



Mr. Joe Willie Byrd

May 10, 1936 - June 23, 2025

BYRD, Mr. Joe Willie - Age 89, passed away Monday, June 23, 2025, at Pines of Burton. Family hour 11:00 AM Saturday, July 12, 2025 at Grace Emmanuel Baptist Church, 3502 Lapeer Rd., with funeral service commencing at 12:00 PM. Interment River Rest Cemetery, G-4413 Flushing Rd. Friends and pallbearers will assemble at the church 11:00 AM Saturday. Mr. Byrd 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, July 11, 2025. Joe Willie Byrd, affectionately called "Brother," by his family, was born in Indianola, Mississippi on May 10, 1936. He was the first son born to the late Eddie Frank and Cora Lee Byrd. Joe gave his life to the Lord Jesus at a young age and he and his wife Rose rededicated their lives to Christ while in Atlantic City as their youngest son Chris prepared to win his first World Championship! On June 23, 2025, Joe went to his heavenly home to be with his Lord and Savior Jesus Christ and to reunite with his wife of 54 years, Rose. In 1951, his dear sister Eliza and brother-in-love Johnny Anderson moved him to Flint, Michigan, where he briefly attended Central High School. While living on Mott Street in Flint, Joe met a beautiful young lady named Rose Mayfield, who was visiting her dad for the summer. In the evening, after working as a gas station attendant, Joe would spend time with Rose. The story has it that Joe was riding in his 54 Chevy, as Rose purposely rode her bicycle in front of him. Joe would say that Rose asked a neighbor friend, "Who is that dashing young man?" This story always made his children laugh, along with many other

stories they would share. During their 56-year union, Joe and Rose had eight children: Joe, Timmy, Laurie, Lula, Ronnie, Tracy, Patrick, and Chris, and in their early years of marriage, they often spent time with Joe's son, Charles. In 1955, Joe moved his age to a year older to be hired by General Motors (GM). As a provider of ten, Joe became a master of all trades, working at GM in maintenance during the day, and as a barber, mechanic, lawn service, and prize fighter during the evening, nights, and weekends. Joe was a hard worker and was committed to every endeavor. He retired in 1988 from Chevrolet V-8 Engine Plant, after working 36 years on the job. Joe was a good athlete as well. He played basketball, softball, and boxed. He and his brothers spent many days playing sand lot sports. During those years, Joe became more serious about boxing. While at Martin School, Joe began training under the tutelage of Bob Pelon, a former Golden Gloves champion and boxing coach. 4 An article in BoxRec, posted by Ruthless-RKO, 25 June 2025 stated: "Byrd reportedly stopped his first ever opponent in a Golden Gloves match in Flint in 1957. "People were coming up to me after, telling me how good I'd done and shaking my hand," he once said. "I thought, 'Oh God, it's in my blood now'. Once boxing is in your blood, that's it." During his (amateur) career, which concluded when his record reached 31-17, Byrd won (Golden Gloves) city championships as a light heavyweight and heavyweight, and a state title at heavyweight in 1962. His nickname "Toy Block" owed to his short, strong stature, and his aggression. Byrd not only trained Chris, but all five of his sons – each, like his daughter Tracy, turned professional – and ran the Joe Byrd Boxing Academy. His wife Rose Byrd died in June 2015, having previously trained him for fights when, in his youth, he couldn't afford a professional trainer. The Joe & Rose Byrd After-School All-Star boxing program opened four years later, when his son Patrick said: "You can ask any boxer that fought under him – they would tell me, 'Your dad is a good man'. I just appreciate him." It was in 2001 when, discussing his profession and the Joe Byrd Boxing Academy, Joe Byrd told The Journal: "Everybody who comes through this door ain't a boxer. "That's all right. I just want to make sure they go down the

right road. The Lord is leaving me here to do this work with these kids. While they're here, they're mine." Throughout Joe's 46 years of coaching, he was the 1982 Head Coach of the Police Athletic League (PAL) Boxing Club, 1989 Head Coach of the World Championships, 1989-90 Chairman of the National Coaches Committee, 1989-91 Head Coach of the World Cup and Coach for five World Challenge events. In 1990 Joe was named Head Coach of the Goodwill Games and USA/American Boxing Federation (ABF) Coach of the Year. He is enshrined in three halls of fame: Greater Flint Afro-American Hall of Fame (1997), Greater Flint Area Sports Hall of Fame (1998), and the Golden Gloves Hall of Fame (2011). He was one of 24 coaches on the original board of the USA/ABF when the organization became the governing body for amateur boxing in 1981. He made sure many local coaches became national boxing coaches, ensuring that they went on national trips with him. Several of his most treasured accomplishments and highest coaching honor came when he was named the 1992 Olympic Head Boxing Coach. Joe once said, "You can't get any higher as a coach in amateur boxing."

Joe watched his children flourish: Charles as an business mogul, Joe as State Golden Gloves Champions and professional boxers, Timmy as a State Golden Gloves 5 Champion and professional Intercontinental light heavyweight champion; Laurie as a professional basketball player, coach, and jersey retirement at Eastern Michigan University; Lula, as a two time Boston Marathon runner; Ronnie as a gold medalist in the National Sports Festival and professional boxer; Tracy, as a three time World Boxing Champion; Patrick, as a 92' Pre-Olympic and professional boxer; and Chris, as the 92' Olympic silver medalist and two time World Boxing Champion. As quoted by former professional basketball player Marty Embry: "Joe Byrd was true legend in the boxing world and a pillar of the Flint community. Mr. Byrd was far more than a trainer. He was a builder of dreams, a mentor to countless young fighters, and the patriarch of one of boxing's most remarkable and athletic families. Through the Joe Byrd Boxing Academy, he shaped not just boxers,

but young men and women of character, instilling in them the discipline, respect, and determination that would serve them both in and out of the ring... Each of his children carries forward the values of dedication, perseverance, and excellence that their father instilled in them. But Mr. Byrd's impact extended far beyond his own family. As the first African American to coach the U.S. Olympic Team from Michigan, he broke barriers and opened doors for future generations. Together with his beloved wife Rose, he dedicated his life to serving the youth of Flint and beyond. Their boxing academy became a sanctuary where young people could find purpose, develop skills, and build the confidence to overcome life's challenges. The Byrd name became synonymous with excellence, integrity, and the relentless pursuit of greatness. Mr. Byrd leaves behind a championship legacy that will inspire fighters and coaches for generations to come. His teachings, his values, and his unwavering belief in the potential of every young person who walked through his gym doors will continue to echo through the boxing community. Together with his beloved wife Rose, he dedicated his life to serving the youth of Flint and beyond. Their boxing academy became a sanctuary where young people could find purpose, develop skills, and build the confidence to overcome life's challenges. The Byrd name became synonymous with excellence, integrity, and the relentless pursuit of greatness. 6 Mr. Byrd leaves behind a championship legacy that will inspire fighters and coaches for generations to come. His teachings, his values, and his unwavering belief in the potential of every young person who walked through his gym doors will continue to echo through the boxing community.”

Joe's legacy lives through his children. He leaves to cherish 9 children: Charles (Phyllis) Young II, Joe, Timmy (Linda), Laurie, Lula, Ronnie, Tracy, Patrick, and Chris. His last living sibling, Archie Byrd, 11 grandchildren: Charles Young III, Lanae Byrd, Andre Byrd, Nicholas Byrd, Kashonda (Ray) Scott, Stephen (Leah) Luster, Cameron Byrd, Kennedy Byrd, Jordan (Jordan) Searby, Justin Byrd, and Sydney (Chase) Beasley; 14 great-grandchildren: Charles IV and Sienna Young; Maddox Byrd and Adder Beatty; Jamari

Thigpen; Simeon and Kaleya Luster; Lennon and Vienna Searby; Jrae Byrd and Renleigh; Sophia, Sage, and Carter Beasley; and a host of nieces, nephews, cousins, and friends. Joe was preceded in death by his wife, Rose Lena Byrd; parents: Eddie and Cora Byrd; grandson Kyle Kelly, great-granddaughter Lillie Rose Luster; siblings: Essie Mae Spiller, Eliza Mae Anderson, Andrew Byrd, Eddie Frank Byrd, LeDora Whitaker, Eddie Mae (Happy) James, Betty Hargrove, Nellie Thomas, Willie Lee Byrd, and Benjamin Byrd.

Cemetery Details

River Rest Cemetery

G-4413 Flushing Rd.
Flint, MI 48504

Previous Events

Public Viewing

JUL 11. 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)
lemoonfhflint@gmail.com
<http://www.lawrenceemoonfuneralhome.com>

Family hour

JUL 12. 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM (ET)

Grace Emmanuel Baptist Church
3502 Lapeer Rd.
Flint, MI

Service

JUL 12. 12:00 PM (ET)

Grace Emmanuel Baptist Church
3502 Lapeer Rd.
Flint, MI

Tribute Wall



“ *Lawrence E. Moon Funeral Home created a Webcast in memory of Mr. Joe Willie Byrd*



Lawrence E. Moon Funeral Home - July 17, 2025 at 08:57 AM

DE

“ *Debra Evans sent a virtual gift in memory of Mr. Joe Willie Byrd*



Debra Evans - September 08, 2025 at 12:51 PM

DJ

“ *To the Byrd Family you all have my sincere condolences. R..I.P. Uncle Joe Byrd*

Dorothy Jones - July 12, 2025 at 10:15 AM

TS

“ *To my family in Flont my sincerest condolences to you and our Bryd family. Love you all.*

Theresa A Smith - July 12, 2025 at 05:46 AM

SD

“ *Smith Family - Spring Valley Dr. lit a candle in memory of Mr. Joe Willie Byrd*



Smith Family - Spring Valley Dr. - July 11, 2025 at 05:33 PM

MB

“ *Marvin And Thelma Bey-Woodson lit a candle in memory of Mr. Joe Willie Byrd*



Marvin and Thelma Bey-Woodson - July 11, 2025 at 10:26 AM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Mr. Joe Willie Byrd.*



July 11, 2025 at 09:43 AM



“ *A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Mr. Joe Willie Byrd.*

July 11, 2025 at 09:43 AM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Mr. Joe Willie Byrd.*



July 09, 2025 at 06:18 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Mr. Joe Willie Byrd.

July 09, 2025 at 06:18 PM



“ *John Hornewer, Sandra & Sangjun purchased the Lily and Rose Tribute Spray for the family of Mr. Joe Willie Byrd.*



John Hornewer, Sandra & Sangjun - July 09, 2025 at 05:39 PM



“ *R.I.P coach...joe coached me in a few fights even though i did not fight out of his gym but he coached me anyways ..i loved training with joe very great coach and friend .paul sussi ...*

paul sussi - July 09, 2025 at 01:12 PM

RF

“ *Rawls Family sent a virtual gift in memory of Mr. Joe Willie Byrd*



Rawls Family - July 09, 2025 at 10:35 AM

AA

“ *Andre AndreVeale lit a candle in memory of Joe Byrd*



Andre AndreVeale - July 08, 2025 at 12:43 PM

PL

“ *Phyllis Brown Leslie lit a candle in memory of Mr. Joe Willie Byrd*



Phyllis Brown Leslie - July 06, 2025 at 07:43 PM

LR

“ *Bob Russell lit a candle*



Lavern Russell - July 06, 2025 at 11:29 AM

JD

“ Jesse & Janet Davis lit a candle in memory of Joe Byrd



Jesse & Janet Davis - July 05, 2025 at 11:36 PM



“ George Washington lit a candle in memory of Joe Byrd



George Washington - July 05, 2025 at 09:15 PM

JG

“ Jeanette Grady sent a virtual gift in memory of Mr. Joe Willie Byrd



Jeanette Grady - July 05, 2025 at 12:44 AM

BJ

“ Bobbie Jones Jr lit a candle in memory of Mr. Joe Willie Byrd



Bobbie Jones Jr - July 04, 2025 at 11:32 PM

EF

“ *Ellen Durnan and family purchased the Beautiful i
n Blue for the family of Mr. Joe Willie Byrd.*



Ellen Durnan and family - July 03, 2025 at 10:37 AM

EF

“ *Ellen Durnan and family planted a Memorial Tree in honor of Mr. Joe Willie
Byrd.*

Ellen Durnan and family - July 03, 2025 at 10:37 AM

IG

“ *Ira Gilbert lit a candle in memory of Joe Byrd*



Ira Gilbert - July 03, 2025 at 05:16 AM

PA

“ *Tracy we are praying for you and your family as you celebrate the
life of your father. Min Leon and Pat Adams*

Pat Adams - July 02, 2025 at 01:02 PM

MW

“ *Maggie Williams lit a candle in memory of Mr. Joe Willie Byrd*



Maggie Williams - July 02, 2025 at 10:34 AM

FR

“ *FredMarshall sent a virtual gift in memory of Mr. Joe Willie Byrd*



FredMarshall - July 02, 2025 at 03:25 AM

MW

“ *Mary & Diane Williams lit a candle in memory of Mr. Joe Willie Byrd*



Mary & Diane Williams - July 01, 2025 at 08:35 PM

JG

“ *Jeanette Grady lit a candle in memory of Mr. Joe Willie Byrd*



Jeanette Grady - June 30, 2025 at 06:16 PM

JW

“ *Janice Williams lit a candle in memory of Mr. Joe Willie Byrd*



Janice Williams - June 30, 2025 at 09:00 AM

KW

“ *Kayla Williams lit a candle in memory of Mr. Joe Willie Byrd*



Kayla Williams - June 30, 2025 at 05:53 AM

GT

“ *Gregory Tolbert-Bey, Shiek lit a candle in memory of Mr. Joe Willie Byrd*



Gregory Tolbert-Bey, Shiek - June 29, 2025 at 11:58 PM

IR

“ *Iris lit a candle in memory of Mr. Joe Willie Byrd*



Iris - June 29, 2025 at 07:31 PM

CC

“ *Cookie Cunningham lit a candle in memory of Mr. Joe Willie Byrd*



Cookie Cunningham - June 29, 2025 at 11:48 AM

HH

“ *Hickman Holmes lit a candle in memory of Mr. Joe Willie Byrd*



Hickman Holmes - June 29, 2025 at 10:15 AM

ML

“ *Marilyn Langley lit a candle in memory of Joe Byrd*



Marilyn Langley - June 28, 2025 at 09:13 PM

DN

“ *DuWan Nelson lit a candle in memory of Joe Byrd*



DuWan Nelson - June 28, 2025 at 02:21 PM

SC

“ My condolences go out to the entire Byrd family in the loss of your beloved Joe. Joe was “Prince Among Men” by demonstrating his love for humanity, family, community and this country.

I have known Joe since my childhood and he has spent his entire lifetime dedicated to helping others.

Joe was one of the first people to visit my family’ after the passing of my late father Dee Cavette. He simply wanted to know what we needed and how he could help. He did the same thing when my uncle Jerry Cavette passed away.

Joe, my father and uncle Jerry shared a “mutual admiration society”—they loved and respected each other as men. Joe was the first to pay tribute to my father’s boxing legacy by naming a tournament in his honor not long after his passing.

His athletic career has been well documented, but I does not compare to his love of people and the lives touched along the way.

Joe fought the good fight, he kept his faith and finished his course.

RIP Champ!

Sandra Cavette

Sandra Cavette - June 28, 2025 at 12:51 PM

BM

“ Barbara McFarland-Brown lit a candle in memory of Mr. Joe Willie Byrd



Barbara McFarland-Brown - June 28, 2025 at 01:18 AM

BW

“ BRIDGETTE WATKINS sent a virtual gift in memory of Mr. Joe Willie Byrd



BRIDGETTE WATKINS - June 27, 2025 at 07:45 PM

BF

“ BRIDGETTE WATKINS & FAMILY sent a virtual gift in memory of Mr. Joe Willie Byrd



BRIDGETTE WATKINS & FAMILY - June 27, 2025 at 07:44 PM

HM

“ House Of Prayer MBC lit a candle in memory of Mr. Joe Willie Byrd



House of Prayer MBC - June 27, 2025 at 05:41 PM

CW

“ Cleola Wright-Griffis lit a candle in memory of Mr. Joe Willie Byrd



Cleola Wright-Griffis - June 27, 2025 at 05:24 PM

LF

“ Lester And Paula Fykes lit a candle in memory of Mr. Joe Willie Byrd



Lester and Paula Fykes - June 27, 2025 at 04:49 PM

JK

“ Condolences to the Byrd family and loved ones. RIP

Julie Koger - June 27, 2025 at 04:38 PM

LF

“ L. Keith Family lit a candle in memory of Mr. Joe Willie Byrd



L. Keith Family - June 27, 2025 at 04:24 PM

TF

“ The Keith Family sent a virtual gift in memory of Mr. Joe Willie Byrd



The Keith Family - June 27, 2025 at 02:46 PM

YT

“ Yvonne Tidwell lit a candle in memory of Mr. Joe Willie Byrd



Yvonne Tidwell - June 27, 2025 at 12:20 PM

J)

“ James & Sharon Owensby (Arizona) lit a candle in memory of Mr. Joe Willie Byrd



James & Sharon Owensby (Arizona) - June 26, 2025 at 06:38 PM

SJ

“ To The Byrd FAM':
It brings me GREAT JOY to have crossed paths w/such an Amazing Person.
He saw me & called me ovr. Stated U'd be A Good "PR Person." Come see me @ my office.
I went on Monday & the rest is His/Her Story!
Been "PR'n" Ever SINCE! 🙌🙌 100
A MAN of GREAT STATURE! He'll ALWAYS BE REMEMBERED !!
🙌
Know that My PRAYERS are w/for You All @ this most difficult time.
I ❤️ U'ALL! 100



Sharon Jackson - June 26, 2025 at 05:19 PM

AB

“ *Martin Elementary School had a boxing ring with gloves, no headgear, in its basement in the late '50s/early '60s. Mr. Byrd taught boxing there as a young man. I thought I wanted to learn the sport. Mr. Byrd's initial training centered on stance, balance, and defending yourself...jab, jab! My first opponent and fellow Martin classmate, Joe Tijerina, had been training longer than I. We sparred for one round, I felt pretty good. The 2nd round Joe hit me with an uppercut and I saw stars for the first time! I thank Mr. Byrd for helping me to see that the "sweet science" was for others, not me. RIP Mr. Byrd...Al Brunson*

Albert Brunson - June 26, 2025 at 02:55 PM

KF

*In the Fall of 1957, at 16, I met and trained with JOE Byrd, 21, in Martin Elementary in Flint's Northend. Always helpful and friendly, Joe started out as a Middleweight that first year in 1958. Bob Pilon was our trainer, and we had spared in that basement with the ring. Joe said he started boxing because guys at V8 where he worked were always kidding him about his peaceful demeanor. One Summer, Joe thought we should develop our left's by not throwing rights while sparing. It worked. We were throwing jabs and double and triple left hooks. I had to work after school the next few years, and didn't see Joe until 1968. Meanwhile he became Heavyweight Champion of Michigan
. He was a Great Coach and trainer. We used to do road work on Bray Rd with Frankie Steele and BOOBOO BRAY. At Bersten Fieldhouse, Dee Cavette brought in older fighters and pros. I remember Irving Nard who had a fantastic left hook, for instance. Archie Byrd had a knockout punch. Thinking of Joe Byrd brings back a lot of memories. RIP JOE*

Kenneth Fee - July 04, 2025 at 04:09 AM

SJ

Such An Amazing story on your Journey, of this thing called "Life!" Thanks for SHARIN',.....SJ

Sharon Jackson - July 11, 2025 at 07:11 AM

LM

“ Uncle Joe, you did your *BIG* one here on this earth. A loving husband, father, grandfather, and uncle. Thank you for the great memories, can't wait to make new memories in paradise with you and auntie Rose. Until then, rest in sleep. ❤️

Latrice Mayfield - June 26, 2025 at 10:50 AM

MD

“ Mary Dantzler-Grace lit a candle in memory of Mr. Joe Willie Byrd



Mary Dantzler-Grace - June 26, 2025 at 10:33 AM

CC

“ Clayton Conerly lit a candle in memory of Mr. Joe Willie Byrd



Clayton Conerly - June 26, 2025 at 09:42 AM

EL

“ Elaine Lusane sent a virtual gift in memory of Mr. Joe Willie Byrd



Elaine Lusane - June 26, 2025 at 08:29 AM

VS

“ Valerie Southall lit a candle in memory of Mr. Joe Willie Byrd



Valerie Southall - June 26, 2025 at 07:45 AM

KN

“ Kenneth And Barbara Nesbitt lit a candle in memory of Mr. Joe Willie Byrd



Kenneth and Barbara Nesbitt - June 25, 2025 at 11:04 PM

CA

“ Sharing one memory of this giant of a man with a legacy that extend throughout legacies! Always forever remembered! From the Witcher children whom are now adults. To the entire Byrd families all near and far the peace of God covers as the words of men can not.



Carolyn - June 25, 2025 at 09:30 PM

SM

“ Family sent a virtual gift in memory of Coach Joe Byrd.... May God comfort the family and friends !!! 🙏



shirley miller - June 25, 2025 at 07:00 PM

PW

“ Pam Williams lit a candle in memory of Mr. Joe Willie Byrd



Pam Williams - June 25, 2025 at 05:50 PM

SP

“ Sheila Phillips lit a candle in memory of Mr. Joe Willie Byrd



Sheila Phillips - June 25, 2025 at 05:19 PM



“ Extending my deepest condolences to the Family. May God give you the Comfort and Strength needed in the days ahead. Rest Well, Coach Byrd... Job Well Done!! Family, you are in my thoughts and prayers. God Bless.



Sabrina Carr-Buckley - June 25, 2025 at 04:59 PM

JL

“ Jeannie LeFlore lit a candle in memory of Mr. Joe Willie Byrd



Jeannie LeFlore - June 25, 2025 at 03:29 PM

WL

“ Wynona Lowery lit a candle in memory of Mr. Joe Willie Byrd



Wynona Lowery - June 25, 2025 at 03:10 PM

AF

“ Farewell to a genuinely good friend and great person. Rip Joe Willie

Archie D Le Flore - June 25, 2025 at 03:00 PM

GM

“ You will be missed uncle Joe!! Your legacy lives on!! Love you ❤️



Gioia Marshall - June 25, 2025 at 02:46 PM



Thank you so much Cousin! ❤️

Tracy Byrd - July 19, 2025 at 01:36 AM

AS

“ Annette Sanders lit a candle in memory of Mr. Joe Willie Byrd



Annette Sanders - June 25, 2025 at 02:03 PM

MG

“ *Marshall Green lit a candle in memory of Mr. Joe Willie Byrd*



Marshall Green - June 25, 2025 at 01:01 PM

SM

“ *Sidney & Gwen Muldrew lit a candle in memory of Mr. Joe Willie Byrd*



Sidney & Gwen Muldrew - June 25, 2025 at 12:49 PM

AP

“ *Annette Trotter Partee lit a candle in memory of Mr. Joe Willie Byrd*



Annette Trotter Partee - June 25, 2025 at 12:34 PM

LD

“ *My sincere condolences to the Byrd family. A True legend in the community and around the world. He's help many children in the boxing game including my boy's. R.I.H. Coach Byrd, A Job Well Done..*

Lola Dirrell - June 25, 2025 at 12:31 PM



Thank you so much Mrs. Dirrell! ❤️

Tracy Byrd - July 19, 2025 at 01:37 AM

VM

“ *deepest sympathy to the Byrd Family,
Detroit Boxing Legends Hall of Fame
Valerie Morgan (Coach Shoulders daughter)*

VALERIE MORGAN - June 25, 2025 at 11:52 AM



Thank you so much Valerie! ❤️

Tracy Byrd - July 19, 2025 at 01:38 AM

BS

“ *Bishop Kirk Williams Sr sent a virtual gift in
memory of Mr. Joe Willie Byrd*



Bishop Kirk Williams Sr - June 25, 2025 at 11:44 AM

KR

“ *Karen Russell-Woods lit a candle in memory
of Mr. Joe Willie Byrd*



Karen Russell-Woods - June 25, 2025 at 10:50 AM

MH

“ *Mildred Higgins lit a candle in memory of Mr. Joe Willie Byrd*



Mildred Higgins - June 25, 2025 at 10:24 AM

MT

“ *Mildred Higgins Got That lit a candle in memory of Mr. Joe Willie Byrd*



Mildred Higgins got that - June 25, 2025 at 10:23 AM

RW

“ *Lit a candle for Mr. Joe Willie Byrd. My condolences to the family.*



Rudolph Wheaton,DDS - June 25, 2025 at 09:41 AM

BK

“ *Brenda Kimble lit a candle in memory of Mr. Joe Willie Byrd*



Brenda Kimble - June 25, 2025 at 09:39 AM



“ I spent time training with Mr. Byrd but the thing I remember most is him telling me I could be anything I wanted to be in life. At a time where I felt like life was over, he told me "You haven't even gotten started yet. Thank you Mr. Byrd






Theodore Files - June 25, 2025 at 08:58 AM



Thank you so much Theodore! ❤️

Tracy Byrd - July 19, 2025 at 01:39 AM



“ A proud member of the African-American sports Hall of Fame, Flint, Michigan.   
  



James Wesley - June 25, 2025 at 08:37 AM



“ Valerie Humphries lit a candle in memory of Mr. Joe Willie Byrd



Valerie Humphries - June 25, 2025 at 07:59 AM

TW

“ *THE WATKINS sent a virtual gift in memory of Mr. Joe Willie Byrd*



THE WATKINS - June 25, 2025 at 07:40 AM

TF

“ *THE WATKINS FAMILY sent a virtual gift in memory of Mr. Joe Willie Byrd*



THE WATKINS FAMILY - June 25, 2025 at 07:39 AM

AS

“ *Aileen Spence sent a virtual gift in memory of Mr. Joe Willie Byrd*



Aileen Spence - June 25, 2025 at 02:42 AM

AS

“ *Aileen Spence lit a candle in memory of Mr. Joe Willie Byrd*



Aileen Spence - June 25, 2025 at 02:42 AM

AS

“ Aileen Spence sent a virtual gift in memory of Mr. Joe Willie Byrd



Aileen Spence - June 25, 2025 at 02:42 AM

JK

“ Jesse Kirksey lit a candle in memory of Mr. Joe Willie Byrd



Jesse Kirksey - June 25, 2025 at 01:34 AM

PR

“ Patricia Summers Roberts lit a candle in memory of Mr. Joe Willie Byrd



Patricia Summers Roberts - June 25, 2025 at 12:07 AM

CG

“ Sending sincere condolences to the entire family. Mr. Byrd and my Dad were neighbors for many, many years on Laurene. RIH Mr. Byrd.



Carol Gardner - June 24, 2025 at 11:28 PM

GB

“ Prayers and sympathy go out to the family from Gary Byas a long time, family friend



Gary Byas - June 24, 2025 at 11:18 PM



“ Ivan Wilson lit a candle in memory of Mr. Joe Willie Byrd



Ivan Wilson - June 24, 2025 at 11:03 PM

LB

“ Condolences to the Byrd family. May God keep and your family.



Lisa (James) Blakley - June 24, 2025 at 09:27 PM

VH

“ My love and condolences to the family. May God comfort you all and give you strength during this time of bereavement.



Much love, cousin Vernell Harris and family.

Vernell Harris - June 24, 2025 at 08:40 PM

LC

“ *Lois (COOKIE) Cunningham lit a candle in memory of Mr. Joe Willie Byrd*



Lois (COOKIE) Cunningham - June 24, 2025 at 08:29 PM

TW

“ *Tonia Walker lit a candle in memory of Mr. Joe Willie Byrd*



Tonia Walker - June 24, 2025 at 08:16 PM

RM

“ *Robin E Mceachin sent a virtual gift in memory of Mr. Joe Willie Byrd*



Robin E Mceachin - June 24, 2025 at 08:09 PM

PW

“ *Pam Williams lit a candle in memory of Mr. Joe Willie Byrd*



Pam Williams - June 24, 2025 at 08:00 PM

MM

“ *Mary McGee lit a candle in memory of Mr. Joe Willie Byrd*



Mary McGee - June 24, 2025 at 06:17 PM

LW

“ *Larry Williams lit a candle in memory of Mr. Joe Willie Byrd*



Larry Williams - June 24, 2025 at 06:13 PM

KC

“ *RIH coach Byrd. Thanks for all of your hard work & guidance of young men & women.*



Kim E. Carpenter - June 24, 2025 at 04:54 PM

JH

“ *Janice Holbrook lit a candle in memory of Mr. Joe Willie Byrd*



Janice Holbrook - June 24, 2025 at 02:21 PM

MP

“ *Mrs. Carmen Patterson lit a candle in memory of Mr. Joe Willie Byrd*



Mrs. Carmen Patterson - June 24, 2025 at 01:44 PM

JM

“ *James & Barbara Moore lit a candle in memory of Mr. Joe Willie Byrd*



James & Barbara Moore - June 24, 2025 at 12:53 PM

RC

“ *Rahsheem J Covington lit a candle in memory of Joe Byrd Sr.*



Rahsheem J Covington - June 24, 2025 at 12:27 PM

AM

“ *Annette Marks lit a candle in memory of Joe Byrd Sr.*



Annette Marks - June 24, 2025 at 12:25 PM