



Mr. Emmie Don Player

October 9, 1934 - February 13, 2026

PLAYER, Mr. Emmie Don - Age 91, passed away Friday, February 13, 2026 in Flint, MI. Family hour 10:30 AM Saturday, February 28, 2026, at House Of Prayer Missionary Baptist Church, 1851 W. Carpenter Rd., with funeral service commencing at 11:00 AM. Min. Letwan Hall, Officiating. Pastor DeQuan Ford, Host Pastor. Interment Lovedale Cemetery, 5175 E. Bristol Rd, Burton, MI. Friends and pallbearers will assemble at the church 10:30 AM Saturday. Mr. Player 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 Friday, with family present from 3:00 PM - 6:00 PM to receive friends.

Mr. Emmie D. Player passed away peacefully at home on February 13th 2026. Emmie was born October 9th, 1934, in Plain Dealing, Louisiana, to the union of the late Toney And Lillie Stephens Player. He went to school at New Bethel which was also his childhood church home where he accepted Christ at an early age.

Emmie attended Stinson High School in Louisiana before moving to Houston, Texas to work with his Uncle Luke Stephens which was the start of his career and passion for construction. He relocated to Flint, Michigan in 1956 when his Uncle W.T. "Dub" Stevens(Stephens) sent for him and helped him get into General Motors. He retired from General Motors Corporation (GM) after 31 years of service. He also worked with his Uncle Dub at his company of Stevens Construction for the remainder of his career working on the

excavator until he was 88 years old. He also was extremely talented in masonry and stonework.

Emmie loved to sing and if you were blessed to hear him, you would know he had one of the most unique and amazing voices. He was in a gospel quartet with his brothers called "Hearts of Harmony." He loved watching cowboys and westerns, fishing, going to casino but above all he loved being with his family and friends.

Mr. Emmie D. Player leaves to cherish his memory: 10 children, Emmit Sumpter of Plain Dealing, LA, Larry Briggs of Lancaster, CA, Jackie (Cookie) Player of Flint, MI, Emmie Don (Alice) Player of Lansing, MI, Johnnie D. Player, Erma Jean Player-Adekunle, both of Flint, MI, Van Curtis (Tracy) Player of New York, NY, Elizabeth A. Peeples, Ricky Marcellous (Pauline) Player, all of Flint, MI; siblings, Johnnie "Jay" Player of Los Angeles, CA and Toney "Buck" Player of Compton, CA; 34 grandchildren; 32 great-grandchildren; and 4 great-great-grandchildren; and a host of nieces, nephews, cousins and other relatives.

Emmie was preceded in death by his grandparents, "Big Mama" Hattie Armstrong Stephens, "Big Papa" Benjamin (Ben) Stephens; parents, Toney and Lillie Stephens Player; brothers, Clifford Player, Armie Player and Bennie Player; sisters, Shirley Player Roe, Mattie Player Briggs, Jennie V. Moore, and Daisy Player Corbin; son, Anthony Wayne Player; grandson, Michael Player; great-grandsons, Dequan Hodge Jr. and Kiyant'e Balknight; best friend, Clevester "Papa" Rison, Sr. and late wife, Ellen Player.

Previous Events

Public Viewing

FEB 27. 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 Present

FEB 27. 3:00 PM - 6:00 PM (ET)

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Family hour

FEB 28. 10:30 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

House of Prayer Missionary Baptist Church
1851 W. Carpenter Rd.
Flint, MI

Funeral Service

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Tribute Wall

R-

“ Regina Kennard -Williams sent a virtual gift in memory of Mr. Emmie Don Player



Regina Kennard -Williams - March 04 at 07:14 PM

CC

“ Chuck Crouther lit a candle in memory of Mr. Emmie Don Player



Chuck Crouther - March 02 at 10:58 AM

DM

“ Duwanda Moman lit a candle in memory of Mr. Emmie Don Player



Duwanda Moman - February 28 at 08:24 AM

MR

“ Sending prayers for the Player Family. May God comfort you. Monica Rison



Monica Rison - February 27 at 05:52 PM

WF

“ Woodard Family lit a candle in memory of Mr. Emmie Don Player



Woodard Family - February 26 at 07:38 PM

BG

“ Barney Family Much Love To You Guys lit a candle in memory of Mr. Emmie Don Player



Barney family much love to you guys - February 26 at 08:34 AM

FS

“ To our extended family we love you all and are praying for you all get you rest daddy player for you are missed and loved Love the Robinson /Sharp families ❤️🙏



Felicia Robinson sharp - February 26 at 02:10 AM

JN

“ JyLinn and Narva purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Mr. Emmie Don Player.



JyLinn and Narva - February 25 at 05:01 PM

MF

“ Sending my love and heartfelt condolences to The Player Family....
May The Prince of Peace comfort you now and forever... MR. P..
WELL DONE SERVANT -WELL DONE 🤝💜💜

MS. RENEE HILL-SYKES AND FAMILY - February 25 at 04:40 PM

DS

“ Doreatha D Swift lit a candle in memory of Mr.
Emmie Don Player



Doreatha D Swift - February 25 at 01:52 PM

SL

“ SHEILA LOMAX lit a candle in memory of Mr.
Emmie Don Player



SHEILA LOMAX - February 25 at 01:39 PM

WH

“ Wanda Hill lit a candle in memory of Mr.
Emmie Don Player



Wanda Hill - February 25 at 10:39 AM

R-

“ *My condolences and prayers are with the Player Family,*



Regina Kennard -Williams - February 25 at 08:12 AM

GC

“ *Genoola Cooper lit a candle in memory of Mr. Emmie Don Player*



genoola cooper - February 25 at 06:56 AM

GC

“ *It was a honor to know Mr. Player. He always was smiling with a pleasant disposition. RIP Mr. Player from Genoola Bennett Cooper, Jerry, Natalie, and Santino Cooper.*

genoola cooper - February 25 at 06:53 AM

TC

“ *Tony Curtis purchased the Enchanted Cottage for the family of Mr. Emmie Don Player.*



Tony Curtis - February 23 at 03:21 PM

J(

“ *Mr.Player has earned his Crown for Heaven, what a legacy always pleasant, kind and shared much knowledge. May God comfort the Family during this difficult time. The (Steele)Family will continue to lift the Player Family up in Prayer 🙏🙏🙏*



Janice (Steele)Anderson - February 23 at 10:08 AM

CC

“ *Clayton Conerly sent a virtual gift in memory of Mr. Emmie Don Player*



Clayton Conerly - February 23 at 09:37 AM

BB

“ *A kind, friendly , loving father and grandfather shall be truly missed. Our sincere condolences and prayers . Love, Duane Brady and Betty*



Betty Bennett - February 23 at 06:19 AM

JG

“ *Janice Green lit a candle in memory of Mr. Emmie Don Player*



Janice Green - February 22 at 11:32 PM

VL

“ Vincent Lipford lit a candle in memory of Mr. Emmie Don Player



Vincent Lipford - February 22 at 06:14 PM



“ My sincere Condolences to the Payer Families Praying that God gives you the strength that you need at this most difficult time. Although a Great Leader of your family has fallen. Look to the hills from with cometh your help. All of your help will come from the Lord. Trust in Him. He will never leave you nor forsake you. RIH Mr. Player 🙏💙



Carolyn D Davis - February 21 at 09:41 PM

BC

“ Brenda Calhoun lit a candle in memory of Mr. Emmie Don Player



Brenda Calhoun - February 21 at 08:28 PM

AV

“ Andre Veale lit a candle in memory of Mr. Emmie Don Player



Andre Veale - February 21 at 03:57 PM

TL

“ *The Player Family, Plain Dealing, LA purchased the Beautiful Dreams for the family of Mr. Emmie Don Player.*



The Player Family, Plain Dealing, LA - February 21 at 10:49 AM

KP

“ *Kent Perkins lit a candle in memory of Mr. Emmie Don Player*



Kent Perkins - February 20 at 06:52 PM

LC

“ *Lois A Cunningham lit a candle in memory of Mr. Emmie Don Player*



Lois A cunningham - February 20 at 05:12 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Mr. Emmie Don Player.*



February 20 at 02:25 PM



“ *Jacqueline Bridges lit a candle in memory of Mr. Emmie Don Player*



Jacqueline Bridges - February 20 at 12:52 PM

KR

“ *To Dear Erma & Family... You are in our prayers. May it give you comfort..knowing your Dad is in Our Father God's Loving arms. Love David and Karen Woods 🙏*



Karen Russell-Woods - February 20 at 09:38 AM

CT

“ *Charles Thompson lit a candle in memory of Mr. Emmie Don Player*



charles Thompson - February 19 at 02:19 PM

JG

“ *Janice Green-Williams lit a candle in memory of Mr. Emmie Don Player*



Janice Green-Williams - February 18 at 11:37 PM

DG

“ *My Deepest Sympathy from the Gibson family...*



DUANE GIBSON - February 17 at 09:53 PM

TS

“ *Trina Renee Stewart lit a candle in memory of Mr. Emmie Don Player*



Trina Renee Stewart - February 17 at 04:48 PM

TS

“ *Trina Renee Stewart lit a candle in memory of Mr. Emmie Don Player*



Trina Renee Stewart - February 17 at 04:47 PM

GK

“ *Gloria Kemp lit a candle in memory of Mr. Emmie Don Player*



Gloria Kemp - February 16 at 10:55 PM

VT

“ Valerie Toles sent a virtual gift in memory of Mr. Emmie Don Player



Valerie Toles - February 16 at 02:53 PM

JA

“ May God comfort the family during this difficult time of loss. May peace, understanding , strength and prayers allow you to accept a lifetime of loving memories. My thoughts and prayers are with you



JEROME ADAMS - February 16 at 07:29 AM


Gregory
Jones

“ I remember when i moved here on york street and every morning i would see him around 6 am because that's when we would be leaving for work and in all the years i have known him his personality was wonderful he had a smile that would make my day even better and i told him that my new look out on life was to smile no matter what situation i was in and he said that's right keep your Joy don't let anyone steal it and i cared for my neighbor opinion and i really loved him as a Father

Sincerely
Kearn Green Jones

Gregory Jones - February 15 at 02:50 PM

MW

“ Maggie Williams lit a candle in memory of Mr. Emmie Don Player



Maggie Williams - February 15 at 01:34 PM

MR

“ Maggie R lit a candle in memory of Mr. Emmie Don Player



Maggie r - February 15 at 01:30 PM

RC

“ RENEE CONEY sent a virtual gift in memory of Mr. Emmie Don Player



RENEE CONEY - February 14 at 05:29 PM

DF

“ Dave Fulton lit a candle in memory of Mr. Emmie Don Player



Dave Fulton - February 14 at 11:37 AM

OC

“ *Otis & Debra Cheatom lit a candle in memory of Mr. Emmie Don Player*



Otis & Debra Cheatom - February 14 at 09:45 AM

MK

“ *Such a joyful man! Who shared his love for family and God with everyone. He was such a good man. I know he told me he had his trials and tribulations like we all go through. But he was tough, trusted in the Lord Jesus Christ! I know today, Jesus told him, well done my good and faithful servant. You ran your race with grace and Joy Mr. player. May your legacy live on through all of your family! Thoughts and prayers to all the family of my friend Mr. Player.*

MK - February 14 at 12:00 AM