



## Mr. Curtis Lee Speights Sr.

February 1, 1942 - August 3, 2021

SPEIGHTS, Mr. Curtis Sr. - Age 79, passed away Tuesday, August 3, 2021 at McLaren-Flint. Mr. Speights will lie in state in the Chapel of Lawrence E. Moon Funeral Home, 906 W. Flint Park Blvd., and may be viewed from 1:00 PM - 4:00 PM Sunday, August 15, 2021.

# Previous Events

## Public Viewing

AUG 15. 1:00 PM - 4:00 PM (ET)

Lawrence E. Moon Funeral Home Chapel, Flint  
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# Tribute Wall



“ *Mr. Curtis Lee Speights Sr.*

October 09, 2023 at 07:02 AM



“ *My Brownell principal. loved Mr. Speights.*

**Matthew Mccorrey** - January 16, 2022 at 10:18 AM



“ *To Mrs. Speights and Family, we are sending our heartfelt and deepest sympathy. May God-Bless you and the Family and keep you in his arms Pastor Rodney Goler and Family and the Wilborn Family*

**pastor Rodney Goler** - August 20, 2021 at 07:07 AM



“ *Areillian Taylor lit a candle in memory of Mr. Curtis Lee Speights Sr.*



**Areillian Taylor** - August 18, 2021 at 11:02 PM



“ *My sincere condolences to the Speights family. I've known him and Marvalene for over 50 years. He was always a consummate professional and a nice person. He really cared about his students. He will be dearly missed..RIP SUDIE...rest in peace.*

**Kimberly Ross** - August 16, 2021 at 07:09 PM

SP

“ *My sincere and heart-felt condolences to Mrs. Marvalene Speights and family. I worked as a paraprofessional and classroom teacher at Brownell with Mr. Speights. He was always positive and optimistic toward staff, students, parents, and members of the community. I will always remember Mr. Speights for his kind demeanor and words of encouragement. Well done thy Good and Faithful Servant, Rest in Peace. Praying for the family. Sherry Pinson-Kelley*

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**Sherry Pinson-Kelley** - August 15, 2021 at 01:52 PM

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*I was so sorry to hear this news today from my daughter. I was Mr. Speights neighbor for years on Pulaski St. All I can remember is he had such a good demeanor about himself, soft spoken man with a beautiful wife and children. My sincere condolences to Marvalene and the children. May he RIP.*

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**Emma Ivory-Crader** - August 16, 2021 at 05:44 PM

KW

“ *Mr Speights was an awesome man. He took me in as his own and gave me an opportunity that will never be forgotten. He had faith in me and took a chance that most people wldnt never do!! Always encouraging and motivating and greeted you with a smile.. Education and growth was definitely his gift..He definitely was a mentor..I thank God for crossing paths with him and his family... To Mrs.Speights, son, 2 lovely daughters and grandkids CC n By or BB as he would say and all the family and special friends he touched.. Our prayers are with you and will continue to be with you.. May God Bless you all and we love you!! Love the Wilborn family.*

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**Katina Wilborn** - August 15, 2021 at 01:32 PM

MD

*Mr. Speights was my first principal. Long after attending Brownell Elementary School, Mr. Speights remembered my brother and I. I was always amazed after all these years he remembered us. Not only did he remember us, he was proud of us. Thank you for your service to the community.*

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**Monica D. Driver** - August 17, 2021 at 05:14 PM

EP

“ *To Mrs. Speights and Family, we are sending our heartfelt and deepest sympathy.*  
*Earnest & Nancy Pouncy Family*



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**EARNEST and NANCY POUNCY** - August 15, 2021 at 11:38 AM

CM

*Mrs. Speights and family we are sending our heartfelt and deepest sympathy.*  
*Charles and Callie Miller*

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**callie miller** - August 16, 2021 at 05:28 PM

CM

*Mrs. Speights and family, we are sending our heartfelt and deepest sympathy.*  
*Charles and Callie Miller*

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**callie miller** - August 16, 2021 at 05:30 PM

DS

“ I extend by heartfelt prayers to Mrs. Marvalene Speights and family due to the loss of her husband. Mr. Curtis Speights had a positive impact on the lives of many students and their families as he faithfully served the Flint Community Schools as an Elementary Principal. May he rest in peace.  
Love, Dr. Dana Smith Simmons



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**Dr. Dana S. Simmons** - August 15, 2021 at 10:38 AM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Mr. Curtis Lee Speights Sr..



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August 15, 2021 at 10:01 AM

WD

“ Thank you Mr Speights for being just a Wonderful inspiration to the Flint School System. Brownell Community Loved You.Rest Now and May Your Work Done Soeak for You



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**Wanda Davis** - August 14, 2021 at 05:23 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Mr. Curtis Lee Speights Sr..*



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August 14, 2021 at 12:15 PM



“ *Mr speights... you were like a second dad to all of us.. I send prayers and a whole heap of love to your wife and children, you will be deeply deeply missed. Brownell was never the same when you left.*



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**Tamara Johnson-Horton** - August 14, 2021 at 11:14 AM



“ *Bernice Finister- Johnson lit a candle in memory of Mr. Curtis Lee Speights Sr.*



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**Bernice Finister- Johnson** - August 14, 2021 at 08:36 AM



“ *Annette Bridges lit a candle in memory of Mr. Curtis Lee Speights Sr.*



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**Annette Bridges** - August 13, 2021 at 06:54 PM

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“ ( Kathy, Cheryl, and Terry) purchased the Treasured Lilies Spray for the family of Mr. Curtis Lee Speights Sr..



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( Kathy, Cheryl, and Terry) - August 13, 2021 at 03:30 PM



“ Sabrina Carr-Buckley purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Mr. Curtis Lee Speights Sr..



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Sabrina Carr-Buckley - August 13, 2021 at 10:25 AM



“ FAMILY, I shed a tear with you as we say Goodbye to Cousin Curtis Speights, Sr. He was a Great Man and Leader! He Will Be Missed By ALL That Knew Him. I Pray that you find Comfort and Strength in the days ahead knowing “Your Love One Is Safe In The Master’s Arms!” I extend my deepest condolences and heartfelt sympathy to Marvalene, The Children, Grandchildren, The Siblings, and Host of Nieces, Nephews, Cousins & Friends. May God’s Presence Be Felt During Your Hour of Need. I Love You All.. 🥺❤️



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Sabrina Carr-Buckley - August 13, 2021 at 09:55 AM

MT

“ *Mr. and Mrs. Edward Lee Taylor, Sr. TX purchased the Serenity Wreath for the family of Mr. Curtis Lee Speights Sr..*



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**Mr. and Mrs. Edward Lee Taylor, Sr. TX** - August 12, 2021 at 10:01 PM

WB

“ *God saw you getting tired  
And a cure was not to be  
So he put His arms around you  
And whispered “Come to me.”  
With tearful eyes we watched you  
As you slowly slipped away  
And though we cared for you dearly  
We couldn’t make you stay.  
Your golden heart stopped beating  
Your tired hands put to rest  
God broke our hearts to prove to us  
He only takes the best.*

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**Wanda J. Bady** - August 12, 2021 at 06:32 PM



“ *Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Mr. Curtis Lee Speights Sr..*



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August 12, 2021 at 03:47 PM

DS

“ *Donyale Sims lit a candle in memory of Mr. Curtis Lee Speights Sr.*



**Donyale Sims** - August 12, 2021 at 02:21 PM

TC

“ *Tevya Cheatham lit a candle in memory of Mr. Curtis Lee Speights Sr.*



**Tevya Cheatham** - August 12, 2021 at 12:08 PM

BF

“ *Brenda Fluker sent a virtual gift in memory of Mr. Curtis Lee Speights Sr.*



**Brenda Fluker** - August 12, 2021 at 11:59 AM

AY

“ *Anthony And Debra Young lit a candle in memory of Mr. Curtis Lee Speights Sr.*



**Anthony and Debra Young** - August 12, 2021 at 10:11 AM

RR

“ Rodney Richardson lit a candle in memory of Mr. Curtis Lee Speights Sr.



Rodney Richardson - August 12, 2021 at 08:40 AM

MM

“ Maxine Murray lit a candle in memory of Mr. Curtis Lee Speights Sr.



Maxine Murray - August 11, 2021 at 10:58 PM

GR

“ Giles Family & Giles Family Reunion purchased the Sentiments of Serenity Spray for the family of Mr. Curtis Lee Speights Sr..



Giles Family & Giles Family Reunion - August 11, 2021 at 10:53 PM

GP

“ Glenda Perkins lit a candle in memory of Mr. Curtis Lee Speights Sr.



Glenda Perkins - August 11, 2021 at 10:47 PM

LE

“ *Latonya Elam lit a candle in memory of Mr. Curtis Lee Speights Sr.*



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**Latonya Elam** - August 11, 2021 at 05:49 PM

MA

“ *An inspirational uncle who welcomed me into the family with smiles and stories. I new from the beginning he possessed those qualities I longed for. RIP comrade. I will continue to keep your love ones in my prayers. Moses D. Alston*

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**Moses D. Alston** - August 11, 2021 at 12:58 PM

JC

“ *JC & Cynthia Carr lit a candle in memory of Mr. Curtis Lee Speights Sr.*



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**JC & Cynthia Carr** - August 11, 2021 at 12:41 PM

CB

“ *Mr. Curtis Speights a great man. He was a role model for me. I have known him for a long time he was like a Uncle to me. He will be missed but never forgotten. I will be praying for his wife (Mrs. Marvalene ) and Family.*



*Clyde Bell and Family.*

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**Clyde Bell** - August 11, 2021 at 11:41 AM

JM

“ Jeannie Mayberry lit a candle in memory of Mr. Curtis Lee Speights Sr.



Jeannie Mayberry - August 11, 2021 at 10:26 AM

KR

“ Mr. Speights was the Principal at Dort School where I worked as his secretary for many years. He was not only my boss but also a friend. Through our years together we got to know each others families and I want them to know they are in my thoughts and prayers at this difficult time.



Kathy Rinks - August 11, 2021 at 07:17 AM

VJ

Best principle ever Brownell parents loved him RIP Condelenes to family

Vickie Jones - August 11, 2021 at 10:57 AM

DH

BEST PRINCIPLE EVER WAS LIKE A DAD TO ME AND MY BROTHERS AND SISTERS GROWING UP YOU WILL TRULY BE MISSED

daysha Harris - August 11, 2021 at 12:29 PM



RIP Mr. Speights our Brownell School Principle Best Principle ever You will be missed.

Bernice Finister- Johnson - August 14, 2021 at 08:33 AM

LH

“ *Levell And Earlene Hildreth lit a candle in memory of Mr. Curtis Lee Speights Sr.*



Levell and Earlene Hildreth - August 10, 2021 at 10:54 PM

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Levell and Earlene Hildreth - August 10, 2021 at 10:52 PM

LH

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Levell and Earlene Hildreth - August 10, 2021 at 10:49 PM

RH

“ *Condolences to the Speights Family. Mr. Speights was my principal at Brownell Elementary. He was very involved with the students. RIP, Mr. Speights.*



Richard Hildreth - August 10, 2021 at 10:47 PM

MS

“ *Myla Searcy lit a candle in memory of Mr. Curtis Lee Speights Sr.*



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**Myla Searcy** - August 10, 2021 at 09:37 PM

RH

“ *RUTH PERKINS HARPER MOBILE ALABAMA*



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**RUTH PERKINS HARPER** - August 10, 2021 at 09:05 PM

MP

“ *Praying for his wife and family..He was principal at Dort Elementary School when I worked up there..Rest In Peace..*



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**Melanie Peeler** - August 10, 2021 at 04:19 PM

RM

“ *Doc Speights, I'm missing you like crazy! Remembering the good times, sharing lunch with you and Woods, and denson, great conversation. Being able to talk to you him about anything, strong leader.R.I.P.*

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**Reginald Mitchell** - August 10, 2021 at 09:12 AM

JW

“ So sorry for your loss. You all are in my prayers.~Janeen (Overton) Williams



Janeen Williams - August 09, 2021 at 06:09 PM

NJ

“ Nataya Jones lit a candle in memory of Mr. Curtis Lee Speights Sr.



nataya jones - August 09, 2021 at 03:40 PM

QF

“ Quarles Family lit a candle in memory of Mr. Curtis Lee Speights Sr.



Quarles Family - August 09, 2021 at 03:34 PM

EP

“ Elizabeth Peeples lit a candle in memory of Mr. Curtis Lee Speights Sr.



Elizabeth Peeples - August 09, 2021 at 11:51 AM

DB

“ Danielle Bibbs lit a candle in memory of Mr. Curtis Lee Speights Sr.



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**Danielle Bibbs** - August 09, 2021 at 09:07 AM

AR

“ Mr. Speights was a loving, caring principal who knew his students by name. Regardless of how grown we were we were still his children and he took pride in seeing us succeed. I'm sure that he is safe in the arms of The Lord! We'll done good & faithful servant. You truly were the favorite principal to myself and many of your students.



*May God comfort & strengthen the family during this time.*

*Respectfully,  
Alvita Rouser  
(Brownell Elementary Alumni)*

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**Alvita Rouser** - August 08, 2021 at 11:22 PM

LH

“ Larry And. Shirley Henderson lit a candle in memory of Mr. Curtis Lee Speights Sr.



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**Larry and. Shirley Henderson** - August 08, 2021 at 09:17 PM

IC

“ *Mr. Curtis Speights was the gold standard for me when it comes to principals/leaders in education. He was firm and fair. He knew generations of families coursing through his halls, and knew them by name. Always open to conversations with parents about their individual students, but most of all he was kind. I always looked forward to having African American male teachers, principals, college professors because I believed that they could be cut from the same cloth as Mr. Speights. Rest well, Mr. Speights, you have definitely fought the good fight, and you are well deserving of your reward.*

*Ila Waldon Collins*  
*Brownell Elementary School 1981*



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**Ila Collins** - August 08, 2021 at 08:52 PM

KC

“ *Kathy Cleveland lit a candle in memory of Mr. Curtis Lee Speights Sr.*



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**Kathy Cleveland** - August 08, 2021 at 06:05 PM

KC

“ *My sincere condolences to the family of Mr. Speights.*

*He was the first black Principal that I had in the 70's at Brownell Elementary School. He was a great educator and active member in the community. He is the reason for the foundation of education for many black children and contributed to the success of many in the Flint community.*

*May God comfort his family today and in the days ahead.*

*Rest in peace Mr. Speights* ❤️

*The Cleveland Family*

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**Kathy Cleveland** - August 08, 2021 at 06:04 PM

RM

“ *Rev Phyllis McCree lit a candle in memory of Mr. Curtis Lee Speights Sr.*



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**Rev Phyllis McCree** - August 08, 2021 at 01:32 PM

BM

“ *Bernadette Mays sent a virtual gift in memory of Mr. Curtis Lee Speights Sr.*



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**Bernadette Mays** - August 08, 2021 at 09:37 AM

SY

“ Words cannot express the impact Mr. Speights had on all of the students of Brownell Elementary School. Thank you for loving us all...  
Stephanie Young & Family

Stephanie Young - August 07, 2021 at 07:02 PM

KM

“ Prayers & Love, go out to the Speights Family. I can say Principal Speights, taught myself & my brothers, as well as many of my friends at Brownell. He inspired us to be great people. He also played a very important part in helping us to become the well-rounded adults we are today. Thanks, Principal Speights. Kuwana, Chris & Tony Mack  
The Mack Family




Kuwanna Mack - August 07, 2021 at 04:30 PM

DH

“ Dorothy Harvey lit a candle in memory of Mr. Curtis Lee Speights Sr.



Dorothy Harvey - August 07, 2021 at 03:30 PM

 Cherie Sain

“ Mr. Speights was my principal at Brownell Elementary. Years later I became a teacher and he was my Administrator at Brownell Elementary. He was truly a great man 🙏

Cherie Sain - August 07, 2021 at 03:28 PM

HK

“ *Mr. Speights was an educator at heart and a mentor who taught me so much. Condolences and peace to all who will miss him.*

H. Kopesky - August 07, 2021 at 10:54 AM

FB

“ *Sincere condolences to the Speights family. I first encounter with Mr. Speights was 46 years ago at Brownell elementary he always cool calm and collected. Rest well \*Faith*

Faith Brown - August 07, 2021 at 09:32 AM

LJ

“ *My sincere condolences to his family and close friends Heaven has truly gained an angel! I remember the years my siblings and I were students at Brownell Elementary, where Mr. Speights was the Principal! What an awesome Leader he was! He was dedicated to his position and showed so much passion to all the students under his leadership' He was so determined to see all students succeed! RIH Mr. Speights; job well done! 🙏❤️❤️❤️*

Laurie Vickers Jones - August 07, 2021 at 07:22 AM

RK

“ *Mr. Speights instilled in us all a wonderful lesson of honor and respect. He was a man that everyone looked up to an outstanding Principal and leader to many. I'm sending prayers to the family may God comfort you all in your time of need*



Rachel King - August 07, 2021 at 05:50 AM

SS

“ Sophia Staples lit a candle in memory of Mr. Curtis Lee Speights Sr.



Sophia Staples - August 07, 2021 at 02:10 AM

DM

“ A true insperation to all that knew him, rest peacefully Mr.Speights our lost is heavens gain. I hope the family can find peace in the in seeing how many lives that their loved one touched.

Dolorise DeeDee Moman - August 06, 2021 at 08:28 PM

DM

“ Dolorise DeeDee Moman sent a virtual gift in memory of Mr. Curtis Lee Speights Sr.



Dolorise DeeDee Moman - August 06, 2021 at 08:17 PM

Y(

“ Sending our Heartfelt ❤️🙏 prayers and condolences to the Speights family! Mr.Speights was a Inspirational Principal who always looked out for the best interest of his students. The Shumpert Family!!



Yvette Shumpert (Bell) - August 06, 2021 at 02:38 PM

LS

“ My prayers and sympathy go out to the family of this great man. My whole family worked for him and he became a true friend to all of us for many years. He made such an incredible difference to so, so , so many students and staff members in the Flint Community Schools. I have so many memories to hold dear. May God hold him in peace now. His work is done and what a great job he did on this earth.



*Linda And Bobby Read, Arizona.*

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**Linda Swirtz-Read** - August 06, 2021 at 01:19 PM

SB

“ Steve, Robbi, Lisa, Princess, Karen Belk lit a candle in memory of Mr. Curtis Lee Speights Sr.



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**Steve, Robbi, Lisa, Princess, Karen Belk** - August 06, 2021 at 10:07 AM

SC

“ Shirl Clark lit a candle in memory of Mr. Curtis Lee Speights Sr.



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**Shirl Clark** - August 06, 2021 at 09:59 AM

SB

“ Steve, Robbie, Lisa, Princess, Karen Bel sent a virtual gift in memory of Mr. Curtis Lee Speights Sr.



Steve, Robbie, Lisa, Princess, Karen Bel - August 06, 2021 at 09:01 AM

BF

“ My siblings and I were students at Brownell in the 1970's when Mr. Speights was the Principal. Not only was he a great Principal, but an outstanding community leader. You worked hard in this life Mr. Speights, showing the young boys how to become men of standard. You were an inspiration to all students. For that, we are thankful. Rest peacefully in your heavenly home 🙏. To your family and friends, we extend our sincere condolences 🙏



Belk Family - August 06, 2021 at 08:48 AM

AG

“ Alvin Gayden lit a candle in memory of Mr. Curtis Lee Speights Sr.



Alvin Gayden - August 06, 2021 at 08:23 AM

LM

“ *Lori McBrayer lit a candle in memory of Mr. Curtis Lee Speights Sr.*



**Lori McBrayer** - August 06, 2021 at 03:50 AM

CT

“ *Chermaine Turner lit a candle in memory of Mr. Curtis Lee Speights Sr.*



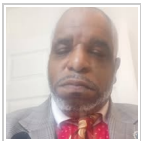
**Chermaine Turner** - August 05, 2021 at 10:40 PM

MA

“ *Melinda Anderson lit a candle in memory of Mr. Curtis Lee Speights Sr.*



**Melinda Anderson** - August 05, 2021 at 08:44 PM



“ *OH! Mr. Speights wow! he said to me when he was at my church getting water when we were in the water crisis. Devon!!! you made it man! you're a Preacher? Pastor? What? he said I knew you would do it. Sleep well, Mr. Speights.*

**Devon Robinson** - August 05, 2021 at 07:47 PM

GB

“ *What a great person you were. Thanks for being a good leader and a good example for the young to follow.* ”



**Gwen, McKay Barton** - August 05, 2021 at 06:38 PM



“ *Elonda Baylock lit a candle in memory of Mr. Curtis Lee Speights Sr.* ”



**Elonda Baylock** - August 05, 2021 at 06:28 PM

MW

“ *My sincerest condolences to the Speights family. May God's grace and love grant you strength and peace at this difficult time. Rest in heaven, Cousin Curtis.* ”

**Michele Carr Warren** - August 05, 2021 at 04:36 PM

LA  
Mack

“ *Mr. Speights was a inspirational leader, that blessed many children with a blueprint of life, that was respectful and commendable. He was the positive imagery that inner city children need. What a blessing to have been under his tutelage. Rest in power, and prayers/solace to the family for your loss.* ”



**LA Mack** - August 05, 2021 at 01:47 PM

RM

“ *Mr. Speights was such a inspired person. He was a great inspiration to all that knew him. Such a great husband, father, and grandfather. He will be truly missed.* ”

Robert and Mary Minor - August 05, 2021 at 12:05 PM



“ *Pandoretta Jackson sent a virtual gift in memory of Mr. Curtis Lee Speights Sr.* ”



Pandoretta Jackson - August 05, 2021 at 11:54 AM

SL

“ *Shawnta Lilly lit a candle in memory of Mr. Curtis Lee Speights Sr.* ”



Shawnta Lilly - August 05, 2021 at 11:04 AM

LA

“ *La Jean Duncan, Gadsden, AL lit a candle in memory of Mr. Curtis Lee Speights Sr.* ”



La Jean Duncan, Gadsden, AL - August 05, 2021 at 11:01 AM

EB

“ *Eddie And Linda Booth lit a candle in memory of Mr. Curtis Lee Speights Sr.*



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**Eddie and Linda Booth** - August 05, 2021 at 10:24 AM



“ *A Jeffrey LaValley lit a candle in memory of Mr. Curtis Lee Speights Sr.*



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**A Jeffrey LaValley** - August 05, 2021 at 10:03 AM

MD

*Mrs. Speights and the family, Mr. Speights was a person who was dedicated to his profession. He was such and inspiration to the children. They were always his top priority as well as his staff. He was the kind of person that would help anybody who needed him. I pray that God will bless and strengthen his family at this most difficult time.*

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**Maxine Davis** - August 08, 2021 at 08:49 PM

BS

*Our condolences to the Speights family. Such fond memories.*

*From the Barbara Smith family*

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**Barbara Smith** - August 09, 2021 at 06:37 PM