



Mr. Herphon Burton Rutherford Sr.

May 14, 1933 - August 29, 2018

RUTHERFORD, Mr. Herphon B. Sr. - Age 85, passed away Wednesday, August 29, 2018 at his residence. Family hour 10:00 AM Wednesday, September 5, 2018 at Vernon Chapel AME Church, 5802 Dupont St., with funeral service commencing at 11:00 AM, Rev. Doug Banks, Host Pastor, Rev. Roosevelt Brown, officiating, Pastor Morris A. Collins, Eulogist. Interment Sunset Hills Cemetery, G-4413 Flushing Rd. Friends and pallbearers will assemble at the church 10:00 AM Wednesday. Mr. Rutherford 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-8:00 PM Tuesday.

Herphon Burton Rutherford Sr. was born in Asheville, North Carolina, May 14, 1933 to George V. Rutherford Sr. and Gertrude Burton Rutherford. Due to his mother's death when he was 7 years old, his father asked his sister, Della Houston, to help raise him. Mr. Rutherford graduated from Stephens Lee High School in Asheville, North Carolina, "Class of 1952." Upon obtaining his high school diploma, Mr. Rutherford attended Voorhees College in Denmark, South Carolina. Mr. Rutherford married Alice (Whiteside) Rutherford on February 10, 1958. From this union they had 3 children. Mr. Rutherford always strived for self-improvement for himself and his family. After working for several years as a cook for Bucks Restaurant in Asheville, North Carolina, he moved to Flint, Michigan where he was hired by General Motors working on the assembly line. Still looking to better himself, Mr. Rutherford progressed to Skilled

Tradesman, retiring as an Experimental Mechanic after over 30 years of servic; he was a member of UAW Local #599. Additionally, Mr. Rutherford continued to further his education at Mott Community College, obtaining a certificate as a Building Contractor. Mr. Rutherford accepted Christ into his life at an early age. Throughout his residence in Flint, Michigan he was a member of Vernon Chapel AME Church. Mr. Rutherford loved working on cars. He would receive calls from across the country from family and friends who were in need of his expertise with automobile repair. Mr. Rutherford also enjoyed fishing, hunting, cooking, and showering his grandchildren with love and affection; in their younger days he took pride in picking them up from school, taking them to the Stewart Ave. McDonalds, and stopping to feed the ducks along the Flint River.

Mr. Rutherford leaves to cherish his memory: his loving and devoted wife of 60 years, Alice Rutherford; 3 children, Gertrude "Trudy" Rutherford, Geneva (Pastor Melton) Harvey, all of Flint, and Herphon Rutherford, Jr. of Ann Arbor, MI; sister, Beverly Beauford of Philadelphia, PA; 6 grandchildren, Melton Harvey II of Port Gibson, MS, Genice Harvey of Bellville, MI, Alexis Harvey, Jamelco Harvey and Adrian Rutherford, all of Flint and Vickayla (Marvin) Pope of Virginia Beach, VA; great-granddaughter, Khloe Prescott of Belleville, MI; special friend, Rev. Otis Jenkins Jr.; a host of other relatives and friends too numerous to name.

Mr. Rutherford was preceded in death by his parents, George V. Rutherford Sr. and Gertrude (Burton) Rutherford; aunt, Della Houston; brothers, Carlton Rutherford and George V. Rutherford Jr.; brother-in-law, Steven Beauford; sisters-in-law, Lottie Rutherford and Christine Young-Rutherford; nephews, George Rutherford, Melvin Rutherford, and John Rutherford; and great-nephew, Julius Rutherford.

The family would like to thank Park Place Davita Dialysis for their care over the past several years and Alma Hardy. Special thanks to Pastor Douglas

Banks and the Vernon Chapel AME Church family and Pastor Morris A. Collins Sr. and the Mt. Sinai Missionary Baptist Church family.

Cemetery Details

Sunset Hills Cemetery

G-4413 Flushing Rd.
Flint, MI 48504

Previous Events

Visitation

SEP 4. 12:00 PM - 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

SEP 5. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

Vernon Chapel AME Church
5802 Dupont St.
Flint, MI

Service

SEP 5. 11:00 AM (ET)

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Flint, MI

Tribute Wall



“ *Mr. Herphon Burton Rutherford Sr.*

October 09, 2023 at 07:02 AM



“ *MINISTER PAM lit a candle in memory of Mr. Herphon Burton Rutherford Sr.*



MINISTER PAM - September 09, 2018 at 10:13 AM



“ *James Rene McMillan lit a candle in memory of Mr. Herphon Burton Rutherford Sr.*



James Rene McMillan - September 07, 2018 at 11:24 AM



“ *So very sorry for your loss
I was glad to have the chance to speak with
him a few weeks ago
With Deepest Sympathy
Stephens -Dockery Family*



JoAnn Dockery - September 05, 2018 at 10:18 AM

SC

“ *Sis Diane Crain lit a candle in memory of Mr. Herphon Burton Rutherford Sr.*



Sis Diane Crain - September 05, 2018 at 03:49 AM

DE

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Demita/Laurel/Andrea/Cindy/Dr.Kuznia/StephanieM&W purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Mr. Herphon Burton Rutherford Sr..

Demita/Laurel/Andrea/Cindy/Dr.Kuznia/StephanieM&W -
September 04, 2018 at 07:13 PM

DK

“ *Demita/Laurel/Andrea/Cindy/Dr. Kuznia/StephanieM&W purchased the With Deepest Sympathy Gift Basket for the family of Mr. Herphon Burton Rutherford Sr..*



Demita/Laurel/Andrea/Cindy/Dr. Kuznia/StephanieM&W -
September 04, 2018 at 07:05 PM

AO

“ *Arnenia Odum lit a candle in memory of Mr. Herphon Burton Rutherford Sr.*



Arnenia Odum - September 04, 2018 at 04:43 PM

MW

“ *Mary A Williams lit a candle in memory of Mr. Herphon Burton Rutherford Sr.*



Mary A Williams - September 04, 2018 at 10:19 AM

CH

“ *Carolyn Harvey lit a candle in memory of Mr. Herphon Burton Rutherford Sr.*



Carolyn Harvey - September 04, 2018 at 05:03 AM

CH

“ *Mr.Mrs. Rutherford was the most kind people tthank u could have ever know i say both because they were as one. I work for them they both treated me as one of there own. Children. I love them both as parents Thats my brother wife Father so thats. My family your is always in my* ❤️

Carolyn Harvey - September 04, 2018 at 04:56 AM

RC

“ *Robyn Cobbin-Hall lit a candle in memory of Mr. Herphon Burton Rutherford Sr.*



Robyn Cobbin-Hall - September 03, 2018 at 08:05 PM

DS

“ *Dorothy Simbler lit a candle in memory of Mr. Herphon Burton Rutherford Sr.*



Dorothy Simbler - September 03, 2018 at 06:25 PM



“ *Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Mr. Herphon Burton Rutherford Sr..*



September 03, 2018 at 12:44 PM

EL

“ *Elexis lit a candle in memory of Mr. Herphon Burton Rutherford Sr.*



Elexis - September 03, 2018 at 12:29 PM

EL

“ I know my friend Geneva Harvey loves momma dearly but I just believe she was a daddy's girl. Praying your peace and comfort.
Condolences to the Rutherford Family.

Elexis - September 02, 2018 at 11:37 PM

BH

“ *Brenda Harrison lit a candle in memory of Mr. Herphon Burton Rutherford Sr.*



Brenda Harrison - September 02, 2018 at 11:01 PM

LI

“ *We are sending our deepest sympathy and prayers to Mrs. Alice Rutherford and Family. May the peace of God comfort you. With love, The Washington Family.*



Lila - September 02, 2018 at 08:12 PM

VM

“ *Vicky McCoy lit a candle in memory of Mr. Herphon Burton Rutherford Sr.*



Vicky McCoy - September 02, 2018 at 05:37 PM

VM

“ To the Rutherford Family my prayers goes out to your family. Sorry for your loss

Vicky McCoy - September 02, 2018 at 05:27 PM

KW

“ Kim Watson lit a candle in memory of Mr. Herphon Burton Rutherford Sr.



Kim Watson - September 02, 2018 at 11:36 AM

RF

“ Renee Hill-Sykes And Family sent a virtual gift in memory of Mr. Herphon Burton Rutherford Sr.



Renee Hill-Sykes and family - September 02, 2018 at 09:52 AM

AL

“ Mr. Rutherford was by far one my favorite patients and the most memorable. We use to talk about basketball during his whole treatment. I would tell him my life plans and my goals and hw would listen and give his thoughts. He wasn't a push over in any way but with me I had a little lead way because I was his favorite tech. I love and will miss you Mr. Rutherford you were like a grandfather to me.



Alicia

Alicia - September 01, 2018 at 08:38 AM

AG

“ Arthur & Cleola Griffis sent a virtual gift in memory of Mr. Herphon Burton Rutherford Sr.



Arthur & Cleola Griffis - August 31, 2018 at 11:42 PM

LG

“ Linda Gulley lit a candle in memory of Mr. Herphon Burton Rutherford Sr.



Linda Gulley - August 31, 2018 at 02:45 PM

LP

“ Lawaner Price lit a candle in memory of Mr. Herphon Burton Rutherford Sr.



lawaner price - August 31, 2018 at 12:12 PM