



## Mr. Leo W. Byoune

October 7, 1942 - July 18, 2020

BYOUNE, Mr. Leo - Age 77, passed away Saturday, July 18, 2020 at his residence. Mr. Byoune will lie in state in the Chapel of Lawrence E. Moon Funeral Home, 906 W. Flint Park Blvd. Funeral Service 11:00 AM Saturday, July 25, 2020 from the Chapel of Lawrence E. Moon Funeral Home, Rev. Andrew Alli, officiating. Interment Sunset Hills Cemetery, G-4413 Flushing Rd. There will be no public viewing. The funeral service is private and limited to family only. Mr. Byoune was Honorably Discharged from the United States Army. In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to Bethel United Methodist Church Endowment Fund, 1309 N. Ballenger Hwy., Flint, MI 48504 and, or The Cancer Society, 615 S. Saginaw St., Flint, MI 48502. Mr. Leo W. Byoune entered into eternal rest on July 18, 2020 after a short illness. Leo was the fifth of six children born to Elmena (Green) and Rev. Vernon S. Byoune of October 7, 1942. As a young boy at the age of 12, Leo opened his heart to the Lord to receive Jesus Christ as his Savior. Leo attended John W. Gaines High School in Montgomery, Louisiana and received a Bachelor of Science in Education from Southern University, Baton Rouge, LA and a Commission as Second Lieutenant in the United States Army. He served tours in Germany and France. Leo ended his military career with the rank of Captain. He worked as a Buyer for major retail chains for 25 years before having a 10-year teaching career in Grand Blanc Community Schools. Leo received his Master's Degree in Teaching from Marygrove College in Detroit, MI. He retired in 2005.

After attending Bethel United Methodist Church for many years, he joined in 2003 under the ministry of Rev. Alonzo Vincent. Leo began as a member of the United Methodist Men. He has served on the Trustee Board and Finance Committee. He was a faithful member of the Adult Sunday School Class, often assisting the teacher and always attending church and functions held at Bethel. He was a caring person who loved others and was loved in return by many. 1994, Leo married Mamie E. Moore, that union of over 25 years. He was two step-children, Nicole E. Moore and Joe Moore IV, both of Michigan. He loved them dearly and found joy in helping them moved college dormitory supplies each new year or apartment transitions after graduation.

He always participated in the Annual Bethel United Methodist Men Golf Outing, and in season, golfing and bowling with his friend, Gary Henry and other retired Grand Blanc teachers.

Mr. Leo W. Byoune is survived by: wife, Mamie E. Byoune of Flint; sister, Lolita A. Page of Houston, TX; cousin like a sister, Nodie L. Goodson of Palmdale, CA; nephews, Spencer C. Gibbs of New York City, NY, Marvin K. (Parak) of Stafford, VA and William C. (Felicia) of Bolingbrook, IL; nieces, Sheryl L. Williams (Randall) of Atlanta, GA and Alicia G. (Kenneth) Frierson of Grand Blanc, MI; nephew, Tony O. Holmes (Adrienne) of Houston, TX; niece, Dr. Charnette T. Taylor (Derek) of Houston, TX; nephew, Gregory Bayonne of Illinois; niece, Kenayla Byoune of Alexandria, LA; many great-nieces, great-nephews, cousins, extended families and friends.

The family would like to express special thanks to Dr.'s H. Mendoza, V. Peram and K. Devisetty, McLaren-Flint and All American Home Health & Hospice Care.

# Cemetery Details

## Sunset Hills Cemetery

G-4413 Flushing Rd.  
Flint, MI 48504

# Previous Events

## Service

JUL 25. 11:00 AM (ET)

Lawrence E. Moon Funeral Home Chapel, Flint  
906 W. Flint Park Blvd.  
Flint, MI 48505  
(810) 789-MOON (6666)  
[lemoonfhflint@gmail.com](mailto:lemoonfhflint@gmail.com)  
<http://www.lawrenceemoonfuneralhome.com>

# Tribute Wall



“ *Lawrence E. Moon Funeral Home created a Webcast in memory of Mr. Leo W. Byoune*



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**Lawrence E. Moon Funeral Home** - July 25, 2020 at 07:40 AM



“ *Mr. Leo W. Byoune*

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October 09, 2023 at 07:02 AM



“ *I didn't know Mr. Byoune personally but he was our neighbor just a couple houses down, and whenever we would see him outside at the mailbox or just driving by he would always wave at us with a big smile on his face. Our condolences to all of his family and friends. Rest with peace in heaven brother of Christ.*

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**Dallas Quintanilla & John Drudi** - September 12, 2020 at 05:23 PM



“ *We share in your loss Wilkie was a kind, generous and thoughtful man of God . Sending love and prayers from Donald Fontenette and family Baton Rouge,LA .*

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**DR Fontenette** - August 10, 2020 at 12:36 PM

MB

“ *Sending prayers of comfort and strength to the family. Leo sat on the pew behind me and my family at Bethel. We'll miss him dealy.* ”



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**Melita Bowman-Murphy** - August 02, 2020 at 06:38 PM

CF

“ *Chris Franke lit a candle in memory of Mr. Leo W. Byoune* ”



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**Chris Franke** - July 30, 2020 at 01:04 PM

JS

“ *Leo was a great addition to our staff at Grand Blanc Middle School. He was a great teacher who truly loved the kids. He always had a smile when he greeted staff and others. I feel very fortunate to have known Leo.* ”

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**jackie Scott** - July 30, 2020 at 12:45 PM

MC

“ *Milas/Ruthie Caudle lit a candle in memory of Mr. Leo W. Byoune* ”



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**Milas/Ruthie Caudle** - July 29, 2020 at 09:58 PM

JD

“ James & Lillie Dover lit a candle in memory of Mr. Leo W. Byoune



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James & Lillie Dover - July 26, 2020 at 02:06 PM

MR

“ My Cousin Wilkie the keeper of family history. I remember spending hours with him discussing our family history during our family reunion. Wilkie gave me a copy of the 1930 United States Federal Census covering Louisiana, Natchitoches, Ward 9 and District 23. The document listed my Grand parents K.B. (Caby) and Margaret Green. My Mother Cammie (their seventh child) was 6 yrs old. I thank God for Wilkie and his love for family. Now I can share some of our family history with my children. He will be missed but never forgotten. Your little Cousin Cammie's Baby Daughter Mary Lou.

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Mary L. Reed - July 25, 2020 at 06:40 PM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Mr. Leo W. Byoune.



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July 25, 2020 at 03:13 PM

JJ

“ Sending my condolences to the family of Mr. Byoune. He was kind, intelligent, and supportive. I am praying for the family. I love ya'll!  
"And the peace of God, which passeth all understanding, shall keep your hearts and minds through Christ Jesus."- Philippians 4:7

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**Ja'Van Johnson** - July 25, 2020 at 12:04 PM

JJ

“ When I think of Mr. Byoune (whom I also refer to as my God-uncle), a smile always comes to my face and I think of his reassuring "very good" that would often end our conversations. He was consistent in his ways, and this showed up in the way he showed up for others. When I was in middle school and it was my birthday, there he was with a birthday message. I would look over at track meets, and there he was. As I continued to grow, he still showed up...literally the first one at my open houses and congratulating me when reaching different achievements throughout life. His support, encouragement, warmth, smile, and sophisticated nature were always appreciated. Now in celebrating his life we have the opportunity to say "very good" to him, for how he has touched and impacted so many.

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**Joslyn Johnson** - July 25, 2020 at 10:49 AM

JJ

“ I absolutely loved talking with him! I've known him since I was a little girl. He always had a smile on his face. Very positive and upbeat. I am going to miss him.

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**Janay Johnson** - July 24, 2020 at 07:31 PM



“ "YOU FOUGHT A GOOD FIGHT! GOD HAS CALLED YOU TO REST ! RIP MY FRIEND! MRS. JOYCE HAYES

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**DeLano Mills** - July 24, 2020 at 04:37 PM

EB

“ *Ervine Byrd lit a candle in memory of Mr. Leo W. Byoune*



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**Ervine Byrd** - July 24, 2020 at 04:17 PM

RA

“ *Rosia Anderson lit a candle in memory of Mr. Leo W. Byoune*



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**Rosia Anderson** - July 24, 2020 at 08:57 AM

LG

“ *LaDonna Gamble lit a candle in memory of Mr. Leo W. Byoune*



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**LaDonna Gamble** - July 24, 2020 at 08:50 AM

WW

“ *Willie Wade lit a candle in memory of Mr. Leo W. Byoune*



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**Willie Wade** - July 24, 2020 at 01:16 AM

WW

“ Leo, my beloved cousin and friend. I will miss our long phone conversations about our hometown, family, friends and classmates. We will miss his informative and passionate talks about our family tree at the reunions. You will truly be missed.  
Your cousin,  
Willie aka (snow)

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**Willie Wade** - July 24, 2020 at 01:14 AM

FM

To the Family of Leo Willie By one: We are so saddened by the transition of our former neighbor and childhood friend. We had so much fun playing basketball, badminton, table tennis and the like growing up as children/school mates! We love him dearly and he will not be forgotten among us.  
Our prayers are with your family during your time of lost.  
To Leo rest in peace our friend until we meet again.  
Your Schoolmates/Cousins/Neighbors,  
Frances, Charles, James,  
Willie& The John Wesley  
Gaines School Reunion  
Committee Association

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**Frances McHenry** - August 13, 2020 at 01:53 PM

CG

“ Leo was such of supporter of his students. He loved to attend athletic events, and he attended many. I coached volleyball at the high school, not many teachers came to our matches, but Leo did. And he went to basketball, football , and I'm not what else. Coaches and players appreciated his support. Claire Gentile

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**Claire Gentile** - July 23, 2020 at 10:46 PM

FW

“ *From Shaun Dennis and Evelyn Wright purchased the Sentiments of Serenity Spray for the family of Mr. Leo W. Byoune.*



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**From Shaun Dennis and Evelyn Wright** - July 23, 2020 at 07:49 PM

DS

“ *Deidre Spight-Woodson lit a candle in memory of Mr. Leo W. Byoune*



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**Deidre Spight-Woodson** - July 23, 2020 at 07:44 PM

WW

“ *Willie E. Wade lit a candle in memory of Mr. Leo W. Byoune*



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**Willie E. Wade** - July 23, 2020 at 04:59 PM

BP

“ *My condolence to the family for your loss. Leo and I became fast friends when he started teaching at the middle school. We would talk during planning time before school or after school about the best approach needed to reach individual students and then we would spend time talking about life in general. Along the way there were lots of laughs too. This relationship continued after retirement. I will miss his friendship.*

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**Bob Patterson** - July 23, 2020 at 10:30 AM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Mr. Leo W. Byoune.*



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July 23, 2020 at 10:20 AM

CA

“ *Claudia Adkins lit a candle in memory of Mr. Leo W. Byoune*



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**Claudia Adkins** - July 23, 2020 at 02:54 AM

CA

“ *My dear cousin.. I will miss you so much. Our family reunions will not be the same without you. Only remember you missing one reunion out of the 50 Years that we have had them.*

*Rest In Peace..*

*Your Cousin,  
Claudia and family*

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**Claudia Adkins** - July 23, 2020 at 02:53 AM

NB

“ *Mr. Byoune, sir I am so sorry to see you go. It has been amazing to see you at Sam's when you would come in. I didn't have the joy of having you as a teacher in middle school, but it was so great to see you as an full fledged member of society and not as a student. I hope all of us have made you proud. You certainly made us proud. Rest well sir, you are amazing.*

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**Nicole Bouchard** - July 22, 2020 at 10:35 PM

RW

“ *Your warm smile and gracious heart will surely be missed. Not every family is blessed with a historian like you who educated and reminded us about our ancestry. You challenged us to not only look back and remember, but to look ahead endeavoring to carry the family onward and upward. Thank you for a life well lived and love generously shared. Now on to your home in glory. Love always.  
Regina*

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**Regina Wade** - July 22, 2020 at 09:48 PM

BW

“ *Byron Wade lit a candle in memory of Mr. Leo W. Byoune*



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**Byron Wade** - July 22, 2020 at 09:30 PM

GB

“ *Gwendolyn Bronson lit a candle in memory of Mr. Leo W. Byoune*



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**Gwendolyn Bronson** - July 22, 2020 at 09:02 PM

KD

“ *Leo always came into galaxy smiling and joking around! He was one of the sweetest men I have ever met. -Kaylee*

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**kaylee davis** - July 22, 2020 at 06:49 PM

DC

“ *Mr. Leo, you will be truly missed at Bethel, may you RIP. The Caldwell-Thompson and Gibson families, we love you.*



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**Deborah Caldwell-Thompson** - July 22, 2020 at 02:12 PM

RS

“ *To: Mamie, Nikki and Joe*

*My deepest Sympathy, You are in my thoughts and prayers.  
Leo will be dearly missed, he is in Gods tender care  
Remember! God will never leave You nor forsake You.  
He will give you peace in the midst of sorrow  
Mamie I Am Here For You! Love You. Roxie Shields*

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**Roxie Shields** - July 22, 2020 at 12:31 PM

SG

“ *Our condolences to the family, you're in our prayers.*

*Mr. Byoune, was our son teacher, we knew he cared for his students; every time we saw Mr. Byoune he always asked about our son. He definitely had the fruit of the Holy Spirit ...Galatians 5:22-23*



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**Sandra Greene** - July 22, 2020 at 12:16 PM

DB

“ *Debra Bridges lit a candle in memory of Mr. Leo W. Byoune*



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**Debra Bridges** - July 22, 2020 at 12:08 PM

YL

“ Your niece, Lynn purchased the Lavender Reflections Spray for the family of Mr. Leo W. Byoune.



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Your niece, Lynn - July 22, 2020 at 11:37 AM

CF

“ C Schramm And Family lit a candle in memory of Mr. Leo W. Byoune



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C Schramm and family - July 22, 2020 at 10:50 AM

JE

“ JenniferZienert lit a candle in memory of Mr. Leo W. Byoune



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JenniferZienert - July 22, 2020 at 07:29 AM

KS

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kevin shields - July 22, 2020 at 12:31 AM

DC

“ Amazing man.....great teacher and always so friendly to his students and families. Thoughts and prayers to the family.....Hugs from the Cuevas Family💙💙💙



Dawn Cuevas - July 21, 2020 at 11:14 PM

TH

“ Leo was a fixture at Galaxy Lanes for many years. His big smile brightens everyone’s day. Always a kind word for everyone. He made this world a better place. Prayers for his family.



Theresa Hitchings - July 21, 2020 at 10:57 PM

LA

“ Mr Byoune was my neighbor; He was a kind and caring man. He taught my daughter , Tiffany. She loved him as a teacher and so many found memories. He watched her children grow up and always spoken to them.



Laurel - July 21, 2020 at 09:45 PM

TP

“ He was one of my favorite teachers growing up and my neighbor. He’s a great man RIH

Tiffany Perkins - July 21, 2020 at 09:41 PM

LH

“ Mr. Byoune was a wonderful man and educator. He taught our youngest son in middle school. He kept our son in line and had the utmost respect for all of his students. We lappreciate what he did for the students and will miss our conversations @ Meijers. R.I.H. And thank you for the things you did for our children.



Larry & Shirley Henderson - July 21, 2020 at 08:01 PM

AF

“ My Uncle, Leo Byoune will be forever loved and missed. Rest in Peace Uncle.  
Alicia Frierson



alicia frierson - July 21, 2020 at 07:51 PM

TG

“ Terry Groves lit a candle in memory of Mr. Leo W. Byoune



Terry Groves - July 21, 2020 at 06:59 PM

SB

“ Leo was a wonderful friend and great teacher. I will miss him, but I know he is in heaven with our Heavenly Father. Rest In Peace my dear friend. I will always remember you. My deepest sympathy to your family. Shirley B.

Shirley Beardslee - July 21, 2020 at 06:58 PM

AH

“ This breaks my heart so much. Mr. Byoune was such an amazing teacher and person. He always saved the green apple jolly ranchers just for me because he knew they were my absolute favorite. The sky just gained the brightest star.

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**Anne Husbenet** - July 21, 2020 at 06:33 PM

CO

“ What a nice, kind man. I so enjoyed working and talking with Leo. He always had such a great smile!

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**Chris O'Brien** - July 21, 2020 at 06:10 PM

BB

“ Brandon C Boles lit a candle in memory of Mr. Leo W. Byoune



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**Brandon C Boles** - July 21, 2020 at 06:07 PM

AW

“ To Mamie Byoune & Family  
Please accept our prayers and condolences to you, Nikki, Joe III, and the Byoune family. Mr. Byoune has earned his HEAVENLY WINGS and is now part of GOD'S ANGEL ARMY watching over us all. Stay steadfast in knowing GOD'S PROMISE OF NEVER LEAVING NOR FORSAKING us.

Aurelia & Gregory Weaver 🙏

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**Aurelia Weaver** - July 21, 2020 at 06:05 PM

ES

“ Rest in POWER, Sir. ❤️❤️



Erica Stallworth - July 21, 2020 at 05:15 PM

SD

“ Mr. Byoune was one of my favorite middle school teachers, and a lot of the reason I minored in History. His classic line while taking a test was "take your time, but hurry up!" I will most cherish the memories of him supporting his students, sitting out at our track meets with his umbrella. He was a great man and will be missed!

Sara Duncan - July 21, 2020 at 05:11 PM

CH

“ Chris And Lavern Hill lit a candle in memory of Mr. Leo W. Byoune



Chris and Lavern Hill - July 21, 2020 at 04:45 PM

SW

“ Steven Wambaugh lit a candle in memory of Mr. Leo W. Byoune



Steven Wambaugh - July 21, 2020 at 04:43 PM



“ I’m am so saddened at this news. I had you for two years for social studies and I will never be able to eat a Jolly Rancher without thinking of you. Rest easy. ❤️



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**Krystle Hawkins-Howell** - July 21, 2020 at 04:41 PM

CH

“ What a gentleman! We knew him as ‘ el jefe’, Spanish for boss. It was a pleasure to teach with him. He always looked out for us. Rest In Peace my friend 😊

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**Chris Hill** - July 21, 2020 at 04:40 PM

KH

“ He was one of the greats at Grand Blanc Middle School. I’ll never forget his speaking voice, respectful manner, and the way he always called everyone Mr. or Ms. You buy a bike; you own a bike. Byoune. RIP Mr. Byoune.

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**Kyle Harwood** - July 21, 2020 at 04:31 PM

ST

Loved this memory you shared :) it made me smile and warmed my heart. What a great man.

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**Stephanie** - July 23, 2020 at 01:49 AM

KH

“ Rest Easy Mr.B



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**Kamille Hatter** - July 21, 2020 at 04:22 PM

HH

“ I worked with Leo at Grand Blanc Middle School. I remember his incredible energy and care with his students. He represented what it means to be a teacher...integrity, kindness, and dedication. My husband and I always enjoyed his company at social events. Our deepest condolences to his family and friends. He will be dearly missed!

Holly Hatfield - July 21, 2020 at 04:22 PM

TS

I also worked with Leo at GBMS. We shared a love of Motown music and laughed a lot. I saw him at Norm Abdella's retirement party after we both had retired and had a long overdue conversation. How I missed his smile and upbeat demeanor! What a bright light he was.....

Terry Stephens - July 29, 2020 at 02:07 PM

JK

“ Mr. Byoune was the kindest man. Full of grace. I felt blessed to have worked with him at GBMS. Prayers for his family.



Jennifer Kent-Bryant - July 21, 2020 at 04:19 PM

KD

“ Rest easy Mr. Byoune!



Kristy (Pauli) Demo - July 21, 2020 at 04:11 PM

EM

“ *May his memory be eternal* 🙏



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**Erin Murphy** - July 21, 2020 at 04:01 PM

AH

“ *What an amazing man he was. Such influence to many students during his time at Grand Blanc. He will be missed greatly. Prayers to the family during this difficult time.*

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**amber havard** - July 21, 2020 at 03:58 PM

TS

“ *My oldest son had Mr. Byoune and he was an amazing teacher, gentle soul and kind man. No matter how many years it had been, when you saw him at a game or just out and about, he remembered you and took the time to stop and say hi and talk a minute. He was truly interested in how your life was going. So grateful I got to know this man and that my son had the joy of being one of his students. Prayers to all the family and those who loved him* ❤️

*Tiffany Shemes*

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**Tiffany Shemes** - July 21, 2020 at 03:57 PM

DT

“ *Mr. Byoune was a friend, co-worker, and champion for our sons. He expected and got the most from everyone and worked hard to help students do their personal best.*

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**Deb Tiller** - July 21, 2020 at 03:56 PM

CB

“ *Mr Byoune was an amazing teacher, my locker was outside his room in middle school. He always made every student feel special and remembered every detail of his students life. He was at every game and knew who played every sport. This world was so lucky to have such an inspirational person in it, may he Rest In Peace.*

Cecilia Boven - July 21, 2020 at 03:40 PM

BF

“ *Praying for the family , may God comfort you all*



Birtie Forster - July 21, 2020 at 03:27 PM

KT

“ *As it's been a long time since I was in middle School, I will always remember this amazing man and educator! May God bless you and your family!! Grand Blanc Class of 02*

Kristi Thornton - July 21, 2020 at 03:20 PM

TR

“ *Thomasina Rizk lit a candle in memory of Mr. Leo W. Byoune*



Thomasina Rizk - July 21, 2020 at 02:39 PM

NR

“ *Natalie Rizk*



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**Natalie Rizk** - July 21, 2020 at 02:12 PM

KS

“ *Kim Shields-Bradshaw lit a candle in memory of Mr. Leo W. Byoune*



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**Kim Shields-Bradshaw** - July 21, 2020 at 01:41 PM

JF

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**Janice Womack and Family** - July 20, 2020 at 04:04 PM

DC

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**Deborah Caldwell-Thompson** - July 20, 2020 at 01:11 PM

VS

“ Valerie Southall lit a candle in memory of Mr.  
Leo W. Byoune



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Valerie Southall - July 20, 2020 at 01:05 PM

RK

“ Russell Kirksey lit a candle in memory of Mr.  
Leo W. Byoune



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Russell Kirksey - July 20, 2020 at 12:37 PM