



## Pastor Leonard C. Palmer Sr.

February 11, 1940 - November 7, 2017

PALMER, Pastor Leonard C. - Age 77, passed away Tuesday, November 7, 2017 at his residence. Family hour 10:30 AM Thursday, November 16, 2017 at New Hope Missionary Baptist Church, 8095 W. Frances Rd., Flushing, MI, with funeral services commencing at 11AM. Eld. Matthew Davis, officiating. Interment Flint Memorial Park Cemetery, G-9506 N. Dort Hwy. Friends and pallbearers will assemble at the church 10:30 AM Thursday. Pastor Palmer will lie in state in the Chapel of Lawrence E. Moon Funeral Home, 906 W. Flint Park Blvd., and may be viewed from 3:00 PM - 8:00 PM Wednesday, with the family present from 6:00 PM to 8:00 PM to receive friends.

To everything there is a season and a time for every purpose under Heaven.  
(Ecclesiastes Chapter 3)

The seasons of Leonard Charles Palmer, Sr., the son of Raymond Palmer and Annie Gay began February 11, 1940 in Tallahassee, Oklahoma. Leonard attended Flint Public Schools, graduating from Flint Northern. He enjoyed spending his summers in Oklahoma with his grandmother and cousins. He married his wife, Juanita in 1968, combining families into one loving home. Leonard's education included earning his 1 and 3 year diplomas from Flint Bible Institute, Bachelor of Theology from Slidell Baptist Seminary and pursuing his Master of Theology from Andersonville Seminary.

Seasons of military services and work included, Leonard's service in the

United States Army 82nd Airborne Division. Leonard worked for General Motors beginning in 1961 until retirement in 1998, earning his Journeyman's card and working as an Electrician serving as a member of UAW Local 659.

Leonard's season of parenting in love included biological children and those chosen. He was a father, mentor, and friend to all in need. He leaves to cherish his memory: one brother, James Wheeler Sr.; his children, Michael Greene of Montrose, MI, Phillip (Vanessa) Greene of Grandville, MI, Liz (Craig) Roman of Arlington, TX, Robyn Cobbin of Flushing, MI, Leonard Palmer, Jr. of Flint, MI, Lanean Adams of Flint, MI, Anna (LaDarryl) Johnson of Flint, MI, Lonell (Chanan) Edwards of Novi, MI; Leonard had 17 grandchildren and 4 great grandchildren, Quayondra Smith, Pleshette (Elliott) Ruiz, Priscilla (Matthew) Alexander, Philana Greene, LaVana Greene, Natavia Palmer, Darryl (Candice) Adams, Avery Adams, Brandon Adams, Christian Edwards, Colin Edwards, Charlie Edwards, Selena Johnson, Ashley Johnson, Treveno Dudley, Taquan Cobbin, Eric Cobbin, Ronnie Hopson; Great Grands-Alexus Strodder, Lawrence Gramse, Jr., SeMira Roman, Cambria Adams; and a host of nephews, cousins and lifelong friends.

In his season of spiritual service in love, Rev. Palmer participated in the jail ministry and witnessing teams of New Hope Missionary Baptist Church. His favorite song leading him to join these groups was "Do Not Pass Me By". In 1998, after retiring from General Motors, Leonard became a Chaplain for Forgotten Man Ministries, starting the Bay County-Chapter. Leonard became Pastor for New Hope Missionary Baptist Church after the passing of James L. Hoyle.

The season of loving service included many years of battling illness yet Rev. Palmer continued to serve Forgotten Man Ministries, New Hope Church as Pastor, and True Light Missionary Baptist Church as bible class instructor. He loved each and every assignment and person. You were and are family!

“A time to weep”; Leonard was preceded in death by his wife-Juanita Palmer, Mother-Annie Wheeler, father-Raymond Palmer and stepfather- Albert Wheeler.

“A time to love”; Leonard leaves a legacy to be upheld by his family, spiritual families of New Hope, True Light, Community Fellowship churches, and the Montrose Community. The family would like to express thanks to: our lifelong neighbor and family, Erma Bell, the staff of Davita Dialysis, the staff of Triumph Cancer Center, MiYong and Gary Beslaer, Clergy members Matthew Davis, Eddie Chaney, Robert Rushing, James Green Jr., and the New Hope and True Light church families.

Leonard will be remembered for his unwavering devotion to God and family while honoring the “test” in the testimony. Leonard’s testimony is not in the earthly healing that was prayed for but rather in the completion of the good fight, finishing the race, and keeping the faith. Everyone knows that dad was always “fine” but today he is perfect and we rejoice in knowing that he has been received by his Heavenly Father because “precious in the sight of the Lord is the death of his saints.”

# Cemetery Details

## Flint Memorial Park Cemetery

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

# Previous Events

## Visitation

NOV **15**. 3:00 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>

## Service

NOV **16**. 11:00 AM (ET)

New Hope Missionary Baptist Church  
8095 W Frances Rd.  
Flushing, MI 48433  
(810) 639-7239

## Family hour

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NOV **16**. 10:00 AM (ET)

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# Tribute Wall



“ *Pastor Leonard C. Palmer Sr.*

October 09, 2023 at 07:02 AM



“ *DENISE BRIDGES lit a candle in memory of Pastor Leonard C. Palmer Sr.*



**DENISE BRIDGES** - November 22, 2017 at 11:37 AM



“ *The Family of Pastor Palmer's Aunt Ella Mae Gay and his First Cousins we send out love, thoughts, and prayers to our Flint, MI family. Even though we can't physically be there with you, our hearts are with you. Please know we are here for you and if we can do anything for you, please don't hesitate to ask. With lots of love and plenty of hugs.*



*Ella Mae Gay, Vivian Snoddy, Calvin Gay, Gloria Buggs, Nehoma Gay, Lionel Gay, L.C. Gay, Glenda Johnson, Beverly Sails, Juatorsha (Torsha) McKinney, Marina Butler, Wende' Gay, and LaTanya Jenkins*

**Glenda Johnson** - November 15, 2017 at 04:29 PM

HS

“ *Holmes S. T. E. M. Academy Staff purchased the Divine Peace Bouquet for the family of Pastor Leonard C. Palmer Sr..*



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**Holmes S. T. E. M. Academy Staff** - November 14, 2017 at 06:03 PM

HG

“ *Henry And Gwendolyn Gaines lit a candle in memory of Pastor Leonard C. Palmer Sr.*



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**Henry and Gwendolyn Gaines** - November 13, 2017 at 04:13 PM

TG

“ *Trustee Ministry - Messiah Baptist Church of GR purchased the Enchanted Cottage for the family of Pastor Leonard C. Palmer Sr..*



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**Trustee Ministry - Messiah Baptist Church of GR** - November 13, 2017 at 03:14 PM

MB

“ *Pastor Palmer a wonderful, patient and our long time Monday Night Bible Instructor, your Memories will linger on long after your footprints in the sand is gone. You will be forever missed. Sis Martha Buckley*

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**Martha Buckley** - November 13, 2017 at 12:43 PM

CR

“ To the entire Palmer and New hope church families we the Randolph-Witcher families extend our deepest as you press through this transition. The peace of God will comfort you when the words of men can not. We will keep you lifted.



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**Carolyn Randolph-Witcher** - November 13, 2017 at 09:26 AM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Pastor Leonard C. Palmer Sr..



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November 12, 2017 at 04:02 PM

TT

“ Telcie Thompson lit a candle in memory of Pastor Leonard C. Palmer Sr.



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**Telcie Thompson** - November 11, 2017 at 05:54 PM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Pastor Leonard C. Palmer Sr..



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November 11, 2017 at 01:01 PM

NH

“ *Pastor Palmer our excellent Monday Night Bible Class teacher! We always looked forward to your teaching and great insights. True Light's Monday Night Bible Class students extend our deepest sympathy to the family. We we continue to lift the family up in prayer. Sis. Nadie Holmes*

Nadie Holmes - November 11, 2017 at 12:22 AM

RM

“ *Ronald Miller lit a candle in memory of Pastor Leonard C. Palmer Sr.*



Ronald Miller - November 10, 2017 at 04:47 PM

ST

“ *You will be missed from the Moore Family*



Stephanie - November 10, 2017 at 03:09 PM

LC

“ *Your loved one will never have to face the last enemy, death, ever again. In the meantime, his acts of faith live on until he stands up alive and whole in the Paradise.*

L. Cade - November 10, 2017 at 12:02 PM

NJ

“ *Nancine Jackson lit a candle in memory of Pastor Leonard C. Palmer Sr.*



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**Nancine Jackson** - November 10, 2017 at 09:59 AM

CF

“ *to the family of a great biblical teacher our condolence sympathy Carl and Trudy Ferguson*

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**carl ferguson** - November 09, 2017 at 09:32 PM



“ *Days of Sunshine Bouquet was purchased for the family of Pastor Leonard C. Palmer Sr..*



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November 09, 2017 at 11:33 AM

LC

“ *May our Lord Jesus Christ himself and God our Father, who loved us and gave everlasting comfort and good hope by means of undeserved kindness, comfort your hearts and make you firm.—2 Thess. 2:16, 17*

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**L. Cade** - November 09, 2017 at 07:32 AM

MW

“ *Maggie Williams lit a candle in memory of Pastor Leonard C. Palmer Sr.*



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**Maggie Williams** - November 09, 2017 at 12:19 AM

EL

“ *Elder Michael & Phyllis Leslie sent a virtual gift in memory of Pastor Leonard C. Palmer Sr.*



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**Elder Michael & Phyllis Leslie** - November 08, 2017 at 08:17 PM

LR

“ *Our Sincere Sympathy and Love To The Family*

*Lorene Randall & Family*



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**lorene randall** - November 08, 2017 at 07:28 PM