



Mr. Darren Duane Roland

October 26, 1960 - March 12, 2026

ROLAND, Mr. Darren Duane - Age 65, passed away Thursday, March 12, 2026 in Long Beach, CA. Family hour 1:30 PM Monday, April 6, 2026 from the Chapel of Lawrence E Moon Funeral Home, 906 W. Flint Park Blvd., with funeral service commencing at 2:00 PM. Interment Gracelawn Cemetery, 5710 N. Saginaw St. Friends and pallbearers will assemble at the funeral home 1:30 PM Monday. Mr. Roland will lie in state in the Chapel of Lawrence E. Moon Funeral Home and may be viewed during family hour only.

Mr. Darren "Turtle" Duane Roland was called home on Thursday, March 12, 2026, in Long Beach, California. Where he was a resident for over 40 years. Darren was born on October 26, 1960, in Flint, Michigan, the son of Isaiah "Bunky" Oliver Roland and Dora "Doe Doe" Mardean Wells-Taylor. Darren attended many of Flint Schools and grew up on the south side. He ended up at Beecher Community Schools, before going to California as a teenager. Darren as a child was very active in many ways. He loved to dance and do the splits. Darren thought he was James Brown back in the day, for real. He used to get paid for performing from relatives. Darren was always beating and knocking on the walls, furniture or whatever he could use with his hands. Then he was given a drum set, and we never had any peace after that.

Darren later began playing with a band and he was pretty good. They would even have practice at our house. He was a dare devil, jumping out of windows

from upstairs, jumping from cliffs and bridges. Darren used to take things from whomever or wherever. His saying was, “the hands are quicker than the eyes, until he got caught one day.

Darren was the oldest of 6 boys. While growing up his friends nicknamed him, “Turtle” because he was slow at whatever he did.

Mr. Darren Duane Roland leaves to cherish his memory: son, Damien of California; loving mother, Dora Taylor; 3 sisters, Robin, Rhonda, all of Flint and Shermanika (Richie) of California; 4 brothers, Arnett (Brigetta) of Flint, Wyon (Mia) of California, Kenneth (Juanita) of Virginia and Kevin of Flint; uncle, Lawrence (Juanita) Wells of Flushing, MI; aunt, Deborah Foster of Mt. Morris, MI; 13 1st cousins; 12 nephews; 7 nieces; 6 great-nephews; 7 great-nieces; 1 great-great-niece; longtime friend that he grew up with, Marcus Butler; a host of other relatives and friends including the Wells and Roland families, the California family and friends.

Mr. Roland was preceded in death by his father, Isaiah “Bunky” Oliver Roland; grandparents, Wells and Roland side; brother, Stephan Muse; uncles, Leandres “Fuzz” Wells and Lionel H. Wells; cousins, Albert Wells, Angela and Anthony; and nephew, Elijah Roland.

Previous Events

Family hour & viewing

APR 6. 1:30 PM - 2:00 PM (ET)

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Service

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Tribute Wall



“ *Lawrence E. Moon Funeral Home created a Webcast in memory of Mr. Darren Duane Roland*



Lawrence E. Moon Funeral Home - April 06 at 09:32 AM

MW

“ *Mary (Keels) Wilkes lit a candle in memory of Mr. Darren Duane Roland*



Mary (Keels) Wilkes - April 07 at 04:30 PM

RH

“ *Ramona Harris lit a candle in memory of Darren Roland*



Ramona Harris - April 06 at 11:49 AM

TA

“ Praying with and for the entire, Roland family. May God grant each of you, His comfort, strength, and His peace surround you with earthly angels to help supply, what is needed for a time such as now.



Teresa/ReRe & Red Anthony - April 05 at 11:35 PM

DH

“ Our sincere condolences in the loss of Darren. We're praying for God to give you strength through this journey, May you feel His loving arm's around you. Love Delores, Oliver, & Robert (Roland)



Delores Holbrook - April 05 at 05:55 PM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Mr. Darren Duane Roland.



April 04 at 09:20 PM

KC

“ Kim E. Carpenter lit a candle in memory of Mr. Darren Duane Roland



Kim E. Carpenter - April 02 at 04:17 AM

DE

“ *De lit a candle in memory of Mr. Darren Duane Roland*



De - March 31 at 04:55 PM

VM

“ *Vanthy McMullan lit a candle in memory of Mr. Darren Duane Roland*



Vanthy McMullan - March 29 at 03:34 PM

LM

“ *Lanita Murray Marion lit a candle in memory of Mr. Darren Duane Roland*



Lanita Murray Marion - March 27 at 11:34 AM

SR

“ *Prayers and Condolences to THE ROLAND FAMILY*



Sharone Robinson - March 25 at 02:46 PM