



## Dea. Leon Hayes Woods II

October 14, 1948 - March 5, 2019

WOODS, Dea. Leon Hayes II - Age 70, passed away Tuesday, March 5, 2019 in Tucson, AZ. Family hour 10:00 AM Saturday, March 16, 2019 at The Rock Ministries, G-5318 N. Saginaw St., Mt. Morris with funeral service commencing at 11:00 AM. Rev. Robert Parrish, officiating. Interment 10:00 AM Monday, March 18, 2019 Great Lakes National Cemetery, 4200 Belford Rd., Holly, Michigan. Family and pallbearers will assemble at the church 10:00 AM Saturday. Dea. Woods will lie in state in the Chapel of Lawrence E. Moon Funeral Home, 906 W. Flint Park Blvd. and may be viewed from 12:00 PM - 8:00 PM Friday with the family present from 2:00 PM - 4:00 PM to receive friends.

Deacon Leon Hayes Woods II "Paw" was born October 14, 1948 in Natchez, Mississippi, the son of Leon Hayes Woods Sr. and Ethel Mae Hubbard. Leon was raised in Natchez until the age of seven before moving to Flint, Michigan. He graduated Flint Northern High School, "Class of 1967." Leon ran Cross Country Track for Northern before entering the military. He was a Production Worker for Chevrolet Manufacturing "Down in the Hole", a division of General Motors Corporation and was a member of UAW Local #659.

Leon served in the United States Army from April 24, 1968 through March 16, 1970. During his tour of duty in Vietnam he received the following medals: Army Commendation Medal, The Good Conduct Medal, Army Commendation Medal, National Defense Medal, Vietnam Service Medal, Sharpshooter N-16,

Marksman M-14 and the Bronze Star for Meritorious Achievement in the Ground Operations Against Hostile Forces in the Republic of Vietnam. Leon was certified as a Journeyman and completed his apprenticeship as a Machine Repairman in 1981 and retired after 47 years of service. He was ordained as a Deacon in 2011 and was a faithful member of The Rock Ministries under Pastor Robert L. Parrish. Leon was also ordained as a Senior Chaplain in 2016 and provided service at Hurley Medical Center. Leon was a Life Member of the Veterans of Foreign War Post #8236. Deacon Woods loved the Lord and was an anchor to his family and his church, there were no in-laws. He unconditionally loved his family and set an example of what a real man should be. Leon loved his wife and daughters and provided for his family. As a Sunday School Teacher, he seriously studied many versions of the Holy Bible. Leon was loved and will be missed.

Leon Hayes Woods II "Paw" leaves to cherish his memory: wife, Velberia Woods; 2 daughters, Monifa Yvonne, both of Tucson, AZ and Dr. Latefa (James) Duhart of Flint; 4 grandchildren, DeQuan Hayes Woods, Dwight David Little III, Halle Yvonne Little, all of Kalamazoo, MI and Cruz-Malik Judge Duhart of Flint; 4 sisters, Pamela Ross, Glenda Massonburg, both of Chicago, IL, Vincene (Arthur) Cox of Columbus, OH and Roslyn (Curtis) Freeman of Ypsilanti, MI; 3 brothers, Charles (Linda) Woods of Flint, Aubrey (Pricilla) Verdun Sr. of Washington, DC and Drs. Joseph (Harriette) Verdun of Atlanta, GA; 7 nieces, Tishema Ross, Latoya Massonburg, Ebony (Walter) Grear, Réa (Christopher) Yates, Corie Verdun, Vineece (Dogu) Duyuran and Leah Verdun; 7 nephews, Drs. Aubrey (Nicole) Verdun Jr., Joshua Ingram, Vincent (Keniece) Ingram, Jasen Freeman, Langston Freeman and Clarence Verdun; 2 aunts, Zelia Martin of Memphis, TN and Bessie B. Perkins of Jackson, MS; uncle, Oscar (Tippy) Ross of Chicago, IL 2 special cousins treated as his own children, Maria (Octavio) Williams and Lon Stapelton, all of Flint; a host of other relatives and friends.

Deacon Woods was preceded in death by his parents, Leon (Beatrice) Woods Sr. and Ethel Mae (Fate) Hubbard, Vincent (Florine) Verdun; cousins, Joan Stapelton and Carolyn (Parnell) Green; and niece, Candice Woods.

The family would like to express special thanks to The Rock Ministries family, Harris Memorial Church family and Lawrence E. Moon Funeral Home staff.

# Previous Events

## Public Viewing

MAR 15. 12:00 PM - 8:00 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 Present

MAR 15. 2:00 PM - 4:00 PM (ET)

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## Family hour

MAR 16. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

The Rock Ministries  
G-5318 N. Saginaw St.  
Mt. Morris, MI mi

## Service

MAR 16. 11:00 AM (ET)

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Mt. Morris, MI mi

# Tribute Wall



“ *Dea. Leon Hayes Woods II*

October 09, 2023 at 07:02 AM



“ *Dr. Steve, Gail and Deon James lit a candle in memory of Leon Hayes Woods II and his Family*



**Gail James** - March 16, 2019 at 01:19 AM



“ *Our deepest sympathy and condolences to the Woods family. May God give you strength during this time of grief. We will keep you in our thoughts and prayers.*

*Larry and Shirley Henderson*



**Larry/Shirley Henderson** - March 15, 2019 at 11:56 PM



“ *Mama Woods, Latefa, James, Cruz and Monifa, The Walker Family sends our love and prayers during this time of sorrow.*

*Leon was a great spirit that will be cherished always.*

*Love,*

*Henry, Jeanette, Nazjah & Kyhla*

**The Walkers** - March 15, 2019 at 09:18 PM

YP

“ *Your family the Paxton's purchased the Pretty Ple  
ase for the family of Dea. Leon Hayes Woods II.*



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**Your family the Paxton's** - March 15, 2019 at 08:00 AM

RK

“ *Russell Kirksey lit a candle in memory of Dea.  
Leon Hayes Woods II*



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**Russell Kirksey** - March 14, 2019 at 08:11 PM

MB

“ *Mattie B Bentley lit a candle in memory of  
Dea. Leon Hayes Woods II*



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**Mattie B Bentley** - March 14, 2019 at 05:08 PM



“ 203 files added to the album *Life Tributes*



**Lawrence E. Moon Funeral Home** - March 14, 2019 at 04:07 PM

LC

“ *Love: The NY Coxes purchased the Medium Dish Garden for the family of Dea. Leon Hayes Woods II.*



**Love: The NY Coxes** - March 14, 2019 at 01:46 PM

CM

“ *Prayers for the Verdun and Woods. God will give you Peace Ms. Val. God Bless*



**Constance Mayes** - March 13, 2019 at 09:10 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue* was purchased for the family of Dea. Leon Hayes Woods II.



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March 13, 2019 at 07:59 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue* was purchased for the family of Dea. Leon Hayes Woods II.



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March 13, 2019 at 05:48 PM



“ *Enchanted Cottage* was purchased for the family of Dea. Leon Hayes Woods II.



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March 13, 2019 at 04:14 PM



“ *Levell, Earlene, and Richard Hildreth wish to express heartfelt sympathy to the Woods family during the loss of your loved one. May precious memories sustain you during this difficult time. You are in our thoughts and prayers. We are blessed to have known Leon, and will always remember him fondly. God Bless..*



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**Levell, Earlene, and Richard Hildreth** - March 12, 2019 at 08:39 PM

LH

“ We would like to express heartfelt sympathy to the family during the loss of your loved one .May your precious memories sustain you during this difficult time. You are in our thoughts and prayers. It was a blessing to have known Leon. We found him to be of great character, and who was open to sharing his caring and loving personality. He will be fondly remembered. God Bless.



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**Levell, Earlene, and Richard Hildreth** - March 12, 2019 at 08:24 PM

AC

“ Arthur Woods children purchased the Pink Tribute Spray for the family of Dea. Leon Hayes Woods II.



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**Arthur Woods children** - March 11, 2019 at 08:23 PM

BS

“ Our deepest condolences to the Woods Family, sending Love and Prayers to bring you Peace, Comfort and Strength. May God Forever Bless and Keep You!

*Brenda & Deborah Simpson  
Detroit, MI*

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**Brenda Simpson** - March 11, 2019 at 04:48 PM

DF

“ *Darlean Hayes and Family purchased the Lovely One Spathiphyllum Plant for the family of Dea. Leon Hayes Woods II.*



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**Darlean Hayes and Family** - March 11, 2019 at 10:21 AM

JS

“ *You will be well missed. Praying for the family. Jane Stribling*



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**Jane Stribling** - March 09, 2019 at 09:24 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Dea. Leon Hayes Woods II.*



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March 09, 2019 at 06:33 PM

DR

“ *Deborah Relerford lit a candle in memory of Dea. Leon Hayes Woods II*



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**Deborah Relerford** - March 08, 2019 at 05:48 PM



“ Mrs. Fields Nibblers® Sympathy Basket was purchased for the family of Dea. Leon Hayes Woods II.



March 08, 2019 at 02:04 PM



“ Monifa kept talking about her daddy, and how he took care of business. I already knew this was true by seeing her and how she conducted herself around other people. However, when I met Leon and Vel I was impressed and truly touched by this family. Leon was exactly how Monifa had described him. Honorable and real. NO small talk, just the real words. I admire you Leon and I can only hope that one day MY daughter talks about ME as Monifa talked about YOU!

Theo Panousopoulos - March 07, 2019 at 10:26 PM



“ Our sincere & heartfelt condolences from the family of Billie June Verdun Wright. You all will be in our prayers and we are all sending you all our love & loving energy! Love you all very much family! ❤️

Shaun Wright-Verdun - March 07, 2019 at 10:19 PM



“ Jean Durrett lit a candle in memory of Dea. Leon Hayes Woods II



Jean Durrett - March 07, 2019 at 09:37 PM

LG

“ *Deacon Woods, was a great person he will be missed*



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**LaDedra Graham** - March 07, 2019 at 08:43 PM

LG

“ *Woods family, know that you're in my prayers and you have my deepest sympathies. What a wonderful God we have ~the source of every mercy in the one who so wonderfully comforts and strengthens us in our hardships and trials.*



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**LaDedra Graham** - March 07, 2019 at 08:41 PM

PV

“ *Our condolences from the Lionel/Mary Verdun Family (Linda/Leon, Faye/Winda, Paula, Lionel, Jr. & Michael Ewing) to our cousins Vel, Motifa, Latifa words cannot express our sadness. Leon was so loved by us all. We'll be praying for you & the girls. Blessed be God.*

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**Paula Verdun** - March 07, 2019 at 10:25 AM

MP

“ *MINISTER PAM sent a virtual gift in memory of Dea. Leon Hayes Woods II*



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**MINISTER PAM** - March 07, 2019 at 09:37 AM

MP

“ *MINISTER PAM lit a candle in memory of Dea. Leon Hayes Woods II*



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**MINISTER PAM** - March 07, 2019 at 09:36 AM

TP

“ *Praying for your family, he was the BEST deacon ever. And an awesome person.*

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**Teneya Parrish** - March 06, 2019 at 02:14 PM

DP

“ *Val and the rest of the family , you have my deepest sympathy praying for the family and your time of sorrow, look to Jesus he's able to comfort you as no other can.your Rock family is here for you*

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**Dorothy Parrish** - March 06, 2019 at 01:00 PM