



## Mr. Joe Van Crater

May 23, 1949 - November 5, 2015

CRATER, Mr. Joe Van - Age 66, passed away Thursday, November 5, 2015 at his residence. Family hour 10 a.m. Saturday, November 21, 2015 at Greater Friendship Azusa C.O.G.I.C., G-5165 Detroit St., with funeral service commencing at 11 a.m. Supt. Birdis J. Shields, Sr. officiating. Interment Flint Memorial Park Cemetery, G-9506 N. Dort Hwy, Mt. Morris, MI. Friends and pallbearers will assemble at the church 10 a.m. Saturday. Mr. Crater will lie in state in the Chapel of Lawrence E. Moon Funeral Home, 906 W. Flint Park Blvd., and may be viewed from 12 p.m. - 8 p.m. Friday.

Mr. Joe Van Crater was born on May 23, 1949, in Cornerstone, Arkansas, the son of James C. and Syvella E. (Waters) Crater. Joe became a resident of Flint, Michigan in 1968. He was a member of Detroit Street Church Of God Sanctified in Flint. Joe married in July 24, 1976 to Valorie Smith. He worked at General Motors and was a member of UAW Local #599 and retired in 2006. He enjoyed traveling in his RV, fishing, playing cards, dancing, bowling, barbequing, wrestling, parties, spending time with friends and family, especially his grandchildren.

Mr. Joe Van Crater leaves to cherish his memory: 4 daughters, Angela Stallings, Katrina Crater of Flint, Jovonna Crater of Mt. Morris, MI and Katrice Crater of Dayton, OH; son, Antoan (Veranice) Massey of Powder Springs, GA; step child, Kevin (Mia) Smith; grandchildren, Maurice Galloway of Houston,

TX, Keyarria and Sammie, both of Flint, Kaitlyn, Xavier and Justin Massey; 3 sisters, Arentha (Alfred) Nelson of Saginaw, MI, Agnes Crater of Flint and Betty Crater of Clio, MI; 3 nieces, Felisha Anderson of Flint, Ramona Anderson of Indianapolis, IN, Kendaja Nelson of Saginaw, MI; 5 nephews, Troy Briggs of Clio, MI, Timothy Crater of Flint, Rodney P. Anderson, Anthony Crater of Flint, Jason (Katrina) Smith of Detroit, and Lonell Anderson of Arkansas; aunt, Birdie Trouser; uncle, Hurley Trouser; mothers-in-law, Katherine Smith and Cartey Smith; son-in-law, Sammie Galloway II; sister-in-law, Kim (Marvin) Smith-Skipper; brother-in-law, Robbie (Beverly) Smith of Detroit, MI; a host of other relatives and friends including special friends, Robert Tutti Trouser, Raheem Banks, Micheal Stephens, Olivia Shelton, Christine Andrews, Annie Lee, Deborah Smith, Andre Nunn, and Charles Smith.

Mr. Crater was preceded in death by his wife, Valorie Smith-Crater; his parents, James C. and Syvella E. Crater; grandparents; brother, James (Sunny) Crater, Jr.; great-niece; great-nephew; mother-in-law; father-in-law; 2 grandmothers, Luvencia and Erma Crater; and 2 uncles, Jonny and Lonnie Walters.

The family would like to express special thanks to Dr. T. Singh, MD, McLaren Hospice Healthcare staff, Detroit Street Church of God Sanctified, Joy Tabernacle Church, Greater Mt. Zion, General Motors, Local #599, Greater Friendship Aszua Ministries Church Of God In Christ, Grace Church Of God In Christ, Covent House Ministries, Mott Community College Library, and MediLodge of Grand Blanc.

# Cemetery Details

## Flint Memorial Park Cemetery

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

# Previous Events

## Public Viewing

NOV **20**. 12:00 PM - 8:00 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

NOV **21**. 10:00 AM (ET)

Greater Friendship Azusa C.O.G.I.C.  
G-5165 Detroit St.  
Flint, MI

# Tribute Wall



“ *Mr. Joe Van Crater*

October 09, 2023 at 07:02 AM



“ *Elder Michael & Phyllis Leslie lit a candle in memory of Mr. Joe Van Crater*



**Elder Michael & Phyllis Leslie** - November 21, 2015 at 12:11 AM



“ *The Jones Family, O'neal, Marie & Shran purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Mr. Joe Van Crater.*



**The Jones Family, O'neal, Marie & Shran** - November 20, 2015 at 01:09 PM



“ *My heart goes out to the family. Prayers, hope and strength for tomorrow. Sadly missed Mr. Joe was a great man.*



**Mr. Charles Lewis -Texas** - November 19, 2015 at 08:09 PM

DW

“ To Antoan and the entire family; please accept our sincere condolences in the loss of your father. You and your family are in our prayers. Sincerely, Leonard, Kathrine of Atlanta, GA., and Dr. N. W. Wood of Michigan

Dr. N. W. Wood - November 19, 2015 at 03:26 PM

EC

“ Ellis Calvert lit a candle in memory of Mr. Joe Van Crater



Ellis Calvert - November 18, 2015 at 08:58 PM

JG

“ Jennifer&Andrea Gray lit a candle in memory of Mr. Joe Van Crater



Jennifer&Andrea Gray - November 12, 2015 at 09:32 PM

SH

“ Shran lit a candle in memory of Mr. Joe Van Crater



shran - November 12, 2015 at 08:58 PM

LB

“ Above you is the Lord's covering beneath you is his strength and security and around you are his arms of love! With heartfelt sympathy to the family.

*Ms. Linda Burns, Mama Rose and family*



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**Linda Burns** - November 11, 2015 at 04:35 PM

TW

“ May God comfort you and give you peace. Our prayers are with the family. Remember that there are no sorrows on earth that heaven can not heal.

*"The Cheatom-Whitiker-Cain Family"*

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**Thelma Whitiker** - November 09, 2015 at 09:42 AM

SS

“ Found rest at last. Im praying for my family.



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**Syble smith** - November 06, 2015 at 01:15 AM

LB

*Above you is the Lord's covering beneath you is his strength and security and around you are his arms of love! With heartfelt sympathy to the family.*

*Ms. Linda Burns, Mama Rose and family*

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**Linda Burns** - November 11, 2015 at 04:23 PM