents, and sister, Essie. She is survived by her three sons, James Cogdell, Leroy Murphy and Roosevelt (Gail) Gant; one daughter, Helen Murphy; one stepson, Henry Burton, Jr; ten grandchildren, Karen, James, Kim, Tracey, Kimakus, Jamie, Andre, Takeisha, Naja, and Derek; eight great-grandchildren, Kevin, Kenneth, Jasmine, Maya, Brittany, Kaden, Kendall and Laila; along with a host of nieces, nephews, other relative

and friends. Her life has had an amazing impact on all who knew her. She lived her faith with her actions. She loved her Lord and loved her family. She lived with integrity, had a generous heart, and finished this life well. She will be greatly missed and always remembered. The family would like to thank the doctors and staff at Mercy St. Vincent Hospital, Communicare At Waterford Commons and Hospice of Northwest Ohio for the care provided to our mother. Willie Mae's family invites you to celebrate her life with them. Visitation will be Friday, April 20, 2012, 4:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. at Eastern Star Missionary Baptist Church, Funeral Services will be Saturday, April 21, 2012, 12:30 p.m., preceded by a Family Hour at 11:30 a.m. at the Eastern Star Missionary Baptist Church 2102 Mulberry Street, Toledo, Ohio. She will be laid to rest at Ottawa Hills Memorial Park, 4210 W. Central Avenue, Toledo, Ohio. The Reverend John W. Williams, Pastor and Officiate. [www.dalefh.com](http://www.dalefh.com)

# Tribute Wall

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“ To the Family of Willie Mae Gant:Please accept my heartfelt condolences on the passing of your mother and grandmother.May God be with you all during this time of great sorrow.

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**Tom Crothers** - April 21, 2012 at 08:02 AM

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“ Roosevelt, My condolences on the lost of your mother. Having experinedced the lost of my mother, I can truly realize the void that becomes present in your heart. Through God and with the strength of your family, you will continue to prevail.May God bless and continue to keep you well!

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**Calvin W Brown** - April 20, 2012 at 08:23 AM