



Mr. Edward S. "Chief" Vanderson

June 19, 1949 - March 24, 2018

VANDERSON, Mr. Edward S.- Age 68, passed away Saturday, March 24, 2018 at McLaren-Flint. Family hour 10:00 AM Wednesday, April 4, 2018 from the Chapel of Lawrence E. Moon Funeral Home, 906 W. Flint Park Blvd., with funeral services commencing at 11:00 AM Pastor Norse P. Johnson officiating. Interment Gracelawn Community Cemetery, 5710 N. Saginaw St. Friends and pallbearers will assemble at the funeral home 10:00 AM Wednesday. Mr. Vanderson will lie in state in the Chapel of Lawrence E. Moon Funeral Home, and may be viewed from 12:00 PM - 8:00 PM Tuesday.

Edward S. "Chief" Vanderson was born June 19th, 1949 in Roxie, Mississippi, to the union of Walter and Elnora Johnson. He was raised in Mississippi. "Chief" made his mark on all that he knew. He graduated from Lillie Mae Bryant High School with a love for sports. "Chief" received a full ride Football Scholarship to Alcorn University, where he played until his knee injury.

Shortly after "Chief" moved to Flint, Michigan and began working at Buick Motor Company, a division of General Motors. While working he began taking Skilled Trade Classes and finished as a Journeyman in Welding for 31 years. In 1971, "Chief" met his best friend, Esther Knapp and on August 27, 1972 they were united in Holy Matrimony and from that union, 2 children were born.

Edward S. "Chief" Vanderson leaves to cherish his memory: daughter, Maketa

Vanderson; son, Edward L. (Ranisha) Vanderson; granddaughters, Marshala, TyaQueisha and MyLeena; grandson, Christopher; great-grandchildren, Skylar and Ezra; 3 sisters, Starlet Kelly, Robin Johnson, all of Flint and Glenda Fay Graves of St. Paul, MN; 2 brothers, Pastor Norse P. Johnson of Nashville, TN and Mickey Johnson of Fayette, MS; uncle, Edward "Bud" (Cora) Vanderson of Flint; mother-in-law, Nellie Willis; sister-in-law, Marcie Knapp Moore; 6 brothers-in-law, Percy (Betty) Knapp, James (Susie) Knapp, Lee (Ethel) Knapp, Rondy Knapp, all of Michigan, Pastor T. Alexander (Daphany) Knapp of Minden, LA and Damont (Arlean) Banks of Birmingham, AL; a host of nieces, nephews, cousins and friends including being the god-father to Nicole Fluker, Kim Hoey, Christian Hawthorne and Olivia Williams.

Edward was preceded in death by his wife, Esther G. (Knapp) Vanderson; parents, Walter and Elnora Johnson; grandparents, Joe and Maggie Vanderson; sisters, Majo Vanderson and Ernestine Rhodes; brother, Kent Johnson; father-in-law, Percy (Jackie) Knapp.

The family would like to express special thanks to Starlet Kelly and Lawrence E. Moon Funeral Home.

Cemetery Details

Gracelawn Cemetery

5710 N. Saginaw St.
Flint, MI 48505

Previous Events

Public Viewing

APR 3. 12:00 PM - 8:00 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

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Service

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Tribute Wall



“ *Mr. Edward S. "Chief" Vanderson*

October 09, 2023 at 07:02 AM



“ *I was truly blessed to be raised by this man and his beautiful wife. Words can't what I feel. I no longer have my joking partner. My grandparents did best and all they could for me and my siblings plus their great grand... our last memory was remember all the moments we had and listening to him talk about his wife as if she was still lighting up the room. My heart hurts but the Most High has the last say and heals all wounds. I love you ❤️ and grateful to have had you as my father love you papa 🤔*

OrliNoa Israel - April 11, 2018 at 01:43 PM



“ *Florine Mason-Thompson lit a candle in memory of Mr. Edward S. "Chief" Vanderson*



Florine Mason-Thompson - April 04, 2018 at 02:04 PM



“ *Our thoughts and prayers are with the Vanderson Family and especially Christopher Vanderson. We love him so much because he is humble, loving, kind and a great scholar.*



Dr. Lela Smith Bolls & Mrs. Maggie Smith - April 04, 2018 at 10:10 AM

DS

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Dr. Lela Smith Bolls & Mrs. Maggie Smith - April 04, 2018 at 10:03 AM

CH

“ Charlene Harris lit a candle in memory of Mr. Edward S. "Chief" Vanderson



Charlene Harris - April 03, 2018 at 10:59 PM



“ Felicia Jones lit a candle in memory of Mr. Edward S. "Chief" Vanderson



Felicia Jones - April 03, 2018 at 10:58 PM

NC

“ Chief, Edward Vanderson was a devoted member of our Sabbath school class. I enjoyed him explaining the bible to us. He was ill, , but he was a fighter. He would always pull back. He believed in God and he truly loved the Lord. He will truly be missed. Nevelyn Carroll



Nevelyn Carroll - April 03, 2018 at 10:02 PM

DM

“ Praying for the entire family, friends, extended family, of Mr. Edward "Chief" Vanderson, which includes Mr. & Mrs. Percy (Betty) Knapp. God will be your strength now & forevermore. Deb Milling, Saved By Grace Christian Ministries!



Deborah Milling - April 03, 2018 at 07:36 PM

LS

“ To the family of Chief, you have our deepest sympathy in the lost of your love one. At a time like this, you must trust in God and lean not to your own understanding. You all are in my prayers, love cousin Lela Mae and Aunt Maggie Rurh



Lela Mae Boles & Maggie Ruth Smith - April 03, 2018 at 07:30 PM

CC

“ Carol Connor lit a candle in memory of Mr. Edward S. "Chief" Vanderson



Carol Connor - April 03, 2018 at 07:26 PM

GJ

“ Gwinda Jefferson lit a candle in memory of Mr. Edward S. "Chief" Vanderson



Gwinda Jefferson - April 03, 2018 at 02:13 PM

AP

“ Angela “Nica” Payton lit a candle in memory of Mr. Edward S. “Chief” Vanderson



Angela “Nica” Payton - April 03, 2018 at 01:35 PM

BF

“ Bill And Desiree Fouse lit a candle in memory of Mr. Edward S. “Chief” Vanderson



Bill and Desiree Fouse - April 01, 2018 at 08:21 AM

MM

“ MARCIE KNAPP MOORE lit a candle in memory of Mr. Edward S. “Chief” Vanderson



MARCIE KNAPP MOORE - March 31, 2018 at 09:28 AM

BW

“ So sorry to hear of Chief's passing. My prayers go out to the entire family

Betty (Washington) Wesley



Betty (Washington) Wesley - March 30, 2018 at 06:16 PM

BW

“ Betty (Washington) Wesley sent a virtual gift in memory of Mr. Edward S. "Chief" Vanderson



Betty (Washington) Wesley - March 30, 2018 at 06:02 PM



“ 50 files added to the album Life Tributes



Lawrence E. Moon Funeral Home - March 30, 2018 at 04:20 PM

PS

“ Peggy Stribling lit a candle in memory of Mr. Edward S. "Chief" Vanderson



Peggy Stribling - March 30, 2018 at 11:58 AM

LP

“ Loretta Dorsey Petty sent a virtual gift in memory of Mr. Edward S. "Chief" Vanderson



Loretta Dorsey Petty - March 29, 2018 at 10:52 AM

LP

“ Laura A. Petty purchased the Cheryl's Classic Gift Bundle for the family of Mr. Edward S. "Chief" Vanderson.



Laura A. Petty - March 29, 2018 at 10:33 AM

LP

“ My thoughts and prayers are with you at this time. Edward (Chief) and I were classmates. He was always smiling and having fun. He was also one of the nicest guys you'll ever meet. I am so sorry about your lost..



Loretta Dorsey Petty - March 29, 2018 at 10:20 AM

VC

“ My dearest thoughts and prayers go out to the family of Chief! He was such a dedicated dad husband and church family member. May the lord be with the whole family during your grief. I thought the world of him and his wife. 🙏🙏🙏

Verma Crowkey - March 27, 2018 at 07:25 PM

EW

“ *Evaett L. Webb lit a candle in memory of Mr. Edward S. "Chief" Vanderson*



Evaett L. Webb - March 27, 2018 at 01:00 PM

KF

“ *May the Good Lord give peace, understanding, love and comfort during this difficult time for theres no sorrow/pain heaven cant heal. To be absent from the body is to be present with the Lord*



Kelly family - March 27, 2018 at 12:15 PM

ST

“ *Star lit a candle in memory of Mr. Edward S. "Chief" Vanderson*



star - March 26, 2018 at 10:54 PM

ST

Well brother, I don't have word to say how I feel now. Y'all always said I talk to much, butyou have left me speechless lol, I'm going to miss you forever, but you're resting with your beloved wife. Rest on

star - March 26, 2018 at 11:03 PM

BK

“ Chief, you were loved and will be missed. You are now resting with the love of your life Esther. Take your rest my brother.



Betty Knapp - March 26, 2018 at 04:41 PM

EB

“ Erma Bolden sent a virtual gift in memory of Mr. Edward S. "Chief" Vanderson



Erma Bolden - March 26, 2018 at 02:17 PM

CA

“ Pleace accept our condolence, may God give you peace and comfort to bear this loss, By reading Gods word it can strengthen you to endure. ps55:22

concern all - March 26, 2018 at 02:13 PM

SH

“ Shae lit a candle in memory of Mr. Edward S. "Chief" Vanderson



Shae - March 26, 2018 at 01:50 PM

CE

“ *My condolences to the family!! I love you all*
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cassandra Ellison - March 26, 2018 at 11:51 AM

BW

“ *Betty Wiggins lit a candle in memory of Mr. Edward S. "Chief" Vanderson*



Betty Wiggins - March 26, 2018 at 08:08 AM



“ *Dad,*

I will truly miss you and mom. I enjoyed the times we had together. Now that I know that you and mom are resting; I can have a peace of mind knowing that you both are no longer suffering.

Till we meet again, love you both!



Yah'nah Israel - March 26, 2018 at 08:00 AM

FT

Know that you are in my thoughts and prayers. I am so sorry for your loss.

Though my dear cousin Chief my have departs from this earth he will never truly leave, for he is still alive in our hearts and minds, through us, he live on. Surely he will not be forgotten. I will always treasure the fun memories I have of him! 💕💕

Florine Mason Thompson - March 27, 2018 at 11:24 PM

NI

“ *Nicole lit a candle in memory of Mr. Edward S. "Chief" Vanderson*



nicole - March 25, 2018 at 11:26 PM

N(

“ *My uncle Chief; always there for me, even there to give me away. I will forever love and miss him. 💔💔💔💔💔*
Rest peacefully uncle Chief



Nicole (me) - March 25, 2018 at 04:17 PM