



## Jewell Baxter,

January 7, 1945 - September 3, 2011

BAXTER, Mr. Jewell, Sr., - Age 66, passed away Saturday, September 3, 2011 at Hurley Medical Center. Family hour 10:30 a.m. Monday, September 12, 2011 from the Chapel of Lawrence E. Moon Funeral Home, 906 W. Flint Park Blvd., with funeral service commencing immediately at 11 a.m. Pastor Gregory Cavette officiating. Interment River Rest Cemetery, G-4413 Flushing Rd. Friends and pallbearers will assemble at the funeral home 10:30 a.m. Monday. Mr. Baxter will lie in state in the Chapel of Lawrence E. Moon Funeral Home and may be viewed from 10-6PM Sunday.

Mr. Jewell Baxter, Sr. was born on January 7, 1945 in Flint, Michigan, the first born of the late Matthew and Helen Baxter, Sr. Jewell met the love of his life, Linda Faye Echols in 1981 while working at Buick, a division of General Motors and later married on August 28, 1982. They enjoyed 29 years of boundless love and companionship until his passing. Jewell attended school in the Flint school district, graduating from Flint Central High School, "Class of 1963." Jewell was a great football player and athlete throughout his years in school and as an adult. He dearly loved the game. He earned two varsity letters in football and three in track from Central. He was one of Central's principal football players, dominating his positions as halfback and middle linebackers as number "41." He aided Central in obtaining victories in City, Valley and annual rivalry games against Flint Northern High School. Jewell obtained a scholarship for football to Ferris State University in 1963. He later left to be gainfully employed with General Motors. Jewell remained active in

football, competitively playing semi-pro football for the Flint Sabers as a middle line-backer and was instrumental in leading the team to capturing championships in the 70's. He also played flag football for Greene Home for Funerals until retiring from competitive football in 1978. Jewell gave back as much as he received from football. He held assistant coaching positions in elementary and junior high school football in the Beecher School district and at Flint Central High School. He was also the head coach for McKinley Middle School for a season. He was currently coaching his grandson, Avion, with developing his football skills. Jewell was a diehard athlete and competitor. He competed in boxing at Berston Field House as a heavyweight in the 70's. Jewell was an avid fisherman. He never missed or turned down an opportunity to fish and often shared his catch with others. He would collaborate daily on fishing strategies with good friend and brother-in-law, Jimmy. He would often go fishing with family and friends on his boat, walleye fishing with cousin, Gregory; pan fishing with friend, Ronny; fishing in Alabama with his father and brother-in-law, Ben Sr. and Ben Jr. and in Genesee County with his sons. Jewell excelled at playing chess. He studied different strategies, often beating family and friends doing friendly matches. Jewell was also an excellent cook and blessed all who came to his home with his masterful and tasty down home dishes, especially his famous ribs. Jewell was employed by General Motors for 36 years, retiring in 1999. He belonged to UAW Locals 599 and 659. He held positions in the foundry, as a line worker and semi-truck driver for Buick. He took great pride in mastering his profession as a truck driver and drove semi-trucks for 15 of his last years at Buick. Jewell always demonstrated a strong work ethic, rarely ever missing a day of work. Working hard and doing your best was traits that he stressed to all of his children and grandchildren. Jewell loved his children to no end. He cherished every moment that he was in their presence, regardless of the circumstance. He equally loved his grandchildren and often boasted about them and the promise they held for the future. He always encouraged, supported and praised the endeavors of all his children, grandchildren and the children of

others. He was a source of inspiration to them. He strongly believed in the saying, "Where there is a will, there is a way." Jewell was a loyal and loving husband; phenomenal father and grandfather; loving brother, uncle, cousin and nephew; and good friend. You were blessed to have him in your corner. His indomitable spirit, infectious laughter, quick wit and jovial presence will be sorely missed by all who were blessed to know and love him.

Mr. Jewell Baxter, Sr. he leaves to cherish his precious memory: Loving and devoted wife, Linda Faye Baxter; 2 daughters, Kimberly (Arnold) Brown and Regina Baxter, both of Flint; 5 sons, Jewell Jr., Sean and Henry Baxter, all of Flint, Idris (Megan) Echols of Grand Blanc, MI, and Dr. Justin Echols of Atlanta, GA; 12 grandchildren, Idris, Avion, Daryl, Tilia, Mia, Satoria, Brea, Ashanti and Triniti, Kendall, Sheonna and Gabrielle, all of Flint; dear sister, Linda Darlene Baxter-Hudson of Los Angeles, CA; sisters, Angie Marshall and Sandy (Freddie) Brown, both of Flint, MI; brother, Michael (LaDonna) Burks of Montgomery, AL; brother-in-laws, Ben (Alice) Echols, Jr. and Anthony (Lisa) Echols and Deacon James (Carol) Hudson, all of Flint; sister-in-law, Deborah Barton; father and mother-in-law, Ben and Dorothy Echols, Sr. of Tuscumbia, AL; special nieces, Margo and Kelly Hudson of Los Angeles, CA; aunts, Alice Lee and Carol McFadden, both of Flint, Jesse (Charles) Crouther of Queen City, TX, Jean Robertson of Cedar Hill, TX, Juanita Waters of Kissimmee, FL and Alma Daniels of Grand Blanc, MI; uncle, Leon (Velma) Robinson of Caney, AK; special cousins, Lonnie "Jerry" Williams, Pastor Gregory Cavette and Chuckie Crouther; special friends, Marcelle McGregory, Derrick Jones and the "Old Men Breakfast Club"; and numerous other nieces, nephews, cousins, aunts, uncles and friends.

Mr. Jewell Baxter, Sr. was preceded in death by his parents, Helen and Matthew Baxter, Sr.; grandparents, Claudia and Milton Clemons and Vasalonyer and Bolza Baxter, Sr.; brother, Matthew Baxter, Jr. and several loved ones.

# Tribute Wall



“ *Lawrence E. Moon Funeral Home created a Webcast in memory of Jewell Baxter,*



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**Lawrence E. Moon Funeral Home** - September 03, 2011 at 12:00 AM



“ *Jewell Baxter,*

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October 09, 2023 at 07:02 AM



“ *Dearest Faye,  
I know that you understand how special my uncle J.B. was to me. The promises that we share with others about the hope ahead, I pray daily that those same promises will comfort you now more than ever. I love you and this truly was an unspeakable loss that will forever leave a void, until he is back with us again, it won't be long and his sleep will be peaceful.*

*Sincerely loved ,*

*Tasha*

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**Tasha Brooks** - September 03, 2011 at 12:00 AM

WS

“ Our condolences go out to the family and friends of Jewell Baxter. At sad times such as these many have looked to the Bible for comfort and hope. Scriptures such as Psalms 34:18 & Acts 24:15 have helped us during times such as these. We hope you too may find some solace in reading them.

*May Jehovah be with you!*

*Sincerely Yours,*

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**Wes & Karen Shaw** - September 03, 2011 at 12:00 AM

RM

“ We are truly sorry to hear of your loss. Often during difficult times people turn to the scriptures. Two verses that come to mind are Acts 24:15 and Revelations 21:3,4. I hope that these are comforting to you.

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**R. and K. Muex** - September 03, 2011 at 12:00 AM

MN

“ We send our condolences to the family!! I am Beatrice Hamilton's daughter whom we are related thru my mother(ms. B. Hamilton) as being 1st or 2nd cousins. Dianne Greenard made us aware of the connection & the terrible news of Jewell's death!! Our prayers are with his family (especially his wife)!! We share "your pain as mom passed suddenly". We never know what tomorrow may "BRING"; We just have to know that GOD is with us & pray for strength!! Praying that you have that thru GOD, family, friends & ETC. Blessings to you ALL!! Be Strong!!!! Blessed are they that mourn: for they shall be comforted. Matt. 5:4. AMEN

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**monica nelson** - September 03, 2011 at 12:00 AM

LJ

“ I remember Jewel from when I was a kid. He was someone I was always impressed with as a child and adult. We grew up together on the southside. Linda, his sister might remember Mikey(Lincoln)and Janet Ward, brother and sister, from years past. I won't be able to make the service, but I would like to get an obituary at a later date if possible. I will be by the funeral home 9/11/11. Call me on my cell phone listed.

*Love from Janet and myself*

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**Lincoln J Ward Jr** - September 03, 2011 at 12:00 AM

AC

“ I am so sorry for your loss. When your heart is empty filling it with happy memories can help you find your smile. Take heart time will soften the edges and ease your burden. May happy memories carry you through this sorrowful time. With deepest sympathy.

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**Arnetta Lynn Barnett- Crawford** - September 03, 2011 at 12:00 AM

JG

“ Sorry for your loss, will be praying for your family and the Peace of God will strengthen you in days to come.

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**John & Patricia Garvin** - September 03, 2011 at 12:00 AM

BK

“ To The Family: Please know that I am sincerely sorry to hear about this great loss to your family. I just saw Jewell at the South Side Reunion, and we had good laughs and happy memories.

*My thoughts and prayers are with you all. May you find peace in this time of sorrow and strength through all of our prayers.*

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**Brenda Wesley Kimble** - September 03, 2011 at 12:00 AM