



Mr. Jimmie Lee Friend

January 29, 1928 - May 16, 2025

FRIEND, Mr. Jimmie Lee - Age 97, passed away Friday, May 16, 2025 at his residence. Family hour 10:30 AM Wednesday, May 28, 2025, at Christ Fellowship Missionary Baptist Church, 317 E. Hamilton Ave., with funeral service commencing at 11:00 AM Pastor Allen Overton Sr. officiating. Interment, Flint Memorial Park Cemetery, G-9506 N. Dort Hwy. Friends and pallbearers will assemble at the church at 10:30 AM Wednesday. Mr. Friend will lie in state in the Chapel of Lawrence E. Moon Funeral and may be viewed from 12:00PM-6:00PM Tuesday with family present from 4:00PM-6:00PM. Mr. Jimmie Lee Friend was born January 29, 1928 in Raleigh (Memphis), Tennessee, the son of George and Ellen Friend. He spent his formative years in the North Memphis area, where he began his working life as a laborer at the Memphis Hardwood Flooring Company. It was in these early years that he laid the foundation for a life defined by hard work, quiet strength, and deep devotion to his family and faith.

1946, Jimmie married the love of his life, Annie Mae (Williamson) Friend. Together they built a loving home and were blessed with 4 children. In pursuit of greater opportunities, the family later relocated to Flint, Michigan, where Jimmie continued his dedicate work ethic as an assembler at Flint Truck & Bus, a division of General Motors Corporation. He proudly served as a member of UAW Local #598 until his retirement.

Jimmie was a devoted and faithful member of Christ Fellowship Missionary Baptist Church, where he served with humility and honor as a Trustee for

many years. His faith was a cornerstone of his life, evident in his every action and interaction.

A passionate sports enthusiast, Jimmie enjoyed cheering for Detroit's beloved teams. He also took pride in maintaining a pristine lawn and garden, a reflection of his quiet attention to detail and care. Known for his sharp sense of style, he found joy in shopping for elegant suits and always carried himself with grace and dignity. Though soft-spoken and a man of few words, Jimmie's presence was deeply felt by all who knew him. His legacy of love, faith and dedication will continue to live on in the hearts of his family, friends, and community.

Jimmie Lee Friend was a beloved husband, father, grandfather and friend. His life was a testament to integrity, humility and unwavering devotion. He will be deeply missed and forever remembered.

Mr. Jimmie Lee Friend leaves to cherish his memory: daughter, Carolin Kay (Edward) Brown; son, Jerome Dwight Friend; grandchildren, Yolanda Robinson of Flint, Danielle Jacobs of Valley, AZ, Latisha (Oliver) Dorsey of Buford, GA, Crystal (Eric) Johnston of South Haven, MS, Angela (Omer) Friend, Kandace Friend of Los Angeles, CA, Joerelle (Kieona) Mosley, Jamia Friend and Jimmie Friend, all of Flint, Tiffany Friend of Ohio; great-grandchildren, Tatyonka Robinson, Reagan, Abigail Johnston, Naija Friend, Addison, Adrienne Lue, Jasmine and Olivia; special nieces and nephews, Charlotte, Norma Jean and Leonard; cousin, James Branch; a host of other relatives and friends including, Brother Paul Lewis, Sister Chenita Holley, Mother Gloria Jenkins, Reverend Allen C. Overton Sr. and the Christ Fellowship Missionary Baptist Church family.

Mr. Friend was preceded in death by his wife, Annie Friend; sons, Jimmie and Joseph Oliver Friend; parents, George and Ellen Friend; and sister, Hattie Lee Mayburn.

Cemetery Details

Flint Memorial Park Cemetery

G-9506 N. Dort Hwy.
Mt. Morris, MI 48458

Previous Events

Public Viewing

MAY 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 hour

MAY 28. 10:30 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

Christ Fellowship Missionary Baptist Church
317 E. Hamilton Ave.
Flint, MI 48505

Funeral Service

MAY 28. 11:00 AM (ET)

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Tribute Wall

PJ

“ *My condolences to the Friend Family. I will always remember Mr. Friend as the kind and compassionate individual he was. God bless and keep you all.* 🙏



Pauline Jones - May 30, 2025 at 01:20 PM

JG

“ *Jeanette Grady sent a virtual gift in memory of Jimmie Friend*



Jeanette Grady - May 30, 2025 at 12:49 PM

JR

“ *Jennifer Robbs lit a candle in memory of Mr. Jimmie Lee Friend*



Jennifer Robbs - May 30, 2025 at 09:14 AM

TN

“ *Tanya Neely sent a virtual gift in memory of Mr. Jimmie Lee Friend*



Tanya Neely - May 28, 2025 at 09:38 PM

AS

“ Thanking GOD for your forever friendship.
Your main sweetie is happy again. Loved you
both till the end. Rest my friend



Alma StarksButler - May 28, 2025 at 10:02 AM

MS

“ Our condolences to the family. We will
continue to keep PRAYING for the family.
God Bless and give you the comfort you
need.



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

Marietta GA.

Mae Vern Spence - May 27, 2025 at 11:50 PM

SE

“ To the Friend family. I am upmost sorry I can't be with you through
this time of loss. My prayers and sympathy goes out to all of you.
May God continue to keep you in his bossum while blessing you
always.

Shirley Earnest - May 27, 2025 at 02:32 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Mr. Jimmie Lee Friend.*



May 27, 2025 at 01:21 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Mr. Jimmie Lee Friend.

May 27, 2025 at 01:21 PM



“ *Sorry for your Loss praying for you and your family.*



Rev&Mrs.Roy Cummings - May 27, 2025 at 08:22 AM



“ *Beverly Tucker sent a virtual gift in memory of Jimmie Friend*



Beverly Tucker - May 27, 2025 at 07:46 AM

VW

“ *Velma Williams sent a virtual gift in memory of Jimmie Friend*



Velma Williams - May 25, 2025 at 11:41 PM

KA

“ *To Caroline, Dwight, Yolanda, and the entire family, Mr and Mrs Friend were truly good neighbors, we the Abron family lived right across the street on Ave B for many years. My mother babysat Yolanda and Mrs Friend would hire us kids to help her out around the house. Those were some of the best days. We were like family looking out for each other. Condolences to the family.*



Kay Abron-Edmond - May 24, 2025 at 08:04 PM

GS

“ *Garth Spight purchased the Emerald Garden Basket for the family of Mr. Jimmie Lee Friend.*



Garth Spight - May 24, 2025 at 06:37 PM

PW

“ Pam Williams lit a candle in memory of Jimmie Friend



Pam Williams - May 24, 2025 at 09:46 AM

SP

“ Shirletta Perkins lit a candle in memory of Mr. Jimmie Lee Friend



Shirletta Perkins - May 23, 2025 at 05:44 PM

PW

“ To Jerome Dwight Friend & Family
We all have been together a very long time on Avenue "B" and your daddy always made sure we watched out for one another brother's and sisters. Plus he made sure we understood the importance of having a good vehicle to get you where you should be or to get you away from where or who you shouldn't be around with. I could go on and on but I want you to always remember wherever I am through out the country or world I'm just one telephone call away from doing what you want or need. Hang on in there it'll all get better Because he always knew how to joke with us but be for real as the day or night.
Take Care Of Yourself And Stay Strong



Sincerely
Bay Bro (Paul Woodyard)

PAUL H. WOODYARD - May 23, 2025 at 03:57 PM

VH

“ *To the family,with love be strong The Lord has you.*

Veronica Hampton-Brown - May 23, 2025 at 12:58 PM

NJ

“ *Nancine Jackson sent a virtual gift in memory of Mr. Jimmie Lee Friend*



Nancine Jackson - May 23, 2025 at 11:00 AM

DJ

“ *Deidra Jacobs lit a candle in memory of Mr. Jimmie Lee Friend*



Deidra Jacobs - May 22, 2025 at 05:05 PM

JM

“ *Jimmye Maxwell lit a candle in memory of Jimmie Friend*



Jimmye Maxwell - May 22, 2025 at 01:40 PM

FS

“ *Faye Starling sent a virtual gift in memory of Jimmie Friend*



Faye Starling - May 22, 2025 at 12:53 PM

JJ

“ *Sending prayers and hugs to the Friend family.*



JEAN JOHNSON - May 22, 2025 at 10:40 AM

DW

“ *Denise Wearherspoon*



Denise Weatherspoon - May 21, 2025 at 07:32 PM

SB

“ *Sandra Berry-Patton*



Sandra Berry-Patton - May 21, 2025 at 04:53 PM

SB

“ To Dwight and family, sorry for your loss, my prayers are with you comfort and peace during this time.



Shirley Blassingame - May 21, 2025 at 11:49 AM

YC

“ Yolonda D Cross lit a candle in memory of Jimmie Friend



Yolonda D Cross - May 21, 2025 at 07:51 AM

DS

“ Dixie Smith lit a candle in memory of Jimmie Friend



Dixie Smith - May 21, 2025 at 07:50 AM

DM

“ Mr. Jimmy, R.I.H.P.🕊️ You will be missed, but never forgotten! Sending prayers, condolences and love to all of your family!🙏
❤️



Deb Milling - May 20, 2025 at 10:09 PM

JS

“ Joshua Shields lit a candle in memory of Mr. Jimmie Lee Friend



joshua shields - May 20, 2025 at 07:09 PM

AN

“ I had the pleasure of meeting Mr. and Mrs. Friend many years ago at Flint Memorial Park. There are just some people you meet in life who stick with you.....they always did. May they rest in peace together now.

Anne - May 20, 2025 at 02:02 PM

RW

“ Lit a candle for Mr. Jimmie Lee Friend. My condolences to the family.



Rudolph Wheaton,DDS - May 20, 2025 at 01:59 PM

KS

“ Kent And Javonka Smith lit a candle in memory of Mr. Jimmie Lee Friend



Kent and Javonka Smith - May 20, 2025 at 01:04 AM

MA

“ I send my heartfelt condolences and prayers to the family. Mr. Friend was a nice kind hearted person that I met at Fostarian. Him and Mrs Carol where very nice people that we became a family. Keeping everyone in my prayers. Love you Mrs. Carol. Chris Hall-Porter



Marie - May 19, 2025 at 08:11 PM

RB

“ Thoughts and prayers for the families of Mr. Jimmie Friend you have our deepest condolences as you grieve the passing of your beloved father. May God's love, peace and strength comfort you.



Robert & Nancy Bell - May 19, 2025 at 04:39 PM

JD

“ Jean Durrett lit a candle in memory of Mr. Jimmie Lee Friend



Jean Durrett - May 18, 2025 at 09:56 PM

KB

“ Katherine Hart Brown lit a candle in memory of Mr. Jimmie Lee Friend



Katherine Hart Brown - May 18, 2025 at 05:17 PM

PM

“ *Paula McWilliams lit a candle in memory of Mr. Jimmie Lee Friend*



Paula McWilliams - May 18, 2025 at 04:01 PM



“ *Marjorie Chapman sent a virtual gift in memory of Mr. Jimmie Lee Friend*



Marjorie Chapman - May 18, 2025 at 03:43 PM

MW

“ *Monica Weatherspoon-Davis sent a virtual gift in memory of Mr. Jimmie Lee Friend*



Monica Weatherspoon-Davis - May 18, 2025 at 01:53 PM

LW

“ *Larry Williams lit a candle in memory of Mr. Jimmie Lee Friend*



Larry Williams - May 18, 2025 at 12:21 PM



“ *The Lewis family extend our condolences to Carolyn,Dwight and all of Mr. Friends family.*



L - May 18, 2025 at 11:11 AM



“ *My condolences and prayers to the Friend family.
My neighbor will be greatly missed.*



mary - May 17, 2025 at 09:11 PM



“ *Deborah Moore lit a candle in memory of Mr. Jimmie Lee Friend*



Deborah Moore - May 17, 2025 at 07:43 PM



“ *Jennifer Johnson lit a candle in memory of Mr. Jimmie Lee Friend*



Jennifer Johnson - May 17, 2025 at 04:53 PM

RW

“ Rudy And Geneva Ward lit a candle in memory of Mr. Jimmie Lee Friend



Rudy and Geneva Ward - May 17, 2025 at 04:37 PM

RR

“ ROXIE REAVES lit a candle in memory of Mr. Jimmie Lee Friend



ROXIE REAVES - May 17, 2025 at 02:03 PM

JM

“ James & Barbara Moore lit a candle in memory of Jimmie Friend



James & Barbara Moore - May 17, 2025 at 12:26 PM



“ Trustee Emeritus Mr. Jimmy Friend will be missed greatly by Christ Fellowship Missionary Baptist Church. He was an exceptional man, a caring and respectful person. My thoughts and prayers go out to the Friend Family.



Gloria Jenkins - May 16, 2025 at 11:43 PM

LB

“ *Mr Friend will be missed. Praying for the family in this time of sorrow. Deepest condolences May God continue to keep you and your family.*



Lisa (James) Blakley - May 16, 2025 at 07:28 PM

AD

“ *My sincerest thoughts and prayers are with the entire family during their time of bereavement! Deacon Friend was a great and caring person!*



AC Dumas - May 16, 2025 at 07:07 PM