



## Mr. Leonard Leon Burkett

June 27, 1942 - October 24, 2024

BURKETT, Mr. Leonard Leon - Age 82, passed away Thursday, October 24, 2024 at Hurley Medical Center. Family hour 10:00 AM Saturday, November 2, 2024 at Evergreen Baptist Church, 106 E. Flint Park Blvd., with funeral service commencing at 11:00 AM. Interment Sunset Hills Cemetery, G-4413 Flushing Rd. Friends and pallbearers will assemble at the church 10:00 AM Saturday. Mr. Burkett will lie in state in the Chapel of Lawrence E. Moon Funeral. Public viewing will be during family hour only. Mr. Leonard Leon Burkett was born June 27, 1942 in Flint, Michigan, the son of Lucille and John Burkett. Leonard went home to be with the Lord on October 24, 2024. He was employed by General Motors Corporation for 31 years before retirement. Leonard was a loving husband, father, brother, uncle and friend. He enjoyed cleaning his home and keeping things in order. Leonard also loved, music, especially Jazz, and dressing nicely. He would also go around to other family member's homes to make sure they also kept their homes clean and in order and help if needed. Leonard also loved his chicken, mashed potatoes and gravy, along with biscuits and apple pie. He loved to get in his car to travel. He was a pleasant and funny man that loved his family and friends. Leonard was a faithful member of Evergreen Missionary Baptist Church where he served on the Usher Board and helped around the church. He was a member of a group called Alphonso & the Lavelle's, they signed with Motown in the 1960's, the members were, Alphonso Hamilton, Eddie Garland, Jerome Updike, Landers Pruitt and Leonard Burkett. Two of their song were "Don't Tell Them We Broke

Up” and “As Time Goes On.” Mr. Leonard Leon Burkett leaves to cherish his memory: wife, Vera Jean Burkett; 2 sons, Raymond and Anthony Burkett of Lansing, M; 3 daughters, Leonetta Burkett, Pamela Younger and Yolanda Thomas, all of Flint; step-children, Arthur (Melody) McGee of Flint, and Tammy (Eric) Scott of Southfield, MI; 10 grandchildren; step-grandchildren, Veronica (Byran) Pitts of Flint, Stephanie (Brent) Carpenter, Josiah, Scarlett, Gwendolyn, all of Auburn Hills, MI, Brijetta (Harmony) Smith of Flint and Jaylen Scott of Southfield, MI; 10 great-grandchildren; a host of nieces, nephews, cousins, other relatives and friends including special friend, Eddie Garland. Mr. Burkett was preceded in death by his parents, Lucille and John Burkett; Marcellus Burkett, Barbara Clark, Modie Ann Lewis, Pearl Roriex and James (Mary) Dudley; special friends, Lawrence Moss and Charles Croom. The family would like to express special thanks to all the family and friends that showed their love during this time.

# Cemetery Details

## Sunset Hills Cemetery

G-4413 Flushing Rd.  
Flint, MI 48504

# Previous Events

## Family hour & viewing

NOV 2. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

Evergreen Missionary Baptist Church  
106 E. Flint Park Blvd.  
Flint, MI

## Funeral Service

NOV 2. 11:00 AM (ET)

Evergreen Missionary Baptist Church  
106 E. Flint Park Blvd.  
Flint, MI

# Tribute Wall

SB

“ My wife Derenda Faye Bell sat next to Lenord 3 days a week at dialysis. It was Ralph, Mike, Derenda, and Leonard. They were all very special. I mostly waved or said hi to him every other day. He had a special spot in her heart. She really missed him when he went to Monday, Wednesday, and Fridays. Faye passed April 15, 2020. May God Bless him for his kindness to Derenda and I'm sure everyone that knew him.

Stanley Bell - December 27, 2024 at 08:38 AM

MP

“ As a kid hanging out with Anthony. Mr. Burkett would talk to us about being men. One of the things that sticks in my head was him telling us how to dress and make sure you had good shoes. He was a real father and real man. Rest in Power Mr. Burkett.

Marcus j. Powell

Marcus J. Powell - November 10, 2024 at 07:20 PM



MS

“ Our condolences to the family of Leonard. We will continue to PRAY for the family. GOD BLESS. 🙏🙏

Benny & Mae Vern Spence

Marietta GA.

Mae Vern Spence - November 06, 2024 at 02:23 AM



BS

“ *Beverley Smith lit a candle in memory of Mr. Leonard Leon Burkett*



Beverley Smith - November 04, 2024 at 06:41 PM

TM

“ *My Dad's bestfriend/brother.... We will miss you Unc... less than a year and you two are reunited again.... The day you came to say goodbye to our dad (Nov 5 2023) was one sad day.... He knew you were there when you were talking to him and having that final cup of coffee.... Now you have joined him and I know he was waiting at the gates when you entered..... you two had the best times..... starting in the morning with coffee and by noon having a hook.... Teaching us to be clean and have order in our houses.... Keep our cars clean and to stay dressed and smelling good..... May you Rest in Peace and give our Pops a big hug and kiss and let him know we are maintaining❤️❤️❤️ love you always... the 5 daughters of Uncle Moss...*



The Moss's - November 04, 2024 at 12:51 PM

MB

“ *A Season changed, a light grew dim..To the family, I send my most sincere condolences..Leonard was a part of my family for years...May he have peace and comfort resting in love of his family and friends...Ms. Willie M. Bivins*



Ms. Willie M. Bivins - November 03, 2024 at 06:57 AM

ML

“ My condolences to the children & family love ❤️ you all to life . Always remember Unc Leonard popping up early in the morning to our house’ It was officially ‘Clean Up Day! With a cup of coffee brewing‘breakfast and he had his beer with Marcullus cleaning up garage or basement lol.



Marcullus & Rhondala Lewis - November 01, 2024 at 11:20 PM

MY

“ My condolences to my daughter and the family I met Leonard in the 7th grade he's the father of my oldest daughter Pam I only have good memories of Leonard he was a good provider and good man he took good care of me my daughter till the end always wanted make sure we we were alright no matter what he had good heart we had the best times and remained friends throughout his life journey he will truly be missed take your rest now BD because I can see you everyday when I look at your daughter Pam who's your twin them genes are strong love ❤️ you always a job well done

Magnolia Younger - November 01, 2024 at 08:06 AM

MB

“ I have nothing but fond memories of Leonard. Our family gatherings and holidays will never be the same without him. He will definitely be missed!

Melody Bondon-McGee - October 31, 2024 at 10:14 PM

VJ

“ Valerie Jones lit a candle in memory of Mr. Leonard Leon Burkett



Valerie Jones - October 31, 2024 at 05:01 PM



“ Carren Morris lit a candle in memory of Mr. Leonard Leon Burkett



Carren Morris - October 31, 2024 at 02:00 PM

LC

“ Lydia Coleman sent a virtual gift in memory of Mr. Leonard Leon Burkett



Lydia Coleman - October 30, 2024 at 08:22 PM

NB

“ Prayers for the entire Burkett family. Deacon J.R. Holmes & Sis. Nadie Holmes



Nadie L Brackins-Holmes - October 30, 2024 at 04:16 PM

MD

“ *Montena Davis lit a candle in memory of Mr. Leonard Leon Burkett*



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**montena davis** - October 30, 2024 at 11:33 AM

RU

“ *Sorry to hear Leonard passed away.*

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**Ronald Urquhart** - October 29, 2024 at 09:40 PM

SC

“ *Stephanie Carpenter lit a candle in memory of Mr. Leonard Leon Burkett*



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**Stephanie Carpenter** - October 29, 2024 at 05:36 PM

IS

“ *I've known you since we were teens. It was my pleasure. It was always positive. I'm glad I got to talk with you in September. I'm am taking a line from a poem I read some time ago that's appropriate for the circumstances, "Parting is all we know of heaven and all we need of hell".*

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**Imhotep Sekou** - October 29, 2024 at 01:20 PM

CT

“ *Charles Thompson lit a candle in memory of Mr. Leonard Leon Burkett*



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**Charles Thompson** - October 29, 2024 at 06:18 AM

GS

“ *Gwendolyn Shackelford-Greene lit a candle in memory of Mr. Leonard Leon Burkett*



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**Gwendolyn Shackelford-Greene** - October 29, 2024 at 03:50 AM

LJ

“ *Rest In Power my beloved Uncle.*

*Thank you for being the BEST uncle I could ever wish for and thank you for being part of my development of being a man that made you proud.*

*Unk you made me HATE the word work but I never disappointed you in why what you were doing by developing me into a strong proud black man.*

*Hug the ancestors.*

*I promise to continue pass the legacy you and Grandpa passed on to me.*

*LOVE YOU UNK* ❤️❤️❤️



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**Larry E. Hawthorne Jr.** - October 29, 2024 at 12:01 AM

WH

“ *Wanda Harrison lit a candle in memory of Mr. Leonard Leon Burkett*



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**Wanda Harrison** - October 28, 2024 at 11:10 AM



“ *My memories are him raising me along with his wife Vera Burkett he taught me soooo much because of him I love smooth jazz an my car stays clean he taught me how to take care of things an to drive an to keep moving no matter what happens in life always get up an stay moving When i saved all my money from my first job ever to get a new car i was short a few hundred he gave it too me an paid the tax I will miss him thank you Mr. Leonard for help raising little Ole me love u*

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**Veronica AkaRoni** - October 28, 2024 at 08:30 AM



“ *Keith Family sent a virtual gift in memory of Mr. Leonard Leon Burkett*



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**Keith Family** - October 27, 2024 at 04:32 PM



“ *Kim Carpenter lit a candle in memory of Leonard Burkett*



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**Kim Carpenter** - October 27, 2024 at 03:44 AM

TE

“ Sorry for your loss Catherine Towner and family. Peace and blessings to you.  
The Ridgway's



Teresa - October 26, 2024 at 11:00 PM

DA

“ Doris Alleni lit a candle in memory of Leonard Burkett



Doris Alleni - October 26, 2024 at 06:36 PM

SL

“ Sandra Lewis lit a candle in memory of Leonard Burkett



Sandra Lewis - October 26, 2024 at 06:25 PM

CA

“ I sent my condolence to my family. He was a great man. Very respectful Loved him to pieces Camille.



camille - October 26, 2024 at 02:04 PM

JT

“ *Jerome And Tonedia Threlkeld lit a candle in memory of Mr. Leonard Leon Burkett*



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**Jerome and Tonedia Threlkeld** - October 26, 2024 at 01:19 PM

JM

“ *Judy Moore lit a candle in memory of Mr. Leonard Leon Burkett*



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**Judy Moore** - October 26, 2024 at 01:09 PM

MR

“ *Marsha Ross lit a candle in memory of Mr. Leonard Leon Burkett*



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**Marsha Ross** - October 25, 2024 at 11:41 PM

CF

“ *Croom Family lit a candle in memory of Mr. Leonard Leon Burkett*



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**Croom Family** - October 25, 2024 at 11:41 PM

CF

“ *So hurt to hear of his passing.*



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**Claudia Croom and Family** - October 25, 2024 at 11:38 PM

WL

“ *Welton And Carolyn Lewis lit a candle in memory of Mr. Leonard Leon Burkett*



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**Welton and Carolyn Lewis** - October 25, 2024 at 11:19 PM

SP

“ *Sandra Payne lit a candle in memory of Mr. Leonard Leon Burkett*



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**Sandra Payne** - October 25, 2024 at 03:53 PM