



Mr. Avery Willard Chandler Jr.

October 12, 1942 - June 7, 2015

CHANDLER JR., Mr. Avery Willard - Age 72, passed away Sunday, June 7, 2015 at Hurley Medical Center. Family hour 10 a.m. Saturday, June 13, 2015 at Foss Ave. Missionary Baptist Church, 1159 E. Foss Ave., with funeral service commencing at 11 a.m. Rev. Reginald G. Flynn officiating. Interment Sunset Hills Cemetery, G-4413 Flushing Rd. Friends and pallbearers will assemble at the church 10 a.m. Saturday. Mr. Chandler will lie in state in the Chapel of Lawrence E. Moon Funeral Home, 906 W. Flint Park Blvd., and may be viewed from 12 p.m. - 8 p.m. Friday.

Mr. Avery W. Chandler, Jr. was born October 12, 1942 the son of Avery W. Chandler, Sr. and Miriam E. Perkins. He was the second oldest of 7 siblings. The family grew up in Marion, Indiana. Avery graduated from Marion High school, where he won Varsity letters in football, wrestling and track. He excelled in academics as well and went on to earn both Bachelor and Master degrees from Ball State University and the University of Michigan. Avery taught science at Bryant Middle School in the Flint Community School District, was employed as Housing Director for the Flint Urban League, and retired from Mott Community College after 25 years of service as an Affirmative Action Officer. Upon arriving in Flint, he and his wife united with Foss Ave. Baptist Church, under the leadership of Reverend Avery Aldridge. Avery was a member of Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity and served on the Board of Directors for numerous community organizations.

In 1965 Avery met Barbara Ann Patricia Martin. The couple married in 1967 and spent 47 years together, making Flint their home. They were blessed with 2 children: daughter, Christine and son, Christopher. Avery was a devoted family man. He and other family members often rallied in support of efforts by siblings, cousins, or children of the family to pursue academic, economic and other advancement opportunities.

Avery was committed to the advancement of those around him. He dedicated himself to life-long learning. Avery spent much of his life meeting and attempting to understand people of all walks of life. His curiosity took him to many states in this country, parts of Western Europe, Japan, and China of the East. He took great pleasure sharing insights developed and in connecting people to other people.

Mr. Avery W. Chandler, Jr. leaves to cherish his memory a loving wife, Barbara; children, Christine and Christopher; granddaughters, Sydnei and Kyndyll; sisters, Linda Dyson and Susan Williams; brothers, Phillip Chandler, David (Carlease) Chandler, and Patrick (Staci) Chandler; 2 god-children, Marie Wilds and Dr. Christopher Jordan; numerous nieces, nephews, in-laws, and family friends.

Mr. Avery W. Chandler, Jr. was preceded in death by both his mother and father, Miriam E. and Avery W. Chandler Sr.; sister, Elizabeth; nephew, Terry L. Dyson; in-laws, Reverend B. F. and Mrs. Hilda Martin.

In lieu of flowers, the family is requesting donations be given to the Foss Avenue Scholarship Fund in memory of Mr. Avery W. Chandler, Jr.

THE HOUSE BY THE SIDE OF THE ROAD

There are hermit souls that life withdrawn,

In the place of their self-content;
There are souls like stars, that dwell apart,
In a fellowless firmament;
There are pioneer souls that blaze the paths
Where highways never ran-
But let me live by the side of the road
And be a friend to man.
Let me live in a house by the side of the road
Where the race of men go by-
The men who are good and the men who are bad,
As good and as bad as I.
I would not side in the scorner's seat
Nor hurl the cynic's ban-
Let me live in a house by the side of the road
And be a friend to man.
I see from my house by the side of the road
By the side of the highway of life,
The men who press with the ardor of hope,
The men who are faint with the strife,
But I turn not away from their smiles and tears,
Let me live in a house by the side of the road
And be a friend to man.
I know there are brook-gladdened meadows ahead,
And mountains of wearisome height;
That the road passes on through the long afternoon
And stretches away to the night.

And still I rejoice when the travelers rejoice
And weep with the strangers that moan,
Nor live in my house by the side of the road

Like a man who dwells alone.

Let me live in my house by the side of the road,

Where the race of men go by-

They are good, they are bad, they are weak, they are strong,

Wise, foolish – so am I.

Then why should I sit in the scorner's seat,

Or hurl the cynic's ban?

Let me live in my house by the side of the road

And be a friend to man.

- Sam Walter Foss

Cemetery Details

Sunset Hills Cemetery

G-4413 Flushing Rd.
Flint, MI 48504

Previous Events

Public Viewing

JUN **12**. 12:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

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

Family hour

JUN **13**. 10:00 AM (ET)

Foss Ave. Baptist Church
1159 E. Foss Ave.
Flint, MI 48505

Service

JUN 13. 11:00 AM (ET)

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Tribute Wall



“ *Mr. Avery Willard Chandler Jr.*

October 09, 2023 at 07:02 AM



“ *Dear family of Avery : Just learned of " Buzzy's " passing. I was a year older than he and will always remember his hard work and dedication to excel. Thoughts and prayers and the peace of Christ be with his loved ones. Ted Hamilton, Marion, Indiana*

ted hamilton - July 14, 2015 at 07:53 PM



“ *To the family, in my prayers. I remember Mr Chandler, being involved with the Flint Northern Band Parents. As many have already mentioned, he showed an interest and offered valuable advice to those seeking the best path to be successful. Even after I graduated high school, when I would see Mr Chandler, he would always offer encouragement. Sharonda Love-Wilson, Class of '91 Flint Northern*

Sharonda - July 03, 2015 at 04:04 AM



“ *My deepest sympathy to my dear friend, Barbara Chandler, and her family as they grieve the loss of their husband, father, and friend who has meant so much to them. My prayers are with you in this hour.*

Gwen Foster - June 18, 2015 at 12:22 AM

KM

“ With my deepest sympathy, we will miss him dearly. He loved kids, he was a role model, my mentor, and above all a leader in our community. No one can forget the impact he left in the lives of those that he touched! I will continue praying for your family and his memory will live on forever. Please let me know if there is anything I can do to help.

Sincerest regards,

Ken Muldrew

Ken Muldrew - June 17, 2015 at 10:15 AM

LL

“ Our sincere condolences to the entire Chandler family as we just heard about Avery's passing. He spent many hours with my father, Lew and myself trying to solve many issues. His presence will be sorely missed. God makes no mistake! He will comfort you through it all.
Loyce Driskell and Lewis



Lewis Driskell, Sr. and Loyce - June 15, 2015 at 05:14 PM

LL

“ We extend our prayers to the entire Chandler family. Avery spent many hours with my dad and I over the years solving the world's problem. He will be terribly missed. We know God makes no mistakes and He will comfort you through it all.



Lewis Driskell, Sr. and Loyce - June 15, 2015 at 02:56 PM

DB

“ Barbara, I was so sorry to hear about Avery's passing. May God comfort the family during this difficult time.

Carl and Delores Brown



Delores Brown - June 14, 2015 at 08:25 PM

DD

“ Barbara, I just learned of Avery's passing. I am so very sorry for your loss. I consider Avery a friend. We worked together at Mott for years and had many conversations. He convinced me to purchase a computer for my daughter when I was barely able to pay my mortgage and he was so right! It was a wise investment in her future. As you well know Avery was very much into investments of all kinds. I learned a lot from him and I appreciate so much the support he gave me when things at work were not going well. I always left our conversation feeling like I would be OK. Sorry I did not know in time to be of assistance, but if there is anything I can do, please let me know.

Delores Deen
ddeen350@yahoo.com

Delores Deen - June 14, 2015 at 03:32 PM

LD

“ La Jean Duncan lit a candle in memory of Mr. Avery Willard Chandler Jr.



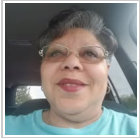
La Jean Duncan - June 12, 2015 at 04:46 PM

JA

“ JOHANNA ANDERSONHOUSTON lit a candle in memory of Mr. Avery Willard Chandler Jr.



JOHANNA ANDERSONHOUSTON - June 12, 2015 at 02:16 PM



“ He was a great teacher...i had him at Bryant Jr. High back in the 60s and he really connected with the students. RIP...Mr. Chandler.



Esther Gentry-Thompson - June 12, 2015 at 02:05 PM

FS

“ Avery is one of those special people who have touch my life. When I came to work at Mott Community College, he was the first to introduce himself and welcome me. The most important thing in Avery's life was Barbara and their children. He was always trying to add new extra money making activities hoping to add ways to make life better for his family. His plans still make me smile. The humanity, care and interest in all of us was at the forefront of who Avery was. Even when he was not appreciated by others he never had a bad word to say about anyone. He was a very likable man. With the passing of this special soul, the world is a poorer place. Condolences to all who shared a special bond with Avery, especially Barbara and his children and grandchildren.

Fran Smith - June 12, 2015 at 12:12 PM

NB

“ Our family sends our sincere love and condolences to the Chandler family. We are praying for you and reflect on the many memories that our families share. We remember Avery Chandler as a man of intellect and integrity. Barbara, Christine, Christopher and the grand-girls are in our thoughts. God bless.

Neysa Hodges Burns - June 12, 2015 at 09:46 AM

BG

“ Barbara Graham sent a virtual gift in memory of Mr. Avery Willard Chandler Jr.



Barbara Graham - June 10, 2015 at 06:55 PM

FR

“ Sis. Chandler, praying for you and your family. Bright and Morning Star Ministries, Nashville, Tennessee. Fred Robinson pastor. Thank you for being my Sunday school teacher.

Fred Robinson - June 10, 2015 at 11:43 AM

RG

“ Avery Chandler was an advocate for our students and also shared his concern for employees at the college who were not receiving fair compensation and treatment. I had the opportunity to talk with him last year at a school arts program, where his grandchildren were attending. I found him to be as interested in hearing about other people and their issues as he ever was. I think he was more concerned about his fellow man than what ever might befall him. This attribute speaks to him as a wonderful leader and human being. Thank you for sharing him with MCC. The family will be in my thoughts and prayers during this difficult time.

Rebecca Gale-Gonzalez - June 10, 2015 at 10:38 AM

LC

“ Loria Corder sent a virtual gift in memory of Mr. Avery Willard Chandler Jr.



Loria Corder - June 09, 2015 at 10:47 PM

TS

“ Dear Barbara, we send our condolences as you plan to celebrate Avery's life. When we heard of his death, we began to reflect on your move to Flint and the beginning of Avery's successful career at Mott Community College.

We want you to know that we will keep you and your family in our prayer, and hope that all of you will be comforted with wonderful warm memories of him and the many joyous events you were blessed to share.

Sincerely,
James and Tessie Sharp

Tessie M Sharp - June 09, 2015 at 09:30 PM

CT

“ Carol Taylor lit a candle in memory of Mr. Avery Willard Chandler Jr.



Carol Taylor - June 09, 2015 at 01:00 PM

HM

“ Barbara my sincere thoughts and prayers to you and your children in the passing of you husband. May God comfort you and the family at this time and the days, months and years to come.

Hazel & Frank Miller

Hazel Miller - June 08, 2015 at 01:20 PM