



Deacon Edward Townsend

February 20, 1936 - November 16, 2025

TOWNSEND, Deacon Edward - Age 89, Passed away on Sunday, November 16, 2025 in Flint, MI. Family hour 10:00 AM Tuesday, December 2, 2025, at New Jerusalem Full Gospel Baptist Church, 1035 E. Carpenter Rd., with funeral service commencing at 11:00 AM. Pastor Alfred J. Harris II, officiating. Interment Gracelawn Cemetery, 5710 N. Saginaw St., Flint, MI. Friends and pallbearers will assemble at the church 10:00 AM, Friday. Deacon Townsend will lie in state in the Chapel of Lawrence E. Moon Funeral Home, 906 W. Flint Park Blvd. and may be viewed from 12:00 PM - 6:00 PM Monday.

Deacon Edward Wondie Townsend Sr. completed his earthly duties, and stepped into eternity with his Lord & Savior, rejoining his beloved Modistine.

Deacon Townsend was born February 20, 1937 in Huntsville, AL. The Son of Hubert Townsend, and Ruth Daniel Townsend. Deacon Townsend who was lovingly known as “Fats” by his family and close friends, and “Ed” or “Mr. Eddy” to most others. He migrated to Flint, Michigan at the age of 18 years old and would eventually meet and wed Velma Modistine Howard in 1976. This blessed union would last for over 49 years.

Deacon Townsend was employed at several divisions of General Motors Corporation and retired with 30+ years of service. His passions were serving Jesus Christ, spreading his Holy Word, and good old hard work. For many

years, Deacon Townsend hosted bible studies at several nursing homes, and adult care facilities. He would often bring along his own kids and other church member's children to pass out the boxes of bananas he would purchase for the residents. Every Monday afternoon for several decades, Deacon Townsend and his wife volunteered at WAQP (TCT) Channel 49 in Saginaw, MI taking call in prayer requests.

Deacon Townsend spent a number of years serving at Bible Apostolic Church of Our Lord and assisting Pastor Jack A. Mitchell, driving the church's bus and transporting the oldest and youngest members of the congregation, and teaching Sunday School. Deacon Townsend was a skilled craftsman and found working with his hands was his gift as there didn't seem to be anything he couldn't build, repair, or restore. It is believed that he was his happiest when he had a hammer in hand, covered in sawdust, and talking about the Lord. Deacon Townsend used this gift to help people all over the city of Flint, often completing projects for people who were unable to, or chose not to pay. He would often remark "God's got Me, I don't have to worry about how Man treats me." Deacon Townsend loved people and was deeply loved and appreciated by so many. He was a devout member of the New Jerusalem Full Gospel Baptist Church for over 40 years, and was ordained on August 6, 2006, by the late Bishop Odis A. Floyd.

Deacon Edward Townsend leaves to cherish his memory: sons, Edward (Jody Tallbear) Townsend Jr. of Gainesville, VA, and Antonio (Crystal) Townsend Sr. of Indianapolis, IN; daughters, Delisa Townsend, Anne (Michael) Harris, and Valynthia Harris, all of Flint, MI; stepson, Steven (Melissa) Harris of De Pere, WI; brother, Leonard Townsend of St. Louis, MO; sister, Ruth Bryant of Flint; sister-in-law, Luevetra Crawley of Chicago, IL; grandsons, Jobarie Townsend of Chesapeake, VA, Christopher Christian of California, MD, Demius Jones, Jalynn Curl and Elijah Jenkins, all of Flint, Antonio Townsend II, AmaDeo Townsend, Amari Townsend, all of Indianapolis, IN, David Harris II of Grand

Blanc, MI; granddaughters, Jamika Townsend of Worcester, MA, Adrianna (Emily) Townsend of Indianapolis, IN, De'Quandra Townsend of Conyers, GA, Ta'Jane Townsend and Daysha Thomas, both of Flint, Whitney (Earnest) Harris, Morgan (Ian) Armstrong, and Ariel Harris, all of Grand Blanc, MI; 16 great-grandchildren; god-son, Corey Pierce of Flint; daughter-in-love, Cametrice Page-Manning; and a host of beloved relatives, friends, brothers and sisters in Christ.

Deacon Townsend was preceded in death by his wife, Elder Velma Modistine Townsend; daughter, Carol Anne Brown; son, David Harris Sr.; grandchildren, David S. Gibbs Jr., Toi Dav'lene Blanks, and Ashley B. Gibbs; parents, Hubert Townsend and Ruth Daniel Townsend; brothers, Hubert, David, and Ditto Townsend; sisters, Mae-Sue Townsend-Smith, Tuscenia (Tina) Townsend, Millie Ford, and Nancy Crutcher.

The family and friends would like to express a special thank you to New Jerusalem Full Gospel Baptist Church family, Hurley Medical Center ICU & Nephrology and Hypertension Unit, and Lavigne Home for Compassionate Care, and for the support, compassion and kindness of Chester & Mary Pat Howard, and Demetrius Crutcher

Previous Events

Public Viewing

DEC 1. 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

DEC 2. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

New Jerusalem Full Gospel Baptist Church
1035 E. Carpenter Rd.
Flint, MI 48505

Funeral Service

DEC 2. 11:00 AM (ET)

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Flint, MI 48505

Tribute Wall

AS

“ Happy Heavenly Birthday Dad 🙏🏻✝️🕊️
Thank you for the example you set for us all.
Love God, Love his Children, Work Hard, Help Others❤️. Rest well
knowing your spirit of faith and generosity lives on through every life
you touched.
I love and miss you and Mom, and Carol, and David, and Ashley,
and Lil David.
I'll see you when HIS work is done.

AET Sr - February 20 at 12:29 PM

WK

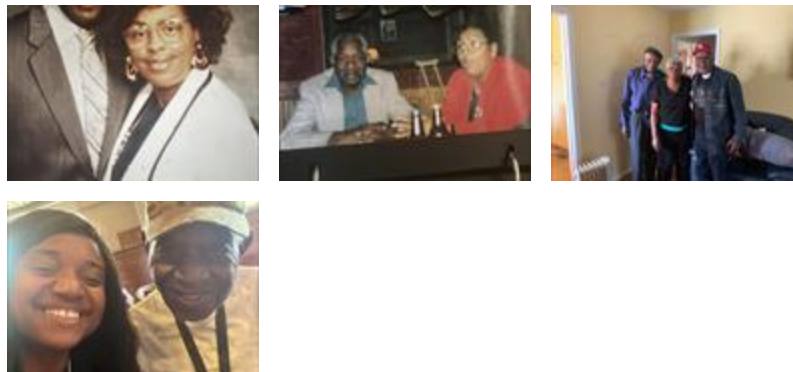
“ Willie Kirby lit a candle in memory of Deacon
Edward Townsend



Willie Kirby - December 06, 2025 at 02:01 PM

AE

“ 4 files added to the tribute wall



AETSR - December 04, 2025 at 07:07 PM

FC

“ *Fredericka Crutcher purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Deacon Edward Townsend.*



Fredericka Crutcher - December 04, 2025 at 02:56 PM

FC

“ *Fredericka Crutcher planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Deacon Edward Townsend.*

Fredericka Crutcher - December 04, 2025 at 02:56 PM

CG

“ *Carol Gardner lit a candle in memory of Edward Townsend*



Carol Gardner - December 02, 2025 at 09:47 AM

PS

“ *What I remember most about Deacon Townsend is him standing on the corner of Dupont and Pierson Road with his bullhorn proclaiming the Word of the Lord. It was years ago but I have never forgotten it. My condolences to the family!*

Patricia Saines - December 01, 2025 at 08:38 PM

TF

“ *The Hicks Family lit a candle in memory of Deacon Edward Townsend*



The Hicks Family - December 01, 2025 at 04:58 PM

TF

“ *Mr. Edward Townsend truly was a man of God I am grateful to him and his wife. They opened their home and loved three children. He has finished his race, and he can hear. Well done, my faithful servant. Condolences to the family. Aunt Deb*

The Hicks Family - December 01, 2025 at 04:52 PM

EL

“ *Precious memories of going to the juvenile Detention center with Deacon Townsend Elder Jones and Elder Bacon. If the women side need an extra person Dea would go with us. He had a special way of relating to those children. They would listen and he could lead them to the Lord. I know he has a crown for his ministry outside of the NJFG church. To his family my heart goes out to you all.*



Elder Michael and Phyllis Leslie - December 01, 2025 at 01:21 PM

DT

“ *The first photo is my grandfather and I at my grandmothers funeral. Second photo is my grandfather, my grandmother, my aunt carol and her kids. Every person in that photo has gained their wings! The last photo is my grandfather and my child. I’m so thankful that I was able to experience my pawpaw and I’m even more happy that my child was able to experience him.*



Daysha Thomas - December 01, 2025 at 10:53 AM

MS

“ *Meon Stubbs lit a candle in memory of Deacon Edward Townsend*



Meon Stubbs - December 01, 2025 at 08:55 AM

KB

“ *Mr .. Townsend worked on my mom house a long time ago .. and was very nice spirited man we continued to call him as the house got worse praying for the entire family*



katara bratcher - December 01, 2025 at 06:35 AM

DP

“ Deacon DeWayne Payton lit a candle in memory of Deacon Edward Townsend



Deacon DeWayne Payton - November 30, 2025 at 08:28 PM

RB

“ Rosa Burnett lit a candle in memory of Deacon Edward Townsend



Rosa Burnett - November 30, 2025 at 06:29 PM

DH

“ Deborah H. purchased the Sweet Tranquility Basket for the family of Deacon Edward Townsend.



Deborah H. - November 30, 2025 at 02:23 PM

EE

“ Edna And Deacon Charles Elam lit a candle in memory of Deacon Edward Townsend



Edna and Deacon Charles Elam - November 30, 2025 at 01:16 PM

JF

“ Jim & Diana Pope and your TSO Family purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Deacon Edward Townsend.



Jim & Diana Pope and your TSO Family - November 29, 2025 at 11:13 AM

JF

“ Jim & Diana Pope and your TSO Family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Deacon Edward Townsend.

Jim & Diana Pope and your TSO Family - November 29, 2025 at 11:13 AM

RR

“ Rodney Richardson lit a candle in memory of Deacon Edward Townsend



Rodney Richardson - November 29, 2025 at 06:57 AM

MP

“ Melinda Pitts sent a virtual gift in memory of Deacon Edward Townsend



Melinda Pitts - November 28, 2025 at 07:14 PM



“ *Melinda Pitts sent a virtual gift in memory of Deacon Edward Townsend*



Melinda Pitts - November 28, 2025 at 07:10 PM



“ *Marquitta Davis lit a candle in memory of Deacon Edward Townsend*



Marquitta Davis - November 27, 2025 at 12:24 PM



“ *Lily and Rose Tribute Spray was purchased for the family of Deacon Edward Townsend.*



November 26, 2025 at 11:01 PM



“ *Theresa McQuiddy sent a virtual gift in memory of Deacon Edward Townsend*



Theresa McQuiddy - November 25, 2025 at 08:33 PM

CP

“ My heart is so heavy God give my family and I the strength we need thought this time in our lives..I was 11 yr old when Bishop Otis Floyed anointed you and your wife as my God parents,you been the father I know for many yrs.I miss you so much .watch over me till we meet again...

Corey pierce - November 25, 2025 at 08:09 PM



“ My thoughts and prayers go out to his daughter DeLisa, I met Mr. Townsend many years ago, through my aunt Clara Lomax she owned a lot of houses and he did a lot of her work. He was a man of God, and he always carried himself as such. I hope someone learned the craft because he was definitely a master from labor to reward get your crown Mr. Townend

Ifakemi Gill - November 25, 2025 at 01:49 PM

CD

“ Cindy Duncan lit a candle in memory of Edward Townsend



Cindy Duncan - November 25, 2025 at 08:14 AM

AS

“ Aileen Spence sent a virtual gift in memory of Deacon Edward Townsend



Aileen Spence - November 24, 2025 at 04:37 PM

AS

“ *Aileen Spence lit a candle in memory of Deacon Edward Townsend*



Aileen Spence - November 24, 2025 at 04:37 PM

AS

“ *Aileen Spence sent a virtual gift in memory of Deacon Edward Townsend*



Aileen Spence - November 24, 2025 at 04:36 PM

TF

“ *Dearest, Delisa, aka, DeeDee Townsend & family.. may the God of peace, love, strength, and comfort reign down on each of you. Mr. T" was truly a man of God, never waivering from his faith.. spoke & share his love for God, whenever, you were in his presence. He was a bible believing, bible teaching man. I'm convinced, he's is now, home with the Lord. May God be that Light, Deacon Townsend saw, for each of you. Be at peace, and not in pieces.. Your angel is rest well. Peace & love to you all.*



Teresa Anthony & Family - November 24, 2025 at 01:38 PM

BH

“ *Condolences and prayers to the family of Deacon Edward Townsend, my Uncle who is now in Heaven with God and my aunt Velma Modestine Townsend. God rest their souls.*



Bob Howard - November 24, 2025 at 12:38 PM

SL

“ *SHEILA LOMAX lit a candle in memory of Deacon Edward Townsend*



SHEILA LOMAX - November 23, 2025 at 10:30 AM

TW

“ *Tammy Webb-Blount sent a virtual gift in memory of Deacon Edward Townsend*



Tammy Webb-Blount - November 22, 2025 at 09:21 PM

MM

“ *Mayrene C McGruder lit a candle in memory of Deacon Edward Townsend*



Mayrene C McGruder - November 22, 2025 at 09:09 PM

VJ

“ Valerie Jackson sent a virtual gift in memory of Deacon Edward Townsend



Valerie Jackson - November 22, 2025 at 03:51 PM

BS

“ Barbara Sykes lit a candle in memory of Deacon Edward Townsend



Barbara Sykes - November 22, 2025 at 12:34 PM

JM

“ Jeannie Mayberry lit a candle in memory of Deacon Edward Townsend



Jeannie Mayberry - November 22, 2025 at 10:38 AM

DB

“ Debora Baker lit a candle in memory of Deacon Edward Townsend



Debora Baker - November 22, 2025 at 08:42 AM

SC

“ *Our Deepest Sympathy! NjFGBC Usher Ministry!*



Sylvia Cabell - November 22, 2025 at 07:53 AM

AT

“ *Brother and Sister Townsend was a part of our village growing up! Such a wonderful and compassionate couple! Rest in love! We love and miss you both! From the Turnipseed family.*

Adrian (Turnipseed)Duke - November 22, 2025 at 07:16 AM

BL

“ *Barbara Lakes lit a candle in memory of Edward Townsend*



Barbara Lakes - November 21, 2025 at 08:29 PM

RB

“ *Rosa Burnett lit a candle in memory of Edward Townsend*



Rosa Burnett - November 21, 2025 at 06:54 PM

RB

“ Rosa Burnett sent a virtual gift in memory of Edward Townsend



Rosa Burnett - November 21, 2025 at 06:53 PM

RB

“ Rosa Burnett lit a candle in memory of Edward Townsend



Rosa Burnett - November 21, 2025 at 06:45 PM

JA

“ Deacon Townsend was a friend of my father (Mr. Peeples). Sending prayers and condolences to the family on behalf of the Peeples' family. 🙏



Jana Anderson - November 21, 2025 at 06:19 PM

GM

“ GWEN, MCKAY-BARTON lit a candle in memory of Deacon Edward Townsend



GWEN, MCKAY-BARTON - November 21, 2025 at 10:32 AM

CH

“ Calvin & Pamela Hightower sent a virtual gift in memory of Deacon Edward Townsend



Calvin & Pamela Hightower - November 21, 2025 at 08:55 AM

WJ

“ Willie McKay Jr. lit a candle in memory of Deacon Edward Townsend



Willie McKay Jr. - November 21, 2025 at 07:36 AM

SC

“ Shirlene Clark lit a candle in memory of Deacon Edward Townsend



Shirlene Clark - November 21, 2025 at 04:55 AM

NB

“ NJFGBC Deacon Board lit a candle in memory of Deacon Edward Townsend



NJFGBC Deacon Board - November 21, 2025 at 12:14 AM

M†

“ *Mother Mary A & Diane Williams* † sent a virtual gift in memory of Deacon Edward Townsend



Mother Mary A & Diane Williams † - November 20, 2025 at 10:00 PM

MC

“ *Marlene Cleveland* lit a candle in memory of Deacon Edward Townsend



Marlene Cleveland - November 20, 2025 at 07:21 PM

TC

“ *Tommie Chaney* lit a candle in memory of Deacon Edward Townsend



Tommie Chaney - November 20, 2025 at 06:05 PM