



Mr. Densell Handley

April 7, 1924 - May 12, 2020

HANDLEY, Mr. Densell - Age 96, passed away Tuesday, May 12, 2020 at his residence. Family hour 10:30 AM Thursday, May 21, 2020 from the Chapel of Lawrence E. Moon Funeral Home, 906 W. Flint Park Blvd. with funeral service commencing at 11:00 AM Pastor Christopher Taylor, officiating. Entombment Sunset Hills Cemetery, G-4413 Flushing Rd. Friends and pallbearers will assemble at the funeral home 10:30 AM Thursday. Mr. Handley will lie in state in the Chapel of Lawrence E. Moon Funeral Home and may be viewed 12:00 PM - 6:00 PM Wednesday. Mr. Densell Handley, age 96, went to Glory on Tuesday, May 12, 2020 at his residence surrounded by his loving wife and children. Densell was born on April 7, 1924 in Cornerville, Arkansas, the son of Roy and Lelia Handley and was the oldest of 4 boys. He met the love of his life, Rozene Jordan, at a basketball tournament where she was playing in the game. After courting her for a little over a year and finally winning her heart over, they developed a beautiful friendship and became inseparable. They united in marriage and became one on March 16, 1945. The two took their family and later moved in 1950 to St. Louis, MO where he worked for Swift Packing Company before moving his family to Detroit, MI. Densell worked for Plymouth, Chrysler for two years before moving his family to Flint, Michigan where he would reside until his death. Densell and Rozene raised a beautiful family together and joined Antioch Missionary Baptist Church where he was a faithful servant for over 45 years under the leadership of Reverend L.W. Pryor. He was employed by Buick Motor Company, a division of General

Motors Corporation with over 30 years of service before he retired in 1985. Family time was very important to Densell, so he was excited about having more quality time to spend with his family. They would often invite others over with their families for game night and cookouts on the weekends. He loved family trips, especially attending the Walls yearly family reunion. Densell looked forward to spending winter season at his second home in Georgia. He loved telling old stories about his childhood and the countless jobs he had worked over his lifetime to others. Densell loved restoring old homes as a Master Carpenter & Builder and teaching those, who wanted to learn, everything he knew. Densell was a great and wonderful father to all his children, grandchildren, great-grandchildren, great-great grandchildren, nieces, nephews and cousins - all of whom he poured into and treated as his own; as well as other children in the neighborhood all who loved, adored and looked up to him. Densell, who most called "Big Daddy", was a great provider, hardworking, loving devoted husband, great father, a true family man, great listener, storyteller, teacher, and problem solver. Densell loved sports, was an avid hunter, loved cooking, teaching his kids how to cook, he loved his cars, taking care of his lawn, gardening, bowling, and was a music lover by heart. His whole life was about his wife, family and church home. He lived a wonderful full life devoted to God and family and will truly be missed by all who knew him.

Mr. Densell Handley leaves to cherish his memory: wife, Rozene Handley; 3 sons, Gary (Brenda) Handley, Jimmie (Marilyn) Handley and Richie Handley, all of Flint; 6 daughters, Lorraine Handley Los Angeles, CA, Linda Handley of Flint, Cherri (Winston) Handley-Allder of Leland, NC, Shannon Handley of Middleton, WI, Raycoa Handley of Atlanta, GA and Trina (Sherman) Handley-Boaz of Lawrenceville, GA; 25 grandchildren, many great-grandchildren and great-great grandchildren; god-daughter, Denise (Gregory) Howell; a host of nieces, nephews, cousins and Hannah, his faithful pet companion; a host of other relatives and friends including special friends, Leon Miller, Mike Hemphill, the Deloach family, Joe Vickers, Lula Lewis, Ruby LeGardye, LaDon

McNeil, Kerry Nelson, Mae Taylor, Bennie King, Lucy Lucky, Rev. Woody (Tammie) Etherly, Delores Roberts, the Black and King families, Delois Dawkins, the Chandler, Ridgell families, Othello Cannon, Helen Jones, the Johnson families, Onita Turner, Ernestine Gray, Shirley Page, Jennifer Parker, Leontine Tipton and the English family, Christine Brown, Georgia Font, the Brooks family, Calhoun family, neighbors and many others.

Mr. Handley was preceded in death by his daughters, Lou Jean White and Jennifer Lynn Handley; son, L.C. "Larry" Handley; parents, Roy and Lelia Handley; brothers, Vernon Handley, Caphus Handley and Otis Handley; The family would like to express a special thanks to Pastor Lewis Randolph, Pastor Christopher Taylor, the Antioch Missionary Baptist Church family, Grace Hospice, especially his CNA Kim Bell and his RN Ann Zchering, RN Elaina Newcomb, the Lawrence E. Moon Funeral Home staff for their kind deeds and comforting expression of love shown during this time.

Cemetery Details

Sunset Hills Cemetery

G-4413 Flushing Rd.
Flint, MI 48504

Previous Events

Viewing

MAY 20. 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 hour

MAY 21. 10:30 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

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Tribute Wall



“ *Lawrence E. Moon Funeral Home created a Webcast in memory of Mr. Densell Handley*



Lawrence E. Moon Funeral Home - May 21, 2020 at 08:18 AM

JP

A man of outstanding character who demonstrated his love constantly. He will always have a special place in my heart as the best father-in-law anyone could have.

Jennifer F. Parker - May 21, 2020 at 09:52 AM

EL

Sending prayer 🙏 and comfort to the family 🙏🙏❤️ Elaine Johnson Dorsey 🙏🙏🙏🙏🙏🙏

elainejohnsonDorsey - May 21, 2020 at 10:57 AM



Praying with you my family. I love you!!!

Sheila Johnson-Toins - May 21, 2020 at 11:04 AM

TN

A man of longevity, I am forever inspired by the strength of his spirit to stay, not only the course of life, but the trials and tribulations that life brought. He seldom failed as a man, a father, and a Husband to such a beautiful and equally strong woman. I love them both, and will miss him dearly. Rest peacefully, Unc! Thanks for EVERYTHING

Tracy Alexander Brown Sr., Nephew - May 21, 2020 at 11:06 AM

KH

A true man of God, outstanding character and a beautiful spirit. He will always have a special place in our heart's. It was an honor for me to be called your daughter in-law. R.I.H. "Big Daddy"

Katherine Woodard Handley - May 21, 2020 at 11:10 AM

LB

To my family: we will truly miss him. I know will he meant the world to me, treating me as i was one his son. Larry.

Larry Briggs - May 21, 2020 at 12:01 PM

JW

Fly high Big Daddy 🙏

Jenn Williams - May 21, 2020 at 12:10 PM

VB

Bless the family in this time and know that God is walking with you. Uncle Densell you will be missed and I am a better man because of you Vernon

Vernon Buckner - May 21, 2020 at 12:35 PM

TF

Blessings to the family ,remember ,we will always carry Uncle Densell in our hearts and forever in our lives, he is remembered... I will carry you in my memories R.I.H.UNC

Troy Mitchell and Family - May 22, 2020 at 09:42 PM

RH

The best uncle a person could have, you would be truly missed. Randall Handley

Randall Handley - May 23, 2020 at 10:09 AM



Beautiful ,home going service.

Lula Lewis - May 23, 2020 at 07:20 PM



“ *Mr. Densell Handley*

October 09, 2023 at 07:02 AM



“ *My heart is deeply saddened by the passing of Mr. D. Handley. He was greatly loved by me and my children. Heaven having a big party, so God sent Mr. Handley an invitation that he had to accept. Party in heaven dear heart. All our love, Pam & family.❤️*

Eleanora Givens - June 11, 2020 at 08:53 AM



“ *Carrie Trent lit a candle in memory of Mr. Densell Handley*



Carrie Trent - May 28, 2020 at 07:00 PM



“ *Lit a candle for Mr Densell Washington.*



Rudolph Wheaton DDS,MPA - May 21, 2020 at 08:40 PM



“ *Rosene,a beautiful service. God bless. Carolyn banks anderson*

Carolyn Anderson - May 21, 2020 at 08:16 PM



“ Teresa Claxton Williams lit a candle in memory of Mr. Densell Handley



Teresa Claxton Williams - May 21, 2020 at 05:56 PM



“ Teresa Claxton Williams lit a candle in memory of Mr. Densell Handley



Teresa Claxton Williams - May 21, 2020 at 05:45 PM



“ My condolence to the Densell Handley Family: I will forever cherish Densell's loving spirit and that welcoming smile. He made me very special over the years every time I came through the door. His legacy will forever live on! May God continue to bless, keep and strengthen you all as you go through this test of faith.



Onita Turner - May 21, 2020 at 04:11 PM



“ Phyllis Peterson lit a candle in memory of Mr. Densell Handley



Phyllis Peterson - May 21, 2020 at 12:16 PM

LB

“ *Loretta Black lit a candle in memory of Mr. Densell Handley*



Loretta Black - May 21, 2020 at 11:16 AM

RW

“ *My sincere condolences and prayers for the Handley family.* ❤️



Rhonda Williams - May 21, 2020 at 09:59 AM

TH

“ *Tina Handley sent a virtual gift in memory of Mr. Densell Handley*



Tina Handley - May 21, 2020 at 07:03 AM

DE

“ *Densell will always hold a place in my heart and with the Chandler Family .Every barbecue, graduation, the growing up of my brother an sister an myself. He was present for all events for us and gave support ,advice and love . The Handley Family has ALWAYS been there and I'm so thankful and blessed to have had this love as godparents .* ”



denisehowell72@yahoo.com - May 21, 2020 at 02:22 AM

CA

Rozene,a beautiful service. God bless. Carolyn banks anderson

Carolyn Anderson - May 21, 2020 at 04:42 PM

BS

“ *Our sincere condolences to the Handley family. So sorry to hear of his passing. We will keep the family in our prayers.* ”



Benny & Mae Vern Spence - May 20, 2020 at 10:27 PM

RR

“ *Prayers for and Condolences to the Handley's. Sending love from my heart to yours! May the God of peace be with you at this time and in every way.* ”



Rene' Robinson - May 20, 2020 at 09:59 PM

RD

“ *Lit a candele for Mr Densell Handley. I've known the Handley's since childhood. My condolences to the family.*



Rudolph D. Wheaton, DDS,MPA - May 20, 2020 at 05:53 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Mr. Densell Handley.*



May 20, 2020 at 01:48 PM

JK

“ *Jocelyn Knox lit a candle in memory of Mr. Densell Handley*



Jocelyn Knox - May 20, 2020 at 12:40 PM

EF

“ *Earnestine Gray & Family sent a virtual gift in memory of Mr. Densell Handley*



Earnestine Gray & Family - May 20, 2020 at 11:59 AM

Tiffany Moore

“ Thanksgiving 2019 last shared moments with my grandfather so thankful for the time spent with him. 🧡🙏🙏



Tiffany Moore - May 20, 2020 at 11:27 AM

SY

“ Sally and family send our love too aunt Zine ,uncle will be missed.



Sally Young - May 20, 2020 at 10:05 AM

JW

“ 1 file added to the album Memories Album



Jenn Williams - May 20, 2020 at 09:35 AM

CW

“ Craig & Jenn Williams purchased the Florist Choice Bouquet for the family of Mr. Densell Handley.



Craig & Jenn Williams - May 20, 2020 at 09:05 AM

KG

“ *Kaye (Lenear) Gould lit a candle in memory of Mr. Densell Handley*



Kaye (Lenear) Gould - May 20, 2020 at 08:29 AM

JH

“ *Missing you Big Daddy Lil Jeff*



Jeffrey Harris - May 20, 2020 at 06:38 AM

BD

“ *Becky Douglas lit a candle in memory of Mr. Densell Handley*



Becky Douglas - May 20, 2020 at 01:53 AM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Mr. Densell Handley.*



May 19, 2020 at 10:16 PM

TP

“ I'm so sorry to hear of the loss of your husband. Dell and I send our condolences.

*Thelma Thompson-Pugh
Rancho Cucamonga, Ca.*

thelma pugh - May 19, 2020 at 07:13 PM

RD

“ Lit a candle for Mr. Densell Handley. I've known the Handley's since I was a child. My Condolences to the family.



Rudolph Wheaton DDS,MPA - May 19, 2020 at 05:49 PM

JA

“ Joi & Steven Askew sent a virtual gift in memory of Mr. Densell Handley



Joi & Steven Askew - May 19, 2020 at 04:25 PM

JV

“ Joe Vickers lit a candle in memory of Mr. Densell Handley



Joe Vickers - May 19, 2020 at 03:13 PM

OM

“ *Otis & Sharon Martin lit a candle in memory of Mr. Densell Handley*



Otis & Sharon Martin - May 19, 2020 at 03:11 PM



“ *Lula Lewis lit a candle in memory of Mr. Densell Handley*



Lula Lewis - May 19, 2020 at 12:40 PM

JB

“ *James, Lisa & Ashley Blakley lit a candle in memory of Mr. Densell Handley*



James, Lisa & Ashley Blakley - May 19, 2020 at 11:57 AM

CB

“ *To Mother Handley and family; sending our condolences and always Praying for you.
Love Colette & Alysson Brown*



Colette Brown - May 19, 2020 at 10:59 AM

RL

“ *Ruth E Lott lit a candle in memory of Mr. Densell Handley*



Ruth E Lott - May 19, 2020 at 09:58 AM



“ *Ceres Simpson Pennington lit a candle in memory of Mr. Densell Handley*



Ceres Simpson Pennington - May 18, 2020 at 09:33 PM

CP

“ *Cody Pinchnat lit a candle in memory of Mr. Densell Handley*



Cody Pinchnat - May 18, 2020 at 07:53 PM

LH

“ *We love you Big Daddy!...*

*Amari, AJ, Amir, Anala, Armani and Italy
(great-great grandchildren)*



Linda Handley - May 18, 2020 at 07:44 PM

LH

“ Linda Handley lit a candle in memory of Mr. Densell Handley



Linda Handley - May 18, 2020 at 07:34 PM



“ Crystal Cross Bouquet was purchased for the family of Mr. Densell Handley.



May 18, 2020 at 07:00 PM

TJ

“ May God bless us , guide and Keep us strong during our time of need. I love my family and you're in my prayers .❤️



Tara Johnson - May 18, 2020 at 05:01 PM

SL

“ Sandra Lewis lit a candle in memory of Mr. Densell Handley



Sandra Lewis - May 18, 2020 at 04:26 PM

KH

“ Katherine Woodard Handley lit a candle in memory of Mr. Densell Handley



Katherine Woodard Handley - May 18, 2020 at 04:02 PM

BT

“ Betty Tipper lit a candle in memory of Mr. Densell Handley



Betty Tipper - May 18, 2020 at 03:36 PM



“ Teresa Claxton Williams lit a candle in memory of Mr. Densell Handley



Teresa Claxton Williams - May 18, 2020 at 03:11 PM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Mr. Densell Handley.



May 18, 2020 at 02:05 PM

RT

“ *Randolph Tolberr lit a candle in memory of Mr. Densell Handley*



Randolph Tolberr - May 18, 2020 at 01:33 PM

TF

“ *1 file added to the tribute wall*



The Tolbert Family - May 18, 2020 at 01:31 PM

PG

“ *Your smile and kindness continue to warm my heart. God Bless you & your family during this sad time.*



Paula & Mark Guisfredi

Paula Kusz Guisfredi - May 18, 2020 at 12:21 PM

TH

“ *Tina Handley lit a candle in memory of Mr. Densell Handley*



Tina Handley - May 18, 2020 at 12:42 AM

TG

“ *My condolences to the family.*



Tracey Gay - May 18, 2020 at 12:38 AM

VR

“ *Verma Rosborough sent a virtual gift in memory of Mr. Densell Handley*



Verma Rosborough - May 18, 2020 at 12:04 AM

KH

“ *Kimberly Handley-Givens lit a candle in memory of Mr. Densell Handley*



Kimberly Handley-Givens - May 17, 2020 at 10:56 PM

MH

“ *Michelle Handley lit a candle in memory of Mr. Densell Handley*



Michelle Handley - May 17, 2020 at 10:46 PM

BR

“ *BrendaFluker sent a virtual gift in memory of Mr. Densell Handley*



BrendaFluker - May 17, 2020 at 09:21 PM

BR

“ *My condolences to my mother and my siblings being the 1st born of 9 I'll always have fond memories of talking about cars, working on projects, and especially you had to enjoy and share eating the throw together meals, but most of all family with 110 family reunions. R.I.H. DADDY. GARY*

BrendaFluker - May 17, 2020 at 09:20 PM



“ *Debbe D Moore lit a candle in memory of Mr. Densell Handley*



Debbe D Moore - May 17, 2020 at 04:35 PM

JK

“ *Jesse Kirksey lit a candle in memory of Mr. Densell Handley*



Jesse Kirksey - May 17, 2020 at 01:34 PM

NJ

“ *Nancine Jackson lit a candle in memory of Mr. Densell Handley*



Nancine Jackson - May 16, 2020 at 07:11 PM

J(

“ *James & Sharon Owensby (Arizona) lit a candle in memory of Mr. Densell Handley*



James & Sharon Owensby (Arizona) - May 16, 2020 at 04:51 PM

RF

“ *Rison & Brown Families lit a candle in memory of Mr. Densell Handley*



Rison & Brown Families - May 16, 2020 at 12:06 PM

VC

“ *Van & Merdice Coleman lit a candle in memory of Mr. Densell Handley*



Van & Merdice Coleman - May 16, 2020 at 11:56 AM

VC

“ *Lit a candle in memory of Mr Densell Handley*



Van and Merdice Coleman - May 16, 2020 at 11:53 AM

VJ

“ *My Condolences to Aunt Rozene and Family.*



Vivian Johnson-McMillian - May 16, 2020 at 10:42 AM

RB

“ *Rosa Burnett lit a candle in memory of Mr. Densell Handley*



Rosa Burnett - May 16, 2020 at 09:25 AM

DJ

“ *Mother Handley & Family:*

We wish to extend our deepest condolences and prayers to you and your family, Mr. Handley will deeply be missed. 💖🌹



Dennis & Shirley Jackson - May 15, 2020 at 10:03 PM

BW

“ *Brenda Waits lit a candle in memory of Mr. Densell Handley*



Brenda Waits - May 15, 2020 at 08:12 PM

JW

“ *Jacqueline Woodard lit a candle in memory of Mr. Densell Handley*



Jacqueline woodard - May 15, 2020 at 08:10 PM

CC

“ *Carl & Brenda Calhoun sent a virtual gift in memory of Mr. Densell Handley*



Carl & Brenda Calhoun - May 15, 2020 at 08:09 PM



“ *Jacqueline Bridges lit a candle in memory of Mr. Densell Handley*



Jacqueline Bridges - May 15, 2020 at 06:53 PM

FH

“ *Francine Henderson lit a candle in memory of Mr. Densell Handley*



Francine Henderson - May 15, 2020 at 03:28 PM

SL

“ *Shawnta Lilly lit a candle in memory of Mr. Densell Handley*



Shawnta Lilly - May 15, 2020 at 03:11 PM

DM

“ *Deacon Jesse Mosley lit a candle in memory of Mr. Densell Handley*



Deacon Jesse Mosley - May 15, 2020 at 12:10 PM



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May 15, 2020 at 09:54 AM

FR

“ *Freda Ratliff-Williams lit a candle in memory of Mr. Densell Handley*



Freda Ratliff-Williams - May 14, 2020 at 07:47 PM

IH

“ *Iris J. Hare lit a candle in memory of Mr. Densell Handley*



Iris J. Hare - May 14, 2020 at 07:17 PM

EK

“ *Eric&Victoria Kilgore lit a candle in memory of Mr. Densell Handley*



Eric&Victoria Kilgore - May 14, 2020 at 07:14 PM

JB

“ *Jeaneyte Brown lit a candle in memory of Mr. Densell Handley*



Jeaneyte Brown - May 14, 2020 at 06:36 PM

MT

“ *Our condolences and sympathy wishes to the Handley family. We know the Lord will bless his soul with eternal peace.*

Marshall & Bev Tolbert - May 14, 2020 at 06:06 PM

MT

“ *3 files added to the tribute wall*



Marshall & Bev Tolbert - May 14, 2020 at 05:58 PM



“ *Wanda Baker sent a virtual gift in memory of Mr. Densell Handley*



Wanda Baker - May 14, 2020 at 05:30 PM