



Mr. Finest Jefferson Kirkland

July 4, 1941 - August 2, 2014

KIRKLAND, Mr. Finest Jefferson - age 73, passed away Saturday, August 2, 2014 at his residence. Family hour 10 a.m. Friday, August 8, 2014 at St. Mark Missionary Baptist Church, 3020 Dupont St. with funeral service commencing at 11 a.m. Pastor Kevin Thompson officiating. Interment Sunset Hills Cemetery, G-4413 Flushing Rd. Friends and pallbearers will assemble at the church 10 a.m. Friday. Mr. Kirkland will lie in state in the Chapel of Lawrence E. Moon Funeral Home, 906 W. Flint Park Blvd. and may be viewed from 11 a.m.-8 p.m. Thursday.

Mr. Finest J. Kirkland "Jeff" was born July 4, 1941 in Philadelphia, Mississippi, the son of Henry and Lottie Kirkland. After graduating from Hopewell High School, Finest moved to Syracuse, NY where he married the love of his life, Gloria Dean Drake. There were 5 children born to this union; Laura, Curtis, Jefferson, Denia and Ameshia. Finest relocated his family to Flint in 1977 where he was employed at General Motors until he retired in 2004. In his spare time he loved watching old western movies, playing the lottery, fishing, trying to hunt, singing, gossiping and spending time with family and friends.

Mr. Finest J. Kirkland "Jeff" leaves to cherish his precious memory; loving and devoted wife of 51 years, Gloria Dean Kirkland; 2 daughters, Denia S. Kirkland of Riverdale, GA and Ameshia S. Kirkland of Flint; son, Jefferson (Shelia) Kirkland of Flint; 8 grandchildren, Tori Drake, Jeffrey Kirkland, Brittney

Kirkland, Denika Johnson, Sajaya Rison, Breanna Kirkland, JaCorey Rison and Jerimah Kirkland; 4 great-grandchildren, Donte Drake-Allen, Canaja Garrett, Kendall Thorton Jr., And Jazzy McClendon Jr; 3 sisters, Annette (Sam) Roberts of Flint, Pauline (Mackie) Clemons of Philadelphia, MS and Viola Whidbee of Flint; 4 brothers, Grady Kirkland of Philadelphia, MS, Raymond Kirkland of Grand Blanc, MI, Jerome (Raydean) Kirkland of Flint and Joe (Cora) Kirkland of Flint; a host of aunts, uncles, nieces, nephews and cousins other relatives and friends including special friends; Ernie Williams, Fred Lambert and Louie Allen.

Mr. Kirkland was preceded in death by; Children Laura and Curtis; parents Henry and Lottie Kirkland; sisters, Queen and Mary; brothers, Tarus, Willie, Roy and Henry.

Cemetery Details

Sunset Hills Cemetery

G-4413 Flushing Rd.
Flint, MI 48504

Previous Events

Public Viewing

AUG 7. 11:00 AM - 8:00 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 hour

AUG 8. 10:00 AM (ET)

St. Mark Missionary Baptist Church
3020 Dupont Street
Flint, MI 48504

Service

AUG 8. 11:00 AM (ET)

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Tribute Wall



“ *Mr. Finest Jefferson Kirkland*

October 09, 2023 at 07:02 AM



“ *Aunt Dean*

I am so sorry about your loss Uncle Finest was a wonderful man a loving husband and father. One of the best uncle that you could ask for he was always there for you no matter what. He will be missed by us all love you aunt Dean I am praying for you and the family. Kirkland Clemons Roberts Whidbee and Moore Lorene Clemons (Ree)

lorene clemons - August 09, 2014 at 06:50 PM



“ *Very sorry for your lost.... Jeff was a very close to our family and did soooooooooo much for my granny Joyce Lane.... Praying for your strength!!!!!!*

Mackey and Smith Family - August 08, 2014 at 06:51 AM

DE

“ To Gloria Dean and the entire Kirkland Family:

I am truly sorry for your loss. My heart and prayers will be with you and your family as you navigate through this very difficult time.

Finest will certainly be missed.

Dee Dee Drake



Deirdre - August 06, 2014 at 07:17 PM

BK

“ *I love you papa I'm missing you more &more everyday when you left you took a piece of me with you gone but NEVER forgotten watch over us my angel ????*

Brittney kirkland - August 06, 2014 at 06:12 PM

TA

“ *Gloria and Family,*

My heart is full in the loss of Jeff, who was like a brother to me. Praying for you and your family for strength and peace during this difficult time. He is gone but never forgotten.

Love and God Bless Doris (Dot) Joseph.

Tayo - August 06, 2014 at 05:20 PM

RA

“ You were like a big brother to me, long distance traveling buddy, and true friend. You will be missed.

Lewis James Allen (Uncle Lewi)



renee allen - August 05, 2014 at 01:08 PM

RA

“ Renee Allen lit a candle in memory of Mr. *Finest Jefferson Kirkland*



renee allen - August 05, 2014 at 01:04 PM

UA

“ *Uncle Lewi Allen lit a candle in memory of Mr. Finest Jefferson Kirkland*



Uncle Lewi Allen - August 05, 2014 at 01:02 PM

LA

“ I am very sorry for your loss but, this key scripture in the bible gives us hope and also comfort at revelation 21:4 it says: "And he will wipe out every tear from their eyes and death will be no more. So as we see in this scripture Jehovah god will do away with death forever. You are also welcome to look at the comfort bringing publications at www.jw.org.

Jlfoster02@gmail.com

laquinn - August 04, 2014 at 06:49 PM



“ Granddad you will not be forgotten you go always have a special place in my heart..love alwaysfrom....kisswaunna tarrant.....

Kiss'Waunna RedWine - August 04, 2014 at 09:38 AM

CC

“ Charmayne Cabine lit a candle in memory of Mr. Finest Jefferson Kirkland



Charmayne Cabine - August 03, 2014 at 03:13 PM

JS

“ To the Kirkland family sorry To here about your loss, I was one of the tellers that use to wait on Mr. Kirkland praying for the family

Jennifer Scott - August 02, 2014 at 06:06 PM

EP

“ *Erwin & Carmen Patterson lit a candle in memory of Mr. Finest Jefferson Kirkland*



Erwin & Carmen Patterson - August 02, 2014 at 03:54 PM

SD

“ *Sorry for your loss*



Shirley Davis - August 02, 2014 at 12:59 PM