



Mr. Ferd Rett

April 8, 1961 - October 4, 2015

RETT, Mr. Ferd - Age 54, passed away Sunday, October 4, 2015 at his residence. Family hour 10:30 a.m. Wednesday, October 14, 2015 at God's Tabernacle of Truth Church, 4056 N. Saginaw St., with funeral service commencing at 11 a.m. Bishop Richard W. Mosley officiating. Interment Sunset Hills Association, G-4413 Flushing Rd. Friends and pallbearers will assemble at the church 10:30 a.m. Wednesday. Mr. Rett will lie in state in the Chapel of Lawrence E. Moon Funeral Home, 906 W. Flint Park Blvd., and may be viewed from 12 Noon-8 p.m. Tuesday with family present from 5-8 p.m.

Mr. Ferd E. Rett, L.M.S.W. was born on April 8, 1961 in Flint, Michigan, the son of Mr. & Mrs. Luther and Clara Rett. He was educated through the Flint Community Schools, and then went on to obtain Bachelor of Arts in Sociology from the University of Michigan-Flint, and a Master of Social Work from Eastern Michigan University. Ferd used his education and skills to touch many lives through his numerous job opportunities. First and foremost, he accomplished his dream, founding and operating Words of Encouragement Counseling Agency. He also worked as a Clinical Therapist at Hurley Mental Health Associates, and as a Licensed Social Worker for the Flint School District. Ferd was an Ordained Minister who believed the words found in Psalms 37:5 "Commit thy ways unto the Lord; trust also in Him; and He shall bring it to pass." These words have guided and lead hm forward with God's help.

Mr. Ferd E. Rett, L.M.S.W. leaves to cherish his memory: 2 daughters, Ariana B. Rett of Flint and Alexaundria I. Rett (Alcorn State University School of Nursing in Natchez, MS); 2 grandchildren, Gabrielle M.C. Jason and Jaylin A.E. Chappell, both of Flint; 2 sisters, Vivian (Jake) Medcalf of Mt. Morris, MI and Melva (James) Wheeler of Flint; a host of nieces, nephews, other relatives and friends including special friends, are his sons, Alvin Lee of Mansfield, TX, Jeremy Lane of Oklahoma; special granddaughter, Aniya Blanks of Mt. Morris, MI and friend, Vishaun Ezell of Flint.

Mr. Rett was preceded in death by his father, Luther Eugene Rett; mother, Clara B. Rett; and sister, Mildred Ann Dunn.

The family would like to express special thanks to Mr. Elonzo Duncan, Alcorn State University School of Nursing, Bishop Richard W. Mosley, Sr. and everyone else, who are too numerous to name.

The word departure literally means to pull up anchor and set sail. Everything that happens prior to death is a preparation for the final voyage. Death marks the beginning, not the end. It is our journey to God.

Cemetery Details

Sunset Hills Association

G-4413 Flushing Rd.
Flint, MI

Previous Events

Public Viewing

OCT 13. 12:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

Lawrence E. Moon Funeral Home, Inc., Flint
906 W. Flint Park Blvd.
Flint, MI 48505
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lemoonfhflint@gmail.com
<https://lawrenceemoonfuneralhome.com>

Family Present

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Family hour

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Service

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Tribute Wall



“ *Mr. Ferd Rett*

October 09, 2023 at 07:02 AM



“ *I had been thinking about you and last night I dreamed of you. Yep telling me to come on class started and we late again. You always looked out for my goofy self in school. Thank you friend.*

Glynis Rice - October 25, 2021 at 04:52 PM



“ *Ferd saved my son's life. Thank you! I am so sorry for your loss. He was a soul saver. I will never forget you.*

Laura - November 20, 2016 at 06:53 PM



“ *Oh my God,I didn't know of Ferd's passing.So sorry for the family loss.I got to know him working for Flint Schools,He was a very nice person,always spoke and had a kind word to say.Just can't believe this,so heart breaking.May he forever Rest In Peace.*



Sabrena Sanders - December 18, 2015 at 09:30 PM

KW

“ *Karen Woods lit a candle in memory of Mr. Ferd Rett*



Karen Woods - October 18, 2015 at 10:08 PM

KW

To the Rett family, Ferd was a very dear friend and will be truly missed. May God give you strength.

Karen Woods - October 18, 2015 at 10:10 PM

JG

“ *Jack And Donna Gallery lit a candle in memory of Mr. Ferd Rett*



Jack and Donna Gallery - October 16, 2015 at 12:49 PM



“ *Oh my !!! I'm sorry to hear about Ferd. My prayers are with the FAMILY.*



LuLu Thomas - October 15, 2015 at 08:23 AM

TW

“ *Tamora Watson lit a candle in memory of Mr. Ferd Rett*



Tamora Watson - October 14, 2015 at 09:40 PM

JT

“ *He was the only man who was able to get my son to talk and open up. He was a great man who will truly be missed. We love you Fred rest in heaven*



Joy Thompson - October 13, 2015 at 10:32 PM

AM

“ *Ashley Mastin-Chapman lit a candle in memory of Mr. Ferd Rett*



Ashley Mastin-Chapman - October 13, 2015 at 10:29 PM

IH

“ *Ivy Herron lit a candle in memory of Mr. Ferd Rett*



Ivy Herron - October 13, 2015 at 10:02 PM

CS

“ *Ferd was such a nice person and co worker from back in the day
RIH*

carmella Johnson Flint Schools - October 13, 2015 at 06:32 PM

JW

“ *Jerri Winfrey-Carter lit a candle in memory of
Mr. Ferd Rett*



Jerri Winfrey-Carter - October 13, 2015 at 04:52 PM

LH

“ *Linda Hesson lit a candle in memory of Mr.
Ferd Rett*



Linda Hesson - October 13, 2015 at 04:16 PM

LG

“ *My condolences to the family of Ferd. It was always a joy to talk to
him. Such a calm soul...*

LaDonna Gamble - October 13, 2015 at 01:50 PM

SP

“ *Ferd, will missed by many. He had a heart of gold and genuine
smile that would lite up the room. We had worked together at
DHS.My condolences to the family.*

Shirley Person - October 13, 2015 at 01:13 PM



Jennifer
Reid

“ *Words cannot express our appreciation for the positive influence Ferd had on our son. Your family is in our prayers.* ”

Jennifer Reid - October 12, 2015 at 09:58 PM

JD

“ *Janice Davis lit a candle in memory of Mr. Ferd Rett* ”



Janice Davis - October 12, 2015 at 09:26 PM

PE

“ *No matter how old we are, losing a father is one of the deepest sorrows a heart can know. But his goodness, his caring, and his wisdom live on, like a legacy of love that will always be with you. With deepest sympathy, to the Rett family.* ”

Pauletta Epps - October 12, 2015 at 08:28 PM

TL

“ *Tiffany Linscomb lit a candle in memory of Mr. Ferd Rett* ”



Tiffany Linscomb - October 12, 2015 at 04:02 PM

MM

“ *Marsha Marble lit a candle in memory of Mr. Ferd Rett*



Marsha Marble - October 12, 2015 at 03:42 PM

MR

“ *Mr.Blount lit a candle in memory of Mr. Ferd Rett*



Mr.Blount - October 12, 2015 at 03:23 PM

CG

“ *Cynthia George lit a candle in memory of Mr. Ferd Rett*



Cynthia George - October 12, 2015 at 02:09 PM

MN

“ *Monica Michelle Nelson sent a virtual gift in memory of Mr. Ferd Rett*



Monica Michelle Nelson - October 12, 2015 at 09:29 AM

JD

“ *Jonique Donald lit a candle in memory of Mr. Ferd Rett*



Jonique Donald - October 12, 2015 at 07:57 AM

KB

“ *Kim Barge lit a candle in memory of Mr. Ferd Rett*



Kim Barge - October 11, 2015 at 11:43 PM

LW

“ *My condolences to the Rett family. Mr. Rett was such an amazing man and an inspiration to others. His character has left an everlasting affect on many.*



LaShaunda Warren - October 11, 2015 at 11:40 PM

MO

“ *Monica lit a candle in memory of Mr. Ferd Rett*



monica - October 11, 2015 at 08:29 PM

MO

“ *Ferd was my son therapist for the past two years he did wonders with him an was just down to earth an help him out he will be TRULY missed may he rest in peace it was sudden but GOD needed another Angel sorry to the family for your loss*

monica - October 11, 2015 at 08:27 PM

ST

“ *I'm so sorry to hear about the passing of Ferd. He was such a good person. He will truly be missed.*

Shelia Tucker - October 11, 2015 at 12:37 PM

YT

“ *Yvonne Tidwell sent a virtual gift in memory of Mr. Ferd Rett*



Yvonne Tidwell - October 10, 2015 at 06:16 PM

AM

“ *April Mayo lit a candle in memory of Mr. Ferd Rett*



April Mayo - October 10, 2015 at 09:39 AM

AM

“ I feel privileged to have known Ferd. He brightened my day with his humor more times than I can count and he offered advice when I went through tough times. He didn't have to care but he did...about everyone. He was such a hard worker but I never heard him complain nor did I ever see him irritated. He always talked about his girls & grandchildren with such love & pride, it was easy to see that family was his world. He will be missed by all those whose lives he touched. My thoughts & prayers are with his family that they may find peace.

April Mayo - October 10, 2015 at 09:38 AM

JC

“ May you rest in peace love Jennie cooper and Mary Coley



Jennie Cooper - October 10, 2015 at 09:27 AM

IH

“ You are in Jesus loving Arm may you rest in peace Love Iris Hart



Iris Hart - October 10, 2015 at 09:25 AM

JA

“ *I will always remember you rest in peace.
Love Joann, Nicole, And Apple Cooper*



Joann, Nicole, and Apple - October 10, 2015 at 09:20 AM



“ *Small Garden Dish was purchased for the family
of Mr. Ferd Rett.*



October 09, 2015 at 02:13 PM

JA

“ *Judy Arrand lit a candle in memory of Mr.
Ferd Rett*



Judy Arrand - October 09, 2015 at 08:59 AM

NW

“ *N.GRACE WHITE lit a candle in memory of
Mr. Ferd Rett*



N.GRACE WHITE - October 08, 2015 at 05:51 PM

NB

“ *I worked with Ferd at Mott Adult High School, Zimmerman Center and at Northwestern. Always a warm smile and a quick wit. You are already sorely missed, Ferd. Rest in Heaven .*



Nancy Burkhardt - October 08, 2015 at 05:29 PM



“ *Calandra Danielle lit a candle in memory of Mr. Ferd Rett*



Calandra Danielle - October 08, 2015 at 04:53 PM

ST

“ Uncle Ferd. When I met him, I already knew so much about him. I knew he was a **WONDERFUL** man because he played a huge role in my husbands life. It's true that some of the best things in life are temporary. I looked forward to visiting him at family meals, holidays and special events. His side of the family were always the first people to feed my children table food;)

One of the most significant roles he played in my life included choosing to marry my husband and I. He talked to me about my husband many times. We worked together at Flint Schools so we would run into each other frequently. On my wedding day he spoke the kindest words regarding marriage. He allowed me to discover that many of the things he told me would come to pass. ❤️ My marriage will be a constant reminder of how right he was about marriage, how true it is to lean on the Lord, and how compromise is key.

As I watch my family and former coworkers feel uneasy about this time in our lives, I am remembering your smile, your commitment to family, and your faith.

Love you always,
Star

star - October 08, 2015 at 04:35 PM

MB

“ Ms. Van Buren lit a candle in memory of Mr. Ferd Rett



Ms. Van Buren - October 07, 2015 at 09:22 PM

MK

“ If you knew Ferd, you knew that he was no stranger.....a comedic spirit and good guy. Honored to have worked with him at FCS. My condolences to his family.

Marjona R. Kemp - October 07, 2015 at 09:17 PM

EB

“ Elder Andre & Rosalind Brown lit a candle in memory of Mr. Ferd Rett



elder andre & rosalind brown - October 07, 2015 at 08:51 PM

EA

Deepest sympathy to the Rhett family from Elder Andre & Rosalind Brown

elder andre - October 07, 2015 at 08:53 PM

JH

“ John Hunt lit a candle in memory of Mr. Ferd Rett



john hunt - October 07, 2015 at 08:50 PM

BR

“ *My only Daddy who raised me and even though i didnt do as i should he instilled in me the skills to make it in life. Im loss right now not to be able to ask you to cook me some spaghetti but i know God called and u had to answer. I love so much and will always cherish every moment spent every word said and every deed done for i know you did it truly out of love. I will miss you so much.*

Baretta L. Rett-Manuel - October 07, 2015 at 05:47 PM



“ *To a man i called dad, you have set a standard in my life and i will walk by it daily. It has been a joy to watch a man raise two wonderful children that adore you. Not only did you talk it but to have watched you walk out what for many years you preached about. This song will alway remind me of our times in worship together, Order my step in your word dear lord, lead me, gaid me, everyday send your anointing father i pary please order my steps in your word. He has he did and will always continue ordering our step. Rest up Dad.*

Leon Bell - October 07, 2015 at 05:10 PM



“ *Sharonda Wiley sent a virtual gift in memory of Mr. Ferd Rett*



Sharonda Wiley - October 07, 2015 at 04:28 PM

SA

“ Stephanie Abrams lit a candle in memory of Mr. Ferd Rett



Stephanie Abrams - October 07, 2015 at 02:21 PM

MV

“ Rest in Heaven, My Friend.
Saddened by the passing of Ferd, He'll be missed. As a long time Friend/Co-Worker I will miss his opinions, his insight, his humor (even that off the wall stuff) and that ability he had to always be honest. My go to person for questions about Counseling, Mental Illness, etc. The joke we shared was All Things Ferd.
He often spoke of his Girls, Grands and Family, the Love he had for them was beyond measure. You were blessed if you were considered a Friend to such a nice guy.
Praying for the Family/Friends during this time.

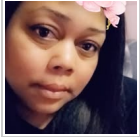
Ms. Vee - October 07, 2015 at 01:05 PM

IR

“ Uncle, you will truly be missed. I will miss all the good times and family cookouts we had at your place. Words cant describe how I feel right now, I am over come with guilt for not calling more, I am over come with guilt for not coming home more after I left for the service. I know you will always be a part of us from above. Until we meet again uncle.

Idris Rett

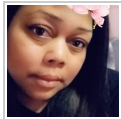
Idris Rett - October 07, 2015 at 12:23 PM



“ *Kendra Bryant lit a candle in memory of Mr. Ferd Rett*



Kendra Bryant - October 07, 2015 at 11:30 AM



Still shocked by the news of your passing, work won't be the same without you. Rest in Heaven my friend. Kendra Bryant, HMHA

Kendra Bryant - October 07, 2015 at 11:35 AM

KB

“ *Kofi Brown lit a candle in memory of Mr. Ferd Rett*



Kofi Brown - October 07, 2015 at 11:24 AM

MS

“ *Morgan Senteney lit a candle in memory of Mr. Ferd Rett*



Morgan Senteney - October 07, 2015 at 08:47 AM

RC

“ *Robyn Cobbin-Hall lit a candle in memory of Mr. Ferd Rett*



Robyn Cobbin-Hall - October 07, 2015 at 06:41 AM

ST

“ *Sharonda Taylor lit a candle in memory of Mr. Ferd Rett*



Sharonda Taylor - October 07, 2015 at 03:08 AM

HM

“ *Heather Muddy lit a candle in memory of Mr. Ferd Rett*



Heather Muddy - October 06, 2015 at 11:44 PM



“ *You were our friend and our brother we are hurting ever so deeply and you will be missed terribly...no one can fill this void but God! We loved you and the family and praying for you all! Alvin and Darshonnia Lee and family*



Darshonnia Lee - October 06, 2015 at 08:07 PM

M.

“ Ms. Pamela, Nick And Noelle Koutouzos . lit a candle in memory of Mr. Ferd Rett



Ms. Pamela, Nick and Noelle Koutouzos . - October 06, 2015 at 06:40 PM

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Ms. Pamela, Nick and Noelle Koutouzos . - October 06, 2015 at 06:39 PM

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Ms. Pamela, Nick and Noelle Koutouzos . - October 06, 2015 at 06:30 PM

VS

“ Valerie Southall lit a candle in memory of Mr. Ferd Rett



Valerie Southall - October 06, 2015 at 06:23 PM

CR

“ I'm shocked to hear of Ferd's passing my condolences to the family, we had some good times growing up in church you will be missed.

Crystal Robinson-Pugh - October 06, 2015 at 04:13 PM

CR

“ Crystal Robinson-Pugh lit a candle in memory of Mr. Ferd Rett



Crystal Robinson-Pugh - October 06, 2015 at 04:07 PM



“ Sheila Barton-Hawkins lit a candle in memory of Mr. Ferd Rett



Sheila Barton-Hawkins - October 06, 2015 at 01:35 PM

DS

“ Dr. Cecilia And Mr. James T. Sims lit a candle in memory of Mr. Ferd Rett



Dr. Cecilia and Mr. James T. Sims - October 06, 2015 at 01:06 PM



“ *Tanya R. Turner lit a candle in memory of Mr. Ferd Rett*



Tanya R. Turner - October 06, 2015 at 12:56 PM



“ *Latecia Jones-Matthews lit a candle in memory of Mr. Ferd Rett*



Latecia Jones-Matthews - October 06, 2015 at 11:52 AM



“ *Kim Brown Benson McNeal lit a candle in memory of Mr. Ferd Rett*



Kim Brown Benson McNeal - October 06, 2015 at 11:30 AM



“ *Cynthia Tipton lit a candle in memory of Mr. Ferd Rett*



Cynthia Tipton - October 06, 2015 at 08:56 AM



“ *Kim Brown Benson McNeal lit a candle in memory of Mr. Ferd Rett*



Kim Brown Benson McNeal - October 06, 2015 at 07:37 AM

CY

“ *Carrie Younger-Nelson lit a candle in memory of Mr. Ferd Rett*



Carrie Younger-Nelson - October 06, 2015 at 05:25 AM

MB

“ *Melody B. Bondon-McGee lit a candle in memory of Mr. Ferd Rett*



Melody B. Bondon-McGee - October 06, 2015 at 04:56 AM



“ *One of my best lawn customers when I had my grandfather's lawn business, a man that kept me encouraged each and every time we talked. Never will forget him and he will forever be missed, "we will talk later".....Ariana and Alexandria you all have my prayers God bless*

Jerome Pirtle - October 05, 2015 at 10:53 PM



“ Sharonda Wiley sent a virtual gift in memory of Mr. Ferd Rett



Sharonda Wiley - October 05, 2015 at 07:47 PM



“ Sharonda Wiley lit a candle in memory of Mr. Ferd Rett



Sharonda Wiley - October 05, 2015 at 07:37 PM



“ Shirley Henderson lit a candle in memory of Mr. Ferd Rett



Shirley Henderson - October 05, 2015 at 07:19 PM



“ Brenda J. Greer lit a candle in memory of Mr. Ferd Rett



Brenda J. Greer - October 05, 2015 at 07:01 PM

OB

“ A very kind and caring individual. Always there to listen to you in your time of need. Never judgemental. This is still very hard to believe. May you forever Rest In Peace Mr. Ferd.I will definitely miss bringing my daughter to see you.

Oceila Blackmon - October 05, 2015 at 06:56 PM

DB

“ David And Dana Bush lit a candle in memory of Mr. Ferd Rett



David and Dana Bush - October 05, 2015 at 06:04 PM

DF

“ Ferd my friend and co-worker, you will be truly missed (especially those words of wisdom and advice). May prayers of friends help strengthen your family. God Bless Rest in Peace!Your Friend Donna L. Fair

Donna L Fair - October 05, 2015 at 04:41 PM

GR

“ I'm so hurt and shocked..my deepest sympathy to his fam/friends..... Ferd was a classmate from Emerson and a very very nice person. I would see him almost every month and he was still FERD. Just a wonderful friend and therapist to many. My nephew loved him at Northwestern. I will miss you FERD and please save a seat for me... Yep just like I would say at Emerson so that I could bother you.... LOL Love you friend

Glynis Rice - October 05, 2015 at 02:37 PM

LP

“ *I worked with Ferd at Flint schools he was a very kind man and will be missed.* ”

Lisa packard - October 05, 2015 at 12:42 PM