



Mr. Joseph Lester Bess

June 11, 1957 - March 22, 2020

BESS, Mr. Joseph Lester - Age 62, passed away Sunday, March 22, 2020 at his residence. Family hour 11:00 AM Monday, March 30, 2020 at Secret Place Tabernacle, 1701 Harrison St., with funeral service commencing at 11:30 AM Pastor Nate Dennis, officiating. Interment Sunset Hills Cemetery, G-4413 Flushing Rd. Friends and pallbearers will assemble at the church 11:00 AM Monday. Mr. Bess will lie in state in the Chapel of Lawrence E. Moon Funeral Home, 906 W. Flint Park Blvd., and may be viewed from 10:00 AM - 6:00 PM Sunday.

Mr. Joseph "Lester" Bess was born June 11, 1957 in Flint, Michigan, the son of Josephine Powell and Joe Bess. Joseph, affectionately known as Lester, was a lifelong resident of Flint. He attended Flint Southwestern High School and dedicated 25 years to General Motors Corporation.

Lester accepted Christ at an early age, but rekindled his love for God when he joined the Secret Place Tabernacle in 2005. He was a faithful member and served as Deacon, Trustee of 16 years, Assistant Chairman of the Usher Board and any other role Pastor Dennis needed him to play! Lester had a love for the kitchen like none other. He could cook and bake with the best of them and enjoyed having family around his table.

Lester took pride in his appearance and was guaranteed to be one of the "sharpest", best dressed person in the room. He was a straight shooter and

often reminded us to “know ya worth.” Lester was a devoted family man that took exceptional care of his mother and pride in his role as brother and uncle. He had a unique relationship with each sibling, niece and nephew. Lester will be sorely missed!

Mr. Joseph “Lester” Bess leaves to cherish his memory: daughter, Brittney Edwards of Arlington, TX; 4 grandchildren, Aiyanna Spencer, Joseph Powell, Sydney Edwards and London Edwards; 3 sisters, special sister/best friend, Brenda (Raymond) Tucker of Indianapolis, IN, Eleanor and Regina Powell; brother, Joe Hans Powell, all of Flint; 3 nieces, Tyrhonda (Antonio) Williams, all of Flint, Teneal (Chuck) Hudson of Indianapolis, IN and Johanna Powell of Flint; nephew, Raymond (Laura) Tucker of Rochester Hills, MI; great-nieces, Brianna Evans, Danielle (Austin) Jacob, Adasia, Alyssia and Ashari Williams, Tania Hudson; great-nephews, George Evans, Charles “CJ” Hudson, Raymond “RJ” and Devon Tucker; great-great-niece, Aubrey Evans; great-great-nephew, Aidan Alexander; a host of cousins including special cousins, Pastor Nate Dennis, Betty Maberry and Linda McKinney; very special friend, Teresa Morgan; a host of other relatives and friends including special friends, Freddie Darrough, Michael Roche, Camille Owens, Doretha Breed, Mary Davis-Roberts, Travonda Edwards, Tammy Edwards-Lietzsey and the Secret Place Tabernacle Church family.

Mr. Bess was preceded in death by his mother, Josephine Powell; father, Joe Bess; special aunt, Annie Wagner.

The family would like to express special thanks to the Secret Place Tabernacle family, Bethlehem Temple Church of the Apostolic Faith family and Eckley St. family.

*****At Lawrence E. Moon Funeral Home, we value the safety and health of our customers, staff and the general public. Therefore, we will adhere to

EXECUTIVE ORDER No. 2020-11 issued by our Governor Gretchen Whitmer, regarding assemblages in the wake of the unprecedented health challenge our state and nation is facing. The Executive Order is as follows: Acting under the Michigan Constitution of 1963 and Michigan law, I order the following: Beginning on March 17, 2020 at 9:00 am, and continuing through April 5, 2020 at 5:00 pm, all assemblages of more than 50 people in a single indoor shared space and all events of more than 50 people are prohibited in this state. A single indoor shared space includes but is not limited to a room, hall, cafeteria, auditorium, theater, or gallery. The prohibition on assemblages set forth in this section does not apply to: The prohibition set forth in this section does not abridge protections guaranteed by the state or federal constitution under these emergency circumstances. We do understand that this may pose a challenge to you and your family, but our dedicated staff is here to help guide you towards making the best decisions in memorializing your loved one.*****

Cemetery Details

Sunset Hills Cemetery

G-4413 Flushing Rd.
Flint, MI 48504

Previous Events

Public Viewing

MAR **29**. 10:00 AM - 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

MAR **30**. 11:00 AM - 11:30 AM (ET)

Secret Place Tabernacle
1701 Harrison St.
Flint, MI

Service

MAR 30. 11:30 AM (ET)

Secret Place Tabernacle
1701 Harrison St.
Flint, MI

Tribute Wall



“ *Mr. Joseph Lester Bess*

October 09, 2023 at 07:02 AM



“ *Rest in Jesus cousin Lester. Love and prayers to his best friend /sister Brenda and his/our entire family. May God Bless your hearts during this sad time.*



Lisa and OT Tucker - March 30, 2020 at 07:43 AM



“ *Lester, You left a lot of Good Memories My Parents, Sister Children All Remember You For The Loving Gracious Person You Were Rest Now You'll Be Missed By So Many Love You Always.*

Ondria Winfield - March 29, 2020 at 07:12 PM



“ *Keith Sweeney lit a candle in memory of Mr. Joseph Lester Bess*



keith sweeney - March 29, 2020 at 02:01 PM



“ *I will truly miss Lester, such and extraordinary person that I shall never forget. Prayer going up for the family.*

Joanne Batson - March 29, 2020 at 08:03 AM

VB

“ I am so sorry to hear of the passing of Mr. Bess. I know it's hard. Please accept my sincere condolences and words of encouragement. May you find comfort in the promises of Almighty God, that there is a hope of seeing your dear one again. Warmest Sympathies

VB - March 29, 2020 at 07:07 AM

GM

“ Geraldine Mccrary lit a candle in memory of Mr. Joseph Lester Bess



Geraldine Mccrary - March 28, 2020 at 06:23 PM

TL

“ Sending my love and prayers at this difficult time. I love you brother!!!
I truly wasnt ready to say goodbye BUT GOD!



Tammy Venise Leitzsey - March 28, 2020 at 02:22 PM

KM

“ Kimit Murphy lit a candle in memory of Mr. Joseph Lester Bess



Kimit Murphy - March 28, 2020 at 01:18 PM

ED

“ *Excelento Davis sent a virtual gift in memory of Mr. Joseph Lester Bess*



Excelento Davis - March 28, 2020 at 07:52 AM

DS

“ *So sorry to hear of the passing of Lester. I saw him last year. And he was still the sharpest dresser ever. And what a sense of humor. Condolences and prayers to this family. Deidre and Connie Spight*



Deidre Spight-Woodson - March 27, 2020 at 06:12 PM

KF

“ *we are sending our prayers to the Bess Family*



KnG Family - March 27, 2020 at 12:21 PM

DD

“ *Lester(co-worker), your personality/smile and fashion will be missed. Prayers to the family.*



debra davis - March 27, 2020 at 08:23 AM

KR

“ My mind ...cannot comprehend...the "Oh...Too ..Soon"...passing...of a wonderful...kind.... God fearing... Young man. My heart goes out to the entire family.... 🙏😞🙏



Karen Russell-Woods - March 26, 2020 at 08:48 PM

KR

“ Kendall E. Reaves lit a candle in memory of Mr. Joseph Lester Bess



Kendall E. Reaves - March 26, 2020 at 06:28 PM

SW

“ Sis. Myrtle Washington sent a virtual gift in memory of Mr. Joseph Lester Bess



Sis. Myrtle Washington - March 26, 2020 at 05:50 PM

EL

“ Evangelist Lisa Lawrence lit a candle in memory of Mr. Joseph Lester Bess



Evangelist Lisa Lawrence - March 26, 2020 at 05:48 PM

BS

“ *Barbara Smith lit a candle in memory of Mr. Joseph Lester Bess*



Barbara Smith - March 26, 2020 at 05:31 PM



“ *Sonya Byrd-Mason lit a candle in memory of Mr. Joseph Lester Bess*



Sonya Byrd-Mason - March 26, 2020 at 03:56 PM

TE

“ *I love you brother forever!!!!*

Tammy Edwards-Leitzsey - March 26, 2020 at 12:08 PM

DB

“ *Diane Brown lit a candle in memory of Mr. Joseph Lester Bess*



Diane Brown - March 26, 2020 at 09:38 AM

AN

“ You will be truly missed my dear cousin..kiss!Your Aunt Ida Lee. for me!! Continued prayers for my family..LOVE Y'ALL MY FLINT FAMILY❤️



Atosha Newsome - March 26, 2020 at 09:20 AM



“ ReGina Adams lit a candle in memory of Mr. Joseph Lester Bess



ReGina Adams - March 26, 2020 at 07:59 AM

KD

“ Kathy Davis sent a virtual gift in memory of Mr. Joseph Lester Bess



Kathy Davis - March 26, 2020 at 07:01 AM

LH

“ Lorraine Holiday sent a virtual gift in memory of Mr. Joseph Lester Bess



Lorraine Holiday - March 26, 2020 at 01:55 AM

JR

“ *It was a pleasure to call you friend. Such good times . Rest on my friend . Much love. From Jackie-Lark Porter*

Jacqueline R.Porter - March 25, 2020 at 10:48 PM

MM

“ *Lester you're going to be missed so much, we have shared a lot together while in church together, you're my guy an there will never be another like you.*



Marian Mcfadden - March 25, 2020 at 10:35 PM

TM

“ *Tamara Marshall lit a candle in memory of Mr. Joseph Lester Bess*



Tamara Marshall - March 25, 2020 at 07:59 PM

TW

“ *Tamora Watson lit a candle in memory of Mr. Joseph Lester Bess*



Tamora Watson - March 25, 2020 at 07:55 PM

VW

“ *Victoria Webster lit a candle in memory of Mr. Joseph Lester Bess*



Victoria Webster - March 25, 2020 at 07:15 PM

VW

“ *Family:*

Our prayers are with you at this time. Brother Joseph will be missed very dearly. The last time we were together nearly a year ago was so much fun. We had so many conversations going on. Our hearts are saddened to hear of his passing on to be with his Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. He resting safe in His arms, and he shall wear a crown. May the Lord bless, comfort, & keep you in Jesus Mighty Name. We love you all. Deacon Cassius & Sister Vicky Webster.

Victoria Webster - March 25, 2020 at 07:14 PM

CL

“ *R.I.H Uncle Lester you truly will be missed....fly high 🙏💔*



Cookie Lewis - March 25, 2020 at 06:42 PM

RS

“ *Rosalind Smith sent a virtual gift in memory of Mr. Joseph Lester Bess*



Rosalind Smith - March 25, 2020 at 06:36 PM

AS

“ *Deepest condolences..you will definitely be missed..* 😞



Alesia Summers-Harris - March 25, 2020 at 06:31 PM

JH

“ *Jonnie Harden lit a candle in memory of Mr. Joseph Lester Bess*



Jonnie Harden - March 25, 2020 at 06:23 PM

SL

“ *My deepest condolences to the family! Lester was a childhood friend. I'm saddened to hear of his passing! May God comfort and strengthen you in this time of sorrow.*

Sheila Lomax - March 25, 2020 at 05:30 PM

RD

“ Sincere condolences to Lester’s family. May God grant you peace and comfort.



Rita Burks Doyle - March 25, 2020 at 04:44 PM

JW

“ Jacqueline Woodard lit a candle in memory of Mr. Joseph Lester Bess



Jacqueline Woodard - March 24, 2020 at 08:30 PM

KR

“ Rest In Peace....and God truly Bless your entire family



Karen Russell-Woods - March 24, 2020 at 08:14 PM

CB

“ My buddy Lester. You was the King of fashion I remember how much fun we had back in the day modeling. When we would run into each other we would talk as if no time passed us. I’m so glad I got a chance to celebrate your 60th Birthday Party. Rest up my friend. You are riding high with Ms Josephine. Sending hugs to your family. Praying for you all.

Cassandra Burks - March 24, 2020 at 12:59 PM

OW

*My Dearest Friend. Rest Now And Kiss Your Mother For Me Now
There's Two. Sweet Angel's Gone But Never Forgotten.*

Ondria Winfield - March 25, 2020 at 10:09 PM

CB

“ *Cassandra Burks lit a candle in memory of
Mr. Joseph Lester Bess*



Cassandra Burks - March 24, 2020 at 12:53 PM

KC

“ *Katie Crews lit a candle in memory of Mr.
Joseph Lester Bess*



Katie Crews - March 24, 2020 at 12:51 PM

RG

“ *Rev Gilbert lit a candle in memory of Mr.
Joseph Lester Bess*



Rev Gilbert - March 24, 2020 at 11:51 AM

VH

“ Vanessa Hicks lit a candle in memory of Mr. Joseph Lester Bess



Vanessa Hicks - March 24, 2020 at 08:57 AM

VH

“ My dear friend Lester..you were definitely one of the "Best Dress" and one of my FOREVER BESTIE!!! Sincere condolences and prayers to your family..🙏🙏

Vanessa Hicks - March 24, 2020 at 08:56 AM

CR

“ To the entire families of Deacon Joseph Bess I truly like to express my most heartfelt condolences and love in this regard. I can not express how I am feeling now. What can you say about someone who lived to be gracious and cordial to everyone.



" OI Les is the Bess"

Get those jewels added to your crown Bro. Les not farewell but see you later!

Carolyn Randolph-Witcher

Carolyn Randolph-Witcher - March 23, 2020 at 05:15 PM



“ *Fond and recent memories of Lester. Rest In Peace my brother, rest on. We were together briefly last Monday. Blessings and peace to the entire family.* ”

Cerese Simpson Pennington - March 23, 2020 at 03:23 PM



“ *Cynthia Y. Jones sent a virtual gift in memory of Mr. Joseph Lester Bess* ”



Cynthia Y. Jones - March 23, 2020 at 01:29 PM



“ *Cynthia And Scooter Jones lit a candle in memory of Mr. Joseph Lester Bess* ”



Cynthia and Scooter Jones - March 23, 2020 at 01:26 PM



“ *Maurice McInnis lit a candle in memory of Mr. Joseph Lester Bess* ”



Maurice McInnis - March 23, 2020 at 12:28 PM

SP

“ Sheryl Payton lit a candle in memory of Mr. Joseph Lester Bess



Sheryl Payton - March 23, 2020 at 09:19 AM

SP

“ Sheryl Payton sent a virtual gift in memory of Mr. Joseph Lester Bess



Sheryl Payton - March 23, 2020 at 09:18 AM