



## Elwanda Hendricks

September 5, 1937 - May 8, 2005

Elwanda Hendricks, age 67, of Bloomingdale passed away Sunday, May 8, 2005 at her home. Mrs. Hendricks was born Sept. 5, 1937 in Manila, Arkansas. She resided here the majority of her life where she worked for the Bloomingdale Public Schools and was a member of the Calvary Missionary Baptist Church, South Haven. Elwanda loved her family and friends. Surviving are four children, Deborah (Jim) Watkins of Grand Rapids; Leonard (Jane) Smedley of Grand Rapids; Steve (Shelley) Smedley of Bloomingdale; Paula (Richard) Sellon of Gobles; six grandchildren, Chris, John, Josh, Nikki, Kari and Kodi; three great grandchildren, Logan, James and Rachel; six sisters, Mildred Brock of South Carolina; Velma Blair of Grand Junction; Betty Ellis of Bloomingdale; Joyce Covey of South Haven; Barbara Ellis of South Haven, Lula Montgomery of South Haven; two brothers, Earnest Phillips of South Haven; Larry Phillips of Lacota, MI. She was preceded in death by her parents, Earnest and Luecety Phillips; her former husband, Jimmy Smedley; a daughter-in-law, Shelley Smedley; a son-in-law, Jim Watkins. The family will meet friends Wednesday 2-4 & 6-8 P.M. at the Bloomingdale Chapel, D. L. Miller Funeral Home where funeral services will be held Thursday, 11:00 A. M. Pastor Michael Schmid officiating. Interment Tucker Cemetery, Bloomingdale Township. The family suggests fmemorials to either Relay for Life or South Haven Area Hospice.

# Previous Events

## Visitation

MAY 11. 2:00 PM - 4:00 PM (ET)

Bloomingtondale Chapel  
203 East Spring Street  
Bloomingtondale, MI

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MAY 11. 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

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## Service

MAY 12. 11:00 AM (ET)

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# Tribute Wall



“ I am so sorry for the loss of such a wonderful woman. Her heart was so full of love and life, even with all she'd been through. She always had a smile on her face and a hug for anyone who needed it, no matter what she was going through.

I met Elwanda through her grandchildren Kari and Kodi who I was blessed to have come into my life. They became like my own throughout the years. Time goes by and we lose touch, but never a day goes by that I haven't thought about them. I still get to see Kodi everyday at school, and he's kept me informed about how things were going.

Please know how sorry I am for the sorrow that you feel right now. Words are such little comfort I know, but you must hang on to the fact that she's not hurting anymore and is finally at peace. It's not the same, I Know! I lost my mother recently, so I know what little solice words bring. Please know my thoughts and my prayers are with you.

God Bless.##imported-begin##Joy Garrison##imported-end##

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“ We are so sorry to hear of your loss.  
No more pain or sorrow. Your mom is with Jesus. Hold onto the memories.

We are praying and thinking of you.

Love, Brenda and Jenea##imported-begin##Brenda  
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