



Mr. Donnie Lee Tedford

September 30, 1947 - November 6, 2025

TEDFORD, Mr. Donnie - Age 78, passed away on Thursday, November 6, 2025, at his residence. Family hour 1:30 PM Thursday, November 20, 2025, from the Chapel of Lawrence E. Moon Funeral Home, 906 W. Flint Park Blvd., with funeral service commencing at 2:00 PM, Pastor Gordon Lee Porter, officiating. Interment Gracelawn Cemetery, 5710 N. Saginaw St. Friends and pall bearers will assemble at the Funeral Home 1:30 PM, Thursday. Mr. Tedford will lie in state in the Chapel of Lawrence E. Moon Funeral Home and may be viewed from 12:00 PM-6:00 PM Wednesday.

Donnie Lee Tedford, affectionately known to many as “Chuck,” was born on September 30, 1947, in Harlan County, Lynch, Kentucky, to Ralph B. Tedford Sr. and Lessie Mae Bethune Tedford. At the age of seven, he moved with his family to Flint, Michigan, where he spent the rest of his life surrounded by loved ones and the community that came to know and value him. Donnie departed this life on Thursday, November 6, 2025. Donnie lived with vibrancy, humor, and unshakable determination. A 7th-degree Black

Belt in Kung Fu, he was widely known throughout the community for his captivating martial arts demonstrations at local events. His talent, discipline, and spirit made a lasting impression on all who watched him perform. Outside of martial arts, Donnie enjoyed fishing, treasure-hunting in thrift stores, solving crossword puzzles, painting, fixing cars, and working skillfully with his hands. In recent years, he had grown deeply connected to his faith, becoming active in the church and even preaching a sermon or two. If something needed repairing — whether a car part or a person's spirit — Donnie was almost always the one who could bring it back to life. He believed in love — so much that he tried it four times — and through the seasons of his life, he was blessed with 12 children who brought him immense pride and joy. Donnie is survived by his children: Sheila Tedford-Spencer, Eric Anderson, Darrin Anderson, Charlet Jones, Lisa Anderson, Myra (Rowland) Porter, Charles (Christin) Eastman, Esther Tedford, Donnie Tedford, Jr., Deeadra (Jason) Piper, and Damieris Tedford. He also leaves behind a host of grandchildren and great-grandchildren who will carry forward the lessons, laughter, and love he shared with them. His surviving siblings Frank Tedford, Ricky (Arlene) Tedford, Dorahetta (Preston) Peery,

and Tracy Tedford extend their fondest farewells to Donnie as he goes to join those who went before him.

Donnie was preceded in death by his parents, Ralph B. Tedford Sr. and Lessie Mae

Bethune-Tedford; his daughter LaDonna Norton; siblings Dr. Rev. Robert Mills, Ralph

Tedford Jr., Dansby Tedford Sr., Dr. William Tedford, Vickie Tedford, and his beloved

twin brother Ronnie "Butch" Lee Tedford.

Donnie will be remembered as a man of talent, generosity, humor, and heart.

His legacy

lives on in the family he loved, the community that cherished him, and everyone who

ever witnessed the strength of his spirit — whether through a powerful Kung Fu

demonstration or a simple act of kindness. His presence will be deeply missed and

forever honored.

Cemetery Details

Gracelawn Cemetery

5710 N. Saginaw St.
Flint, MI 48505

Previous Events

Public Viewing

NOV **19**. 12:00 PM - 6:00 PM (ET)

Lawrence E. Moon Funeral Home, Inc., Flint
906 W. Flint Park Blvd.
Flint, MI 48505
(810) 789-6666
lemoonfhflint@gmail.com
<https://lawrenceemoonfuneralhome.com>

Family hour

NOV **20**. 1:30 PM - 2:00 PM (ET)

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Funeral Service

NOV **20**. 2:00 PM (ET)

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Tribute Wall



“ *Lawrence E. Moon Funeral Home created a Webcast in memory of Mr. Donnie Lee Tedford*



Lawrence E. Moon Funeral Home - November 20, 2025 at 08:43 AM

ZE

“ *Sending condolences to the Tedford family.
The Abron family*



Zadia Abron Edmond - November 20, 2025 at 03:43 AM

TD

“ *The Dudley family send warm regards and prayers. Donnie was a great friend to my father Drencey Dudley and the entire Dudley family. The St John's roots run deep. Prayerfully, Tujuana Dudley , Tina and Mary Dudley.*

Tujuana Dudley - November 19, 2025 at 05:21 PM

TT

“ Toni Tucker purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Mr. Donnie Lee Tedford.



Toni Tucker - November 19, 2025 at 01:40 PM

JW

“ Jacqueline Williams lit a candle in memory of Mr. Donnie Lee Tedford



Jacqueline Williams - November 18, 2025 at 08:11 PM

AP

“ Anthony C Pittman lit a candle in memory of Mr. Donnie Lee Tedford



Anthony C Pittman - November 18, 2025 at 02:08 PM

DB

“ Hello Family, we are praying for you all from Pensacola, FL. Pastor Antoine & Deria Brown (Tedford)



Deria Brown - November 15, 2025 at 06:25 PM

PL

“ *Phyllis Lakes lit a candle in memory of Mr. Donnie Lee Tedford*



Phyllis Lakes - November 15, 2025 at 02:53 PM

JG

“ *Jeanette Grady lit a candle in memory of Mr. Donnie Lee Tedford*



Jeanette Grady - November 14, 2025 at 12:14 PM

VL

“ *Prayers for the family of Mr Donnie Tedford. Trice you have my prayers and condolences, may God give you strength and peace during this difficult time. Aunt Dora you have my prayers as well in the transition of your dear brother.*



Valerie Leslie - November 14, 2025 at 10:04 AM

TH

“ *My deepest condolences to the family. Donnie was a real good friend and family to are family. Im speaking on behalf of his friend Randolph Thames you will be missed.the Marshall Arts Brothers.thank you for being a part of are lives.r.i.p. friend/family The RABBIT!!!!*



Thresa - November 14, 2025 at 08:46 AM

SK

“ My sincerest thoughts and condolences are with the entire Tedford family during their time of bereavement and it was a pleasure to meet you n you willing truly be miss

Sherrie Kennebrew - November 13, 2025 at 08:50 AM

LO

“ I am so hurt. You were such a good person. RIH Love you 🙏🙏🙏
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Lolita - November 13, 2025 at 02:01 AM

M-

“ Monica Lashon Garfield -Weatherspoon sent a virtual gift in memory of Mr. Donnie Lee Tedford



Monica Lashon Garfield -Weatherspoon - November 12, 2025 at 02:35 PM

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Monica Lashon Garfield -Weatherspoon - November 12, 2025 at 02:34 PM

MH

“ "Rabbit" Donnie Tedford You were a Forever Great Friend to my brother Joe Hawk . 💙

Ms. Cheryl Hawk - November 10, 2025 at 04:15 PM

MB

“ I met Donnie and some of his family back in the early 1980's and I even studied Tae Kwon Do in his classes. Whenever we saw each other, it was always a joy catching up. I was truly sorry to hear of his transition. My sincerest condolences and prayers to Donnie's family.



Melita Bowman-Murphy - November 10, 2025 at 03:49 PM

MS

“ Condolence to the Tedford in the passing of your loved one. May it help to console you to know his passing has affected many mutual friends. God bless all of you today and always.



Ms.Kelly - November 10, 2025 at 09:39 AM

IB

“ I met Donnie and his family many, many years ago. I really knew him as Chuck. Whenever I saw him, he was always in the same temperament. He will be greatly missed!
Prayers for the Tedford family.
Irma Baker
Pearland, TX



Irma Baker - November 09, 2025 at 09:36 PM

VS

“ *Vera Styles lit a candle in memory of Mr. Donnie Lee Tedford*



Vera styles - November 09, 2025 at 08:31 PM

AD

“ *My sincerest thoughts and condolences are with the entire Tedford family during their time of bereavement!*



AC Dumas - November 09, 2025 at 06:56 PM

CW

“ *Crystal Wynne lit a candle in memory of Donnie Tedford*



Crystal Wynne - November 09, 2025 at 09:26 AM

SJ

“ *Shirley Jones lit a candle in memory of Mr. Donnie Lee Tedford*



Shirley Jones - November 08, 2025 at 10:16 AM

SG

“ *Sheila Green lit a candle in memory of Mr. Donnie Lee Tedford*



Sheila Green - November 08, 2025 at 09:44 AM

CP

“ *Sending my heartfelt condolences and deepest sympathy to the family. Donnie Tedford was a very kind hearted person and he was very special person to everyone who knew him. May he Rest In Peace. Chris Porter*



Chris Porter - November 07, 2025 at 10:44 PM

PE

“ *Peaches lit a candle in memory of Mr. Donnie Lee Tedford*



Peaches - November 07, 2025 at 05:57 PM

SR

“ *Sharone Robinson lit a candle in memory of Mr. Donnie Lee Tedford*



Sharone Robinson - November 07, 2025 at 10:49 AM

SR

“ Prayers and Condolences to The FAMILY OF DONNIE TEDFORD
A GREAT MAN!! 🙏🙏 I'm going to miss you Friend 🗓️

Sharone Robinson - November 07, 2025 at 10:49 AM

CB

“ Christine Brown lit a candle in memory of Mr.
Donnie Lee Tedford



Christine Brown - November 07, 2025 at 10:28 AM

GH

“ My condolences to Donnie's Family. What a
great gentle Giant! Always helping Always
supportive. He was a Man of Strong Faith
Gonna Miss U. Donnie. Colonel and Gail!.



Gail Lee Henry - November 07, 2025 at 07:32 AM

KW

“ Kayla Williams lit a candle in memory of Mr.
Donnie Lee Tedford



Kayla Williams - November 07, 2025 at 04:31 AM

JM

“ James & Barbara Moore lit a candle in memory of Mr. Donnie Lee Tedford



James & Barbara Moore - November 06, 2025 at 06:45 PM

JG

“ Jeanette Grady lit a candle in memory of Mr. Donnie Lee Tedford



Jeanette Grady - November 06, 2025 at 06:16 PM

EM

“ Eddie And Paulette McGhee lit a candle in memory of Mr. Donnie Lee Tedford



Eddie and Paulette McGhee - November 06, 2025 at 05:49 PM

BL

“ Barbara Lakes lit a candle in memory of Mr. Donnie Lee Tedford



Barbara Lakes - November 06, 2025 at 02:39 PM

SF

Rip Mr Donnie you will truly be missed

Sandra Flenory - November 06, 2025 at 06:08 PM

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You will truly be missed □□□

Sandra Flenory - November 06, 2025 at 06:08 PM

RM

“*Rosie McFadden lit a candle in memory of Mr. Donnie Lee Tedford*”



Rosie McFadden - November 06, 2025 at 12:45 PM

LM

“*So many memories of our friendship, karate with my siblings and fixing my mom's cars*”



LORI MCBRAYER - November 06, 2025 at 12:09 PM