



## Mr. Joseph Fordham

March 28, 1935 - April 17, 2020

FORDHAM, Mr. Joseph - Age 85, passed away Friday, April 17, 2020 at McLaren-Flint. Family hour 10:30 AM Tuesday, April 28, 2020 from the Chapel of Lawrence E. Moon Funeral Home, 906 W. Flint Park Blvd., with funeral service commencing at 11:00 AM. Interment Flint Memorial Park Cemetery, 9506 N. Dort Hwy., Mt. Morris, MI. Friends and pallbearers will assemble at the chapel 10:30 AM Tuesday. Mr. Fordham will lie in state in the Chapel of Lawrence E. Moon Funeral Home and may be viewed 1:00 PM - 6:00 PM Monday.

Mr. Joseph Fordham Sr. "Joe", age 85, received his wings on April 17, 2020. Joseph was born March 28, 1935 in Glenwood, Georgia, the son of Carrow and Lillian (Reaves) Fordham. The son of sharecroppers, Joe moved to Flint, Michigan at the age of 17 with the help of his uncle, Horace Reaves. Soon after, he helped in moving the rest of his family to Flint. Joseph was hired at Fisher Body I, a division of General Motors Corporation, becoming the First black Fireman in his department. He retired after 34 years of service. Joseph was a very devoted husband and father who lived a life dedicated to God. He loved his children who could do no wrong in his eyes. Don't talk negatively about his kids if you wanted to stay on his good side. He loved his wife, Alma and worked tirelessly as her primary caretaker late into his life. Joseph had a great sense of humor and loved people; nobody was a stranger. He enjoyed planting in his garden and working with his hands. Joseph was a

“Mr. Fix-It.” He believed that he could fix anything and he took his sons and grandsons along the journey, instilling in them his strong work ethic.

Mr. Joseph Fordham Sr. leaves to cherish his memory: beloved wife of 49 years, Mrs. Alma Fordham; 6 children, Valerie Fordham, Joseph “Joey” Fordham Jr., all of Flint, Felecia Todd of Antioch, TN, Sonya (Pastor Donald) Coney of Belfast, TN, Martha Fordham of Saginaw, MI, Michael (Shaneetra) Fordham and special daughter, Latoya (Tony) Brown, all of Flint; 2 sisters, Lillian Millender and Lois Edwards, both of Grand Blanc, MI; 19 grandchildren; 20 great-grandchildren; sister-in-law, Annie Duncan; brother-in-law, Theodore (Mae) Gillespie; a host of other relatives, god-children and friends including special friends, Eugene Payne and Nate Eason.

Mr. Fordham was preceded in death by his parents, Carrow and Lillian Fordham; sister, Pearl; brothers, Otha, Robert, Roy, Jim and Lawyer Fordham. The family would like to express special thanks to Dr. Herbert Banks and the New Creation Church of God family, former pastors of the Holbrook Avenue Church of God, Leo and Janell Robinson and family, prayer partner, Apostle Ruby Johnson, all of those who called, sent letters, texts, emails and prayers; there are too many to name, and the nursing staff and physicians at McLaren-Flint.

# Cemetery Details

## Flint Memorial Park Cemetery

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

# Previous Events

## Public Viewing

**APR 27.** 1:00 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

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## Service

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APR 28. 11:00 AM (ET)

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# Tribute Wall



“ *Lawrence E. Moon Funeral Home created a Webcast in memory of Mr. Joseph Fordham*



Lawrence E. Moon Funeral Home - April 28, 2020 at 08:28 AM

RU



rudy - April 28, 2020 at 11:15 AM

CH

*Beautiful service for my Godfather. Thank you 🙏*

Cheryl. Hartfield - April 28, 2020 at 05:40 PM

LP

*A beautiful man of God and a great Godfather to me ❤️*

Lisa Perry - April 29, 2020 at 10:56 PM

GS

*He and I worked together for about 20 some years and one day he came up to me and told me that he knew my grandfather he was the rider with my grandfather when he worked at Fisher grand blank flint he heard my name is Leverette and he oh well that was a pleasant guy to work with and I last saw him and talk with them at Fred Bashre's 80th birthday party and he came up to me as well and I knew him at first sight always a pleasant person God bless him he finished his course and went home to be with the Lord. I thanked God for knowing Mr Fordham.*

Gene Leverette sr - May 08, 2020 at 07:29 PM



“ *Mr. Joseph Fordham*

October 09, 2023 at 07:02 AM



“ *Still missing you daddy  
Still loving you daddy  
Daddy you did what you live to do go to heaven and be with God I'm  
happy for you ❤️ Love you in life Love you still death 🥺🥺🥺❤️❤�  
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**valerie fordham** - June 30, 2020 at 07:46 AM



“ *To the Fordham family, so sorry to hear of  
Joe's passing.  
Our sincere condolences and prayers to the  
family.  
We will continue to keep you in prayer.*



*Benny & Mae Vern Spence  
April Harris  
Katina Woods & Monty Jr.*

*Marietta Ga.*

**Mae Vern Spence** - April 28, 2020 at 10:30 AM



“ *Garden Accent Stone - "Wherever a Beautiful So  
ul..." was purchased for the family of Mr. Joseph  
Fordham.*



April 28, 2020 at 09:53 AM



“ *My deepest condolences to all of you.*

Aisha Fordham - April 28, 2020 at 09:48 AM



“ *Mother Fordham and Brother Jajuan, we are saddened to hear about the loss of your dear loved one. Please know that we, along with your Carpenter's House COGIC family, are earnestly praying for you during this most difficult time. We love you, and we will continually be praying for you all and your family. - Pastor Cedric and Lady Ravandala Johnson*

Pastor Cedric and Lady Ravandala Johnson - April 27, 2020 at 10:32 PM



“ *Pastor Cedric And Lady Ravandala Johnson lit a candle in memory of Mr. Joseph Fordham*



Pastor Cedric and Lady Ravandala Johnson - April 27, 2020 at 10:27 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Mr. Joseph Fordham.*



April 27, 2020 at 03:00 PM

LR

“ *Linda & Robert Reid lit a candle in memory of Mr. Joseph Fordham*



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**Linda & Robert Reid** - April 27, 2020 at 11:29 AM

KM

“ *Kenneth Moore lit a candle in memory of Mr. Joseph Fordham*



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**Kenneth Moore** - April 27, 2020 at 09:18 AM

KE

“ *KENNETH lit a candle in memory of Mr. Joseph Fordham*



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**KENNETH** - April 27, 2020 at 09:16 AM

TC

“ April 26, 2020

*Acknowledgement*

*We, the pastor and members of True Vine Fellowship Missionary Baptist Church, would like to extend our heartfelt sympathy to Sis. Sonya Coney and her family, in the loss of your loved one, Mr. Joseph Fordham.*

*We cannot fully understand why and when God will call our family members home to be with Him, but we do know that God, in His infinite wisdom, does know what is best. He cares for us, and He understands our pains and sufferings. And so it was with your loved one. When God called your loved one home, he knew that he had suffered long enough. He also knew that you would need comfort for such a time as this. So He promised you that He would be the comforter for you and your family.*

*Your loved one was loved and cherished by those who knew him. Your family will always cherish the beautiful memories that he leaves behind. Just know in your heart that your father loved you and your family, and you loved him too. But God truly loved him best. He took him from his earthly pain so that your loved one could be with Him.*

*Please be assured that our church family will continue to lift you up in prayer. We will be there for you with our outstretched arms of sympathy. God does heal and He does answer prayers.*

*May God forever bless and comfort you is our prayer.*

*Humbly submitted,*

*Pastor Donald Coney, Sr.*

*Sis. Veneeda Jernigan, Church Clerk*

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**True Vine Fellowship Baptist Church** - April 27, 2020 at 08:23 AM

MB

“ *Mary Brady lit a candle in memory of Mr. Joseph Fordham*



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**Mary Brady** - April 26, 2020 at 07:27 PM

DA

“ *Denise Arthur lit a candle in memory of Mr. Joseph Fordham*



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**Denise Arthur** - April 26, 2020 at 08:01 AM

DE

“ *Denise lit a candle in memory of Mr. Joseph Fordham*



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**Denise** - April 26, 2020 at 07:59 AM

VB

“ *To the entire family of Mr. Fordham, as the days and weeks pass, and as you return to life's routine, may you continue to feel comforted by the love and support of each other and friends. May the promises of Almighty God, that there is a hope of seeing Mr. Fordham again, bring you comfort and peace. With heartfelt sympathy*

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**VB** - April 26, 2020 at 07:40 AM

VE

“ Venus lit a candle in memory of Mr. Joseph Fordham



Venus - April 25, 2020 at 11:48 PM



“ Enchanted Cottage was purchased for the family of Mr. Joseph Fordham.



April 25, 2020 at 03:36 PM



“ Sentiments of Serenity Spray was purchased for the family of Mr. Joseph Fordham.



April 25, 2020 at 02:25 PM

DD

“ Kelly family



Debra Davis - April 25, 2020 at 09:09 AM

BG

“ Remembering you from my childhood with you visiting my grand parents and doing bible study. When my uncle recommitted his life and joined new creation you were there. When my mom pasted you were there. I can't Everett remember you not being there. Enjoy your reward. Betty “Pat” Gilcreast.



Betty Gilcreast - April 24, 2020 at 04:37 PM

VF

What a good man. We will miss you.

Valerie FORDHAM - April 28, 2020 at 10:59 AM

DA

“ Prayers and Condolences to The Family,  
Hugs To You All 🙏🙏🙏 He was A Blessing and  
a Help to Many ❤️❤️🙏🙏



Doris Allen - April 24, 2020 at 03:09 PM

JC

“ Please accept our condolences in the loss of you loved one. We are continuing to pray for your family.

Herbert & Juanita Crump and the Five Fold Church Family

Juanita Crump - April 24, 2020 at 01:34 PM

GF

“ God created all and Bro. Joseph Fordham was one of those who obeyed His Will and lived as best he understood His Will to be. We are grateful to have been apart of "his journey".  
*The Turner/Fowler Family*



George & Linda Fowler - April 24, 2020 at 12:07 PM

JA

“ Jami lit a candle in memory of Mr. Joseph Fordham



Jami - April 24, 2020 at 08:00 AM

TC

“ Tracey Cavette sent a virtual gift in memory of Mr. Joseph Fordham



Tracey Cavette - April 24, 2020 at 07:54 AM

CJ

“ Calvin & Deborah Jones lit a candle in memory of Mr. Joseph Fordham



Calvin & Deborah Jones - April 24, 2020 at 01:12 AM

EH

“ *Elmore Hughes lit a candle in memory of Mr. Joseph Fordham*



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**Elmore Hughes** - April 23, 2020 at 10:48 PM

PR

“ *Pastors Leo And Janell Robinson lit a candle in memory of Mr. Joseph Fordham*



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**Pastors Leo and Janell Robinson** - April 23, 2020 at 09:11 PM

AO

“ *Arnenia Odum lit a candle in memory of Mr. Joseph Fordham*



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**Arnenia Odum** - April 23, 2020 at 08:15 PM

CD

“ *Carmen Drake lit a candle in memory of Mr. Joseph Fordham*



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**Carmen Drake** - April 23, 2020 at 08:05 PM

MS

“ Monte Spence lit a candle in memory of Mr. Joseph Fordham



Monte Spence - April 23, 2020 at 07:35 PM



“ Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of Mr. Joseph Fordham.



April 23, 2020 at 05:53 PM

TF

“ Thorns Family lit a candle in memory of Mr. Joseph Fordham



Thorns Family - April 23, 2020 at 05:42 PM

LM

“ Lillie Millender lit a candle in memory of Mr. Joseph Fordham



lillie millender - April 23, 2020 at 05:38 PM

FE

“ Fred Edwards lit a candle in memory of Mr. Joseph Fordham



Fred Edwards - April 23, 2020 at 05:32 PM

DS

“ Dorian Spence lit a candle in memory of Mr. Joseph Fordham



Dorian Spence - April 23, 2020 at 05:22 PM

DS

“ Dorian Spence lit a candle in memory of Mr. Joseph Fordham



Dorian Spence - April 23, 2020 at 05:20 PM

GH

“ A man of GOD doing great things in heaven



Glynis Hardin - April 23, 2020 at 01:09 PM

CH

“ *Cassandra Hayden lit a candle in memory of Mr. Joseph Fordham*



Cassandra Hayden - April 23, 2020 at 08:41 AM

MO

“ *Mina Osborne lit a candle in memory of Mr. Joseph Fordham*



mina osborne - April 23, 2020 at 06:14 AM

JB

“ *Joe & Pearl Brown & Family lit a candle in loving memory of Uncle Joe.*



Joe & Pearl Brown - April 22, 2020 at 06:48 PM

SD

“ *Shelton, Shelton II, Cameron, Daniel, John D lit a candle in memory of Mr. Joseph Fordham*



Shelton, Shelton II, Cameron, Daniel, John D - April 22, 2020 at 05:27 PM

SW

“ You will be missed Uncle Joe. Thank you for allowing me to live in your Florida home to get started here in Florida. I will always appreciate that. RIH ❤️

*Sylvia White Celeste & Family*

**sylvia white** - April 22, 2020 at 10:12 AM

C(

“ Caren Fordham-Knight And Family (Niece) lit a candle in memory of Mr. Joseph Fordham



**Caren Fordham-Knight and Family (Niece)** - April 22, 2020 at 09:18 AM



“ Devan Spence lit a candle in memory of Mr. Joseph Fordham



**Devan Spence** - April 22, 2020 at 08:14 AM

WT

“ Praying for the Fordham family. This is a difficult time but cherish the laughter and memories. Love you all. Wendell & Sheryl Thompson



**Wendell & Sheryl Thompson** - April 22, 2020 at 01:09 AM

AF

“ Uncle Joe I will forever love, respect, & miss you. Birthdays simply won't be the same. 🤔💙~ Love Ayana



Ayana Fordham - April 21, 2020 at 10:20 PM

DB

“ Doris Bridges lit a candle in memory of Mr. Joseph Fordham



Doris Bridges - April 21, 2020 at 08:00 PM

KG

“ Keta Gibson lit a candle in memory of Mr. Joseph Fordham



keta gibson - April 21, 2020 at 06:02 PM

RB

“ Ricki Brooks lit a candle in memory of Mr. Joseph Fordham



Ricki Brooks - April 21, 2020 at 03:01 PM

MW

“ *My sincere sympathy to the Fordham family. I'm praying for all of you.* ”



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**Mamie Wiggins** - April 20, 2020 at 10:39 PM

ES

“ *Praying for the family and Bro Fordham was a good friend of our and we will missed him.* ”

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**Eva Stocker** - April 20, 2020 at 01:29 PM

LE

“ *Lois Edwards lit a candle in memory of Mr. Joseph Fordham* ”



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**lois edwards** - April 20, 2020 at 08:22 AM

JA

“ *Josalyn Austin lit a candle in memory of Mr. Joseph Fordham* ”



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**Josalyn Austin** - April 20, 2020 at 08:22 AM

CL

“ Cynthia Lyons-Hodge lit a candle in memory of Mr. Joseph Fordham



Cynthia Lyons-Hodge - April 19, 2020 at 09:46 PM



“ Maggie Williams lit a candle in memory of Mr. Joseph Fordham



Maggie Williams - April 19, 2020 at 10:13 AM

JA

“ Josalyn Austin lit a candle in memory of Mr. Joseph Fordham



Josalyn Austin - April 18, 2020 at 11:22 PM

CH

“ This king is my Godfather. Love and will always miss u Dad u show me soooo much love everytime I seen your face. Mom will miss her best friend. Love u. Cheryl. Hartfield family 🙏❤️💋



Cheryl. Hartfield - April 18, 2020 at 08:56 PM

EB

“ *Eddie Booth lit a candle in memory of Mr. Joseph Fordham*



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**Eddie Booth** - April 18, 2020 at 07:46 PM

DB

“ *TO SONYA LESA VAL JOEY I'M SO SORRY FOR THE LOSS OF YOUR DAD OUR PRAYERS ARE WITH YOU SND MAY GOD BLESS YOU AND GIVE YOU STRENGHT TO CARRY ON. LOVE YOU GUY'S DENISE BRIDGES AND FAMILY*



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**Denise Bridges** - April 18, 2020 at 07:16 PM

RP

*TO PAT AND THE FORDHAM FAMILY: MAY GOD GRANT YOU COMFORT AND PEACE.  
ROSE PITTMAN*

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**Rose Pittman** - April 20, 2020 at 11:27 PM

TL

*Sending my Condolences to my second family in the loss of this iconic man!! I can say I've sat where you all are sitting!! Only 8 weeks ago, my advice is lean on one another as siblings and family!! And trust God and he WILL CARRY YOU THROUGH!! I love you all and Rest up Father Fordham 🙏*

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**Tahjuanna Lee** - April 25, 2020 at 12:32 AM

EB

“ *Eddie Booth lit a candle in memory of Mr. Joseph Fordham*



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**Eddie Booth** - April 18, 2020 at 02:03 PM