



## Myrtle Lois Pender

May 31, 1924 - September 29, 2021

Myrtle Lois Pender made her transition on September 29, 2021. Please encourage the Pender family with words of love and condolence on our Tribute page.

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Myrtle Lois Pender of Farmington Hills, age 97; made her transition on September 29, 2021. Born in Beloit, Alabama, one of 15 siblings all of whom preceded her in death. Though she cherished life on the large Gilford farm, she and late husband William Ralph Pender joined the Great Migration to Detroit in 1945 where they raised their two children, Mildred Carolyn Matlock and William "Billy" Ralph, II. Myrtle briefly pursued a nursing degree, but following years as an active homemaker dedicated to raising her children and serving her church (Vernon Chapel-Detroit AME), she became a teacher's aide, devoted to enriching the lives of severely developmentally disabled children before retiring in 1984. During retirement Myrtle enrolled in calligraphy classes, soon using her talents to the delight of family and friends who saved her greeting cards with beautifully scripted personal notes for years. Just as cherished but quickly devoured were the dozens of elaborate Christmas cookies for which she was renowned among family and friends across the country. Myrtle also was a basketball enthusiast remaining a steadfast Detroit Pistons fan whether they were champions or "re-building." Myrtle was the matriarch for numerous nieces and nephews and the spiritual

mother and “grandma” to many others who mourn with her family. See the Kemp Funeral Home website for final arrangements and to leave condolence messages. In lieu of flowers the family suggests tribute donations to the Alzheimer’s Association.

# Cemetery Details

## Elmwood Cemetery

1200 Elmwood Street  
Detroit, MI 48207

# Previous Events

## Strolling Visitation

OCT **10**. 2:00 PM - 5:00 PM (ET)

Kemp Funeral Home & Cremation Services  
24585 Evergreen Rd  
Southfield, MI 48075  
(248) 702-5367  
info@kempfh.com  
<https://www.kempfuneralhome.com>

## Family/Friends Time

OCT **11**. 10:30 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

Vernon Chapel AME Church  
18500 Norwood Street  
Detroit, MI 48234

## Funeral Service

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# Tribute Wall



“ *Myrtle Lois Pender*

September 27, 2022 at 08:40 PM



“ *Myrtle Lois Pender*

September 27, 2022 at 06:52 PM



“ *2 files added to the album Memories Album*



**Marsha Fincher** - October 10, 2021 at 11:24 PM



*From your Niece Marsha. Thank you for inspiring me to teach and care for little children as my gift and calling*

**Marsha Fincher** - October 10, 2021 at 11:27 PM



“ *Guiding Light Bouquet was purchased for the family of Myrtle Lois Pender.*



October 10, 2021 at 11:38 AM

CW

“ Catherine Woodard lit a candle in memory of Myrtle Lois Pender



Catherine Woodard - October 08, 2021 at 03:32 PM



“ Betty Evans lit a candle in memory of Myrtle Lois Pender



Betty Evans - October 08, 2021 at 12:50 PM

TF

“ The Betty Family purchased the Lovely One Spat hiphyllum Plant for the family of Myrtle Lois Pender.



The Betty Family - October 08, 2021 at 12:18 PM



“ Fiery Lily and Rose was purchased for the family of Myrtle Lois Pender.



October 07, 2021 at 06:46 PM

LF

“ Love from Jeanette & Rand Shead & Family purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Myrtle Lois Pender.



Love from Jeanette & Rand Shead & Family - October 07, 2021 at 11:15 AM



“ Healing & Hope Sympathy Basket was purchased for the family of Myrtle Lois Pender.



October 06, 2021 at 04:12 PM

CS

“ The Wayne State University Alumni Association expresses sincere condolences to family and friends as you cherish and celebrate the life of Myrtle Pender. May she rest in eternal peace.

C Scheidel - October 06, 2021 at 10:06 AM

SG

“ MY FONDEST MEMORY OF MY AUNT MYRTLE WAS THAT HEART WAS FILLED WITH LOVE!! SHE CHERISHED HER FAMILY AND WE FELT THE SAME ABOUT HER. SLEEP IN PEACE MARTIACH MYRTLE LOIS PENDER!! YOU WILL BE MISSED!!



SHEILA GILFORD - October 05, 2021 at 08:20 PM