



## Mr. Esley Leroy Smartt

April 28, 1939 - December 25, 2022

SMARTT, Mr. Esley Leroy - Age 83, passed away Sunday, December 25, 2022, in Zion, Illinois. Family hour 10:30 AM Thursday, January 5, 2023, from Lawrence E. Moon Funeral Home, 906 W. Flint Park Blvd., with funeral service commencing at 11:00 AM. Interment Sunset Hills Cemetery, G-4413 Flushing Rd. Friends and pallbearers will assemble at the funeral home 10:30 AM Thursday. Mr. Smartt will lie in state in the Chapel of Lawrence E. Moon Funeral Home and may be viewed from 12:00 PM - 6:00 PM Wednesday with family present from 4:00 PM - 6:00 PM to receive friends. In the quietness of Christmas night on December 25, 2022, Esley Leroy Smartt went home to be with the Lord. He was born April 28, 1939 in Nashville, Tennessee to the late Frank Smartt and Betty L. Smartt Allison. Esley was educated in the Metro Nashville school system and later served his country as a proud member of the United States Army Reserves from 1957 until his honorable discharge in 1963. Leroy as he was well known as, worked at Vanderbilt Hospital and met and eventually courted Sarah Eleanor Wilson. They were united in marriage on February 19, 1966. From this union they raised 4 children. Their commitment lasted forty-eight years before his wife's untimely passing. Leroy was lured to Flint, Michigan to become employed with General Motors-Chevrolet where he worked for thirty plus years. This position allowed him to be a provider for his family and a contributor to the success of the automotive industry. Having accepted Christ at an early age, he continued his spiritual journey with his own family to Vernon Chapel AME church. He loved to sing

and shared his love of a variety of music with his kids. In his younger years, he loved to travel annually with his Sarah, but he especially enjoyed traveling to Detroit and Nashville to spend time with his extended family.

Leroy enjoyed his retirement years by tinkering with his “toys and gadgets. As well, he spent time with his daughter researching his family’s ancestry. To cherish his memory is a devoted family; his children, sons, Jerome H. Wilson, Patrick Smartt, and Marchelle Smartt, all of Flint, MI; daughters, Demetra Allen of Nashville, TN and Jacqueline Gass of Zion, Illinois; two sisters in law, Susanna Smartt of Nashville, TN and Marion Collins of Flint, MI; thirteen grandchildren; and ten great-grandchildren; a host of nieces, nephews and other loving relatives and dear friends including lifelong friend, Audrey Banks. Leroy is preceded in death by his beloved wife, Sarah; his parents, Frank Smartt and Betty L. Smartt-Allison; brother, Frank Smartt; sisters, Mary Richmond-Neloms, Clara Bulls and Margaret Smartt; and grandson, Landon (Hairston) Varner. The family would also like to express special thanks to Gentiva Hospice of Illinois for all of their love and care provided to Esley.

# Cemetery Details

## Sunset Hills Cemetery

G-4413 Flushing Rd.  
Flint, MI 48504

# Previous Events

## Public Viewing

JAN 4. 12:00 PM - 6:00 PM (ET)

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

## Family Present

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## Service

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# Tribute Wall



“ *Lawrence E. Moon Funeral Home created a Webcast in memory of Mr. Esley Leroy Smartt*



Lawrence E. Moon Funeral Home - January 05, 2023 at 11:16 AM



“ *Mr. Esley Leroy Smartt*

October 09, 2023 at 07:02 AM



“ *Barbara Marshall lit a candle in memory of Esley Smartt*



Barbara Marshall - January 06, 2023 at 02:24 PM



“ *Rest in Peace Leroy, you will be missed greatly...my condolences and prayers go out to the family!*  
*Gary Morse*



GARY MORSE - January 04, 2023 at 09:05 PM

JF

“ *Jackson Family lit a candle in memory of Mr. Esley Leroy Smartt*



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**Jackson Family** - January 03, 2023 at 08:28 PM

VI

“ *Veronica I.Nickens lit a candle in memory of Esley Smartt*



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**Veronica I.Nickens** - January 03, 2023 at 02:22 PM

RR

“ *Prayers to Jackie and the entire family. Uncle Leroy you were one of my favorites. You fought the good fight and now you are reunited with your beloved Sarah and the ancestors. Truly a life well lived. Robert Ridley, Nashville*

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**Robert Ridley** - January 03, 2023 at 02:17 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Mr. Esley Leroy Smartt.*



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January 03, 2023 at 10:53 AM

TL

“ Tameka L. lit a candle in memory of Esley Smartt



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Tameka L. - January 02, 2023 at 10:00 PM



“ 51 files added to the album Life Tributes



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Lawrence E. Moon Funeral Home - January 02, 2023 at 03:23 PM

DM

“ R.I.H.P. Uncle Leroy! Sending prayers & love to Jackie, Pam and rest of the family! 🙏❤️



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Deb Milling - December 31, 2022 at 07:47 AM

EH

“ Erica Hairston lit a candle in memory of Mr. Esley Leroy Smartt



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**Erica Hairston** - December 28, 2022 at 07:56 AM

WM

“ RIP Leroy, prayers to the entire family especially Jackie and Pam ❤️ , sending my love and condolences 🙏

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**Walette Morse** - December 27, 2022 at 07:41 PM

PM

“ Rest in peace uncle Leroy you will be missed praying for my family during this difficult time. ❤️❤️



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**Pamela Miller** - December 26, 2022 at 02:18 PM

PR

“ To the Smartt Family:

*I was sorry to hear about the passing of your loved one. Death is liken to a thief that comes and takes away our love ones. Or due to old age and sickness we lose that precious quality of life that leads to death.*



*However, have you ever asked: Is death the end of it all? Or is there something else after death? The bible clears up any question we might have about death. It also shows that there is a real hope for persons who have faith.*

*Yours truly,  
Patricia*

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**Patricia A Rison** - December 26, 2022 at 11:31 AM