



## Elder Joseph Theodis Courts Sr.

March 27, 1943 - February 19, 2024

COURTS, Sr Elder Joseph T. - Age 80, passed away Monday, February 19, 2024, at The Regency of Grand Blanc. Family hour 1:00 PM Saturday, March 2, 2024, at Vermont Christian Church 1201 Lippincott Blvd., with funeral service commencing at 2:00 PM, Pastor DeVontae Powell, officiating. Family and friends will assemble at the Church at 1:00 PM. Elder Courts will lie in state in the Chapel of Lawrence E. Moon Funeral Home, 906 W. Flint Park Blvd. and may be viewed only during the family hour. Elder Joseph Theodis Courts Sr., age 80, of Grand Blanc, Michigan, peacefully departed to be with the Lord on February 19, 2024.

Joseph Courts Sr. was born on March 27, 1943, in Rockingham County, North Carolina, he was the beloved son of Florence Courts.

Growing up in Reidsville, North Carolina, Joseph shared cherished moments with his sister Eliane Courts and enjoyed the companionship of his cousins Larry Courts and Rev. Clarence J. Courts. He attended Booker T. Washington High School before relocating to Flint, Michigan, under the guidance of his uncle, Rev. Dr. Thomas W Courts, who played a significant role in his formative years.

Elder Courts found joy in outdoor work and, following his retirement from General Motors after 38 years, established a successful lawn service company. His interests included singing, basketball, and dining at Starlite. A dedicated member of Vermont Christian Church, Joseph served in the Men's Choir and as an Elder.

Elder Courts was preceded in death by his mother, Florence Courts, along with five uncles and nine aunts.

Elder Joseph Theodis Courts Sr. is survived by: children, Joseph Courts Jr., Charles Courts, and Stephanie Courts. He also leaves behind his grandchildren, Chartwan Courts, Dequan Nash, and Charnae' Courts.

In addition, Joseph is fondly remembered by his brother, Jeffrey Courts; and sister Eliane Courts, as well as numerous extended family members, friends, and community members whose lives he touched.

The memory of Elder Joseph Theodis Courts Sr. will forever be cherished by those who knew and loved him. May his legacy of hard work, devotion, and service continue to inspire and guide us all.

# Previous Events

## Family hour & viewing

MAR 2. 1:00 PM - 2:00 PM (ET)

Vermont Christian Church  
1201 Lippincott Blvd.  
Flint, MI

## Funeral Service

MAR 2. 2:00 PM (ET)

Vermont Christian Church  
1201 Lippincott Blvd.  
Flint, MI

# Tribute Wall



“ *Cynthia Fountain lit a candle in memory of Elder Joseph Theodis Courts Sr.* ”



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**Cynthia Fountain** - May 06, 2025 at 11:43 PM

ES

“ *Edwina Sanders lit a candle in memory of Joseph Courts* ”



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**Edwina Sanders** - March 09, 2024 at 09:46 AM

TW

“ *My Condolences to the Courts family.* ”



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**Tamekila Wansley** - March 04, 2024 at 08:30 PM

LG

“ *Praying For the Family Strengthen and comfort in God.* ”

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**Leonia & Roderick Green** - March 04, 2024 at 05:49 PM

LB

“ *Lynnette Buckner lit a candle in memory of Elder Joseph Theodis Courts Sr.*



**Lynnette Buckner** - March 02, 2024 at 12:09 PM

LR

“ *Lynnette Buckner Rhodes lit a candle in memory of Elder Joseph Theodis Courts Sr.*



**Lynnette Buckner Rhodes** - March 02, 2024 at 12:06 PM

SF

“ *Sandy Farthing lit a candle in memory of Elder Joseph Theodis Courts Sr.*



**Sandy Farthing** - March 01, 2024 at 03:48 PM

RJ

“ *Bruce and Roseann Jones lite a candle in memory of Elder Joe courts.*



**Roseann Jones** - March 01, 2024 at 10:06 AM

LE

“ *Lena lit a candle in memory of Joseph Courts*



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**Lena** - February 29, 2024 at 10:49 PM

CH

“ *Cynthia Holmes lit a candle in memory of Joseph Courts*



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**Cynthia Holmes** - February 29, 2024 at 07:03 PM

KT

“ *Keith Taylor lit a candle in memory of Joseph Courts*



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**Keith Taylor** - February 29, 2024 at 01:28 PM

EP

“ *EARNEST/NANCY POUNCY lit a candle in memory of Elder Joseph Theodis Courts Sr.*



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**EARNEST/NANCY POUNCY** - February 28, 2024 at 12:43 PM

RR

“ Rodney Richardson lit a candle in memory of Elder Joseph Theodis Courts Sr.



Rodney Richardson - February 28, 2024 at 06:47 AM

LE

“ Linda English lit a candle in memory of Joseph Courts



Linda English - February 27, 2024 at 01:09 PM

FA

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Family - February 27, 2024 at 10:54 AM

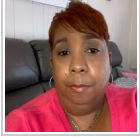
AR

“ Joe was our lawn guy and neighbor for many years. He will be missed.

Ken & Angela Dawkins.



Angela Ragland-Dawkins - February 26, 2024 at 02:51 PM



“ *My sincere condolences to the family 🙏*



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**Crystal Wynne** - February 26, 2024 at 08:11 AM

DS

“ *My Condolences in the loss of Joe to his family ...He was like family when I was young. God Bless keep and Love on you at this very difficult time.*



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**Dr Lisa Shumpert** - February 26, 2024 at 01:45 AM

MT

“ *Condolences and prayers for Joe’s family. Joe was my amazing lawn man for some years. RIP*  
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**Ms.Cleopatra Thompson** - February 25, 2024 at 03:00 PM

SC

“ *Shauna Chambers lit a candle in memory of Elder Joseph Theodis Courts Sr.*



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**Shauna Chambers** - February 25, 2024 at 10:49 AM

RE

“ *Mr. Courts was a very loving and caring person I really enjoyed our conversations in his rm always made a person laugh with his sense of humor RIHP one of ur nurses from Regency u will be sadly missed*



Regency - February 24, 2024 at 11:38 PM



“ *Sending my condolences and prayers to the Courts' Family.*



Chimene Hill - February 23, 2024 at 10:09 PM

SW

“ *Shirie Wade lit a candle in memory of Elder Joseph Theodis Courts Sr.*



Shirie Wade - February 23, 2024 at 01:50 PM

AS

“ *Aileen Spence sent a virtual gift in memory of Joseph Courts*



Aileen Spence - February 23, 2024 at 12:32 PM

AS

“ Aileen Spence sent a virtual gift in memory of Joseph Courts



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**Aileen Spence** - February 23, 2024 at 12:31 PM

AS

“ Aileen Spence lit a candle in memory of Joseph Courts



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**Aileen Spence** - February 23, 2024 at 12:30 PM

VD

“ Virginia Dantzler sent a virtual gift in memory of Elder Joseph Theodis Courts Sr.



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**Virginia Dantzler** - February 22, 2024 at 07:04 PM

VD

“ Virginia Dantzler lit a candle in memory of Elder Joseph Theodis Courts Sr.



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**Virginia Dantzler** - February 22, 2024 at 07:04 PM

JM

“ Jeannie Mayberry lit a candle in memory of Joseph Courts



Jeannie Mayberry - February 22, 2024 at 03:08 PM

FP

“ PRAYERS FOR FAMILY



Fred Peeler - February 22, 2024 at 01:05 PM

DF

“ Dec. Maurice Clifton and family purchased the Divine Peace Bouquet for the family of Elder Joseph Theodis Courts Sr..



Dec. Maurice Clifton and family - February 22, 2024 at 09:51 AM

DF

“ Dec. Maurice Clifton and family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Elder Joseph Courts.

Dec. Maurice Clifton and family - February 22, 2024 at 09:51 AM

DC

“ *Dennie Caldwell lit a candle in memory of Joseph Courts* ”



**Dennie Caldwell** - February 22, 2024 at 03:35 AM

TÍ

“ *Tanya Í sent a virtual gift in memory of Joseph Courts* ”



**Tanya Neely Í** - February 21, 2024 at 11:12 PM

MD

“ *Marquitta Davis lit a candle in memory of Joseph Courts* ”



**Marquitta Davis** - February 21, 2024 at 08:25 PM

VT

“ *Vernice Thorn lit a candle in memory of Joseph Courts* ”



**Vernice Thorn** - February 21, 2024 at 06:44 PM

TÍ

“ *Tanya Í sent a virtual gift in memory of Joseph Courts*



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**Tanya Neely Í** - February 21, 2024 at 04:08 PM

MM

“ *Sending condolences to the Courts family and friends.  
Praying that the Lord grant you comfort during this time of bereavement..*



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**Min Debroah & Charles Metcalfe** - February 21, 2024 at 12:31 PM

TÍ

“ *Tanya Í sent a virtual gift in memory of Joseph Courts*



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**Tanya Neely Í** - February 21, 2024 at 11:55 AM

VB

“ *Rest in peace cousin, your NC Family loves you*

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**Vicky Butchee** - February 21, 2024 at 11:50 AM

NA

“ *Nadine Alexander lit a candle in memory of Joseph Courts*



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**Nadine Alexander** - February 21, 2024 at 11:13 AM

SC

“ *My prayers and condolences are with brother courts family. Sorry for your loss. Brother courts was a member of my church. May he rest with God.*



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**sandra copeland** - February 21, 2024 at 11:08 AM

CB

“ *To the Family of Elder Courts: Sorry to learn of Elder Courts transition. We enjoyed singing together visiting the nursing homes which was joyous. May God bless & strengthen the family. Dave Simpson & Cherry Brown*

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**Cherry Brown** - February 21, 2024 at 10:09 AM

JD

“ *Jesse & Janet Davis lit a candle in memory of Elder Joseph Theodis Courts Sr.*



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**Jesse & Janet Davis** - February 20, 2024 at 05:30 PM

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“ *Aileen Spence sent a virtual gift in memory of Joseph Courts*



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**Aileen Spence** - February 20, 2024 at 10:33 AM

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“ *Aileen Spence sent a virtual gift in memory of Joseph Courts*



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**Aileen Spence** - February 20, 2024 at 10:33 AM

AS

“ *Aileen Spence lit a candle in memory of Joseph Courts*



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**Aileen Spence** - February 20, 2024 at 10:32 AM

MT

“ *Sending our condolences to the Courts family during this difficult time. We pray that you stay strong and weather this storm, rest in eternal peace Joe.*



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**Marshall & Bev Tolbert** - February 20, 2024 at 10:31 AM

AD

“ *My sincerest thoughts and prayers are with the entire family and church family during their time of bereavement! I've know the family for over 60 plus years!*



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**AC Dumas** - February 20, 2024 at 10:15 AM

RY

“ *Rose Young lit a candle in memory of Elder Joseph Theodis Courts Sr.*



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**Rose Young** - February 19, 2024 at 05:46 PM

EM

“ *Eusett Miller lit a candle in memory of Joseph Courts*



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**Eusett Waddell Miller** - February 19, 2024 at 04:20 PM

VT

*My deepest condolences to the Courts family. Sending prayers of comfort*

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**Vernice Thorn** - February 21, 2024 at 06:46 PM