



## Gladys E. Braxton

May 24, 1920 - March 5, 2013

Gladys E. Braxton, age 92, a resident of Rochester Hills since 1983, died March 5, 2013 at William Beaumont Hospital in Royal Oak. She was born May 24, 1920 in Charlotte, MI to the late Charles and Freda Payne. Mrs. Braxton was a wonderful homemaker. She loved reading, doing ceramics and crossword puzzles, fishing and going on Facebook, but most of all she loved her family. She was the beloved wife of the late George O. Braxton, whom she married December 8, 1941 in Napoleon, OH. Loving mother of George Vivian Braxton Jr., Janice Andris Revalds, Diane David Davis, Melissa J. Braxton and the late Nancy C. Helton. Proud grandmother of Brian Jennifer Makohn, Scott Libby Makohn, Matthew Char Helton, Heather AC Crews, Brandon Braxton, Adaya Braxton, Elizabeth Braxton, Madeline Braxton, Stephen Hurley, John Hurley, Brian Davis, Leah Davis, Stephen Kaylie Davis, Tim Davis and Rachel Davis. Great grandmother of Matthew Crews, Ryan Crews, Jasmine Crews, Savannah Crews, Jewell Crews, Cody Helton, Aleah Helton, Dax Helton, Brittany Helton, Tyler Helton, Tegan Helton, Cooper Davis, Greyson Davis, Kinsley Creswell, Harper Creswell, Alexandra Makohn, Catherine Makohn, Julianna Makohn and George Makohn. Dear sister of the late Carl Payne, Clair Payne, DeForest "Fossie" Payne, Wilson Payne, Wade Payne and Dorothy Warthen. The visitation will be Friday 3-8 p.m. and service Saturday 11 a.m. at the Wm. Sullivan & Son Funeral Home, 705 W 11 Mile Rd. 4 blks. E of Woodward, Royal Oak. Burial at Roseland Park Cemetery, Berkley. Memorial contributions to the family wishes are appreciated. Share

your memories at [www.sullivanfuneraldirectors.com](http://www.sullivanfuneraldirectors.com).

# Tribute Wall

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“ *From: Melissa What a wonderful life my Mom had...in the last several days we have looked through so many memories...the messages say it loud and clear...my Mom was just an amazing person! And how lucky are we to have known her? For so many of us, she saved our lives....her purpose for life gave me personally the courage to continue no matter what the circumstances may be...thank you to all that loved her, and cared for her to visit and see the beautiful lady that she was. My heart is broken, I will miss my Mom, but she is in such good hands now, and that hill that she was worried about climbing isn't so steep! She is with her family that she missed so desperately....thank you, thank you...to my aunties, uncles, cousins, sisters, my brother George my children, nieces & nephews, my God Mother, who are all amazing! Love to you all....always.p.s. Don't miss a minute, just jump in and do your best! Mom would have ok'd it...*

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**Melissa Braxton** - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

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“ *DeeDee, Your mom was always so nice to me and Donnie.*

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**Steve Tonkovich** - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

CC

“ Dear Braxton Family: my Auntie Gladys, your mother, was the kindest most positive person who celebrated life with a flourish. It did not matter how long between our visits, she always made me feel like she was genuinely so happy to see me. I loved her deeply. She would always remind me of a picture of me she had in her head of me wearing a red dress when I was a toddler. That always amazed me that she was able to remember things that happened 60 years ago. I will hold the picture of her in my mind of how she looked at the last Halloween party...so darn cute. My thoughts and prayers are with all of you. I wish my sister and I could be there tomorrow, but unfortunately I have contracted a viral, lower intestine flu, and my sister had major surgery just today so attending is not possible for us. I will be holding you all in my thoughts. Love,  
Connie

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**Cousin Connie** - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

AJ

“ Dearest family, I was so saddened to hear of Aunt Gladys' passing. She was such an important part of our family and she will be missed greatly. I have many fond memories of her and many stories I could tell but what I remember most about her was her unwavering love for her family and anyone who was fortunate to spend time with her knew she truly was interested in what you were saying and did indeed remember your conversations! I will always be grateful to her for introducing me to "fresh strawberries" on pancakes. One last comment, after I reached the age of 16, she was the only person who could call me "Aggie". For all of these things I loved her and will miss her. xoxoxoxAnnetAggie

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**Annet Jones** - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

LP

“ Family & friends of Gladys, I had the privilege of knowing Gladys for the past 2yrs., 8 months.....not nearly long enough. I was her Stephen Minister, she was my care receiver, but it became quickly apparent that we were becoming buddies, and I was the one receiving the care and nurturing. All that has been written about Gladys is sooo true !! I never heard her say an unkind word about anyone, she always saw the good in others. Gladys still had a child-like enthusiasm for life and took great joy in the little stuffed animals I brought her, carefully naming each one, and I took great joy in seeing her delight with all the little holiday surprises and treats I brought her. When I'd arrive for our visit, some days were physically rough and she'd greet me with, "Today's not such a good day, but I know it'll be better cause you're here." Gladys loved to brag about her wonderful family, questioning why did she deserve such love and attention, I'd reply, "How can anyone know you and not love you?', she'd just smile with embarrassment. Oh, sweet Gladys, you've been such a bright shining star in my life, and I'll hold you tenderly in my heart forever. Linda Palicke

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Linda Palicke - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

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“ My Dear Family, When Uncle Bob and I visited Gladys on Saturday, she was in good spirits. She spent the time talking about family. We heard the phrase "my wonderful family" over and over. She shared with us the first encounter Baby George had with snow. He took one look and dived right in. I said, "Gee, Gladdie, that sounds like Great Grandma, jump in with both feet, and savor every moment." She loved you all dearly, and, in turn, she felt loved and cherished by each of you. You could have given her no greater gift than that. I feel blessed to have been part of her life for seventy plus years. My love and prayers are with you all. Aunt Nanxoxo

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Nancy Ritzman - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

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“ Aunt Gladys; The greatest lesson I learned from you was that if you look hard enough, you will find the good in everyone. Your sunny disposition, optimistic view of life, uncanny ability to remember the last conversation we would have had regardless of the passage of time and general enthusiasm for our family will make your passing all the harder but your memory will be all the stronger. You are a Braxton family legend. My enduring memory of you will be in the pink body suit at the family halloween party jumping on the hay wagon for a ride through the haunted forest. You were the bell of the family ball, Aunt Gladys and the way you simply attacked life with arms wide open is an example for all of us to learn from and treasure. I love you dearly and cannot imagine how excited you must be to be reunited with Uncle Punk and Nancy.

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**Rosanne Ritzman** - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

CM

“ My dear friends. My heart goes out to all of you. How I'm going to miss your mom. Gladys was a force of nature. So quick and funny and so very fiesty. She always made me feel like one of the family and I did look on her as a second mom. The world is never the same without our moms. I hope you find comfort that she's back with her precious George. Don't you know that was one very happy reunion. They gave us all lots of love, laughter and song and they are greatly missed. I wish I could be with you. Please know you are wrapped with my prayers. God bless you with His special comfort as you go through these next few days. I love you all. Christy

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**Christy Miller** - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

LF

“ *My Dear Cousins, I was so saddened to hear of the passing of your beloved Mom. Your Mom, my dear Aunt Gladys, was always quick with a kind word about everyone. She was always interested to hear my news and made me feel like the most important person in the world when we chatted. My guess is that anyone who knew her who is reading this would say the same thing. She had a great sense of humor and I can still hear her infectious laugh. She had a zest for life that is unparalleled. My husband Terry likes to tell the story of when he was playing baseball at the ranch with the kids a few years ago during a Halloween party. Auntie was chasing the ground balls that got away from the kids in the outfield and firing them back in to Terry who was pitching. She was in her 80s then! I loved her dearly and I will miss her terribly. Love to all, Laura*

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**Laura Fitzpatrick** - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM