



## Mr. Edward Mattox Jr.

August 9, 1937 - September 9, 2017

MATTOX, Mr. Edward Jr. - Age 80, passed away Saturday, September 9, 2017 at Genesys Health Park-Grand Blanc, MI. Family hour 10:00 AM Tuesday, September 19, 2017 at Fairhaven Seventh-Day Adventist Church, G-1379 W. Louis St., with funeral service commencing at 11:00 AM, Pastor Steve Bramwell, officiating. Interment Sunset Hills Cemetery, G-4413 Flushing Rd. Friends and pallbearers will assemble at the church 10:00 AM Tuesday. Mr. Mattox 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-8:00 PM Monday.

Subject God chose Edward Mattox Sr. and Anna Farmer Mattox to bear a first-born son, Edward Mattox Jr., born on August 9th, 1937 in Chattanooga, Tennessee. Through life's circumstances, God orchestrated him to obtain effective leadership characteristics that provided a great role model to his younger siblings. God also helped guide him in his convictions to maintain a healthy lifestyle, to always strive to overcome and conquer challenges, and to whole-heartedly "Trust in and rely confidently on the Lord with all your heart and do not rely on your own insight or understanding." Proverbs 3:5 AMP  
Draft Wanting to lay a great educational foundation, Edward Mattox Jr. chose to attend Oakwood College, in Huntsville, Alabama and later transferred to Union College, in Lincoln, Nebraska. It was during his "Oakwood" experience that he met his future wife, Esther L. Jones and thus commenced their 55 year celebration of marriage as Husband and Wife.

Details God blessed Edward and Esther's union early when they committed to Christian education by teaching side by side at Ramah Junior Academy in Cleveland, Ohio. Later when Edward accepted a call to become principal at Dupont Park SDA School in Washington, D.C., at 28 years of age, he effectively led his talented staff to promote his students to believe and achieve "Higher than the highest human thought can reach is God's ideal for His children." Thus, the foundation was laid for his legacy as "Educator Extraordinaire," as well as his signature look with "one eyebrow raised" that everyone knew to mean either get your act together quick or else a variation of "corporal punishment" could ensue! Edward later continued his educational pursuits obtaining his Masters in Education at Bowie State College in Bowie, Maryland and later working on his PhD in Education at Howard University in Washington, D.C. He transitioned his professional pursuits to Prince George's County Public School System in Administration at Northwestern High School in Adelphi, Maryland and later Dwight D. Eisenhower Middle School in Laurel, Maryland where he retired. Even in retirement his commitment to excellence in Christian education thrived as he helped nurture Fairhaven SDA School. Edward's love of God was manifested throughout his life as he faithfully served in the Church as 1st Elder, Sabbath School Superintendent/Teacher, choir member and church pianist.

Presentation Edward Mattox Jr., a faithful servant of God, always encouraged everyone he met to get to know, love and serve the Lord. As an "eternal optimist" he always had a smile in his heart that exuded through his actions towards others. He never met a stranger and always encouraged others to come and spend some time with him and his family in their home. His love of and for all people continues to leave an everlasting punctuation on everyone's life that has been blessed by his presence. Even though he is survived by his loving wife, Esther, ~ his three sons, Edward III (Gigi), Everard and Evan James (Delana), ~ his siblings, Therica Ann, William (Adrian), Mary Elizabeth (Charles), Nathaniel (Aundra), Brenda, Glen (deceased), ~ his grandchildren

Cole, Marcel, William, Carrington and Evan, ~ a host of nieces, nephews and cousins.

Edward Mattox Jr.'s life sketch exemplifies "And now there remains: Faith (abiding trust in God and His promises), Hope (confident expectation of eternal salvation), and Love (unselfish love for others growing out of God's love for me), these three (the choicest graces) but the greatest of these is Love." 1 Corinthians 13:13 AMP

# Cemetery Details

## Sunset Hills Cemetery

G-4413 Flushing Rd.  
Flint, MI 48504

# Previous Events

## Public Viewing

SEP **18**. 1:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

Lawrence E. Moon Funeral Home Chapel, Flint  
906 W. Flint Park Blvd.  
Flint, MI 48505  
(810) 789-MOON (6666)  
[lemoonfhflint@gmail.com](mailto:lemoonfhflint@gmail.com)  
<http://www.lawrenceemoonfuneralhome.com>

## Family hour

SEP **19**. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

Fairhaven Seventh-Day Adventist Church  
G-1379 W. Louis Ave.  
Flint, MI 48505  
<http://fairhavensda.org/index.htm>

## Service

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SEP **19**. 11:00 AM (ET)

Fairhaven Seventh-Day Adventist Church  
G-1379 W. Louis Ave.  
Flint, MI 48505  
<http://fairhavensda.org/index.htm>

# Tribute Wall



“ *Mr. Edward Mattox Jr.*

October 09, 2023 at 07:02 AM



“ *The Kindest of kind and the radiant smile to let you know you had his undivided attention. Heartfelt condolences to the entire family. Looking forward to that great getting up morning. What a celebration it will be.*

**Vioal Jackson family** - September 19, 2017 at 07:59 PM



“ *He was a part of the fabric of our lives. Thank you for sharing him with us. My thoughts and prayers are with you all at this difficult time. Know that you are not alone. With love, Jocelyne Epps Sharperson, Former member and student of DuPont Park*

**Jocelyne Sharperson** - September 19, 2017 at 10:34 AM



“ *Kisha Hodges Williams lit a candle in memory of Mr. Edward Mattox Jr.*



**Kisha Hodges Williams** - September 18, 2017 at 10:33 PM

TD

“ Our sincere sympathy goes out to the family of Mr. Mattox. He had the ability to develop boys to manhood. He will always be in our hearts. Thomas Dawson, former student of Dupont Park SDA School



Thomas Dawson - September 18, 2017 at 10:33 PM

RJ

We sincerely regret the death of our dearly departed Ed Mattox. He was our Principal and life long friend. He was also our son's godfather. We are deeply saddened by his death but we are all enriched because he lived. We live with the blessed hope.  
Ronald & Dan Ethel Jones and family  
Ronald, Ramoan & Raphael all attended DuPont Park SDA School

RONALD B JONES - September 19, 2017 at 09:49 AM

SH

“ Sharlonda Hoskins-Smith lit a candle in memory of Mr. Edward Mattox Jr.



Sharlonda Hoskins-Smith - September 18, 2017 at 09:48 PM

TD

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Thomas Dawson - September 18, 2017 at 09:22 PM

MB

“ *MARCUS BROWN lit a candle in memory of Mr. Edward Mattox Jr.*



MARCUS BROWN - September 18, 2017 at 06:09 PM



“ *Angela Diggs lit a candle in memory of Mr. Edward Mattox Jr.*



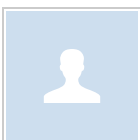
Angela Diggs - September 18, 2017 at 05:28 PM

LM

“ *Lori McBayer lit a candle in memory of Mr. Edward Mattox Jr.*



Lori McBayer - September 18, 2017 at 04:41 PM



“ *Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of Mr. Edward Mattox Jr..*



September 18, 2017 at 02:19 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Mr. Edward Mattox Jr..*



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September 17, 2017 at 11:19 PM



“ *He was latger than life to me as a child going to DuPont Park SDA Church but yet he was such a Gentle Giant!!!*



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**Todde Bliss** - September 17, 2017 at 01:45 PM



“ *Cassandra S. lit a candle in memory of Mr. Edward Mattox Jr.*



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**Cassandra S.** - September 16, 2017 at 01:42 PM



“ *Shonda Thurman lit a candle in memory of Mr. Edward Mattox Jr.*



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**Shonda Thurman** - September 16, 2017 at 03:47 AM

SW

“ Praying for you Rodi.. I feel your pain and understand. Just want you to know that I love you my friend.



Simone Walker - September 15, 2017 at 05:59 PM

MK

“ I will always remember my elementary Principle Mr Mattox, always smiling, always helpful, even running into him years later, that same big smile and greeting taking the time to find out how I've been, a caring man that will truly,be missed



Michon A Knight - September 15, 2017 at 08:51 AM



“ Sentiments of Serenity Spray was purchased for the family of Mr. Edward Mattox Jr..



September 15, 2017 at 12:47 AM

CH

“ Cassandra Hughes lit a candle in memory of Mr. Edward Mattox Jr.



Cassandra Hughes - September 15, 2017 at 12:03 AM

WR

*I had the wonderful opportunity to work with Ed at Eisenhower. He was an excellent administrator and an even greater friend - even though he was a Redskin fan. I will miss him though I am comforted knowing he is with God. My thoughts and prayers are with the family.*

*Bill Ryan*

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**William Ryan** - September 16, 2017 at 06:40 AM

AS

“ *Angela Suarez lit a candle in memory of Mr. Edward Mattox Jr.*



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**Angela Suarez** - September 14, 2017 at 09:24 PM

 Brenda Hill

“ *Mr. Mattox was my principle at Dupont Park. Although he was a giant to us in middle school, he was a gentle giant - a quiet, fair, and gracious man. To his precious wife: "The righteous perisheth, and no man layeth it to heart: and merciful men are taken away, none considering that the righteous is taken away from the evil to come." Maranatha!!!*

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**Brenda Hill** - September 13, 2017 at 12:26 PM

MW

“ Dear Sister Mattox and family, Mr. Mattox was a wonderfully sweet and gentle man. He was always kind and ready to engage anyone. I will always remember his smile and that twinkle in his eyes. I feel so blessed to have known him. I am so sorry for your loss, but I am encouraged by the life I saw him live. He wore his Christian faith well for everyone to see and his life was truly a witness to all who knew him. So now he sleeps until his Lord comes to wake him in the first resurrection. Be comforted in that thought. Love, Mary Wright



Mary Wright - September 13, 2017 at 12:14 PM

RT

Looking forward to the day when your husband and our Berean Academy family will be united in heaven.

Rocky Twyman, Founder  
Oprah for Nobel Peace Prize Movement

Rockefeller Twyman - September 14, 2017 at 09:25 AM

TG

“ Timothy & Shirley Gibson lit a candle in memory of Mr. Edward Mattox Jr.



Timothy & Shirley Gibson - September 13, 2017 at 10:10 AM

JM

“ I was shocked and saddened when I heard about Mr. Mattox passing. When ever Mr. Mattox would see me, he would point at his head and mention that some of the grey hair was due to me and my Kindergarten antics while he was Principal at Dupont. Apparently, one time I tried to walk home from school and scared everyone..... I loved him and he had the warmest smile. It could brighten any room. I liked listening to him talk. He had a soothing voice. My prayers are with you. Try to focus on the good times. Love Jennifer Martin-Green

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**Jennifer Martin-Green** - September 13, 2017 at 10:06 AM

CF

“ Carla Minor And Family lit a candle in memory of Mr. Edward Mattox Jr.



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**Carla Minor and family** - September 13, 2017 at 09:38 AM

JM

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**Jennifer Martin-Green** - September 13, 2017 at 09:07 AM

JE

“ *Janice E. purchased the Sweetest Sunrise Bouquet for the family of Mr. Edward Mattox Jr..*



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**Janice E.** - September 13, 2017 at 09:02 AM

JE

“ *To the Mattox Family;*

*Please accept our heartfelt condolences in the loss of your great patriarch. Mr. Mattox was such a special man, whose influence was as far reaching as it was specifically focused on each life that he touched. Mr. Mattox was a great intellect as well as a man full of compassion and joy. His love for his family, friends and neighbors was an effortless flow of good will poured out and experienced countless numbers of times over many decades. His absence leaves a void that cannot be filled. Our prayers are with you family, as you journey on...Hold on to the many precious memories. We look to that glorious day when JESUS will return and we will see Mr. Mattox and many other loved ones who also rest in the bosom of CHRIST. Sincerely with love the Etemes.*

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**Janice Eteme** - September 13, 2017 at 08:57 AM

LA

“ *Lloyd & Dianne Anderson lit a candle in memory of Mr. Edward Mattox Jr.*



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**Lloyd & Dianne Anderson** - September 13, 2017 at 07:01 AM

WM

“ *Walette Morse-Williams lit a candle in memory of Mr. Edward Mattox Jr.*



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**Walette Morse-Williams** - September 13, 2017 at 05:49 AM



“ *Family Though I have been on this road unfortunately, I cant tell you how you feel. You're ok to be where you are during this hard time. How can we tell you to feel anything else ? It seems like someone knocked the sun out the sky and we wonder why the birds still sing... Thankfully we still have this hope, and I am praying for you and your family. Much love*

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**H Wtsn** - September 13, 2017 at 12:07 AM

LM

“ *My deepest condolences goes out to you & your family. Mr. Mattdox will truly be missed.*  
*Myers Family*

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**LaQuita Myers** - September 12, 2017 at 08:52 PM

RE

“ *Mr. Mattox was a dignified educator, family man and a devoted husband. I can still hear him call me "Regina" like he did when I was in first grade. His smile was always so warm and we knew he really cared about us as students. Seeing him on Sabbath, after a school week, he was consistent with sharing that smile and kind words. My family respected him alot and my Dad, Brother William Anderson, shared how kind and encouraging he was to my Dad in times he needed it. I have been praying for Sister Mattox, your sons and families and all of us who are feeling the loss of this Christian man. Hold On, it will not be long.....Soon and very soon.....Love and Blessings, Regina "Gina" Anderson-Ford*



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**Regina** - September 12, 2017 at 05:48 PM

YR

“ *Dear Mrs. Mattox and family,  
We are shocked and saddened to hear the passing away of your dear husband and father, Edward Mattox Jr. It was a joy and a privilege to work with him while he was a principal of Dupont Park School. He was a principal but I considered him as a friend. He was a dedicated teacher and an administrator.*

*My family and I join in sending our deepest condolences and prayers in your loss. May God surround you with His loving and comforting arms as you grieve your loss. Let us all live with the hope of seeing our loved ones when the Lord comes to take His saints home to live with Him for ever.*

*With our prayers,  
Yealuri Rathan Raj & Family.  
Silver Spring, MD*

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**Yealuri Rathan Raj** - September 12, 2017 at 11:10 AM

LS

“ *Lisa Bowens Strayhorn lit a candle in memory of Mr. Edward Mattox Jr.*



**Lisa Bowens Strayhorn** - September 12, 2017 at 10:55 AM

CO

“ *My deepest condolences to the family and friends of Mr. Mattox. May you persevere in prayer to the God of all comfort. He promises to fortify you, strengthen you and help you endure during your time of sorrow. (Romans 12:12)*



**Collier** - September 12, 2017 at 09:49 AM



“ *Such special memories as Ed and his wife "adopted" me as when I was a freshman at Howard University, my first time away from home. Landover seemed so far away, it was good to have a home away from campus. Ed, you've been God's emissary on this earth. Know that you made a difference in this girl's life.*



**Francyne Anderson** - September 12, 2017 at 09:30 AM

CL

“ *Cheryl Lewis lit a candle in memory of Mr. Edward Mattox Jr.*



**Cheryl Lewis** - September 12, 2017 at 07:34 AM

CO

“ *Mr. Mattox will be greatly missed. We are praying God will comfort the family in these sad times.*  
*Bolder family*

Corinne - September 12, 2017 at 05:50 AM

VW

“ *Victoria Wheatley lit a candle in memory of Mr. Edward Mattox Jr.*



Victoria Wheatley - September 12, 2017 at 05:39 AM

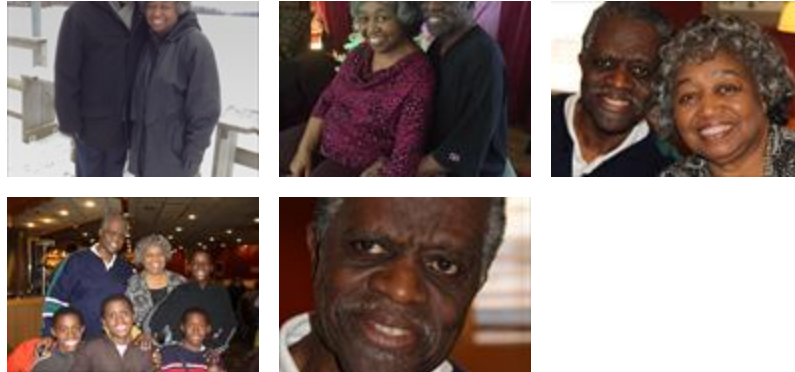
VW

*I will always remember that perpetual smile that Ed shared with everyone. My condolences and prayers to the family at this time.*

Victoria Wheatley - September 12, 2017 at 05:41 AM

RO

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Rodi - September 12, 2017 at 01:49 AM

LC

“*May our Lord Jesus Christ himself and God our Father, who loved us and gave everlasting comfort and good hope by means of undeserved kindness, comfort your hearts and make you firm.*”—2 Thess. 2:16, 17.

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**LaTonya Cade** - September 11, 2017 at 11:15 PM

CB

“*Carolyn Brezzell lit a candle in memory of Mr. Edward Mattox Jr.*



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**Carolyn Brezzell** - September 11, 2017 at 08:24 PM

NC

“*Sis Esther Mattox & Family my prayers and thoughts are with you all at this time. Bro Mattox will be missed in Sabbath school and church. He was a Godly man loved by all. I am so glad that I got to meet Bro. Mattox. You and he always was there for me when I was ill, and showed me love. Bro Mattox was faithful and he never gave up hope. Miss you already Bro Mattox. Prayers are going up for you all. God will give you all comfort and strength. All I can say Well done thou good and faithful servant. Love you all ( Nevelyn Carroll)*



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**Nevelyn Carroll** - September 11, 2017 at 01:47 PM

GD

“ *The only other man I called Dad and he called me daughter. I love you Elder Mattox. Until we meet again.*

*Cynthia Anderson-Davis*

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**Greg & Cynthia Davis** - September 11, 2017 at 08:52 AM

CC

*I'm just lost for words!😞. This caught everyone off guard! I can't bring myself mentally to except that this kind loving man is gone! It is a very hard blow to except. I sincerely want to tell the family that I love you and will ask the father to comfort you around the clock. Sister Mattox There are no words to even say how hurt I am. So I'll just pray and pray and pray and ask God to be with you and the family while you all are grieving. I love you so much lady! May god take care of you and bless you and you family.😞😞😞*

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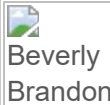
**charlene criwley** - September 11, 2017 at 07:49 PM

WM

*To Mrs. Maddox, so very sorry for your loss, Mr. Maddox was such a very kind and caring Christian person. My prayers are with and your family in your time of sorrow.*

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**Walette Morse-Williams** - September 13, 2017 at 05:47 AM

 Beverly  
Brandon

*I have been totally at a loss for words, but full of emotions since hearing about Elder (yes Elder, the way I always saw him) Mattox. He was so kind and so very special to our family from the time we joined the church until the last time we saw him. He assisted in giving bible studies to my Father; he was the Head Elder with my Mom as his secretary; we worked together on many projects and he was especially kind to my husband when we were dating. Lawrence always talked about his strong handshake and the time they spent together on a tour Elder Mattox took him on at Pine Forge. The entire Brandon Family expresses our heartfelt sympathy and love to you all: Sister Mattox, Kreis, Rodi, Jimmy, Gigi, William, Marcell, Cole, Carrington. Soon and very soon....*

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**Beverly Brandon-Simms** - September 13, 2017 at 07:41 PM



*To the Mattox Family, I wish to initiate my struggle to find words that will comfort and give hope. The struggle is in accepting the fact that the one and only dear Mr. Mattox is resting in the Lord and even though the reality of our faith helps us believe we will see him again, right now it hurts! I'm somewhat angry that I can't be there to hug and share with you at this time. I pray my sentiment will at least help you feel and know how much I love you all! Mr. Mattox helped so many of us young men, at the time, learn to embrace solid Christian principles. His smile and calm demeanor helped us embrace truth and right doing, not because we were afraid of his discipline but because we just didn't want to disappoint this amazing life leader who didn't mind showing us how to do life as well as teaching and training us how to do life! We often quoted him because we trusted him and knew he always wanted what was best for us! Dear Mrs. Mattox and family, please accept my words as a cherishable embrace to comfort, support, and love each of you until that glorious day when we will reunite with all of our Loved Ones to spend eternity sharing life anew! Love, Shawn, Robin & Siana Hayden*

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**Shawn Hayden** - September 15, 2017 at 11:22 PM