



## Mr. James Lester Burns

March 29, 1944 - June 27, 2023

BURNS, Mr. James Lester - Age 79, passed away Tuesday, June 27, 2023, at his residence. Family hour 1:30 PM Saturday, July 8, 2023, from the Chapel of Lawrence E. Moon Funeral Home, 906 W. Flint Park Blvd., with funeral services commencing at 2:00 PM. Interment Sunset Hills Cemetery, G-4413 Flushing Rd. Friends and pallbearers will assemble at the funeral home 1:30 PM Saturday. Mr. Burns will lie in state in the Chapel of Lawrence E. Moon Funeral Home and may be viewed from 12:00 PM - 6:00 PM Friday. Mr. James Lester Burns Sr. was born on March 29, 1944 to the union of Wilmore and Marie Burns in Tohula, Mississippi, he was the eleventh of twelve children born to this union. The Burns family owned a cotton field where James and his siblings would help their father gather cotton after school. During his time James attended Elementary School and later Willowbrook Junior High School and Centennial High School in Compton, California. James was baptized at an early age, he accepted Christ as his Lord and Savior at an early age. James started working as a young boy delivering newspapers. He would take his little sister, Sue 4 years younger than him and delivered papers on their bikes. James career with General Motors started at Van Nuys as a production line operator from 1963 to 1970. From 1970 to 1978 he worked as a production supervisor for the body metal department. Moving next to Southgate from September 1978-December 1981, James worked GMAC Southgate Plant as a Production General Supervisor Body Metal Department. James supervised six supervisors and one hundred and seventy-five hourly

rate employees.

James was definitely not a stranger to hard work when his job ended at the Southgate plant James, as always packed up and followed his job to Wentzville, Missouri, taking on a position as General Supervisor in the Metal Department. But James still had much more ground to travel. When James work came to an end in Wentzville, James had to continue on. James started work at the General Motors Lake Orion Plant in 1996, where he worked in the body shop, where he was a supervisor. Sometimes taking on being temporary General Supervisor. Wherever James was assigned, he gave one hundred percent. James long work journey eventually came to an end when his journey led him to Clarkston, Michigan in 1996, to General Motors Lake Orion where he would retire after forty-two years of service. James L. Burns, after making his last move to Clarkston, James Burns would meet and marry Norma Gray (Tipton) James L. Burns would meet and get married to Norma J. Gray on November 1, 2000. James gladly welcomed Norma's son, Jerome Earnest, II and grandson, Kevondre Brown in the family. James was a faithful and devoted husband and father. In 2001 James became the legal guardian to Kevondre, raising Kevondre as his own son. He enjoyed being a father to Kevondre, he enjoyed Boy Scouts, Baseball and Basketball with Kevondre. He was very engaged with all things concerning Kevondre. Swimming was also enjoyed by both James and Kevondre. James loved each and everyone of his siblings and all of his extended family. He loved and enjoyed Biannual family reunions. He was always at every family reunion never missing. James was truly a man that loved his family, which was often shown through his love of cooking. James Lester Burns Sr. leaves to cherish his memory: wife, Norma Burns of Clarkston, MI; children, Brigitte Denise Burns and James "Second" Burns Jr.; step-children, Kevondre Brown and Jerome Earnest, II; grandchildren, Alexander James Burns Talley of Westminster, CA, Trinity Rene' Burns and James Lester "Tre" Burns, III both of Long Beach, CA; sisters, Dorothy Gray of Compton, CA and Sue (John) Bowman of Las Vegas, NV; Edward (Olivia) Burns of MI; sisters-in-law, Irene Burns, Linda Solomon

and Patricia Blade; brothers-in-law, Garfield Johnson, Earl Tipton and Jules Tipton; and a host of nieces, nephews, aunts, uncles and cousins.

James Lester Burns Sr. was preceded in death by his parents, Wilmore and Marie Burns; daughter Lisa Yvette Burns; 4 sisters, Emma Lou, Amanda, Ethel and Jean; 4 brothers, Wilmore Jr., Charles, Wilford and Milton Burns.

# Cemetery Details

## Sunset Hills Cemetery

G-4413 Flushing Rd.  
Flint, MI 48504

# Previous Events

## Public Viewing

JUL 7. 12:00 PM - 6:00 PM (ET)

Lawrence E. Moon Funeral Home Chapel, Flint  
906 W. Flint Park Blvd.  
Flint, MI 48505  
(810) 789-MOON (6666)  
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<http://www.lawrenceemoonfuneralhome.com>

## Family hour

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## Service

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JUL 8. 2:00 PM (ET)

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# Tribute Wall



“ *Lawrence E. Moon Funeral Home created a Webcast in memory of Mr. James Lester Burns*



Lawrence E. Moon Funeral Home - July 08, 2023 at 08:19 AM

JE

*Sending love and prayers from the Everett family.*

Jazman Everett - July 08, 2023 at 10:41 AM

AB

*Love from Charles Burns Jr family 🙏*

Annette Burns - July 08, 2023 at 01:51 PM

CB

*We love you uncle James. Trust and believe you will never be forgotten. We will miss you down here love the Charles Henry Burns Jr. Crew- Annette, Brenee', Charles III & Ethan Charles Burns. Praying for Norma & James Jr. And Brigitte.*

Chasity Burns - July 08, 2023 at 01:58 PM

KW

*Uncle James was and is a blessing to me. Always had a smile for me comfortable as part of the extended Burns family.*

*Love to Uncle James.*

*Love and may God's Grace be upon the Burns family.*

*Kelvin and family.*

Kelvin C. Whittiker - July 08, 2023 at 03:19 PM

LB

*May God bless and comfort the family during this sad time. We will keep you in our prayers. Love, Irena & Linda*

Linda Burns - July 08, 2023 at 09:09 PM

AQ

*"BEAUTIFUL" .....*

AQUILLA - July 10, 2023 at 02:00 PM

NB

*Merry Heavily "2025" 🎄 Christmas Big Daddy. I Miss You So Mush, Not Just Today But Each And Everyday You Are Still Missed. ❤️ Love You Always. Rest Peacefully Until We Meet Again. 😊*

Norma Burns - December 30, 2025 at 08:15 AM



“ *Mr. James Lester Burns*

October 09, 2023 at 07:02 AM

SB

“ *1 file added to the tribute wall*



Sue Bowman - August 13, 2023 at 03:51 AM

JL

“ *Sending prayers and love ,from the leach family in Missouri.Jackie and Dwayne butler*



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**Jackie Leach** - July 08, 2023 at 01:12 PM

LW

“ *Our thoughts and prayers are with all. Latanya and Dwayne Whitmore*



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**Latanya Whitmore** - July 08, 2023 at 06:50 AM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Mr. James Lester Burns.*



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July 08, 2023 at 06:40 AM

MS

“ We send our sincere condolences to the family of Mr. James L. Burns. We will continue to keep the family in our PRAYERS. God Bless.

Benny & Mae Vern Spence  
April Harris  
Katina Woods & Monty Jr.

Marietta GA.



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**Mae Vern Spence** - July 07, 2023 at 11:57 PM

TF

“ The Bowman, Johnson, and Harris Families purchased the Ocean Breeze Spray for the family of Mr. James Lester Burns.



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**The Bowman, Johnson, and Harris Families** - July 07, 2023 at 02:15 PM

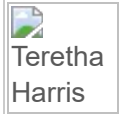
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“ Love and Prayers to Burns family.



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**Freda, Gene Leverette** - July 07, 2023 at 01:20 PM



Teretha Harris

*Kim, Jody and Sue, we are so sorry for your loss of your love one. We are praying for you all that God will give yall peace that surpasses all understanding. We love you all & we are here for you.  
Teretha Harris & Family*

Teretha Harris - July 08, 2023 at 06:26 AM



KJ

“ Kimberly J. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Mr. James Lester Burns.

Kimberly J. - July 07, 2023 at 12:21 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Mr. James Lester Burns.

July 05, 2023 at 06:20 PM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Mr. James Lester Burns.



July 05, 2023 at 06:20 PM

JF

“ To Norma and Family: 2nd James & Brigitte  
Remembering:

*The beauty of a memory is that it's always there. Like a penny in your pocket, you can take it anywhere. And when your heart is heavy and your eyes are filled with tears, you can focus on a memory, and travel through the years. Your heart can visit happy times, when laughter filled the air, and the presence of your loved one, will lessen your despair. So, as you travel on in life, take comfort as you go, in a lifetime of "sweet memories," of one who loved you so!*

*Love ,John and Sue Bowman and Family  
Las Vegas, Nevada*

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**John and Sue Bowman and Family** - July 05, 2023 at 01:24 AM

GL

“ In honor of Uncle James. He will be missed  
and remembered by the entire family. With  
Love ❤️



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**Gena Lewis** - July 04, 2023 at 12:14 PM