



## Mr. Alfred Coney

September 4, 1936 - May 15, 2024

CONEY, Mr. Alfred - Age 87, passed away Wednesday, May 15, 2024, at University of Michigan Health-Sparrow in Lansing, MI. Family hour 10:00 AM Saturday, May 25, 2024 at Metropolitan Baptist Tabernacle 930 E. Myrtle St., with funeral service commencing at 11:00 AM. Pastor Stephen Murphy, officiating. Interment Sunset Hills Cemetery, G-4413 Flushing Rd. Friends and pallbearers will assemble at the Church 10:00 AM Saturday. Mr. Coney 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, May 24, 2024, with family present to receive friends from 4:00 PM-6:00 PM. Alfred "Dootsie" Coney was born in Magnolia, Mississippi on September 4, 1936 to Ulysses and Lillian (Hughes) Coney. Alfred was the youngest of seven children born to this union. Alfred Coney met the love of his life, Bernice, at the early age of 14, when he saw that "pretty girl with braids down her back" visit with her mother, Hattie. Bernice and Alfred fell in love and moved to Flint as part of the historic "Great Migration". They were married in Flint, Michigan in 1957. To this union were born five children: Alice, Larry, Tracy, Duane, and Alonzo. Alfred retired from General Motors (which he often called "Generous" Motors) after more than 30 years of employment. He often bragged that he could pick up a dime with his forklift. Alfred was a jack-of-many-trades. He could fix anything! Alfred had many hobbies and talents, including gardening, hunting, and wine-making. He was mechanically inclined and had the ability to take something apart and put it back together with ease

to make it new. Alfred loved to grill. If family said they were coming to visit, he'd be outside grilling up platters of chicken and ribs, because if there was one thing about Alfred, he believed in having more than enough! As a gardener, Alfred grew just about everything. He was the original "Urban Gardener" way before it became popular. Until recently, it was unusual to see a city lot with a garden full of fruits and vegetables. Often, he just wanted to see a plant "do what it would do!" and was highly skilled in growing peaches, plums, pears, strawberries, blackberries, and concord grapes. He also grew tomatoes, squash and more; and from this bounty that he produced came delicious jellies and jams, cobblers, and big pots of greens. Alfred grew the prettiest greens in Flint, which he was well known for. Here's a little-known secret, he didn't even like to eat greens. Proof that you don't have to like them to grow the best! Alfred learned those valuable skills from his father, who was a grower and often supplied local stores in Magnolia, McComb, and Tylertown, Mississippi. With that skill, of course a great dinner was expected... and please don't serve this Coney without something sweet! He definitely had a sweet tooth. Alfred was a great athlete and had plans to attend Alcorn State University to play basketball. But, God had other plans. At the age of 16 his mother died, and soon after, he would have a family on the way. Alfred remained active by playing softball with his church family and in various leagues well into his 60s. He mentored many young adults within his church community and had special bonds with his neighborhood family. Alfred kept a meticulous yard. Not a blade of grass out of place! He carried this same skill set to his birth home in Magnolia, Mississippi. His family home was built in the 1860s and he knew its historical value. He, Bernice, his daughter Alice, and son-in-law Don, would make the long drive down to Magnolia twice a year to maintain the home for the past 40+ years. Alfred "Dootsie" Coney leaves to cherish his memory, his children: Alice "Putt" (Don) Player, Larry "Bo" (Renee) Coney, Tracy (Tyrone Nulls) Hall, and Alonzo "Al" Coney; grandchildren, Brandess (Keenon) Wallace, Aundrais (Kesha) Saunders, Deonte Saunders, Ryan (Tonia) Player, Brandon Coney, Aja Coney, Brittany

Coney, Michael Hall, Rebecca (Jason) Lee, Byron Hall, Imani Hall, and Taylor Hall; great-grandchildren, Olivia and Miles Wallace, Aiden and Kannon Hall, Simone Tyler, Hudson Player, Kameron and Aubrey Saunders, Danae and Zoey Saunders, and Jahon Smith; and a host of extended family. Alfred shared special relationships with Randy Williams, Ron Moore, Ron Perry, Geraldine Coleman, and the Baldwin and Moses families. He was a lifelong active member of the Metropolitan Baptist Tabernacle community since his arrival to Michigan in the 1950s. You would often find him in the kitchen helping at services and other church functions. Alfred took great pride in serving on the usher board at the church. Alfred was preceded in death by his loving wife, Bernice; parents, Ulysses and Lillian (Hughes), sisters Nola Mae Gardner, Ruby McGee, Yvonne "Vern" Kline, and Helen "T-nite" Conerly; brothers Robert "Bob" and Ulysses Jr., bel

# Cemetery Details

## Sunset Hills Cemetery

G-4413 Flushing Rd.  
Flint, MI 48504

# Previous Events

## Public Viewing

**MAY 24.** 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 Present

**MAY 24.** 4:00 PM - 6:00 PM (ET)

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## Family hour

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MAY 25. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

Metropolitan Baptist Tabernacle  
930 E. Myrtle Ave.  
Flint, MI 48505

## Funeral Service

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MAY 25. 11:00 AM (ET)

Metropolitan Baptist Tabernacle  
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Flint, MI 48505

# Tribute Wall

PF

“ *My Brother is so truly missed, I miss those days, when I used to go around there and visit my sister Bernice, and me and him will fuss. R.I.H Brother until we meet again. Hug BOB for me.* 🙏🙏



**Pearl Coney And Family.** - April 01, 2025 at 07:44 AM

MW

“ *Mary (Keels) Wilkes lit a candle in memory of Mr. Alfred Coney*



**Mary (Keels) Wilkes** - May 31, 2024 at 04:12 PM

RB

“ *Rose Buggs lit a candle in memory of Alfred Coney*



**Rose Buggs** - May 25, 2024 at 05:20 PM

JT

“ *Jerri Thomas lit a candle in memory of Alfred Coney*



**Jerri Thomas** - May 25, 2024 at 10:42 AM

DW

“ *Debra Woodson-Williams lit a candle in memory of Mr. Alfred Coney*



Debra Woodson-Williams - May 24, 2024 at 11:28 PM

GS

“ *Gloria Scruggs lit a candle in memory of Mr. Alfred Coney*



Gloria Scruggs - May 24, 2024 at 09:45 PM

JP

“ *My prayers and condolences for the Coney family. May God give you strength during this difficult time.*



Joan Pointer - May 22, 2024 at 03:21 PM

DC

“ *Dr. Elaine M Coney purchased the Serene Retre at for the family of Mr. Alfred Coney.*



Dr. Elaine M Coney - May 22, 2024 at 12:26 PM

CM

“ Charles Mckenzie lit a candle in memory of Mr. Alfred Coney



Charles Mckenzie - May 21, 2024 at 10:20 PM

WF

“ With Love from Georgia Family purchased the Full Of Love Bouquet for the family of Mr. Alfred Coney.



With Love from Georgia Family - May 21, 2024 at 05:44 PM

WF

“ With Love from Georgia Family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Mr. Alfred Coney.

With Love from Georgia Family - May 21, 2024 at 05:44 PM

PS

“ Peggy Stribling lit a candle in memory of Mr. Alfred Coney



Peggy Stribling - May 21, 2024 at 02:46 PM

DW

“ Our condolences to the entire Coney Family and extended family.  
You raised a wonderful family. RIP.

*Doug Weiland and Sherry Stacey*

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**Douglas Keith Weiland** - May 21, 2024 at 06:54 AM

GS

“ Always a great example of FAMILY, They he and wife will be  
definetly missed but neither wanted to be here withput the other.  
Love you cousins and my heart goes out to you

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**Gail Coney Smith** - May 20, 2024 at 04:43 PM

CW

“ Charles Williams lit a candle in memory of  
Alfred Coney



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**Charles Williams** - May 20, 2024 at 09:48 AM

EF

“ Eddie McGhee Family lit a candle in memory  
of Mr. Alfred Coney



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**Eddie McGhee Family** - May 20, 2024 at 09:18 AM

RJ

“ Alfred and Bernice were customers of mine at NBD/Chase Bank and they always came to do their banking business "together" and now they are truly together forever in one of God's mansions. I loved their relationship, it was one of trust, love and respect. Rest in Paradise, Mr. Coney with your loving wife, Bernice.

Romi Jean Jones - May 20, 2024 at 08:25 AM

ET

“ Ernelle Taylor lit a candle in memory of Mr. Alfred Coney



Ernelle Taylor - May 20, 2024 at 08:17 AM

IG

“ Ira GILBERT lit a candle in memory of Mr. Alfred Coney



Ira GILBERT - May 20, 2024 at 12:45 AM



“ Mr. Coney came to our wedding 30 years ago. They were both a beautiful couple and he was such a wonderful man. He sincerely loved his wife and to Randy my hubby he was like a dad. He always had good GODly advice and just the memories he would share were priceless. He and Mrs. Coney will truly be missed.



Girlia McLaughlin - May 20, 2024 at 12:19 AM

CB

“ *Cherry L. Brown lit a candle in memory of Mr. Alfred Coney*



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**Cherry L. Brown** - May 19, 2024 at 09:19 PM

BW

“ *Barbara Morris Wright lit a candle in memory of Mr. Alfred Coney*



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**Barbara Morris Wright** - May 19, 2024 at 08:08 PM

CH

“ *Cynthia Higgins lit a candle in memory of Mr. Alfred Coney*



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**Cynthia Higgins** - May 19, 2024 at 01:43 PM

NN

“ *Nichole N. purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Mr. Alfred Coney.*



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**Nichole N.** - May 19, 2024 at 10:00 AM

NN

“ Nichole N. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Mr. Alfred Coney.

Nichole N. - May 19, 2024 at 10:00 AM

JA

“ Jerome & Sheila Adams lit a candle in memory of Mr. Alfred Coney



Jerome & Sheila Adams - May 18, 2024 at 09:22 PM

OG

“ Ondria Gillespie lit a candle in memory of Mr. Alfred Coney



Ondria Gillespie - May 18, 2024 at 04:52 PM

DT

“ Alfred & Bernice Coney were surrogate parents to me from the time that I was 4 years old!!! Their children were my “bonus sisters & brothers”! My parent passed young, so the Coneys made home still feel like home ❤️ There are no words to express my condolences to the Coney children; as I seek to support them & find solace for myself 🙏 A deeply rooted heart tie has been drastically impacted. Faith & love & the fruits of the spirit are what I wish for us all ☐ Much love , Deb

Debra Taylor - May 18, 2024 at 03:29 PM

DT

“ Home for me was synonymous with knowing that Alfred & Bernice Coney were next door to where I grew up. Always a smile, a hug & a good meal! Not to mention Mr Coneys advice on gardening & other matters of life! Some of which I agreed & others I agreed to silently disagree! The main thing is that there was love present! And love never dies ❤️ !!



Debra Taylor - May 18, 2024 at 02:25 PM

DT

“ Debra (Debbie) Taylor purchased the Serene Ret reat for the family of Mr. Alfred Coney.



Debra (Debbie) Taylor - May 18, 2024 at 02:11 PM

ED

“ Excelento Davis lit a candle in memory of Mr. Alfred Coney



Excelento Davis - May 18, 2024 at 09:09 AM

BF

“ Bettie Flowers lit a candle in memory of Mr. Alfred Coney



Bettie Flowers - May 17, 2024 at 09:46 PM

RS

“ You will be miss in your family and on the ushers b. My heart and prayers are with you all

Rosetta Simpson - May 17, 2024 at 08:43 PM

JC

“ Rest in peace uncle Al My condolence to the family Pastor Jerry and Stephanie Chaney



Jerry Chaney - May 17, 2024 at 06:53 PM

RU

“ Ronald C Urquhart lit a candle in memory of Mr. Alfred Coney



Ronald C Urquhart - May 17, 2024 at 04:02 PM

CC

“ Our condolences to the Coney family.



Clarence & Bettina Campbell - May 17, 2024 at 03:02 PM

CC

“ *Chuck Crouther lit a candle in memory of Mr. Alfred Coney*



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**Chuck Crouther** - May 17, 2024 at 02:42 PM

CB

“ *Cherry L. Brown lit a candle in memory of Mr. Alfred Coney*



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**Cherry L. Brown** - May 17, 2024 at 11:46 AM

JS

“ *Jacqueline Scott lit a candle in memory of Mr. Alfred Coney*



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**Jacqueline Scott** - May 17, 2024 at 09:36 AM

CT

“ *Cynthia Tipton lit a candle in memory of Alfred Coney*



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**Cynthia Tipton** - May 17, 2024 at 09:07 AM

GL

“ *Gina Lee lit a candle in memory of Alfred Coney*



Gina Lee - May 17, 2024 at 08:30 AM

WI

“ *Wiggins sent a virtual gift in memory of Mr. Alfred Coney*



Wiggins - May 17, 2024 at 08:04 AM

VS

“ *Valerie Southall lit a candle in memory of Mr. Alfred Coney*



Valerie Southall - May 17, 2024 at 07:20 AM

EB

“ *Eddie And Linda Booth lit a candle in memory of Mr. Alfred Coney*



Eddie and Linda Booth - May 17, 2024 at 12:10 AM

TN

“ *Tanya Neely sent a virtual gift in memory of Mr. Alfred Coney*



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**Tanya Neely** - May 16, 2024 at 09:09 PM

HV

“ *Hope Veasley lit a candle in memory of Mr. Alfred Coney*



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**Hope Veasley** - May 16, 2024 at 08:50 PM

SN

“ *Sandy Neal lit a candle in memory of Mr. Alfred Coney*



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**Sandy Neal** - May 16, 2024 at 06:58 PM

WS

“ *Wanda Stitt lit a candle in memory of Mr. Alfred Coney*



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**Wanda Stitt** - May 16, 2024 at 05:38 PM

JK

“ *Jesse Kirksey lit a candle in memory of Alfred Coney*



Jesse Kirksey - May 16, 2024 at 02:58 PM

SM

“ *Sharon Mixon lit a candle in memory of Alfred Coney*



Sharon Mixon - May 16, 2024 at 02:53 PM

CC

“ *Clayton Conerly lit a candle in memory of Mr. Alfred Coney*



Clayton Conerly - May 16, 2024 at 09:15 AM

PP

“ *PJ & Glenda Pointer lit a candle in memory of Mr. Alfred Coney*



PJ & Glenda Pointer - May 16, 2024 at 08:58 AM

AP

“ *Al, Michele & Caleb Parker lit a candle in memory of Mr. Alfred Coney*



**Al, Michele & Caleb Parker** - May 16, 2024 at 08:17 AM

IH

“ *Iris Hare lit a candle in memory of Mr. Alfred Coney*



**Iris Hare** - May 15, 2024 at 09:43 PM

BL

“ *My prayers and condolences 🌸 to the entire family .*



**Barbara Leake** - May 15, 2024 at 08:40 PM

AS

“ *Aileen Spence sent a virtual gift in memory of Mr. Alfred Coney*



**Aileen Spence** - May 15, 2024 at 07:48 PM

AS

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Aileen Spence - May 15, 2024 at 07:48 PM

AS

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Aileen Spence - May 15, 2024 at 07:48 PM

JT

“ Lord please give the family strength at this time 🙏🙏🙏



Jerome and Tonedia Threlkeld - May 15, 2024 at 07:03 PM

WH

“ Wanda Harrison sent a virtual gift in memory of Mr. Alfred Coney



Wanda Harrison - May 15, 2024 at 05:59 PM

AD

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



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**AC Dumas** - May 15, 2024 at 05:45 PM

AH

“ *Anita Harris sent a virtual gift in memory of Mr. Alfred Coney*



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**Anita Harris** - May 15, 2024 at 04:50 PM

MH

“ *Mr. & Mrs. Deotis & Sarah Hunter-Tucker lit a candle in memory of Mr. Alfred Coney*



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**Mr. & Mrs. Deotis & Sarah Hunter-Tucker** - May 15, 2024 at 04:40 PM