



Mr. Eugene Bowen

March 27, 1948 - December 14, 2025

BOWEN, Mr. Eugene - Age 77, passed away Sunday, December 14, 2025 at his residence. Family hour 9:00 AM Tuesday, December 30, 2025, at Triumph Church - Ebenezer Campus, 2130 S. Center Rd., with funeral service commencing at 10:00 AM. Pastor Soloman Kinloch, Jr., officiating. Interment Great Lakes National Cemetery, G-4200 Belford., Holly, MI. Friends and pallbearers will assemble at the church 9:00 AM Tuesday. Mr. Bowen 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, with family present 4:00PM - 6:00PM Monday.

Eugene "Gene B" Bowen passed away peacefully, surrounded by loved ones. A loving husband to Mildred Bowen whom he loved dearly and affectionately depended on. He fought his health battles with dignity and honor.

Eugene was born on March 27, 1948, in Anderson, South Carolina, to the parents of Marvin Sr. and Mamie Bowen. Upon his graduation from Flint Central High School, he enlisted in the US Marine Corps where he fought with honor and bravery in the Vietnam War. That bravery earned him several medals and citations: Purple Heart Medal, National Defense Service Medal, Presidential Unit Citation, Vietnam Campaign Medal, Vietnam Service Medal, Cross of Gallantry with 3 Bronze Stars, Combat Action Ribbon with the Good Service Conduct Medal. Sargent Eugene Bowen was honorably discharged

from the US Marine Corps on April 1, 1970.

When he returned to the states, he enrolled into college at Ferris State University and earned his bachelor's degree, after which he earned his master's in social work (MSW) at Western Michigan University with honors. He was a DJ and while in college he was one of the first of two black men that played music at Western University's WIDR FM radio station. He also opened the first black radio station in Kalamazoo known as "1560 The Touch" known as "Gene B". His degrees led him to work for the State of Michigan as a State Surveyor. We all know that many conversations were had with those residents at the health facilities because if Gene was going to do anything, it was talk about anything and everything.

Eugene opened a much-needed Food Pantry called God's Grace at Layman Chapel Church in South Bend, Indiana. He loved the Lord and was a Deacon at Triumph Church-Burton. He was also a lover of music, theater and the arts. He sat on the board for Floyd J McCree Theatre and worked with the Greater Flint Arts Council. He also coordinated and brought music artists to Kalamazoo & South Bend, Indiana for the jazz & blues music festivals. He was a stage and voiceover actor and loved to travel. He was also a diehard foodie and loved to talk!

Eugene "Gene B" Bowen loved his family unconditionally and had a compassionate loving heart. He would help you any way he could, no matter the circumstances. He was a husband, father, brother, son, uncle, grandad, great-grandad, cousin, godfather and a friend to many. Eugene is survived by his wife Mildred Bowen, sisters Margaret Ann Gist (Tommy), Mildred Ann Hood, and bonus sister Beverly Hood. Brother Bruce Crawford. Sons Derrick Reddon Bowen, Andre Bowen, and Erik Bowen. Bonus-daughters LaRhonda Crawford, and Tara Lewis Atkins and bonus-son Shannon Atkins Sr. 14 grandchildren, 4 great grandchildren and many nieces, nephews, cousins, and

Godchildren. His very special life-long friends, the Ferris State Gang, which included: Paul Stokes, Darnell Cole, Sherry Richardson, Ann Metcalf, and Fred Peela. Other special friends: Annie (Ann) Booth-Dunigan, Linwood Peacock, Deacon James & Earlene Hawkins, Lerlean Campbell, Joe Jackson, Larry Franks, Alma Snell, Howard & Robyn Robinson, and Jim Morrison, not to mention the Elizabeth Street childhood friends and families and many more. And let's not forget his beloved dog, Bradley.

Eugene was preceded in death by his parents, Marvin Sr. and Mamie Bowen; brothers, Marvin Bowen Jr., Milton Bowen and Grover Bowen; brother-in-law, Paul R Hood; bonus-son, Darren Scott-Atkins; several cousins, aunts, uncles, grandson, his beloved dog Tyler, and Vietnam veterans that fought alongside him.

Previous Events

Public Viewing

DEC **29**. 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

DEC **29**. 4:00 PM - 6:00 PM (ET)

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Family hour

DEC **30**. 9:00 AM - 10:00 AM (ET)

Triumph Church Ebenezer Campus
2130 S. Center Rd.
Burton, MI 48519

Funeral Service

DEC **30**. 10:00 AM (ET)

Triumph Church Ebenezer Campus
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Tribute Wall



“ *Ivan Wilson lit a candle in memory of Eugene Bowen*



Ivan Wilson - January 05 at 09:13 PM

AH

“ *Annie Hunter lit a candle in memory of Mr. Eugene Bowen*



Annie Hunter - December 30, 2025 at 07:42 PM

BH

“ *Buddy Hannah lit a candle in memory of Mr. Eugene Bowen*



Buddy Hannah - December 30, 2025 at 06:32 AM

BM

“ *Barbara Moore-Jackson lit a candle in memory of Mr. Eugene Bowen*



Barbara Moore-Jackson - December 29, 2025 at 06:15 PM

CH

“ *Christine Henderson lit a candle in memory of Mr. Eugene Bowen*



Christine Henderson - December 29, 2025 at 09:09 AM

AB

“ *Althea J Barbee lit a candle in memory of Mr. Eugene Bowen*



Althea J Barbee - December 29, 2025 at 09:05 AM

DJ

“ *Dessie, George, Jeneretha purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Mr. Eugene Bowen.*



Dessie, George, Jeneretha - December 28, 2025 at 09:51 AM

DJ

“ *Dessie, George, Jeneretha planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Mr. Eugene Bowen.*

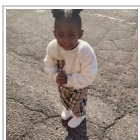
Dessie, George, Jeneretha - December 28, 2025 at 09:51 AM

JW

“ *Jeanette Marie Wiley lit a candle in memory of Mr. Eugene Bowen*



Jeanette Marie Wiley - December 28, 2025 at 08:10 AM



“ *My Condolences to My Sister Bowen love and hugs Alyse Beard*

Alyse Beard - December 27, 2025 at 11:32 PM

MA

“ *Melinda Mosley Anderson sent a virtual gift in memory of Mr. Eugene Bowen*



Melinda Mosley Anderson - December 27, 2025 at 07:08 PM

JK

“ *Condolences and prayers for Sis. Bowen and family.*



Julie Koger - December 26, 2025 at 06:24 PM

BT

“ *Betty Tipper lit a candle in memory of Mr. Eugene Bowen*



Betty Tipper - December 24, 2025 at 12:15 PM

CJ

“ *Condolences to the Bowen family.*



Colleen JenkinsRoberts - December 23, 2025 at 02:55 PM

TJ

“ *My deepest condolences to the family. Eugene was a good friend always willing to share his knowledge and experience while giving support. Rest my friend ! Tee Johnson*



Tee Johnson - December 22, 2025 at 08:52 PM

PE

“ *Purches Earlene lit a candle in memory of Mr. Eugene Bowen*



Purches Earlene - December 22, 2025 at 09:06 AM

AP

“ *Anna Pinnix lit a candle in memory of Eugene Bowen*



Anna Pinnix - December 21, 2025 at 10:15 PM

RS

My sincere condolences to Mrs. Bowen. May precious memories uplift you. He was a man of great faith, hope and love. He will be missed.

Reta Stanley - December 30, 2025 at 09:28 AM

LP

“ *Linwood & Pat lit a candle in memory of Mr. Eugene Bowen*



Linwood & Pat - December 20, 2025 at 03:33 PM

ES

“ Our friendship spanned over 40 years. Although he moved from Kalamazoo to Flint and South Bend, we always stayed in touch ... seeing each other (along with Mildred and Jan) occasionally and talking every few months or so. His heart was immense. After military service, he spent his career as a social worker and community volunteer. He never said no to anyone in need. Gene worked tirelessly to stage an Annette Taborn show to benefit the WMU Jules Rossman (our WIDR faculty advisor) Scholarship Fund at Shakespeare's in October 2016. The iconic poster designed and printed by Craig Vestal is below. In the mid-90s, I invited Gene B. and Fred Lawrence, Jr. (Moochie Lee Moochie) to create and host Night Rhythms on Talk Radio 1360 WKMI during a period when R&B had no home on Kalamazoo-area radio. We earned a Kalamazoo NAACP award for the program. Gene loved his family, loved blues music, loved Kalamazoo, loved radio and we'll miss him dearly.



Ed Sackley - December 19, 2025 at 07:18 PM

CS

“ Cathryn Sanders lit a candle in memory of Mr. Eugene Bowen



Cathryn Sanders - December 19, 2025 at 05:19 PM

BB

“ 2 files added to the tribute wall



Beverly Boyd - December 19, 2025 at 07:42 AM

BB

“ My condolences to the family and friends of Mr. Eugene Bowen! I am so sorry for your loss, but I am happy that he's with his Lord and savior. He was truly a child of God. To my sis Mildred I love you and want you to know that we are all here for you. God bless you all. Sending hugs and my deepest condolences.



Beverly Boyd - December 19, 2025 at 07:41 AM

AS

“ Alma Snell sent a virtual gift in memory of Eugene Bowen



Alma Snell - December 18, 2025 at 10:43 PM

TP

“ Tiny Presnall lit a candle in memory of Eugene Bowen



Tiny Presnall - December 18, 2025 at 08:23 PM

GT

“ Gale & Angela Tabron lit a candle in memory of Eugene Bowen



Gale & Angela Tabron - December 18, 2025 at 08:15 PM

2R

“ 2535 mount olivet Rd lit a candle in memory of Eugene Bowen



2535 mount olivet Rd - December 18, 2025 at 07:33 PM

CB

“ Christine Brown lit a candle in memory of Eugene Bowen



Christine Brown - December 18, 2025 at 06:01 PM

BH

“ *My prayers and thoughts are with Sister Mildred and the Bowen family as you mourn the loss of your beloved Gene Bowen . May your faith, family, and friends give you strength during this time of sorrow..*

Buddy Hannah - December 18, 2025 at 04:23 PM

BH

“ *Betty Harriford lit a candle in memory of Eugene Bowen*



Betty Harriford - December 18, 2025 at 09:55 AM

LB

“ *I just wanted to say rip and God bless you and your family. I love y'all and I will never forget the memories we all shared in the past.*

Leshaun Allen Bennett - December 17, 2025 at 05:23 PM

SH

“ *Shirley lit a candle in memory of Mr. Eugene Bowen*



Shirley - December 17, 2025 at 11:05 AM

SH

“ *My friend and buddy. Such a nice man of God. He was on our board at the McCree Theatre. Eugene never met a stranger. He loved to talk and share his travels. He loved his family, his church and his community. We will miss him and I pray God will give Mildred strength to get through this most difficult time. Rest on my Friend.*



Shirley Henderson - December 17, 2025 at 09:12 AM

FL

“ *Fred Lawrence lit a candle in memory of Eugene Bowen*



Fred Lawrence - December 16, 2025 at 08:45 AM

ST

Gene and I had been close friends for decades. Gene's son and my daughter were born within months of each other. We attended our children's birthday parties and visited each other homes. When I transferred from Kent county DHS to Kalamazoo Gene and I became fast friends. As the years went on we continued to be in touch. Gene loved music and my husband and I attended his events. Years later Gene traveled to Kalamazoo to present me with a humanitarian award on his birthday. That was the kind of friend he was. I will miss my friend. The kind that if you called he would come. Those type of friends are rare. Gene was a community driven person that always gave back. We need more like him in the world. Rest well my friend!

Sherry Thomas-Cloud - December 19, 2025 at 07:10 AM

AM

“ *Annette Marks lit a candle in memory of Eugene Bowen*



Annette Marks - December 15, 2025 at 10:27 PM

MB

“ *Sending Hugs Prayers Love and Deepest Sympathy To Wife Mildred and Family.* 🙏🙏🙏
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Madeline Brisker Brown - December 15, 2025 at 04:48 PM

LP

“ *Lisa Payton sent a virtual gift in memory of Mr. Eugene Bowen*



Lisa Payton - December 15, 2025 at 03:03 PM

PD

“ *Patricia A Daniel sent a virtual gift in memory of Mr. Eugene Bowen*



Patricia A Daniel - December 15, 2025 at 02:16 PM

PN

“ Pat Newton-Moore lit a candle in memory of Mr. Eugene Bowen



Pat Newton-Moore - December 15, 2025 at 02:06 PM

LP

Sending love & condolences to Mildred & family; Rest in peace Gene

La Phyllis Peterson - December 16, 2025 at 12:33 PM

DF

“ My sincere condolences to the family gone to soon but life well lived 💔 until we meet again my friend praying 🙏



Dallas Boards and family - December 15, 2025 at 11:52 AM

MJ

“ Marva (Lanes) Johnson lit a candle in memory of Mr. Eugene Bowen



Marva (Lanes) Johnson - December 15, 2025 at 09:48 AM

MJ

“ To Mildred and the family, I met Eugene in Elementary School (Roosevelt) to be exact. We were in the 3rd grade. We were classmates through high school. It was 11th grade when schools were divided and I had to go to Northwestern and he got a chance to stay at Central. I didn't see him again over the years until about a year ago when he heard about this Line Dance Class at McCree called "Hustlers on the Move" where he was on the Board. It took him a minute before he remembered me, but I knew him right away. He really hadn't changed very much. Still the nice person I remembered from school. Mildred when he introduced me to you, we instantly connected as sisters. My condolences and sincere thoughts and prayers go out to you. You guys made a beautiful couple and we enjoyed the short time you and him got a chance to come to class. May God hold you tightly in the palm of his hands because you no longer have your long time mate. Much Love to you Mildred from my heart to yours. ❤️❤️❤️

Marva (Lanes) Johnson - December 15, 2025 at 09:45 AM

KD

I worked with Gene at the State and we were FB friends. Following these last months with his cancer journey, we all learned just how strong Gene was. He faced this disease head on, with such positive energies and an ever increasing reinforced belief in his faith. What a teacher he has been for us all. If we could only have half his strength we'd be gifted.

My sympathies to Mildred, family, Tyler his dog, and all those that loved him. Bigger than life, may his strong spirit and all the wonderful memories help fill your days and bring you great comfort.

Kathy Dilsaver - December 16, 2025 at 07:02 PM

AH

My heart is broken, God has Gained a true Angel, you are in my prayers Mrs Mildred with all my love! RIP my friend until we meet again
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Annie Hunter - December 18, 2025 at 06:17 PM

PJ

“ *Pauline Jones lit a candle in memory of Mr. Eugene Bowen*



Pauline Jones - December 15, 2025 at 09:01 AM

CD

“ *Chery Price Dickson lit a candle in memory of Eugene Bowen*



Chery Price Dickson - December 15, 2025 at 07:35 AM

LT

“ *Linda Townsend-Booth lit a candle in memory of Eugene Bowen*



Linda Townsend-Booth - December 14, 2025 at 10:39 PM

SP

“ *Mrs Mildred and Family I am so sorry to hear of the passing of Mr. Gene. I Send my Deepest Condolences and Prayers to you and the Bowen family. It was truly an honor and a pleasure knowing this awesome man of God. R.I.H Mr Gene 🙏❤️👤 I Love You All Sheryl*



Sheryl Payton - December 14, 2025 at 03:33 PM



“ *Pandoretta Jackson sent a virtual gift in memory of Mr. Eugene Bowen*



Pandoretta Jackson - December 14, 2025 at 03:13 PM