



Pastor Ira G. Edwards Sr.

July 21, 1944 - March 20, 2026

EDWARDS, Pastor Ira G. Sr. - Age 81, passed away Friday, March 20, 2026, in Goodrich, MI. Family hour 10:00 AM Saturday, March 28, 2026, at Mt. Calvary Missionary Baptist Church, 4805 N. Saginaw st., with funeral service commencing at 11:00 AM Rev. Dr. Henry L. Fuller Host Pastor, Pastor Moses Bingham, Eulogist. Interment Lovedale Memorial Cemetery, G-5175 E. Bristol Rd., Burton, MI. Friends and pallbearers will assemble at the church 10:00 AM Saturday. Pastor Edwards 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 Friday with family present from 4:00 PM - 6:00 PM to receive friends.

Rev. Ira G. Edwards Sr. was born July 21, 1944, in Meigs, Georgia, the son of Arthur Simpson and Marie Edwards. Ira was a resident of Goodrich, Michigan. He attended Flint Central and Flint Northern High Schools. Ira also attended Mott College where he studied Building and Engineering.

Rev. Edwards received a calling from God to preach the Gospel while under the Pastoral Leadership of Dr. Grandville Smith, he served faithfully and became the Former Associate Pastor at Mt. Calvary Missionary Baptist Church from 1982 - 2002 under the leadership of Dr. Henry L. Fuller Jr. and Pastor at Damascus Holy Life Baptist Church from 2002 - 2020. He was employed at General Motors Corporation where he retired after 32 years of service.

Rev. Edwards enjoyed fishing, hunting, spending time with family, building

cars, houses and spending time with friends. He also loved Cowboy hats and boots. Rev. Edwards had a love for vintage antique cars and a love for sports. He played quarterback for a semi pro football league, softball, flag football, tennis, and golf.

Rev. Edwards was a father figure to so many young boys becoming men. He taught them how to become the best they could be, modeling how to dress, proper etiquette and giving respect in order to receive it. Rev. Edwards always wanted to support those who were considered to be less fortunate. During his ministry, Pastor Edwards traveled throughout the world to learn how he could help someone, by doing this he made sure that young men learned by the example he taught.

Pastor Edwards was always finding a way to help someone who was in need of food, clothing, shelter, transportation and the list goes on. As Pastor of Damascus, he worked as a builder, carpenter, electrician, mechanic, counselor, bailman, grocery deliverer and the list goes on. He didn't mind getting his hands dirty as an educator and teacher.

He lived by this motto: "If I can help somebody as I pass along the way, then my living will not be in vain."

Rev. Ira G. Edwards Sr. leaves to cherish his memory: wife of 25 years, Jaurline Edwards of Goodrich, MI; 2 daughters and 3 sons, Ira G. (Deirdre) Edwards II, Paul E. Edwards, Martra Roberts, all of Flint, Myra Burden of Chattanooga, TN and Jeffrey (Grace) Burden of Grand Blanc, MI; 11 grandchildren, Naundi (Franklin) Randolph of Memphis, TN, Ira G. Edwards III of Flint, Paul E. Edwards II of Houston, TX, Jordan Edwards of Michigan, Marquell Edwards of California, Yasmine Woodberry of Michigan, Garrick Woodberry, LaDeidre Hampton, Jalen Mays, both of Flint, Julianna Burden and Jasmine Burden, both of Grand Blanc, MI; 12 great-grandchildren; 3 sisters, Cathy Ann Davis-Woodard of College Park, GA, Debra Simpson and Pat Simpson, both of Flint; 5 brothers, Kenneth Davis of Pelham, GA, Donnell Edwards of Meigs, GA, Greg Simpson, Alvin Simpson, both of Flint and Kenny Berry of Arkansas; best friend, Pastor Emeritus Fletcher (Debra) Johnson of

Burton, MI; a host of nieces, nephews, cousins, other relatives and friends including special friends, Dr. Eric (Trina) Marks of LaGrange, GA, Pastor Emeritus James (Dorothy) Waldon of Powder Springs, GA and Lola (Duke) Mackey of Cordele, GA.

Rev. Edwards was preceded in death by his daughter, Kimberly Edwards; granddaughter, Jasmine Best; parents, Arthur Simpson and Marie Edwards; sister, Katrina Brown; brothers, Leo Davis and Wayne Simpson.

The family would like to express special thanks to Stonegate Health Campus of Lapeer, MI, Dr. Abdullah Raffee of Flint, Pastor Moses Bingham and the Damascus Holy Life Baptist Church family, Rev. Dr. Henry L. Fuller Jr. and the Mt. Calvary Missionary Baptist Church family and McLaren Hospice Services.

Acknowledgement

The family wishes to express their sincere gratitude to all of you for your prayers, presence, love, telephone calls, and all other expressions of concern that you have shown during their time of bereavement. Never more than now was your kindness needed and more appreciated.

The Family of Pastor Ira G. Edwards Sr.

Cemetery Details

Lovedale Memorial Cemetery

G-5175 E. Bristol Rd.
Burton, MI

Previous Events

Public Viewing

MAR 27. 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

MAR 27. 4:00 PM - 6:00 PM (ET)

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Family hour

MAR 28. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

Mt. Calvary Missionary Baptist Church
4805 N. Saginaw Street
Flint, MI 48505

Service

MAR 28. 11:00 AM (ET)

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Flint, MI 48505

Tribute Wall



“ James & Sharon Owensby (Arizona) lit a candle in memory of Pastor Ira G. Edwards Sr.



James & Sharon Owensby (Arizona) - April 09 at 11:03 PM



“ Jacqueline Bridges sent a virtual gift in memory of Pastor Ira G. Edwards Sr.



Jacqueline Bridges - April 07 at 04:10 PM



“ Chloria Boone lit a candle in memory of Pastor Ira G. Edwards Sr.



Chloria Boone - April 01 at 01:52 AM



“ Jeanette Brown lit a candle in memory of Pastor Ira G. Edwards Sr.



Jeanette Brown - March 31 at 05:58 PM

MF

“ Manning Family lit a candle in memory of
Pastor Ira G. Edwards Sr.



Manning Family - March 28 at 06:59 PM

TF

“ The Manning Family lit a candle in memory of
Pastor Ira G. Edwards Sr.



The Manning Family - March 28 at 06:58 PM

JK

“ Jesse Kirksey lit a candle in memory of
Pastor Ira G. Edwards Sr.



Jesse Kirksey - March 28 at 03:39 PM

MD

“ Montena Davis lit a candle in memory of
Pastor Ira G. Edwards Sr.



Montena Davis - March 28 at 01:54 PM

ML

“ The Evans Family would like to extend heartfelt sympathy to the entire Family of Pastor Ira Edwards..We all knew Ira from childhood;



Mary L.Evans - March 28 at 10:25 AM

DH

“ When one Pastor Family feels sorrow we all feel sorrow too. To the Edward Family we all say we are here for you too just a call away. Pastor Albert Haynes Jr&. First Lady Brenda Haynes and Mt Zion Missionary Baptist Church Family in Burt Michigan



Donna Hampton - March 28 at 09:25 AM

JG

“ Jeanette Grady sent a virtual gift in memory of Ira Edwards Sr.



Jeanette Grady - March 28 at 08:40 AM



“ We're sending our Sncere Condolences and Love to our Sis. Jeri and the Edwards Family. Praying that God gives you all, the strength that you'll need at this most difficult time. Pastor Edwards, will surely be missed, he was so much fun to be around. RIH Pastor 🙏



Carolyn D Davis - March 28 at 06:27 AM

VN

“ *Veronica Nickens lit a candle in memory of Ira Edwards Sr.*



Veronica Nickens - March 27 at 08:54 PM

FT

“ *Praying for The Edwards family*



First New Life MBC. Pastor Cedell Timms - March 27 at 08:00 PM

RC

“ *Rajaad & Robert Cuthbertson-Twine purchased the Emerald Garden Basket for the family of Pastor Ira G. Edwards Sr..*



Rajaad & Robert Cuthbertson-Twine - March 27 at 06:14 PM

DG

“ *Doris Gray lit a candle in memory of Ira Edwards Sr.*



Doris Gray - March 27 at 05:23 PM

DB

“ Lady Jaurlene Edwards and family, so sorry we couldn't be there to share in the celebration of life of your faithful loving husband and our friend. Our condolences and sincere sympathy. Sending hugs ☐ love ❤️ and prayers. Pastor Dr Robert and Donna Burrell

Donna Burrell - March 27 at 05:18 PM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Pastor Ira G. Edwards Sr..



March 27 at 01:51 PM

OJ

“ Olabisi Johnson lit a candle in memory of Pastor Ira G. Edwards Sr.



Olabisi Johnson - March 27 at 01:44 PM

DM

“ Don Monarch lit a candle in memory of Pastor Ira G. Edwards Sr.



Don Monarch - March 27 at 10:32 AM

MF

To the EDWARDS FAMILY. May the Lord Bless You 🙏 All and give you peace and Comfort. PASTER EDWARDS was A blessing GOD Bless you all. MAY he RIP. THE JACKSON FAMILY

MARCELLUS JACKSON & FAMILY - March 27 at 06:04 PM

VP

“ *Victor And Pam Phillips lit a candle in memory of Pastor Ira G. Edwards Sr.*



Victor and Pam Phillips - March 27 at 09:42 AM

LR

“ *Our Sincere Sympathy To The Family*



Lorene Randall - March 27 at 03:56 AM

LR

“ *Lorene Randall*



Lorene Randall - March 27 at 03:43 AM

DE

“ Debra Evans sent a virtual gift in memory of Pastor Ira G. Edwards Sr.



Debra Evans - March 27 at 12:50 AM

HR

“ Helen Ross Reynolds purchased the Emerald Garden Basket for the family of Pastor Ira G. Edwards Sr..



Helen Ross Reynolds - March 26 at 08:57 PM

TH

“ Tina Howard purchased the Divine Peace Bouquet for the family of Pastor Ira G. Edwards Sr..



Tina Howard - March 26 at 08:23 PM

JF

“ Our condolences and prayers to Sis. Edwards and the family of Pastor Ira G. Edwards Sr. Pastor James C. and Lady Valencia Fair, and the Northeast Missionary Baptist Church Family



JAMES FAIR - March 26 at 05:12 PM

JM

“ Jimmye L Maxwell lit a candle in memory of Pastor Ira G. Edwards Sr.



Jimmye L Maxwell - March 26 at 01:14 PM

HC

“ House of Prayer Missionary Baptist Churc sent a virtual gift in memory of Ira Edwards Sr.



House of Prayer Missionary Baptist Churc - March 26 at 11:41 AM

SM

“ To Sis Edwards, May God strengthen the family n lighten the hearts !!



shirley n judah Ministries - March 26 at 10:40 AM

SM

“ Condolences to the Edwards families.



Sidney & Gwen Muldrew - March 26 at 10:19 AM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Pastor Ira G. Edwards Sr..



March 25 at 10:31 PM



“ Christine Brown lit a candle in memory of Pastor Ira G. Edwards Sr.



Christine Brown - March 25 at 05:00 PM



“ Sending my deepest condolences to the family of my former General Motors co-worker.

Odessia Peterson



Odessia Peterson - March 25 at 01:25 PM



“ Elder Michael And Phyllis Leslie lit a candle in memory of Pastor Ira G. Edwards Sr.



Elder Michael and Phyllis Leslie - March 25 at 01:23 PM

TT

“ *My sincere condolences to Sister Edwards and the entire Edwards family on the passing of Pastor Edwards. May the Lord comfort and strengthen you all during this time of bereavement.*

Tisha Tedford - March 25 at 11:39 AM

KS

“ *Katie Stewart sent a virtual gift in memory of Ira Edwards Sr.*



Katie Stewart - March 25 at 10:12 AM

ZE

“ *Condolences to the Edward's family, The Abron and Baker family*



Zadia Edmond - March 25 at 09:47 AM

EM

“ *Eddie And Paulette McGhee lit a candle in memory of Pastor Ira G. Edwards Sr.*



Eddie and Paulette McGhee - March 25 at 09:07 AM

JW

“ Jackie Williams lit a candle in memory of Ira Edwards Sr.



Jackie Williams - March 24 at 11:41 PM

SC

“ Sandra Cabine lit a candle in memory of Ira Edwards Sr.



Sandra Cabine - March 24 at 11:22 PM

EC

“ Earl and Diane Crowder sent a virtual gift in memory of Ira Edwards Sr.



Earl and Diane Crowder - March 24 at 09:10 PM

CP

“ Carolyn Parker lit a candle in memory of Ira Edwards Sr.



Carolyn Parker - March 24 at 08:24 PM

RM

“ *Rev. Phyllis McCree lit a candle in memory of Pastor Ira G. Edwards Sr.*



Rev. Phyllis McCree - March 24 at 02:22 PM

LP

“ *LaJuan Pringle lit a candle in memory of Pastor Ira G. Edwards Sr.*



LaJuan Pringle - March 24 at 01:25 PM

GP

“ *Gloria Powell lit a candle in memory of Ira Edwards Sr.*



Gloria Powell - March 24 at 12:25 PM

MK

“ *To Mrs. Jeri Edwards and the Edwards Family: Frank and I are so sad to hear of this great loss. Rev. Edwards was such a great friend and spiritual leader. We will always cherish his guidance and leadership!! Prayerfully yours with love!! Fank and Mary Kimes*

Mary Kimes - March 24 at 11:47 AM

MK

“ *Mary Kimes lit a candle in memory of Pastor Ira G. Edwards Sr.*



Mary Kimes - March 24 at 11:39 AM



“ *Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Pastor Ira G. Edwards Sr..*



March 24 at 11:15 AM

TC

“ *Teresa Claxton sent a virtual gift in memory of Ira Edwards Sr.*



Teresa Claxton - March 24 at 11:04 AM

SP

“ *Sheila Phillips lit a candle in memory of Pastor Ira G. Edwards Sr.*



Sheila Phillips - March 24 at 10:28 AM

CD

“ Sorry for your loss praying for your family



Cindy Duncan - March 24 at 09:38 AM

DQ

“ Dean Bill R. & Ruthy M. Quarles sent a virtual gift in memory of Ira Edwards Sr.



Dean Bill R. & Ruthy M. Quarles - March 24 at 06:44 AM

TS

“ Trina Stewart lit a candle in memory of Ira Edwards Sr.



Trina Stewart - March 24 at 06:25 AM

DW

“ Derrek & Regina Williams sent a virtual gift in memory of Pastor Ira G. Edwards Sr.



Derrek & Regina Williams - March 23 at 08:47 PM

MW

“ My condolences, love and prayers to Sister Edwards and The Entire Damascus Family!!



Mary (Keels) Wilkes - March 23 at 08:17 PM

LC

“ Lydia Coleman lit a candle in memory of Pastor Ira G. Edwards Sr.



Lydia Coleman - March 23 at 08:10 PM

CL

“ Claude And Laura Legardye lit a candle in memory of Pastor Ira G. Edwards Sr.



Claude and Laura Legardye - March 23 at 07:00 PM

JD

“ Condolences to family, sorry for your loss. I've known Pastor Edwards for years, we friends and coworkers at GM Buick Plant's 04-40. He will be missed and remember. RIP/RIH 🙏

Jesse & Janet Davis - March 23 at 06:25 PM

LP

“ Lynda Pitts lit a candle in memory of Pastor
Ira G. Edwards Sr.



Lynda Pitts - March 23 at 05:47 PM

AS

“ Aileen Spence sent a virtual gift in memory of
Pastor Ira G. Edwards Sr.



Aileen Spence - March 23 at 04:53 PM

AS

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Pastor Ira G. Edwards Sr.



Aileen Spence - March 23 at 04:53 PM

AS

“ Aileen Spence sent a virtual gift in memory of
Pastor Ira G. Edwards Sr.



Aileen Spence - March 23 at 04:53 PM

JH

“ *Judy Hollis lit a candle in memory of Pastor Ira G. Edwards Sr.*



Judy Hollis - March 23 at 04:45 PM

BW

“ *Betty Wesley sent a virtual gift in memory of Pastor Ira G. Edwards Sr.*



Betty Wesley - March 23 at 01:27 PM

HJ

“ *Hickman Holmes Jr lit a candle in memory of Ira Edwards Sr.*



Hickman Holmes Jr - March 23 at 12:20 PM

GT

“ *Geraldine TURNER sent a virtual gift in memory of Pastor Ira G. Edwards Sr.*



Geraldine TURNER - March 23 at 10:47 AM

KB

To my loving big brother Kenneth Berry

Kenneth Berry - March 23 at 04:06 PM

ST

“ *Shirley Tolbert lit a candle in memory of Pastor Ira G. Edwards Sr.*



Shirley Tolbert - March 23 at 10:43 AM

VS

“ *Valerie Southall lit a candle in memory of Ira Edwards*



Valerie Southall - March 23 at 10:13 AM

PP

“ *PJ Pointer lit a candle in memory of Pastor Ira G. Edwards Sr.*



PJ Pointer - March 23 at 08:49 AM

JR

“ *Jerome Rutland lit a candle in memory of Pastor Ira G. Edwards Sr.*



Jerome Rutland - March 22 at 04:26 PM

GC

“ *My condolences to the entire family and Church*



Gloria Cook - March 22 at 03:47 PM

RS

“ *Rosalind Smith lit a candle in memory of Pastor Ira G. Edwards Sr.*



Rosalind Smith - March 22 at 02:43 PM

KJ

“ *My condolences and prayers to Pastor Ira Edwards family.*



Khris Johnson - March 22 at 02:01 PM

BT

“ Betty Tipper lit a candle in memory of Pastor Ira G. Edwards Sr.



Betty Tipper - March 22 at 02:00 PM

SP

“ Sheila Phillips lit a candle in memory of Pastor Ira G. Edwards Sr.



Sheila Phillips - March 22 at 01:31 PM

LF

“ Linda Smith And Family lit a candle in memory of Pastor Ira G. Edwards Sr.



Linda smith and family - March 22 at 01:13 PM

RD

“ Lit a candle for Pastor Ira Edwards. My condolences to the family.



Rudolph Wheaton, DDS - March 22 at 12:38 PM

CC

“ *Claudia Croom lit a candle in memory of Pastor Ira G. Edwards Sr.*



Claudia Croom - March 22 at 11:16 AM

DK

“ *Dorothy Kendall-Dickerson lit a candle in memory of Pastor Ira G. Edwards Sr.*



Dorothy Kendall-Dickerson - March 22 at 09:57 AM

C-

“ *My sincere condolences to my family with a heavy heart. May God comfort and strengthen you in this difficult time. Sending my LOVE. Although Ira was my cousin i always called him Uncle. RIH*

Candy Claxton -Frelix - March 22 at 09:53 AM

HM

“ *Helen Mcbride lit a candle in memory of Pastor Ira G. Edwards Sr.*



helen mcbride - March 22 at 09:52 AM

MJ

“ *Marva Louise Johnson lit a candle in memory of Pastor Ira G. Edwards Sr.*



Marva Louise Johnson - March 22 at 09:09 AM

SW

“ *Sonya Denise Wilkes lit a candle in memory of Pastor Ira G. Edwards Sr.*



Sonya Denise Wilkes - March 22 at 08:07 AM

CA

“ *Cheryl Adkins lit a candle in memory of Ira Edwards*



Cheryl Adkins - March 22 at 06:36 AM

LE

“ *We were classmates he was always respectful and kind. Rest in peace. Condolences to his family.*



Lois Edwards - March 22 at 06:11 AM

SC

“ Sandra Cabine lit a candle in memory of Ira Edwards



Sandra Cabine - March 21 at 11:43 PM

CB

“ Christine Brown lit a candle in memory of Ira Edwards



Christine Brown - March 21 at 09:06 PM

RS

“ Rosetta Spencer lit a candle in memory of Ira Edwards



Rosetta Spencer - March 21 at 07:39 PM

LC

“ So sad to hear this, I enjoyed working with Pastor Edwards , he and his wife Jourline in the congress when I served as Registrar. He was such a blessing, & always seemed so calm. Keeping you and your family lifted in prayer and just know that Earth has no sorrow that heaven cannot heal 🙏



Loria Corder - March 21 at 06:55 PM

VF

“ My condolences to the entire family, he was an awesome man of GOD. There are so many great memories of him to cherish.



Violet Warner-Eldridge and Family - March 21 at 06:09 PM

FS

“ Faye Starling sent a virtual gift in memory of Pastor Ira G. Edwards Sr.



Faye starling - March 21 at 03:50 PM

JM

“ James & Barbara Moore lit a candle in memory of Pastor Ira G. Edwards Sr.



James & Barbara Moore - March 21 at 03:18 PM

MF

“ Mackey-Smith Family sent a virtual gift in memory of Pastor Ira G. Edwards Sr.



Mackey-Smith Family - March 21 at 02:01 PM

RK

“ *Russell & Diane Kirksey lit a candle in memory of Pastor Ira G. Edwards Sr.*



Russell & Diane Kirksey - March 21 at 01:19 PM

MT

“ *Mitch Teamer lit a candle in memory of Pastor Ira G. Edwards Sr.*



Mitch Teamer - March 21 at 12:44 PM

KM

“ *Kimit J Murphy lit a candle in memory of Pastor Ira G. Edwards Sr.*



Kimit J Murphy - March 21 at 12:13 PM

MT

“ *Gerry, we're sending our prayers and condolences to you and the Edward's family during this difficult time. God bless*



Marshall & Bev Tolbert - March 21 at 11:45 AM

RM

“ I remember Pastor Ira Edwards when he worked at Buick with my late husband. My prayers and condolences are with his family, friends and congregation. May the God of peace comfort your hearts.



Rosie Mcfadden - March 21 at 10:26 AM

CG

“ Sending sincere condolences, love and hugs to Lady Edwards and the entire family.



Carol Gardner - March 21 at 10:21 AM

DJ

“ Delbert H Reece Jr lit a candle in memory of Pastor Ira G. Edwards Sr.



Delbert H Reece Jr - March 21 at 09:22 AM

SM

“ Sister Edwards my prayers and condolences to you and your family.



Sharon Mixon - March 21 at 08:40 AM