



## Elder Alphonso Sterling "Al", "Sterl" Hatter

November 3, 1961 - March 30, 2018

HATTER, Elder Alphonso Sterling "Sterl" , "Al"- Age 56, passed away Friday, March 30, 2018 at McLaren- Flint. Family hour 10:00 Am Wednesday, April 11, 2018 from the Chapel of Lawrence E. Moon Funeral Home, 906 W. Flint Park Blvd., with funeral service commencing at 11:00 AM. Interment Flint Memorial Park Cemetery, G-9506 N. Dort Hwy., Mt. Morris, MI. Friends and pallbearers will assemble at the funeral home 10:00 AM Wednesday. Mr. Hatter will lie in state in the Chapel of Lawrence E. Moon Funeral Home, and may be viewed from 12:00 PM - 8:00 PM Tuesday.

Mr. Alphonzo Sterling 'Sterl' "Al" Hatter of Mount Morris, Michigan passed away on March 30, 2018 at McLaren-Flint Hospital at the age of 56, he was born November 3, 1961 in Flint, Michigan, the son of Margaret Pollard and Louis Johnson. He attended Beecher High School, and graduated with the "Class of 1980". He also attended Mott Community College, majoring in Criminal Justice. "Sterl" as his grandmother would call him, was an excellent baker. The reason he was such a great baker was due to the unwavering time he spent under the guidance of his dear grandmother, Mrs. Isabella Hatter. His grandmother taught him, all her secrets, when it came down to baking, peach cobbler, pound cakes, red velvet cakes and much more. "You name it, I'll bake it" he would say. Al loved music and loved to sing. He became involved with a musical group in the late 70's through the middle 80's. They would perform at local events, singing songs that "Al" would often talk about

with his friends and co-workers. He enjoyed performing in the annual “Black Arts Festival” in the Beecher District, where he was raised.

Alphonzo met Evelyn in August of 1980. After smiling and singing to her for 4 years, they fell deeply in love and married on June 9, 1984. Al and Evelyn loved children. They loved children so much that they never turned down an opportunity to watch “Others” children. Al didn't want to give the children back, when their parents would come to pick them up. He loved children and children loved him. He was able to have 6 children with his wife Evelyn, 3 are living today. “Al” enjoyed being a strong provider for his family. He enjoyed taking his children and others children on long rides, when he'd get off work. Sometimes he would give them a short ride around the yard in the “Big Company Truck”. Al enjoyed the outdoors and working third shift as a truck driver. When he would get up early in the morning he would speak about “Feeling Free” and “Close to GOD” when he would get the chance to watch the sunrise. He enjoyed it even more when he could share it with his wife and children, who all got to share that with him, one at a time. “Sterl” always spoke of owning a Corvette. On the day he purchased his Impala in 1997, he learned that it featured the “Corvette Motor” Al did eventually own his own Corvette, His 8 year old son, Alphonzo Hatter II, bought him a toy Corvette. (Smile) Al enjoyed feeling good and most of all, providing for his family. Always eager to help others, he soon found a new source of enjoyment. His prayers became a major source of comfort. Unwilling to conform to todays happenings, he began to change into an even better person. He began to follow Christ, especially when he felt it was right. And anyone who truly knows Al, knows he “Loved to be Right” Al's good hearted nature, helped him study the Bible with several brothers, throughout the years. Then one brother latched on and Al, never let go. It was peaceful and content in the Hatter household from then on. Al began to devote his utmost time to Jehovah. He continued to strive to be organized to do the Lords Will. Al was baptized May 28, 2005, and dedicated the rest of his life to Jehovah, our Father in Heaven.

Elder Hatter was known for his zeal and will to work to provide for his family. He was the person, that many would go to, to do this or that. He was also the one, that wouldn't say "NO", when needed, if he could. If he couldn't do what was asked of him, he would surely direct you to a person who could. Brother Hatter loved to smile. It was the natural thing to do. His smile became contagious to his family and friends. He was the type to find it hard to be mad with others. He believed in forgiveness. He spoke of the lows of life, with a gentle smile and he spoke of the highs with an even brighter smile. That was our best friend, a good husband, a magnificent Father and an inspiring Elder Brother.

Elder Alphonzo Sterling Hatter is survived by his devoted, loving wife of 33 years, Evelyn Hatter; daughter, Avante' T. Hatter; 2 sons, Alphonzo S. Hatter II and Sterling L. Hatter; mother, Margaret Pollard; step-mother, Rosa Stinson; step-fathers, Alvin and Theodic; 5 sisters, Elizabeth (Lee Roy) Parks, Val Jean Brooks, Brenda Johnson, Sherry Johnson, Gwendolyn Johnson; 3 brothers, Anthony (Belkis) Stinson, Louis Johnson Jr. and Michael Johnson; 16 step-children, a host of special nieces, special nephews, special aunts, special uncles, close cousins and in-laws. He had a Special love for his Kearsley Park Congregation and Martin Trucking co-workers and Derry-Lonnall Martin; special close friends, Papa Broach, J.P. Broach, Edison Henry, Joe Hartfield and little brother, Oscar Murdock.

Elder Hatter was preceded in death by: 2 daughters, Tyra Lashawna Hatter, Teana Takia Hatter; father, Louis Edward Johnson Sr; sister, Carolyn-Hatter Brown; paternal grandparents, Mr. Henry and Mrs \*Madea\* Johnson; maternal grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Frank & Isabella Hatter; mother-in-law, Earlean Tims; 4 close aunts, Frances Hatter-Ragston, Corneilia Hatter-Steward, Dorothy Blevins, Barbara Hatter; uncle, Jameel Hasan; cousins, Monica

Hatter, Lorenzo Orr, Marcus Hatter M.D. and Michael Kimbrough.

The family of Alphonzo S. Hatter would like to express special thanks to the staff of Lawrence E. Moon Funeral Home, Sandra Morris, Glenn Hatter, Henry Hatter, Gerard and Ondria Tims, Aaron Tims, Oscar and Jessie Murdock, the entire Kearsley Park Congregation and extended Hatter family.

As my Babes' Wife and his children, we would wish and need for all to read, Psalm 3:1-40. And be comforted with this: Life Without Suffering-A Trustworthy Promise " GOD will wipe out every tear from their eyes and death will be no more, neither will mourning nor outcry nor pain be anymore. The former things have passed away.

Revelation 21:4

# Cemetery Details

## Flint Memorial Park Cemetery

G-9506 N. Dort Hwy.  
Mt. Morris, MI 48458

# Previous Events

## Public Viewing

APR **10**. 12:00 PM - 8:00 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 **11**. 10:00 AM (ET)

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## Service

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# Tribute Wall



“ *Elder Alphonso Sterling "Al", "Sterl" Hatter*

October 09, 2023 at 07:02 AM



“ *SEPTEMBER 16TH.... IS THE DAY I BECAME HIS GIRLFRIEND. MY BABE, MY AL. I WILL STILL DO SOMETHING SPECIAL ON THIS DAY IN A JOYFUL MEMORY OF OUR UNITED DAY. LOVE THE FOREVER, THE PROMISE, OUR HOPE!*



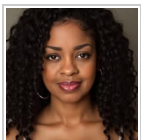
**Evelyn Hatter** - August 04, 2018 at 01:10 PM



“ *Evelyn Hatter lit a candle in memory of Elder Alphonso Sterling "Al", "Sterl" Hatter*

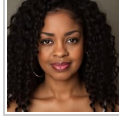


**Evelyn Hatter** - April 24, 2018 at 08:39 AM



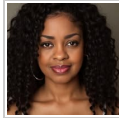
“ *My Babe...i'm up, and missing you. \*like crazy\*. I will keep a check on this page for my Babe. I miss him so much. All Keep me and his 3 children and loved ones in your silent thoughts please. Major Love his Babe!*

**Evelyn Hatter** - April 15, 2018 at 08:10 AM



*My beautiful babe came into this world today... Destine to meet me, someday. Thinking of you, still loving you without you next to me, your Babe, Evelyn.*

**Evelyn Hatter** - November 03, 2018 at 02:02 PM



*November 03... Love you babe*

**Evelyn Hatter** - November 03, 2018 at 02:03 PM



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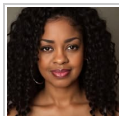


**Evelyn Hatter** - April 15, 2018 at 06:46 AM



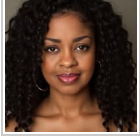
*I'll be there..... To see you again.*

**Evelyn Hatter** - April 24, 2018 at 08:36 AM



*Thinking of you, September 16 of 2020 is fast approaching. This will be our 40th anniversary of me and you becoming girl & boyfriend. I love you Babe!!!*

**Evelyn Hatter** - September 08, 2020 at 07:29 AM



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**Evelyn Hatter** - April 15, 2018 at 06:16 AM



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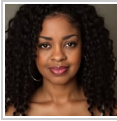
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**Evelyn Hatter** - April 14, 2018 at 05:57 PM

VB

“ Evelyn, Avante, Alphonso, and Sterling. Thinking of all of you and your extended family during this difficult time. You were all blessed to have a wonderful husband, father, son, brother, and an in law in your lives. He was also blessed. The love, compassion, courage you all showed was admirable. Know that Al lives in your heart through that love. Hold tight to your wonderful memories.. May Almighty God sustain you. My heartfelt condolences . Vivian B

Vivian Bennett - April 11, 2018 at 08:13 AM



Thank you sister Bennett.

Evelyn Hatter - May 02, 2018 at 10:56 AM

AH

“ To our Peachtree drive family ton of memories and smiles may you rest in peace family you will be missed



Adree Humphrey - April 10, 2018 at 11:24 PM

AH

“ Adree Humphrey sent a virtual gift in memory of Elder Alphonso Sterling "Al", "Sterl" Hatter



Adree Humphrey - April 10, 2018 at 11:19 PM



“ *Strength & Solace Spray was purchased for the family of Elder Alphonso Sterling "Al", "Sterl" Hatter.*



April 10, 2018 at 06:23 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Elder Alphonso Sterling "Al", "Sterl" Hatter.*



April 10, 2018 at 12:09 PM



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**Lawrence E. Moon Funeral Home - April 10, 2018 at 11:58 AM**

JA

“ *Javonka lit a candle in memory of Elder Alphonso Sterling "Al", "Sterl" Hatter*



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**Javonka** - April 10, 2018 at 08:02 AM

YG

“ *My Condolences to my friend Eve and family...*



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**Yolandria Gentry** - April 08, 2018 at 03:41 PM

MS

“ *RIP STERL  
Thanks for all the advice and good jokes when we were kids, I really appreciate you panning on me and Anthony and giving us jokes to tell at school!*

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**mark steele** - April 08, 2018 at 02:32 PM

WH

“ *Rest fam praying for the family and friends we had some great time growing up*



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**wendy humphrey** - April 08, 2018 at 11:02 AM

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“ R.I.PEACE COUSIN LOVE YOU. TONY AND SANDRA HATTER



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**Tony Hatter** - April 08, 2018 at 02:42 AM

VI

“ Vivian lit a candle in memory of Elder Alphonso Sterling "Al", "Sterl" Hatter



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**Vivian** - April 07, 2018 at 11:50 PM



“ Delphine Blevins lit a candle in memory of Elder Alphonso Sterling "Al", "Sterl" Hatter



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**Delphine Blevins** - April 07, 2018 at 02:29 PM

CB

“ Condolences to the family, praying for your strength during this time of bereavement.

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**Cynthia Ballard** - April 05, 2018 at 12:46 PM



“ *Mary Evans sent a virtual gift in memory of Elder Alphonso Sterling "Al", "Sterl" Hatter*



**Mary Evans** - April 04, 2018 at 03:47 PM



“ *Renee Hill-Sykes sent a virtual gift in memory of Elder Alphonso Sterling "Al", "Sterl" Hatter*



**Renee Hill-Sykes** - April 03, 2018 at 04:25 PM



“ *Sherry Williams sent a virtual gift in memory of Elder Alphonso Sterling "Al", "Sterl" Hatter*



**Sherry Williams** - April 03, 2018 at 01:45 AM



“ *Mary Evans lit a candle in memory of Elder Alphonso Sterling "Al", "Sterl" Hatter*



**Mary Evans** - April 03, 2018 at 12:05 AM

LC

“ *Your loved one will never have to face the last enemy, death, ever again. In the meantime, his acts of faith live on until he stands up alive and whole in the Paradise.*

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**Larry and LaTonya Cade** - April 02, 2018 at 08:28 PM



*A fine man, brother and friend. Had the pleasure of knowing you. See you in paradise*

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**Darin Gilbert** - April 08, 2018 at 09:57 AM

MJ

“ *Mavis Johnson lit a candle in memory of Elder Alphonso Sterling "Al", "Sterl" Hatter*



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**Mavis Johnson** - April 02, 2018 at 08:16 PM

RH

“ *Sending My Condolences, Love and Prayers to the Entire Hatter & Extended Families. You will be truly missed, just think I met you when you and Evelyn first began dating. You were the love & light of her life. Gone too soon. RIH AL!!!*



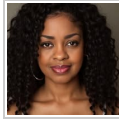
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**Ruthi Hill** - April 01, 2018 at 04:26 PM

DJ

*To the Hatter family : I would like to extend my condolences to all your family i know.its hard wene we lose a love one because.death is our enemy. but remember we are so.close to the end.of this.system that brother Hatter is onley napping you.know wene we say were tired im going to.take a.nape and.than in an hour or so we're awake and refreshed.ready to do what ever we started.to do thats how.it is with brother Hatter you will see him sooner than.you think may theses words be comforting for you*

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**Dorothy Jackson** - April 07, 2018 at 08:31 PM



*I love you all*

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**Evelyn Hatter** - April 12, 2018 at 09:21 PM