



## Elder Alfanzo Chandler Howard Jr.

September 2, 1955 - April 6, 2024

HOWARD, Eld. Alfanzo Chandler Jr. - age 68, passed away Saturday, April 6, 2024 at Hurley Medical Center. Family hour 10:30 AM Saturday, April 13, 2024 from the New St. James Memorial C.O.G.I.C., 2229 W. Carpenter Rd., with funeral service commencing at 11:00 AM. Supt. Robert E. Smith Jr., officiating. Interment Great Lakes National Cemetery, G-4200 Belford Rd., Holly, MI. Friends and pallbearers will assemble at the church 10:30 AM Saturday. Eld. Howard will lie in state in the Chapel of Lawrence E. Moon Funeral Home, 906 W. Flint Park Blvd. and may be viewed from 12:00 PM - 6:00 PM Friday. "A LIFE of LOVE and SONGS"

Elder Alfanzo Chandler Howard, Jr., 68, departed from this earth and went to be with his Lord Jesus Christ, on Saturday morning April 6, 2024. He was born on September 2, 1955, in Flint, Michigan, the son of Reverend Alfanzo Howard Sr., and Mrs. Betty Louise Grier. A lifetime resident of Michigan, Elder Howard was currently a resident of Grand Blanc, Michigan. Elder Alfanzo C. Howard was a member of the New St. James Memorial Church of God in Christ for over ten years.

Alfanzo received and accepted his call of salvation from Bishop Arthur George Burrell at St. George Beth El Church of God in Christ. He was ordained by Elder Walter E. Bogan, Sr., at Harris Memorial Church of God in Christ on August 14, 2004.

Alfanzo graduated from Northern High School (Flint) in 1973. He achieved a Bachelor of Arts and Master of Arts degree in Christian Education (Bethlehem

Bible Institute); Doctor of Philosophy in Christian Education (Bethlehem Bible Institute); Doctor of Philosophy in Ministry and Leadership (Bethlehem Bible Institute). Bachelor and Master of Theology (Destiny Bible International); Doctor of Philosophy in Biblical Studies and Theology (Destiny College International). But foremost, Elder Howard's interest revolved around the work of Jesus Christ. He spent countless hours and days ministering to people in nursing homes and hospitals. He taught bible study classes at the Slidell Senior Apartments in Flint, Michigan.

Alfanzo worked for General Motors as a forklift operator and tow motor driver. He was employed there for 34 years and 8 months. Alfanzo served in the U.S. Armed Forces and was honorably discharged on October 2, 1979. While serving in the military he received a National Defense Service Medal for good conduct and a designation as an M-16 sharpshooter. He served in the military in both Kentucky and Goppingen Germany for a total of 3 years. Nonetheless, Elder Howard was a very sharp dresser and known for going on trips to the fashion district in New York City for his attire. His beaming smile and fun disposition were his nature but, the essence of his character was a sincere love for God.

Elder Alfanzo C. Howard undoubtedly put God number one in his life. But then God blessed him with his lifelong wife and partner, Vevincia who he affectionately called, "Baby Ko" (My Baby). Together they witnessed the love of Jesus Christ to others. They enjoyed traveling throughout the United States and shared a love for music as well. His favorite playlist consisted of the following songs: "What a Difference You've Made in my Life" (Mighty Clouds of Joy) and "My Girl" (The Temptations). His special love song which he shared with his wife Vevincia was.... and is "Don't Make me Wait for Love" (Kenny G). This song is symbolic for his courtship of his "Baby Ko" for two years and two months before they married. He had a love for his extended family in the Philippines and made sure they would thrive in their country at all costs. His favorite past time was enjoying his love of football and other sports. Surely, his happy-go-lucky personality and enthusiasm for life will be

missed. He leaves this world with this love quote for Vevincia, "I love you for eternity." A Life of Love and Songs.

Elder Howard was preceded in death by his parents, Reverend Alfanzo Howard Sr., (2002) of Ypsilanti, Michigan and Mrs. Betty Louise Grier (2020) of Flint, Michigan. Also, his brother Ray Jackson; his aunt, Marlene Jackson; and uncle, Owen Jackson Sr.

Elder Alfanzo C. Howard leaves in God's loving care: his loyal and endearing wife, Vevincia Howard; and five siblings, sisters, Ms. Monica Howard (Flint, Michigan) and, Ms. Alfreda Howard-Keck (Philadelphia, Pennsylvania); brothers, Mr. Kim Howard and wife, Melvina (Douglasville, Georgia); Mr. Richard Howard and wife Vicki (Ypsilanti, Michigan); and, Mr. Juan Howard and wife Erica (Ann Arbor, Michigan).

Alfanzo also leaves to cherish his memory, an extended family of cousins throughout the country the Philippines and South Korea. He was blessed by his loyal and devoted friend Mary Pollard. And his many beloved family of brothers and sisters of the New St. James Memorial Church of God in Christ; Harris Memorial Church of God in Christ; and, St. George Beth El Church of God in Christ.

# Cemetery Details

## Great Lakes National Cemetery

G-4200 Belford Rd.  
Holly, MI 48442

# Previous Events

## Public Viewing

APR **12**. 12:00 PM - 6:00 PM (ET)

Lawrence E. Moon Funeral Home, Inc., Flint  
906 W. Flint Park Blvd.  
Flint, MI 48505  
(810) 789-6666  
lemoonfhflint@gmail.com  
<https://lawrenceemoonfuneralhome.com>

## Family hour

APR **13**. 10:30 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

New St. James Memorial C.O.G.I.C.  
2229 W. Carpenter Rd.  
Flint, MI 48505

## Funeral Service

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APR 13. 11:00 AM (ET)

New St. James Memorial C.O.G.I.C.  
2229 W. Carpenter Rd.  
Flint, MI 48505

# Tribute Wall

JS

“ JENNIFER SCOTT sent a virtual gift in memory of Alfanzo Howard



JENNIFER L SCOTT - April 18, 2024 at 06:01 PM

NW

“ I'll miss you old friend. Rest well. Sympathy and prayers to your beautiful wife.



Norma Wells - April 14, 2024 at 01:22 AM

DH

“ Dale Howard lit a candle in memory of Elder Alfanzo Chandler Howard Jr.



Dale Howard - April 13, 2024 at 04:32 PM

AW

“ Anthony Williams lit a candle in memory of Elder Alfanzo Chandler Howard Jr.



Anthony Williams - April 13, 2024 at 09:35 AM

SW

“ We are deeply saddened by the passing of our coworker Alfanzo "Getting Better" Howard. Prayers are sent to his Family.  
Eddie and Stephanie Woods



Stephanie S Woods - April 12, 2024 at 07:34 PM

AF

“ ARCHIE LE FLORE lit a candle in memory of Elder Alfanzo Chandler Howard Jr.



ARCHIE LE FLORE - April 12, 2024 at 06:26 PM

SF

“ Our condolences to the family of Elder Alfanzo Howard Jr. God will give your family peace.

sandra ferguson - April 12, 2024 at 09:08 AM



“ Sheila Johnson-Toins lit a candle in memory of Elder Alfanzo Chandler Howard Jr.



Sheila Johnson-Toins - April 11, 2024 at 10:39 PM

MC

“ Sending condolences to the Howard family during there time of bereavement earth has no sorrow that Heaven cannot healing. Blessing be upon your you

Marcand kavonda callahan - April 11, 2024 at 05:21 PM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Elder Alfanzo Chandler Howard Jr..



April 11, 2024 at 04:42 PM

PW

“ Pastor Ted and Gwen Sims- Living Word planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Elder Alfanzo Chandler Howard Jr..

Pastor Ted and Gwen Sims- Living Word - April 11, 2024 at 04:42 PM

TT

“ My thoughts and prayers are with the Howard family.



Traci Threlkeld - April 11, 2024 at 02:49 PM

JG

“ *Julia Gamble sent a virtual gift in memory of Elder Alfanzo Chandler Howard Jr.*



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**Julia Gamble** - April 11, 2024 at 01:39 PM

JB

“ *Jacquetta Bryant lit a candle in memory of Elder Alfanzo Chandler Howard Jr.*



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**Jacquetta Bryant** - April 11, 2024 at 10:12 AM

SD

“ *My Condolences to the family of Elder Howard...*



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**Senena Dokes** - April 11, 2024 at 09:15 AM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Elder Alfanzo Chandler Howard Jr..*



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April 10, 2024 at 05:35 PM

CP

“ I am lost for words I just was with my family and now you're gone. I thank God I was able to hug and tell you I love you. Cuzzin Monica I'm so sorry you've lost another brother and it hurts to watch you go through this. I Love you and I'm Praying for you and his Lovely wife V as well  
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Caprie Price - April 10, 2024 at 12:34 PM



“ May God bless and keep the Howard family, Earth has no sorrow that heaven can not heal.Elder Donald& Sis Renee Massey.

Renee Massey - April 10, 2024 at 12:13 PM



“ Renee Massey lit a candle in memory of Elder Alfanzo Chandler Howard Jr.



Renee Massey - April 10, 2024 at 12:09 PM

VJ

“ Love you Monica and V!!! Praying strength for our family!



Valerie Jackson - April 10, 2024 at 11:35 AM

AP

“ To the family of Elder Alfonzo Howard.  
My heart is truly saddened but my soul rejoices because I know he is in the presence of God. My dear brother in Christ was a wonderful man of God and will be missed. Vivencia I'm praying for you. I'm going to miss him at our monthly birthday gatherings. I loved the way y'all loved and cared for each other. Praying that God comfort the family. You are all in my prayers. Rest in peace our Elder Howard. New St James Memorial COGIC mourn your passing but we know that God makes no mistakes. We will always remember you with love and the smile you always put on our face. RIP 🙏❤️



Much Love  
Anna Paige

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**Anna Paige** - April 10, 2024 at 09:39 AM

VL

“ Condolences and prayers for you V, Monica, and extended family doing this time of bereavement. Our brother and friend will be greatly missed.v 🙏🙏



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**Vivian Lowe** - April 10, 2024 at 01:32 AM

AW

“ Our prayers and condolences to the Howard family!



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**Anthony L Williams** - April 10, 2024 at 01:30 AM

TA

“ Teresa Anthony sent a virtual gift in memory of Elder Alfanzo Chandler Howard Jr.



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**Teresa Anthony** - April 09, 2024 at 10:52 PM

LR

*Praying for you and your family Monia.*

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**Linda Gardner Roby** - April 10, 2024 at 05:15 PM

HD

“ Helen Davis lit a candle in memory of Elder Alfanzo Chandler Howard Jr.



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**Helen Davis** - April 09, 2024 at 08:15 PM



“ Carolyn Mayo lit a candle in memory of Elder Alfanzo Chandler Howard Jr.



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**Carolyn Mayo** - April 09, 2024 at 06:16 PM

VH

“ *Vanessa Horne lit a candle in memory of Elder Alfanzo Chandler Howard Jr.*



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**Vanessa Horne** - April 09, 2024 at 05:13 PM

JB

“ *James And Lisa Blakley sent a virtual gift in memory of Elder Alfanzo Chandler Howard Jr.*



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**James and Lisa Blakley** - April 09, 2024 at 01:40 PM

JC

“ *Rest in peace my brother in Christ my condolence to your family Pastor Jerry Chaney*



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**Jerry Chaney** - April 08, 2024 at 08:42 PM

BW

“ *Bennie Williams lit a candle in memory of Elder Alfanzo Chandler Howard Jr.*



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**Bennie Williams** - April 08, 2024 at 07:07 PM

LS

“ Larry Williams Sr lit a candle in memory of Elder Alfanzo Chandler Howard Jr.



Larry Williams Sr - April 08, 2024 at 06:07 PM

VE

“ Vanessa Ellis sent a virtual gift in memory of Elder Alfanzo Chandler Howard Jr.



Vanessa Ellis - April 08, 2024 at 04:56 PM

EG

“ Praying for sis Howard and family I pray that God give them the strength that they need to get through this difficult time. Elder Milton and Pam Gibson



Elder Milton and Pamela Gibson - April 08, 2024 at 04:24 PM

AO

“ Arnenia Odum lit a candle in memory of Elder Alfanzo Chandler Howard Jr.



Arnenia Odum - April 08, 2024 at 01:53 PM



“ *Sheila Johnson-Toins lit a candle in memory of Elder Alfanzo Chandler Howard Jr.*



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**Sheila Johnson-Toins** - April 08, 2024 at 01:42 PM



“ *Janice Adams lit a candle in memory of Elder Alfanzo Chandler Howard Jr.*



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**Janice Adams** - April 08, 2024 at 06:09 AM



“ *My condolence to his wife and family!!!* 🙏🙏🙏



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**Clifton Sykes** - April 07, 2024 at 08:13 PM



“ *Man Cuz....you are really missed!!! I miss our family spade nights, laughing and loving on each other. Our family is slowly shrinking. V...you were an awesome wife to AL. Praying your strength...*



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**Valerie Jackson** - April 07, 2024 at 05:21 PM

VT

“ Valerie Toles sent a virtual gift in memory of Elder Alfonzo Chandler Howard Jr.



Valerie Toles - April 07, 2024 at 11:31 AM

AD

“ My sincerest thoughts and prayers are with the entire family during their time of bereavement!



AC Dumas - April 07, 2024 at 08:30 AM



“ Before he came to Christ, he pull up in the church parking lot and just sit in car , I asked him what was he doing he said he's trying to get right before he come in and he would just point at the door! Fast forward \* I witness him getting Saved @ tarry service for 3 to 4 days Bishop Burrell had blessed oil&Chair, Son say save me "Jesus" fews hours later,when he came through he leaped up he spinning in a circle praising God I never forgot that to this day ,he wasn't ashamed to praise God 🙌🙌🙌 Praise God is your weapon To God be the glory 🙏 Ms.essie

🙏 Ms.Essie - April 06, 2024 at 02:59 PM

EW

“ *Elder Charles & Linda Woods lit a candle in memory of Elder Alfanzo Chandler Howard Jr.*



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**Elder Charles & Linda Woods** - April 06, 2024 at 09:29 AM

DH

*Rest in peace my Brother.*

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**Dale Howard** - April 13, 2024 at 04:29 PM