



## Mr. Christopher Lensey Echols

March 4, 1974 - December 31, 2022

ECHOLS, Mr. Christopher Lensey - Age 48, passed away Saturday, December 31, 2022, in Franklin, TN. Family hour 10:00 AM Friday, January 13, 2023, at St. Mark Missionary Baptist Church, 3020 Dupont St., with funeral service commencing at 11:00 AM Pastor Kevin Thompson, officiating. Interment Lovedale Memorial Cemetery, G-5175 E. Bristol Rd., Burton, MI. Friends and pallbearers will assemble at the church 10:00 AM Friday. Mr. Echols 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 Thursday with family present to receive friends from 4:00 to 6:00 PM.

Christopher Lensey Echols was born on March 4, 1974 to Lensey Earl Mason and Vickie Sue

Echols in Flint, MI. At an early age Christopher used to watch his uncle Kenneth take apart

radios and TVs. He started to work on circuits and anything electrical while in elementary

school. When Chris was in high school he excelled in all his classes and graduated with honors

in 1992 from Flint Northern High School. Christopher graduated from General Motors Institute

(GMI) undergraduate electrical engineering program in 1997. While working full time and raising

his son as a single parent, Chris pursued and accomplished obtaining a master's in science in Lean Manufacturing with a concentration in GM Global Leadership with a 4.0 GPA from Kettering University. Christopher was employed at General Motors for over 30 years.

Chris was much like John Henry, an old folklore about an African American man who worked on the railroads and believed that he could work harder and longer than a steam drill using two hammers. John was right! The steam drill stopped working and John had won the challenge of man against machine. Two days later John died from what folks believed to be from the stress of the competition. Just like John, Chris worked day in and day out and was a 'steel-driven man' The "machine" for Chris was his exemplary work ethic and his dream for his son to graduate from college.

Christopher loved the Star Wars franchise, comic books, live boxing matches, collectible action figures, painting and he had an obsession with watches. He was a vintner and wine connoisseur.

He is survived by his dear son Christian Luke Echols, step daughter Alexandria Brown, significant other Bianca Alexander and his bonus children Asia, Ty, Taj and India. Brothers Derrick Echols (Michella Johnson), and Connell Howard, Aunts Ella Jane Echols, Tobythia Echols (Eric Perry), Mary, Myrtis, and Brenda Mason, Uncles Evy Echols, Kenneth (Rose)

Echols, Rondey Echols (Wanda Mckowen), Gregory (Brenda) Mason, Charles (Cherry) Mason.

His dear niece and nephew Tayia Echols and Davontay Ross. Cousins  
Kenneth Echols jr. ,

Rhonda Moore, Gwendolyn Echols, Reagan Hobson, Darrington Hobson and  
Very special

cousins Voncha (Derwin) Henderson and Clezelle (Starlin) Swinney. A host of  
other cousins,

family and dear friends including Michael Horne, Kejuan Wilkins, Jacolbi  
Jarrett, Dante'

McNeal, and DuShawn Marshall.

Christopher was preceded in death by his mother and father Vickie Sue  
Echols, and Lensey

Earl Mason, his grand parents Evy (Gwendolyn) Echols, Sammy( Alice)  
Mason.

A special thank you to Susan Richardson and the GM family, Detective Craig  
Wright of the

Franklin PD, Sam Davis and Davis,Campbell, and McClain Funeral Home,  
Kettering University,

and MSU. Your thoughtfulness is deeply appreciated and will always be  
remembered by the

family of Christopher Lensey Echols.

To honor Christopher's Legacy please follow the link below to donate to the  
Christopher Echols

'97,'22 Scholarship fund

<https://donate.kettering.edu/o/kettering-university/i/give-to-kettering/s/the-chris>

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# Cemetery Details

## Lovedale Memorial Cemetery

G-5175 E. Bristol Rd.  
Burton, MI

# Previous Events

## Public Viewing

JAN 12. 12:00 PM - 6:00 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 Present

JAN 12. 4:00 PM - 6:00 PM (ET)

Lawrence E. Moon Funeral Home Chapel, Flint  
906 W. Flint Park Blvd.  
Flint, MI 48505  
(810) 789-MOON (6666)  
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## Family hour

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JAN 13. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

St. Mark Missionary Baptist Church  
3020 Dupont Street  
Flint, MI 48504

## Service

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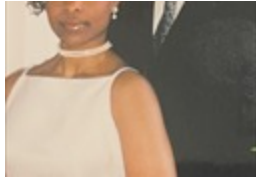
JAN 13. 11:00 AM (ET)

St. Mark Missionary Baptist Church  
3020 Dupont Street  
Flint, MI 48504

# Tribute Wall

AB

“ I think of you quite often and it's been over 3 yrs. You always told me that you were irreplaceable-and how right you were 💔



Alicia Brown - May 14 at 05:30 PM

AB

“ Hey Chris. Just thinking of you and wishing I could just talk to you one more time. Never thought I'd hurt this much. You are truly missed.

Alicia Deneen Brown - July 20, 2024 at 02:48 PM

AN

“ 1 year that you've been gone & everything still feels just as crazy...  
💙 still love, forever 🗓️.

Anonymous - December 31, 2023 at 12:07 PM



“ Mr. Christopher Lensey Echols

October 09, 2023 at 07:02 AM

AN

“ Hey there,

*I'm just thinking about you as I usually do and I just miss you so much. Your laugh, your advice, your smile, your jokes, everything. Not one thing has been the same since you left, but you would be proud of the path I've navigated so far. May you continue to rest in love and peace. 💙*

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**Anonymous** - April 01, 2023 at 09:23 PM

AN

“ I hope you had a happy birthday in heaven 💙. We miss your love but feel your presence and see your signs/messages!

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**Anonymous** - March 04, 2023 at 09:40 PM

BI

“ ❤️ HaPpY Heavenly BiRtHdAy ❤️ I miss and love you so much.

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**Bianca** - March 04, 2023 at 09:18 AM

MH

“ As the days and weeks pass, and as you return to life's routine, may you continue to feel comforted by the love and support of family and friends.



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**Michael & Donita Hayes** - January 13, 2023 at 06:48 PM

JJ

“ The service was beautiful. What a gift to hear about a life so generously and joyfully lived. Love to his family from Dr. Jennifer Johnson, Michigan State University

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**Jennifer Johnson** - January 13, 2023 at 02:54 PM

LF

“ Love always & forever, The Foster Family purchased the Serene Retreat for the family of Mr. Christopher Lensey Echols.



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**Love always & forever, The Foster Family** - January 12, 2023  
at 08:33 AM



“ Rose Tribute was purchased for the family of Mr. Christopher Lensey Echols.



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January 11, 2023 at 06:30 PM

TF

“ The Horne Family purchased the Heavenly Grace Spray for the family of Mr. Christopher Lensey Echols.



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**The Horne Family** - January 11, 2023 at 06:30 PM

RZ

“ I was lucky to work with Chris on several jobs for GM. He was kind, decent, and very professional. I truly enjoyed my time with him and was disappointed when he switched positions after the Bowling Green project (I was not able to work with him again). I only wish I could have known him more outside of work. He was a great man and example of how to live life. He will be missed. My condolences to his family at this time, my family and I will pray for you.

Rob Zacharias - January 11, 2023 at 03:56 PM

CC

“ A beautiful flower has bloomed in Gods kingdom. May your soul rest in peace Chris. You were a great man and a pleasure to work with. Rest easy brother



Crystal Conklin - January 11, 2023 at 12:16 PM



“ Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Mr. Christopher Lensey Echols.



January 10, 2023 at 10:24 PM

MC

“ Sending prayers of comfort and peace to the family of Chris Echols. Chris was kind, well liked and respected by his GM family. I am honored that I had the opportunity to know and work with him. He will be missed. 🙏🙏

Melaine Claxton - January 10, 2023 at 06:23 PM

TC

“ My sincere condolences to the entire family. May God give you the strength to endure, such a beautiful soul now at rest.

Teresa "Candy" Claxton-Frelix - January 10, 2023 at 02:25 PM

SP

“ Close dear friend. I worked with him in spring hill when he's was electrical coordinator. He was always fun to work with and very hard working. I loved to make him laugh, he has a distinctive laugh that made everyone laugh with him. I also worked with him in Flint. Such a great guy, he made that place a fun place to work. He was so proud of his son. We used to talk Lacrosse even though I knew nothing about it. I had him buy me a Warriors golf and wore it proudly work. My prayers to the family. There may never be a nicer man and a better man than my buddy Chris.

Stan Papciak - January 10, 2023 at 02:08 PM



“ Large Basket Garden was purchased for the family of Mr. Christopher Lensey Echols.



January 10, 2023 at 12:30 PM



“ Country Basket Blooms was purchased for the family of Mr. Christopher Lensey Echols.



January 10, 2023 at 12:13 PM



“ Rainbow Of Remembrance Spray was purchased for the family of Mr. Christopher Lensey Echols.



January 10, 2023 at 09:32 AM



“ My deepest condolences to Chris's Family. Chris was a super guy to work with and I enjoyed his open and honest personality. He was a keeper for sure. Great guy always with a smile when I saw him.

Douglas Warner - January 10, 2023 at 08:34 AM



“ Sending condolences to Chris' family. He was hard working, always willing to help address concerns and very personable.

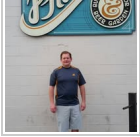
PK Xiong - January 10, 2023 at 06:10 AM



“ Chris, I still can't believe that you are no longer with us. I joined GM about a year ago, and you are one of those people at GM who had inspired me and I used to look up to you. Your calm and compose personality had always given me encouragement that you have our back, and we will get through any struggle. It is going to be tough without it, since you always took good care of your team. Thank you for everything. I wish, I had told you this in-person how much I had always admired you. Will always Miss you Chris.



Prince Mehandiratta - January 09, 2023 at 09:28 PM



“ *It was a great honor to work with Chris. He was very personally engaging and always seeking how he could help other people. Will miss his smile, kind attitude and professional demeanor. God bless and give peace to his family in this difficult time.* ”

Jonathan McPike - January 09, 2023 at 05:20 PM



“ *Tom Zidzik lit a candle in memory of Mr. Christopher Lensey Echols* ”



Tom Zidzik - January 09, 2023 at 02:25 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Mr. Christopher Lensey Echols.* ”



January 09, 2023 at 01:56 PM



“ *Deepest condolences to Chris' family. His demeanor was admirable. He will remain someone I hope to emulate. I will miss his honest, cheery, and good-hearted personality.* ”



Analia Godfrey - January 09, 2023 at 01:45 PM



RB

“ Chris was an extremely nice, thoughtful and caring man. He always listened to you and tried to address your concerns. He genuinely cared about the individual and the team. He will be greatly missed. I am grateful for the time I was able to meet and work with him.



Rebekah Brown - January 09, 2023 at 09:41 AM

JM

“ I did not get to work with Chris long, but he was so kind and willing to help take on mentoring students and providing them with hands on work as an engineer. He was a great advocate for the ones I was able to send his way. I appreciated all he did and will be greatly missed.

Jennifer C Morikawa - January 09, 2023 at 09:21 AM

LS

“ Chris was was one of the kindest people I've ever worked with. He was quick to laugh, usually smiling, and so easy to talk with. He was such a genuinely good guy. He will be truly missed. Condolences to all who love him.

Leeann Stuchell - January 09, 2023 at 07:39 AM

DE

“ Chris was one of the smartest, funniest, and genuinely kind persons I've ever met. I have many memories of laughter and good times from our college years, and I will miss his spirit. I extend my sincere condolences and deepest sympathies to his family in their time of grief.



Dexter Edmond - January 08, 2023 at 06:42 PM

CC

“ Cloreder Cheatom sent a virtual gift in memory of Christopher Echols



Cloreder Cheatom - January 08, 2023 at 05:28 PM

DM

“ I met Chris at work years ago and was lucky enough to work again with him recently. Always he had way of bringing people together. Chris was one of the most likeable people you could ever meet. He will be missed.



Dave Moosekian - January 08, 2023 at 09:03 AM

PK

“ phyllis knuckles lit a candle in memory of Christopher Echols



phyllis knuckles - January 07, 2023 at 05:33 PM

AR

“ Ashley Richmond lit a candle in memory of Christopher Echols



Ashley Richmond - January 07, 2023 at 04:16 PM

KS

“ One of best leaders I’ve had the pleasure of working for. You will truly be missed Chris. RIP.

Kevin Stevens - January 07, 2023 at 11:27 AM

MR

“ Chris was a kind, caring and wonderful man. We spoke often of family and faith and I was so happy to be able to work with him over the years. He will be missed by all and my sincere condolences go out to his family and friends. You will be greatly missed brother.



Marty Rymarz - January 06, 2023 at 08:29 PM

MD

“ Chris and his girlfriend Bianca were one of the first few people to welcome me and my husband to Flint. We had the honor of sharing a meal and lots of laughter in one winter evening in 2018 with the two of them. Chris's gentle presence, calm demeanor and radiating kindness will always be my memory of him. My prayers are with his family and friends.

Maji Debena - January 06, 2023 at 04:22 PM

VP

“ My heart goes out to the Echols family, especially to lose Chris at such a young age. He was a fine young man, very smart and engaging, as I remember him as a Kettering student. Please accept my condolences and I will definitely keep all family, co-workers and friends lifted up in prayer. May God bless you and keep you in his perfect peace.

Venetia Petteway - January 06, 2023 at 02:38 PM

JH

“ *Jim Hart lit a candle in memory of Christopher Echols*



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**Jim Hart** - January 06, 2023 at 12:51 PM

CH

“ *I first met Chris in GM Orion Assembly. Always was positive individual with the biggest smile. And that never changed as my EGM at Springhill Assembly. Such a great soul. My condolences to the Family.*

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**Christopher Hendrix** - January 06, 2023 at 11:17 AM

RJ

“ *Sad day Unc Chris you will be truly missed  
Love you forever*



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**Rosa Johnson** - January 05, 2023 at 04:28 PM

MI

“ Rest in Peace Chris... We were related by marriage but when I was a child I can remember him always being a helpful person. I thought that he was a brilliant person and admired that!!! I can remember when I was in 8th grade and he went to Kettering and I needed help with my homework. We called him on the phone and he helped me without even looking at the work...Genius!! Gone but will always be remembered...

*Millie*

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**Millie** - January 05, 2023 at 02:16 PM

MI

“ Millie lit a candle in memory of Christopher Echols



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**Millie** - January 05, 2023 at 02:12 PM

LE

“ Linda Echols-Baxter lit a candle in memory of Christopher Echols



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**Linda Echols-Baxter** - January 05, 2023 at 11:25 AM

LM

“ *Lisa McKarnen lit a candle in memory of Christopher Echols*



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**Lisa McKarnen** - January 05, 2023 at 09:50 AM

TL

“ *Tameka Loyd lit a candle in memory of Christopher Echols*



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**Tameka Loyd** - January 04, 2023 at 11:10 PM

RK

“ *I worked with Chris in Flint and thought the world of him. He always had a positive attitude and I loved his laugh. May God help his family during this difficult time.*

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**Ron Kennedy** - January 04, 2023 at 08:37 PM

LM

“ *Chris was a great professional that I was very blessed to manage in my previous years. But more importantly he was a great man that cared about everyone he worked with or was around. Chris will be missed but I assure you he has left an impactful personality to his coworkers and his family. God bless Chris and his family during this time.*

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**luke momrik** - January 04, 2023 at 07:58 PM

JT

“ Only had know Chris for the last 2 years. But I felt like I'd known him for decades. I will miss him.



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**James Thornton** - January 04, 2023 at 05:20 PM

KC

“ Chris was the best manager anyone could have. He always took time out of his day to listen and have a conversation. His cheerfulness and jolly laugh brightened everyone's day at work. Chris will be missed.

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**Katie Chu** - January 04, 2023 at 05:05 PM

PL

“ Phillip Lewis lit a candle in memory of Mr. Christopher Lensey Echols



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**Phillip Lewis** - January 04, 2023 at 04:30 PM

KC

“ Chris was the best manager anyone could have. He was always willing to take time out of his day to listen and have a conversation. Always a cheerful man at work and brightening everyone's day with his jolly laugh. Chris will be dearly missed.

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**Katie Chu** - January 04, 2023 at 04:15 PM

DP

“ Dewayne And Jazelle Payton lit a candle in memory of Mr. Christopher Lensey Echols



Dewayne and Jazelle Payton - January 04, 2023 at 04:05 PM

DP

“ Praying 🙏 for the Echols Family that The Lord will hold you up during the time if bereavment



Dewayne Payton - January 04, 2023 at 04:01 PM

AB

“ By my side is where you will always be 💔



Alicia Brown - January 04, 2023 at 03:29 PM

AB

“ You will truly be missed, Alicia Brown-Echols

Alicia Brown - January 04, 2023 at 03:24 PM

AB

“ I miss you beyond measure. I love you still

Alicia D Brown-Echols - January 04, 2023 at 03:17 PM

JR

“ *Derrick, and the family, you all have my deepest sympathy, May God's Love carry you through this time of sadness and bring peace and comfort*



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**Joe Ruth RICHMOND** - January 04, 2023 at 02:06 PM



“ *Sabrina Carr-Buckley lit a candle in memory of Christopher Echols*



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**Sabrina Carr-Buckley** - January 04, 2023 at 12:31 PM

JH

“ *Jared Hargrave lit a candle in memory of Mr. Christopher Lensey Echols*



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**Jared Hargrave** - January 04, 2023 at 12:29 PM

JH

“ *Jared Hargrave lit a candle in memory of Christopher Echols*



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**Jared Hargrave** - January 04, 2023 at 09:46 AM

KK

“ Chris was a most positive, full of life, level headed gentleman. He had a way of bringing calmness to tense situations at work. I will always remember him a peaceful gentleman. He will be greatly missed and left a void in our team. RIP Chris 🙏

Kimberly Ketchum - January 04, 2023 at 09:32 AM

NM

“ I did not know Chris real well, but I did work with him at Flint assembly. He was a good guy. When my wife died he checked on me to see how I was doing and I appreciated his concern for me. I am so sorry for your loss. My prayers are with his family and friends.

Neil Miller - January 04, 2023 at 09:02 AM

GI

“ Prayers and peace to you the family. Chris was a great person to work with.

Gillespie - January 04, 2023 at 08:51 AM

JB

“ Javaris Burks lit a candle in memory of Mr. Christopher Lensey Echols



Javaris Burks - January 04, 2023 at 03:03 AM

MP

“ *Mark Pajakowski sent a virtual gift in memory of Christopher Echols*



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**Mark Pajakowski** - January 04, 2023 at 12:28 AM

TM

“ *Chris was a brilliant man. He had so much class but was down to earth at the same time. He could light up any room with his beautiful smile. He will be missed by everyone he knew. Gone to soon rest in heavenly paradise with the Lord. My deepest condolences to the family. Heaven has gained a true angel.*

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**Tammy Mason** - January 03, 2023 at 11:39 PM

AB

*A true angel*

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**Alicia Brown** - January 04, 2023 at 04:05 PM

SF

“ *Sabrina Morgan And Family lit a candle in memory of Mr. Christopher Lensey Echols*



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**Sabrina Morgan and Family** - January 03, 2023 at 08:46 PM

JW

“ *Jeri A Washington lit a candle in memory of Mr. Christopher Lensey Echols*



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**Jeri A Washington** - January 03, 2023 at 05:47 PM

DR

“ *Demetrius Kyrra Richmond sent a virtual gift in memory of Christopher Echols*



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**Demetrius and Kyrra Richmond** - January 03, 2023 at 03:48 PM

FW

“ *Frederick Sonya Wilkes lit a candle in memory of Christopher Echols*



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**Frederick & Sonya Wilkes** - January 03, 2023 at 01:06 PM

LM

*I am honored and blessed to have know Chris. My condolences to family and friends.*

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**Lisa McKarnen** - January 04, 2023 at 02:20 PM