



## Mr. John W. Pinson Sr.

January 19, 1936 - August 8, 2018

PINSON, Mr. John W., Sr. - Age 82, passed away Wednesday, August 8, 2018 at McLaren-Flint. Family hour 10:00 AM Friday, August 17, 2018 from the Chapel of Lawrence E. Moon Funeral Home, 906 W. Flint Park Blvd., with funeral service commencing at 11:00 AM, Minister E. Duane Kelley, officiating. Interment Sunset Hills Cemetery, G-4413 Flushing Rd. Friends and pallbearers will assemble at the funeral home 10:00 AM Friday. Mr. Pinson will lie in state in the Chapel of Lawrence E. Moon Funeral Home and may be viewed from 12:00 PM-8:00 PM Thursday with family present to receive friends from 4:00 PM-8:00 PM.

Mr. John W. Pinson Sr. was born on January 19, 1936, in Cordova, Tennessee, the son of Harry Sr. and Rachel (Lanehart) Pinson. John graduated from Douglass High School in Cordova, Tennessee in 1956. He accepted Christ at an early age and was a member of Zion Hill Methodist Church. John was very ambitious as a teenager and believed in earning money. Shortly after graduation, Mr. Pinson came to Flint, Michigan to seek employment. He was hired at Buick, a Division of General Motors and worked in various capacities. John was accepted into the Apprenticeship Program at Buick and worked as a Millwright skilled tradesman for over 30 years. Mr. Pinson retired after 40 plus years of service. Education and achieving good grades were very important to John. In the 1960s, he attended Flint Junior College while working full time. John was an exceptional student in math,

political science and writing. Mr. Pinson always equated success with education, determination and perseverance. During the 1970s, he began to focus on becoming an entrepreneur. In 1986, John had completed the final transformation of an old gas station into the store of his dream. Mr. Pinson owned and operated Royale Party Shop on the north side of Flint for over 10 years. He enjoyed serving children and the elderly. John made sure there was always enough ice cream and candy in the store. He was a very generous man especially to his grandchildren. Mr. Pinson took pleasure in helping those who were less fortunate especially, the members of his community. John wanted to make a difference in the lives of others. He enjoyed many past times throughout his life which included building furniture, a garage and painting cars. During John's earlier years, he could be found in the kitchen. Mr. Pinson was known for baking the best fried apple pies, pineapple upside down cakes and peach cobbler. Everyone in the family agreed that John's blackberry cobbler was the best. He also enjoyed watching sports, western movies and debating various issues with others. John was very confident and considered himself to be well-versed in many subjects. Mr. Pinson had the gift of gab and could engage anyone in a conversation. He also had a great sense of humor. John will be greatly missed by his family and friends.

Mr. John W. Pinson Sr. leaves to cherish his memory: son, John W. (Julie) Pinson Jr.; daughter, Sherry (E. Duane) Kelley; grandchildren, Jayep (Najeebah) Pinson of Burton; Marlon Pinson of Houston, TX; Christina and Tyler Pinson of Flint; Anthony Pinson of Owosso; great grandchildren, Mani, Vatoria, Jada, Dominic and Elleana; brothers, George (Barbara) Pinson of Memphis, TN; Thurman (Bernetta) Pinson of Flint Township; Sister, Emma (Sammie) Glass of Milwaukee, WI.; brother-in-law, Kenneth Boaz; sister-in-law, Delores Boaz both of Flint; A host of nieces, nephews and cousins including special nephew, Cornell Pinson Sr. of Memphis, TN; special cousins; Mary Baker of Saginaw, MI, Charles Reasonova of Chicago, IL and Booker T. Austin of Memphis, TN; special friend, Mark Tomaszewski Sr.; dear friends,

Bruce Simmons and Keith McFadden; a host of friends and family members including, the Lanehart and Richmond families; the Arbor, Bowie, Brock, Cabine, Holliman, Johnson, Jones, Kelley, Pinnix, Pritchett, Shannon, Sims, Smylor, Thomas, Townsend and Turner families.

Mr. Pinson was preceded in death by his wife, Barbara J. Pinson; parents, Harry Sr. and Rachel Pinson; brothers, Bennie, Clarence and Harry Jr. Pinson; sister, Ethel Johnson; mother and father-in-law, Sherman and Pearl Boaz; brothers-in-law, Robert and Sherman Jr. Boaz; sister-in-law, Minerva Pinson.

# Cemetery Details

## Sunset Hills Cemetery

G-4413 Flushing Rd.  
Flint, MI 48504

# Previous Events

## Public Viewing

AUG 16. 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 Present

AUG 16. 4:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

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## Family hour

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## Service

AUG 17. 11:00 AM (ET)

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# Tribute Wall



“ *Mr. John W. Pinson Sr.*

October 09, 2023 at 07:02 AM



“ *I just read your Obituary today 10/24/2019. I am so sorry for your loss. I only met John one time in Cordova, TN many years ago. I remember his friendliness. We are first cousins. His Dad and my Dad, Andrew James Pinson, Sr were brothers. I moved from Cordova over 25 years ago and now live in Atlanta, GA so I was not told about your loss. Our Mom is Annie Pearl Pinson Auston. They call her Aunt Annie. I send condolences from Mom and all my siblings. May God continue to comfort you through your loss. I read his Obituary, it seems he lived a wonderful and fulfilling life. Carrie Louise Pinson & The Pinson and Auston Family Blessings on you!*

Carrie Louise Pinson - October 24, 2019 at 08:46 AM



“ *I remember working with John at Buick in the spring and forge plant. Was a great guy and a bit of a philosopher. Enjoyed our time joking, debating and working together. Always had the twinkle in his eyes. Prayers and condolences for the family.*

Pat Duvendeck - August 17, 2018 at 05:12 PM



“ *I loved Mr. P from the day I met him. He held nothing back and kept it 100 ...He was my kinda dude... Sherry I love you...Blessed are they who mourn for they will be comforted love Phill and Carmella*

carmella johnson - August 17, 2018 at 11:47 AM

BG

“ *Brenda J.Duckett Greer. lit a candle in memory of Mr. John W. Pinson Sr.*



**Brenda J.Duckett Greer.** - August 17, 2018 at 08:15 AM

MW

“ *Sending our prayers and condolences to the Pinson Family ,*



**Mr.Mrs.Derrek &Regina Williams** - August 17, 2018 at 06:03 AM

YJ

“ *I remember as a youngster walking to Mr. Pinsons store on MLKand White street with my mom to get icecream....Nice guy and always had a smile...RIH Mr. Pinson*

**Yolanda Johnson** - August 16, 2018 at 10:06 PM

EG

“ *ESTHER GENTRY-THOMPSON lit a candle in memory of Mr. John W. Pinson Sr.*



**ESTHER GENTRY-THOMPSON** - August 16, 2018 at 03:20 PM

EP

“ Eric & Tiffany Poplar lit a candle in memory of Mr. John W. Pinson Sr.



Eric & Tiffany Poplar - August 15, 2018 at 10:14 PM

BC

“ Brigitt Cooedge lit a candle in memory of Mr. John W. Pinson Sr.



Brigitt Cooedge - August 15, 2018 at 06:19 AM

MK

“ Mary Kidd lit a candle in memory of Mr. John W. Pinson Sr.



Mary Kidd - August 15, 2018 at 03:23 AM

RC

“ Rahsheem Covington lit a candle in memory of Mr. John W. Pinson Sr.



Rahsheem Covington - August 14, 2018 at 09:25 PM

QE

“ *The entire Evans family sends their condolences.*



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**Qwedra Evans** - August 14, 2018 at 11:12 AM

SM

“ *Sheila Miller-Graham lit a candle in memory of Mr. John W. Pinson Sr.*



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**Sheila Miller-Graham** - August 13, 2018 at 04:29 PM

HD

“ *Hattie Donald lit a candle in memory of Mr. John W. Pinson Sr.*



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**Hattie Donald** - August 13, 2018 at 10:31 AM

AB

“ *Althea Barbee lit a candle in memory of Mr. John W. Pinson Sr.*



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**Althea Barbee** - August 10, 2018 at 02:05 PM

SP

“ Shelton & Anna Pinnix lit a candle in memory of Mr. John W. Pinson Sr.



Shelton & Anna Pinnix - August 09, 2018 at 09:37 PM



“ Yvette Milton lit a candle in memory of Mr. John W. Pinson Sr.



Yvette Milton - August 09, 2018 at 02:21 PM

MC

“ Maurice & Deborah Collins lit a candle in memory of Mr. John W. Pinson Sr.



Maurice & Deborah Collins - August 09, 2018 at 11:39 AM

MP

“ MINISTER PAM lit a candle in memory of Mr. John W. Pinson Sr.



MINISTER PAM - August 09, 2018 at 06:19 AM

NH

“ *Nadie Holmes lit a candle in memory of Mr. John W. Pinson Sr.*



**Nadie Holmes** - August 09, 2018 at 05:49 AM

LW

“ *Linda Miller Wilkerson lit a candle in memory of Mr. John W. Pinson Sr.*



**Linda Miller Wilkerson** - August 08, 2018 at 10:20 PM

VK

“ *Vivian Kelley lit a candle in memory of Mr. John W. Pinson Sr.*



**Vivian Kelley** - August 08, 2018 at 09:00 PM

GB

“ *Greg And Michelle Brock lit a candle in memory of Mr. John W. Pinson Sr.*



**Greg and Michelle Brock** - August 08, 2018 at 06:45 PM

GB

*Our condolences to the Pinson and Kelley families. Praying Gods strength for you during these difficult days.*

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**Greg and Michelle Brock** - August 08, 2018 at 08:43 PM

JB

“ *Jada Bowie lit a candle in memory of Mr. John W. Pinson Sr.*



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**Jada bowie** - August 08, 2018 at 05:37 PM