



## Mr. Johnnie Ray Townsend Sr.

June 3, 1933 - August 11, 2020

TOWNSEND, Mr. Johnnie Ray - Age 87, passed away Tuesday, August 11, 2020 at his residence. Family hour 10:00 AM Friday, August 21, 2020 from the Chapel of Lawrence E. Moon Funeral Home, 906 W. Flint Park Blvd., with funeral service commencing at 11:00 AM. Pastor Patrick Sanders Sr., officiating. Interment Sunset Hills Cemetery, G-4413 Flushing Rd. Friends and pallbearers will assemble at the Chapel 10:00 AM Friday. Mr. Townsend will lie in state in the Chapel of Lawrence E. Moon Funeral Home and may be viewed 12:00 PM - 6:00 PM Thursday. Mr. Johnnie Ray Townsend Sr. was born June 3, 1933 in Lake, Mississippi, the son of Henry Alto and Annie (Brown) Townsend. Johnnie moved to Flint, Michigan to pursue employment with General Motors Corporation. He retired from Flint Truck & Bus Assembly, a division of General Motors in 1986 and was a member of UAW Local #598. Mr. Townsend enjoyed the farming life and returned to Mississippi to go back to his roots, raising chickens, cows, horses and gardening after retiring.

Mr. Johnnie Ray Townsend Sr. leaves to cherish his memory: son, Johnnie Ray Townsend Jr.; special (daughter) granddaughter / caregiver, Lakia (Damarious) Triplett, all of Flint; 7 grandchildren; 9 great-grandchildren; 8 great-great-grandchildren including special grandsons, Damarious Jr. (Bree), D'Marion and Dae'Veon Triplett; sister, Emma Robinson of Indianapolis, TN; 2 brothers, Otto (Silester) Townsend of Decatur, MS and Joe (Gladys) Townsend of Lake, MS; a host of other relatives and friends.

Mr. Townsend was preceded in death by his wife of 58 years, Beverly Townsend; daughter, Diane Johnson; parents, Henry Alto and Annie Townsend; 2 sisters, Cleo Marshall and Luvenia Hilly; 4 brothers, Walter, Burnell, George and Henry Townsend.

The family would like to express special thanks to Ava Howard, Grace Hospice, Valley Area on Aging, Visiting Physicians and whom ever gave a hand in the care of Mr. Townsend.

# Cemetery Details

## Sunset Hills Cemetery

G-4413 Flushing Rd.  
Flint, MI 48504

# Previous Events

## Viewing

**AUG 20.** 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

**AUG 21.** 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

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## Service

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**AUG 21.** 11:00 AM (ET)

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# Tribute Wall



“ *Lawrence E. Moon Funeral Home created a Webcast in memory of Mr. Johnnie Ray Townsend Sr.* ”



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**Lawrence E. Moon Funeral Home** - August 21, 2020 at 09:27 AM



“ *Mr. Johnnie Ray Townsend Sr.* ”

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October 09, 2023 at 07:02 AM

RH

“ To the Townsend & Triplet Families

*Im so sorry I couldn't be in attendance today as you laid our loved one to rest.*

*Kia know that God is smiling down on you for doing a spectacular job taking care of your "Paw". To the rest of you who played a part in helping Jr, Kia, Damarius and the "Boys" thank you for lending a hand when they needed it most. I love you all and may God continue to be a Blessing in your lives.*

*Rest peacefully Unc, I will continue to keep my acorn that you gave me over 20 yrs ago in my purse for good luck as you instructed me to. Give "The Ole Lady" aka Aunt B a big hug for me.*

*Respectfully,  
Rena' (Townsend) Horton*

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**Rena' Townsend Horton** - August 21, 2020 at 06:33 PM



BC

“ *Baby Carol lit a candle in memory of Mr. Johnnie Ray Townsend Sr.*



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**Baby Carol** - August 21, 2020 at 02:41 PM

CC

“ *Rest on Uncle John. You were the fun uncle. The one that everyone wanted to visit and was made to feel welcome. You will be missed.*

*Cyndi "Nene" Robinson Cook and Family*

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**Cyndi Cook** - August 21, 2020 at 10:54 AM

MC

“ *Rest in Heaven , Uncle John. Will always remember the family fishing outings and BBQ days. Love Nay Nay Detroit* 💙



Michelle Crie - August 21, 2020 at 12:34 AM

BM

“ *Beverly Morris lit a candle in memory of Mr. Johnnie Ray Townsend Sr.*



beverly morris - August 19, 2020 at 11:33 AM

MJ

“ *MaryAnn Johnson-James lit a candle in memory of Mr. Johnnie Ray Townsend Sr.*



MaryAnn Johnson-James - August 16, 2020 at 09:26 PM

KI

“ *Kia lit a candle in memory of Mr. Johnnie Ray Townsend Sr.*



Kia - August 15, 2020 at 01:13 PM

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**Kia** - August 15, 2020 at 01:10 PM

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“ *The Brown Family lit a candle in memory of Mr. Johnnie Ray Townsend Sr.*



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**The Brown Family** - August 15, 2020 at 10:45 AM