

## Mr. Ellis Duckett

February 10, 1932 - June 1, 2021

DUCKETT, Mr. Ellis -Age 89, passed away Tuesday, June 1, 2021 at his residence. Family hour 10:00AM Monday, June 7, 2021 at Lawrence E. Moon Funeral Home, 906 W. Flint Park Blvd., with funeral service commencing at 11:00AM. Interment Sunset Hills Cemetery, G-4413 Flushing Rd., Flint, MI. Friends and pallbearers will assemble at the funeral home 10:00AM Monday. Mr. Ellis Duckett was born in Texarkana, Texas, the son of Ellis Duckett Sr. and Augusta (Williams) Duckett. He graduated from Flint Northern High School, before attending Michigan State University. Ellis was a football legend in high school, college and in the Canadian Football League. A lover of education as far back as being a young boy, using a flashlight to read his favorite books, deep into the night. His athletic prowess allowed him to continue his education. After his football career he worked for General Motors and was a leader in the UAW. He returned to the classroom to earn his Masters Degree followed by a long career as an Elementary School Math Teacher with the Flint Community Schools. Few can teach Math by turning it into a sport. Family was most important to Ellis. He was known to many as "Brotha". The youngest of four, he cared for his three older sisters, nieces and nephews. To his children he was 'Da' or 'Pop' and with his wife 'Bern' of nearly 50 years they created a loving home. He was kind, gentle, had the biggest heart, and a smile & laugh that could fill up a stadium. Mr. Ellis Duckett leaves to cherish his memory: daughter, Janeen (Edward) Duckett-Hall of Fort Worth, TX; sons, Dr. Bruce Duckett of Flint and Darrell "Duane" (Quayeria) Rushing

of Flint; brother-in-law, Theopolis Poindexter; grandson he helped raise, Christian Duckett of Houston, TX, a host of other grandchildren, great-grandchildren, nieces, nephews, cousins and friends. Ellis was preceded in transition by: his wife, Bernadine J. Duckett; sons, Ellis Duckett III and Eric Bruce Duckett; parents, Augusta and Ellis Duckett Sr.; sisters, Olivia Brown, Susie Mae Skipper (Samuel), Lelia V. Poindexter and niece, Joyce Johnson. The family would like to express special thanks to Valley Area Agency on Aging, Right-at-Home and all of the extraordinary Aids who cared for Ellis Duckett so professionally and lovingly.

# Cemetery Details

## Sunset Hills Cemetery

G-4413 Flushing Rd.  
Flint, MI 48504

# Previous Events

## Family hour

JUN 7. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (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>

## Service

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# Tribute Wall



“ *Lawrence E. Moon Funeral Home created a Webcast in memory of Mr. Ellis Duckett*



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**Lawrence E. Moon Funeral Home** - June 07, 2021 at 06:47 AM

JA

“ *As an MSU fan with an appreciation of history, I remember Ellis Duckett as a major player in the school's record 26 consecutive wins in the early '50s and the one who blocked a punt and returned it for a touchdown in the 1954 Rose Bowl, one of the most iconic moments in MSU football history. In conclusion, Ellis Duckett and Dan Coleman were the first of generations of Flint athletes to come to Michigan State. They were two of the first African-American players who began the process of to breaking down the color barrier in college athletics.*

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**Jim Asselin** - August 04, 2024 at 06:43 PM



“ *Mr. Ellis Duckett*

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October 09, 2023 at 07:02 AM

WS

“ *Ellis Duckett wasn't just a legend on th gridiron. He was a legend as a human being. Our community was blessed by his presence and service.*

woodrow stanley - July 23, 2021 at 05:10 PM



“ *Phillip Luckado lit a candle in memory of Mr. Ellis Duckett*



Phillip Luckado - June 23, 2021 at 06:19 AM

BD

“ *Brenda Duckett-Greer lit a candle in memory of Mr. Ellis Duckett*



Brenda Duckett-Greer - June 20, 2021 at 08:27 PM

TN

“ *My sincerest condolences to the Duckett family, may GOD provide comfort and strength during this difficult time. Mr. Duckett was the best math teacher!*  
*T. Neal*



T. Neal - June 15, 2021 at 07:09 PM

TJ

“ *Tanya Jefferson lit a candle in memory of Mr. Ellis Duckett*



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**Tanya Jefferson** - June 09, 2021 at 01:00 PM

DJ

“ *Our condolences to the Duckett family. A very dear and beautiful family. May God give you the strength through this difficult time, My prayers is with family.*



*Deborah Johnson & Family  
Shreveport, LA*

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**Deborah Johnson** - June 08, 2021 at 05:13 PM

SE

“ *Sandra Epps`` sent a virtual gift in memory of Mr. Ellis Duckett*



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**Sandra Epps``** - June 07, 2021 at 05:34 PM

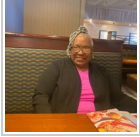
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“ *. Our Sympathy To The Family*



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**lorene randall** - June 07, 2021 at 09:19 AM



“ Shirley Milton lit a candle in memory of Mr. Ellis Duckett



Shirley Milton - June 07, 2021 at 07:06 AM



“ Debra Thornton lit a candle in memory of Mr. Ellis Duckett



Debra Thornton - June 06, 2021 at 06:29 PM



“ Mary Brady - Missouri City, TX lit a candle in memory of Mr. Ellis Duckett



Mary Brady - Missouri City, TX - June 06, 2021 at 04:45 PM



“ Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Mr. Ellis Duckett.



June 06, 2021 at 03:19 AM

RB

“ Thinking of the family with love and great memories in this time where strength is needed to press on in honor of Mr. Duckett; to smile as he smiled, to live life to the fullest. I love you both so much and thank you for allowing me a small part in knowing your father.  
Ricky



Ricardo Brandon - June 06, 2021 at 03:05 AM

DC

“ Diane (Johnson) Crowder lit a candle in memory of Mr. Ellis Duckett



Diane (Johnson) Crowder - June 05, 2021 at 08:48 PM

MJ

“ Condolences to the family. He was a special, kind man to all whom knew him. He will be greatly missed. My prayers go to the family.

marilyn jackson - June 05, 2021 at 06:48 PM



“ Caprina Beal purchased the Beautiful Dreams for the family of Mr. Ellis Duckett.



Caprina Beal - June 05, 2021 at 03:35 PM



“ *Caprina Beal lit a candle in memory of Mr. Ellis Duckett*



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**Caprina Beal** - June 05, 2021 at 03:24 PM

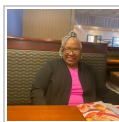


“ *Sending prayers of comfort & strength to our family. We have lost our King of the family. Our Hero. The Angels has escorted him on to his heavenly home, to recieve his Golden Crown and to take his stance in Glory. Imagine all the smiles of all our family, that was waiting to greet him, with open wings of love. Our hearts are filled with sadness right now, but we can find peace in keeping close in our hearts, all the things we loved about him, and all the family love & values we all shared, for so many blessed years. This will always bring comfort , Joy and peace to our hearts and souls. Until we are together again, we love you Brother, for eternity. REST IN HEAVENLY PEACE ❤️*



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**Mr.& Mrs. James Poindexter** - June 05, 2021 at 09:06 AM



*Condolences to the Duckett family and deepest sympathy to all of the Poindexter's . May your fondest memories be a comfort to you during this time of bereavement and always. We love you.*

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**Shirley Milton** - June 07, 2021 at 07:11 AM

RF

“ *Ray Furlow lit a candle in memory of Mr. Ellis Duckett*



Ray Furlow - June 05, 2021 at 06:26 AM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Mr. Ellis Duckett.*



June 04, 2021 at 07:22 PM

BM

“ *Bobby and Gina Marve purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Mr. Ellis Duckett.*



Bobby and Gina Marve - June 04, 2021 at 03:25 PM

KJ

“ *Mr. Duckett.. You and Your Generation of Outstanding Flint Athletes that went to MSU in 1940's and 1950's, set A Very High Bar of Excellence. Original Flintstones. Mr.. Duckett captured my Imagination, while sowing back into Flint Public Schools. Things that He shared with me are priceless . May The Duckett Family be comforted in The Holy Spirit.*

Keith Jones - June 04, 2021 at 01:48 PM



“ *Shawn Foster lit a candle in memory of Mr. Ellis Duckett*



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**Shawn Foster** - June 04, 2021 at 01:28 PM



“ *Brenda Duckett-Greer lit a candle in memory of Mr. Ellis Duckett*



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**Brenda Duckett-Greer** - June 04, 2021 at 12:28 PM



“ *Brenda Duckett-Greer lit a candle in memory of Mr. Ellis Duckett*



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**Brenda Duckett-Greer** - June 04, 2021 at 12:28 PM



“ *Sending my prayers, and condolences to the Duckett family.*  
*Timesee E. Deloach-Dixon*

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**Timesee Deloach-Dixon** - June 04, 2021 at 10:19 AM

ET

“ *Ernelle Taylor lit a candle in memory of Mr. Ellis Duckett*



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**Ernelle Taylor** - June 04, 2021 at 10:05 AM

BT

“ *Betty Tipper lit a candle in memory of Mr. Ellis Duckett*



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**Betty Tipper** - June 04, 2021 at 09:06 AM



“ *Katie Caldwell sent a virtual gift in memory of Mr. Ellis Duckett*



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**Katie Caldwell** - June 04, 2021 at 05:50 AM

KM

“ *Mr. Duckett was hands down the BEST! He had a great personality, a welcoming smile and twinkle in his eye. He was greatly respected and you felt his love for teaching. Mr. Duckett you were my buddy. You are one of my reasons for following in your footsteps. I am blessed I had the chance to tell you this. To see the joy and pride in your eyes...I will never forget! May God keep you and provide comfort to your family as you smile down upon us from heaven. Rest well Mr. Duckett...Thank you for being a true inspiration and example of greatness.*



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**KimBerly Macklin** - June 03, 2021 at 11:00 PM



“ *Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Mr. Ellis Duckett.*



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June 03, 2021 at 09:50 PM

JM

“ *Jimmye L Maxwell lit a candle in memory of Mr. Ellis Duckett*



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**Jimmye L Maxwell** - June 03, 2021 at 09:16 PM

TS

“ *Trina Stewart lit a candle in memory of Mr. Ellis Duckett*



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**Trina Stewart** - June 03, 2021 at 09:11 PM

EP

“ *EARNEST-NANCY POUNCY lit a candle in memory of Mr. Ellis Duckett*



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**EARNEST-NANCY POUNCY** - June 03, 2021 at 08:40 PM

JW

“ *Jeri A. Washington lit a candle in memory of Mr. Ellis Duckett*



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**Jeri A. Washington** - June 03, 2021 at 08:14 PM

EM

“ *A heartfelt sympathy to Bro.and Sis. Darrell Rushing and the family. You all are in our prayers and thoughts*



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**Eld. Cathi McDowell** - June 03, 2021 at 06:09 PM

Katie Stewart

“ *Katie Stewart lit a candle in memory of Mr. Ellis Duckett*



Katie Stewart - June 03, 2021 at 05:28 PM

SN

“ *Sending Sincere Condolences and Prayers to the Duckette Family. Bruce you know the gang is all here for you!*



Sandy Neal - June 03, 2021 at 03:50 PM

CH

“ *Calvin & Pamela Hightower lit a candle in memory of Mr. Ellis Duckett*



Calvin & Pamela Hightower - June 03, 2021 at 02:55 PM

D(

“ *One of the best teachers I ever had. He was my elementary teacher at Neithercut in the mid 80's. I never forgot about him and the influence he made on me.*



Daisie Hamm (Stuart) - June 03, 2021 at 01:38 PM



“ *Mr. Duckett was my elementary school math teacher and was profoundly influential on me. Bless his heart. He had a great life.*



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**Shawn Chittle** - June 03, 2021 at 01:04 PM

FG

“ *Sending my thoughts, prayers and sympathy to the family and friends of a truly amazing man. He was an outstanding athlete, an inspiration to all that knew him. He was always so kind and pleasant to talk with and he had a beautiful smile whenever he met you. RIP Ellis.*



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**Fredricka “Ricky” Gist** - June 03, 2021 at 11:51 AM

KC

“ *Ellis, Bernadine, Bruce & Janeen were the best neighbors on Circle Drive and always felt more like family. So many wonderful memories, hugs, laughs and talks in the driveway. Thank you for always welcoming us into your home and into your family. We love you Ellis and you will be greatly missed. Bruce & Janeen I am so very sorry. It is so hard to loose your father. He will be in our prayers. May God continue to bless you and your families. The Kowalcyk's love you forever.*

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**Kristie Carino** - June 03, 2021 at 11:34 AM



“ *Iris Hare lit a candle in memory of Mr. Ellis Duckett*



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**Iris Hare** - June 03, 2021 at 11:03 AM



“ *What a great teacher Mr. Duckett was he certainly one that truly cared about my education for that I thank him every time I saw him or 🙏 For the entire family.*



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**Warren & Annette Marks** - June 03, 2021 at 10:43 AM



“ *Ocean Breeze Spray was purchased for the family of Mr. Ellis Duckett.*



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June 03, 2021 at 09:41 AM



“ *Pandoretta Jackson sent a virtual gift in memory of Mr. Ellis Duckett*



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**Pandoretta Jackson** - June 03, 2021 at 08:25 AM

CW

“ *Craig Williams lit a candle in memory of Mr. Ellis Duckett*



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**Craig Williams** - June 03, 2021 at 07:55 AM

PW

“ *I was in MSU's Elementary Intern Program with Ellis. He was such a thoughtful, caring man and always the supreme gentleman. May he Rest In Peace*

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**Pam (Price) Weller** - June 03, 2021 at 07:50 AM

MB

“ *Ellis came from a wonderful family. We younger ones looked up to him as a young man he was our hero, so kind thoughtful a shining star at Northern High! God bless his family whom he left here on earth to carry on his teachings for generations to come! Maxine Burton, Inglewood Ca. Peggy Burton-Wilson, Dr. Eugene Burton, Vallejo, Ca.*



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**Maxine Burton** - June 03, 2021 at 04:49 AM

MS

“ *Sending my condolences to your family and praying God give them comfort and peace.*

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**Martha Shields** - June 03, 2021 at 04:35 AM

MS

“ *Martha Shields lit a candle in memory of Mr. Ellis Duckett*



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**Martha Shields** - June 03, 2021 at 04:32 AM

MB

“ *Condolences to his family. He was a very special man & teacher. He was my favorite elementary teacher. He made a big difference in my life. He nurtured my love of numbers. And helped show me that being smart and loving to learn was not something to be ashamed of but something to be proud of and encouraged. We spent many of my lunch hours going over advanced math/algebra. And all thru high-school & college when I started to second guess something I could hear him in my head..."You know this. Go with your 1st instinct and don't change anything!". Even my parents remember him telling me that over and over.*

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**Marsha bergeron** - June 02, 2021 at 10:02 PM



“ *Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Mr. Ellis Duckett.*



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June 02, 2021 at 09:20 PM

RD

“ *Lit a candle for Mr. Ellis Duckett.*

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**Rudolph Wheaton DDS,MPA** - June 02, 2021 at 08:10 PM

RD

“ *Lit a candle for Mr Ellis Duckett. A great gentleman, even as a star at MSU he always took interest in those behind him. We loved you Ellis.*



Rudolph D. Wheaton, DDS,MPA - June 02, 2021 at 08:02 PM

BK

“ *Brenda Kimble lit a candle in memory of Mr. Ellis Duckett*



Brenda Kimble - June 02, 2021 at 08:00 PM

LJ

“ *Louis Dilworth Jr. lit a candle in memory of Mr. Ellis Duckett*



Louis Dilworth Jr. - June 02, 2021 at 07:17 PM

BD

“ *Brenda Dilworth lit a candle in memory of Mr. Ellis Duckett*



Brenda Dilworth - June 02, 2021 at 06:27 PM

VW

“ Sending Love and heartfelt condolences to the Ellis family and friends. Mr. Duckett was my Uncle Al's best friend, and my children's math teacher at Neithercut Elementary. He Loved All of his students and teaching, and they all loved him. May the legacy he instilled in all of his students radiate in them all forever. He was a Excellent Teacher. May you find comfort in the wonderful memories his beautiful caring spirit and his life. For Our earthly house has dissolved, we have a building of God, a house not made with hands, eternal in the heavens. Rest on in Jesus arms Mr. Duckett.  
Mrs. Valerie J Williams



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**Valerie Jean Williams** - June 02, 2021 at 05:31 PM

GR

*Lots of love and condolences to the Duckett family he will be miss  
Gloria Robinson, Loved hearing his back in the day's stories*

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**Gloria Robinson** - June 03, 2021 at 06:42 PM