



Mr. Deedthridge Merrill

August 19, 1926 - February 28, 2014

MERRILL, Mr. Deedthridge - Age 87, passed away Friday, February 28, 2014 at McLaren Select Specialty Hospital-Flint, MI. Family hour 10:30 a.m. Monday, March 10, 2014 at Mt. Olive Missionary Baptist Church, 424 Kennelworth Ave. with funeral service commencing at 11 a.m. Rev. Dr. Major A. Stewart officiating. Interment Sunset Hills Association, G-4413 Flushing Rd. Friends and pallbearers will assemble at the Church 10:30 a.m. Monday. Mr. Merrill will lie in state in the Chapel of Lawrence E. Moon Funeral Home, 906 W. Flint Park Blvd. and may be viewed from 10 a.m.-6 p.m. Sunday.

Mr. Deedthridge Merrill, affectionately known as “Dee” since infancy, began his sojourn August 19, 1926 in Winchester, AR, as the firstborn of four children to Joseph and Alean Merill. He grew up in Dumas, AR, having received his primary education there, graduating from High School in Pine Bluff, AR. Upon graduation, he enlisted in the U.S. Navy and served during World War II and The Korean Conflict and was honorably discharged from military service. Mr. Merrill attended Business College in Chicago before moving to Flint, MI. Dee settled in Flint and married Helen DeGroat and was a devoted husband until her death in 1999. He was employed by The State of Michigan in juvenile Corrections, coaching, mentoring, and counseling young men who were residents of youth facilities. After retirement from The State of Michigan he sold insurance for many years which was his passion. Dee was always the consummate gentlemen, a person of principle, integrity and high

standards. He united with Mount Olive Baptist Church in 2003 and served faithfully on the Senior Usher Ministry until his health began to fail. He was always ready and willing to lend a hand to anyone who needed it.

Mr. Merrill touched and blessed many lives as he traveled this road and leaves to cherish his memory: brother, Joe (Doris) Merrill of Chicago, IL; several nieces and nephews including, Vincent Merrill of Chicago, IL, who was the son he never had and was very devoted to his uncle; aunt, Catherine Lambert of St. Louis, MO; numerous cousins and loving friends including devoted friend and companion, Dolores McGowan; special friends Frank Tedford, Robert Stamps, Lolanda Johnson and Linnette Phillips; a step-son and two step-grandchildren; several in-laws including the Grier and Nita Davis Families.

Mr. Merrill was preceded in death by his parents, Joe and Alean Merrill and siblings, Josephine Grady (Milton Sr.) and Jeweleen Giles (Edward).

Cemetery Details

Sunset Hills Association

G-4413 Flushing Rd.
Flint, MI

Previous Events

Public Viewing

MAR **9**. 10:00 AM - 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 hour

MAR **10**. 10:30 AM (ET)

Mt. Olive Missionary Baptist Church
424 Kennelworth Ave.
Flint, MI 48503

Service

MAR **10**. 11:00 AM (ET)

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Tribute Wall



“ *Mr. Deedthridge Merrill*

October 09, 2023 at 07:02 AM



“ *Verdel Duncan lit a candle in memory of Mr. Deedthridge Merrill*



verdel duncan - April 07, 2014 at 07:42 PM



r/ Merrill, gave me my first employment opportunity in Flint. A great human being.

verdell Duncan - April 07, 2014 at 07:47 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Mr. Deedthridge Merrill.*



March 07, 2014 at 04:30 AM

JM

“ Jean Montgomery lit a candle in memory of Mr. Deedthridge Merrill



Jean Montgomery - March 06, 2014 at 01:31 PM

SN

“ It was my pleasure & priviledge to work with Mr. Merrill many years ago at the Meredith Halfway House. I greatly respected his effort & effectiveness in working with our youth. I greatly regret not staying in contact with Mr. Merrill. I send condolences to his family on their loss of such a fine man.
Sincerely, Steve Nisbet

Steve Nisbet - March 05, 2014 at 07:41 PM

KR

“ Kendall Reaves lit a candle in memory of Mr. Deedthridge Merrill



Kendall Reaves - March 05, 2014 at 11:21 AM

KR

“ I was sadden to see that we lost Mr. Merrill..... He always told me to call him Dee. He always had such a gentle spirit. He will be missed.

Kendall Reaves - March 05, 2014 at 11:20 AM

LJ

“ Our hearts are sad that you're gone , but you are at peace. You were a gentleman with a kind spirit, who loved The Lord .We have memories to help sustain us....and there is comfort in knowing you are with Jesus.

Lolanda

Lolanda R. Johnson - March 04, 2014 at 04:52 AM



“ May you find comfort , strength and hope in knowing, one day you will see your loved one again in the "RESURRECTION"as promised us in God's Word, the Bible, with no more illness.(Acts 24:15) (Revelation 21:4) I'm sorry for your loss.

L - March 03, 2014 at 12:14 PM

PL

“ I'm sorry for your loss. Death is such a hateful and ugly event. But God's words in the Bible gives us future hope at Isaiah 25:8 where HE promises to wipe away our tears and swallow up death forever. May you find comfort from God's words in the Bible.

Peggy Land - March 02, 2014 at 05:21 PM