



## Ollie Mae Gadson

February 8, 1925 - December 13, 2018

On Sunday, February 8, 1925, Benjamin Fraklin and Diana Figgs Hires welcomed their fifth child, Ollie Mae, into the world.

Ollie was raised on a farm in Live Oak, Florida where her parents and siblings worked as sharecroppers. She was the second oldest of three daughters, who all worked alongside their three older brothers picking and stringing tobacco; growing a variety of crops, including cotton, watermelons and corn; milking cows; and tilling the land.

She attended Suwannee County Public Schools in Live Oak and graduated at the end of the twelfth grade from Douglass High School.

After graduating, Ollie moved to Baltimore, Maryland joining her sister Verna Mae. The sisters shared an unbreakable bond until Verna's death in 2017. Raised in a God-fearing home, Ollie continued to attend church services with her aunt when she arrived in Baltimore as young adult.

Ollie met Thomas Gadson in Baltimore, Maryland and they were married in 1953. From this union, seven children were born: Patricia, Yvonne (aka Linda), Thomas, Jr., Curtis Lee, Laverne, Marvin, and David. Ollie worked for many years as a domestic employee and was also employed by the Graymount Company, for which she sold various items of apparel from her

home.

As a young couple, Thomas and Ollie lived in Baltimore, Maryland, and eventually settled in the Cherry Hill and Fairfield area. Shortly after her husband's death, Ollie relocated to the Landsdowne community where she lived until her passing.

A good friend, Sister Clara Mack, introduced Ollie and her sister, Verna to the Apostolic faith. The first church Sister Gadson attended was a storefront church on Carey Street pastored by Elder Spruill where she was baptized in Jesus' name and received the Holy Ghost, evidenced by speaking in other tongues as the Spirit gave utterance.

In 1985, both sisters joined the United Church of Jesus Christ Apostolic at its Park Avenue location and retained membership at its present location on Gorsuch Avenue. Mother Gadson was loved for her warm and positive personality. She was also admired for her faith. In one instance, during a Tuesday night prayer service, while experiencing severe pain in her legs, she appropriated the faith required for her healing and was able to walk around the church several times as the Lord completely delivered her.

At United, with a positive attitude and godly zeal, our precious Mother Gadson served as a willing worker, an altar worker, and a member of the Prayer Band, Senior Usher Board, and Sick & Contact Committee.

She leaves the following loved ones to cherish her life and celebrate her memory: her children, Patricia Polk (Willie), Thomas Jr., Curtis Lee, Laverne and Marvin Gadson; seven grandchildren, Neaveah, Olivia, Roman and Micah. She was the matriarch of four generations. Mother Gadson also leaves a host of nieces, nephews, spiritual sons and daughters, friends, and her church family.

Mother Gadson was preceded in death by her husband, Thomas Gadson, Sr.; her daughter, Yvonne and her son, David; her brothers: Benjamin Franklin Hires, II, David Hires and Roosevelt Hires and her two sisters, Oneida Mae Hires Baker and Verna Mae Hires Beane. She was the sole surviving child of Benjamin Franklin and Diana Hires.

# Cemetery Details

## Cedar Hill

5829 Ritchie Highway  
Brooklyn, MD 21230

# Previous Events

## viewing

DEC **20**. 8:30 AM - 8:00 PM (ET)

March Funeral Homes - West Baltimore  
4300 Wabash Avenue  
Baltimore, MD 21215  
(410) 542-2400  
info@marchfh.com

## Family Hour

DEC **20**. 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM.

United Church of Jesus  
934 Gorsuch Ave  
Baltimore, MD

## Wake

DEC **21**. 10:00 AM - 10:30 AM.

United Church of Jesus  
934 Gorsuch Ave  
Baltimore, MD

## Service

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# Tribute Wall



“ *Ollie Mae Gadson*

October 13, 2022 at 08:33 AM



“ *She was a sweet lady that I had become quite fond of. She always had some interesting conversations. She was a woman of GOD. I send my condolences to the family. I wasn't aware she had passed away until the other day.*

**Karen Brunson** - December 20, 2020 at 10:59 PM



“ *R.I.P grandma miss you*

**Lakeya gadson** - December 17, 2018 at 10:55 PM



“ *I also Remember Mrs. Ollie Mae, and I hope that She rest in peace and My Prayers are going out to the Family. Fairfield has Lost yet another Fairfield family member. Rest easy Mrs. Ollie Mae.*

*Jacquetta Johnson- Williams*

**jacquetta williams** - December 17, 2018 at 06:22 AM

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“ I remember as a child I was always trying to get out of going to church by not buying stockings. Well my mom would call Ms. Ollie and she somehow always had the right size and shade of stockings. Ms. Ollie was one of the sweetest ladies I have ever known. She was one of Fairfield’s best parents. I extend sincere sympathy to the family on her passing. Love, Theresa Walters-Forrest

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**Theresa Forrest** - December 16, 2018 at 06:06 PM



“ We the March Family and Staff wish to extend our deepest and heartfelt sympathy in the passing of your loved one. Our prayers go out to you and your family in your time of loss. We know and understand that you have received many expressions of love and we will continue to lift you up in prayer. May the memories you cherish of brighter and happier days help to ease your sorrow and comfort you always.

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**March Funeral Homes** - December 15, 2018 at 02:11 PM