



## Mr. Leroy Bankston

May 3, 1924 - July 7, 2023

BANKSTON, Mr. Leroy - Age 99, passed away Friday, July 7, 2023 at his residence. Family hour 10:00 AM Tuesday, July 18, 2023 from the Chapel of Lawrence E. Moon Funeral Home, 906 W. Flint Park Blvd., with funeral service commencing at 11:00 AM. Rev. Dr. Keith Dill, officiating. Interment Great Lakes National Cemetery, G-4200 Belford Rd., Holly, MI. Friends and pallbearers will assemble at the chapel 10:00 AM Tuesday. Mr. Bankston will lie in state in the Chapel of Lawrence E. Moon Funeral Home and may be viewed from 12:00 PM - 6:00 PM Monday with family present from 3:00 PM - 5:00 PM to receive friends. Mr. Leroy Bankston made the transition to his heavenly home on July 7, 2023. Leroy was born on May 3, 1924, in Grady, Arkansas the son of Ellar Reed and Rev. Holley Bankston. He spent his formative years in Clarksdale, Mississippi where he was baptized at Silent Grove Baptist Church and married the love of his life, the late Helen (Porter) Bankston.

Mr. Bankston was drafted into the United States Navy during World War II. He served on the USS Mercury (AKS-20) and was on duty when the ship was engaged in the Battle of Leyte Gulf and the Battle of the Philippines Sea. He received an Honorable Discharge on December 23, 1945. After returning from the war, Leroy and his wife purchased the house on Pingree Street in Flint, Michigan. He was proud of this southside home and peacefully spent his last days there. Leroy was a hard worker and for many years he held two jobs. He was employed by General Motors Corporation for 46 years, retiring in

1989, and he owned Leroy Bankston Trucking for over 60 years. As a small business owner, he employed many family members and numerous residents of his Elm Park neighborhood.

Mr. Leroy Bankston was the proud Patriarch of his large family. In fact, whenever he met someone, he would often tell them that he had “5 children, 15 grandchildren, 21 great grandchildren, 5 great-great grandchildren... and the beat goes on.” In addition to spending time with his family he loved fishing, gardening, breaking down old machine parts, and taking long road trips. Leroy was an avid checkers player and over the years he won many state, local and out-of-state tournaments.

Mr. Bankston leaves to cherish his memory: Children, Helen Donald of Mt. Morris, MI, Barbra (Lester) Carson and Billie (Penrose) Bankston, all of Flint, MI, Ralph Bankston of Grand Blanc, MI and Noel (Edwina) Bankston of Virginia Beach, VA.

Grandchildren, Leslee “Candy” (Likoya) McCune, Lonie “Chip” (Kandra) Donald Jr., Lester “Goober” Carson III, Heidi Edwards, Holly (Lamar) Moreland, Linsey Carson, Heather (Larry) Knox, Lamar Carson, Karen Houston, Michael Bankston, Matthew Bankston, Mario (Louri) Bankston, Ralph “Lee” (Sarah) Bankston, and Ryan (Aparna) Bankston.

Great Grandchildren, Kala Cheathams, Cyra (Devaughn) Nelams, Lonie Donald III, Halle (Keith) Mumphery, Derrick Whitehead, Antwan (Adrianna) Carson, Damian Bankston, Domonique (Dennis) Littlejohn, Daniel Carson, Jela McCune, La’Kie Donald, Lance Donald, Brenda Houston, Evan Knox, Dexter Moreland, Hailey Moreland, Hunter Moreland, Amaria Bankston, Savannah Crawford, Jmario Jones and Julius Bankston.

Great-Great Grandchildren, Kayonna Dozier, Jayden Carson, Cyler Nelams, Laila Littlejohn, Kade Mumphery and a host of other nieces, nephews, friends, and neighbors.

Mr. Bankston was preceded in death by his wife, Helen Bankston; parents, Ellar Reed and Rev. Holley Bankston; granddaughter, Eliza “Lisa” Bankston; siblings, Mary Miller, Ruth Perkins, Samuel Bankston, James Bankston, Hark

Albert "HA" Bankston, and Frank Butler.

The family would like to express special thanks to Dr. Arif Ahme, Dr. Michael Beer, Dr. Danish Rizwan, Dr. Timothy McNally, McLaren Home Care Hospice and Michelle, RN; Veterans Services, Tender Care Home Health VAAA, Caregivers: Carolyn, Pam, Jackie, Sherry and Azariya

# Cemetery Details

## Great Lakes National Cemetery

G-4200 Belford Rd.  
Holly, MI 48442

# Previous Events

## Viewing

JUL 17. 12:00 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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## Funeral Service

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# Tribute Wall



“ *Lawrence E. Moon Funeral Home created a Webcast in memory of Mr. Leroy Bankston*



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**Lawrence E. Moon Funeral Home** - July 18, 2023 at 08:09 AM



“ *Mr. Leroy Bankston*

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October 09, 2023 at 07:02 AM



“ *Helen, Barbara, you have my deepest condolence!*

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**Wesley Singleton** - August 04, 2023 at 02:50 PM



“ *Pamala Simpson lit a candle in memory of Leroy Bankston*



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**Pamala Simpson** - July 20, 2023 at 06:43 PM



“ *Sheila Johnson-Toins lit a candle in memory of Leroy Bankston*



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**Sheila Johnson-Toins** - July 19, 2023 at 12:24 PM



“ *Loraine Roberts lit a candle in memory of Mr. Leroy Bankston*



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**Loraine Roberts** - July 18, 2023 at 09:57 AM



“ *Sweetest Sunrise Bouquet was purchased for the family of Mr. Leroy Bankston.*



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July 17, 2023 at 07:21 PM



“ *Sweetest Sunrise Bouquet was purchased for the family of Mr. Leroy Bankston.*



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July 17, 2023 at 07:21 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Mr. Leroy Bankston.

July 17, 2023 at 07:21 PM



“ First met Mr. Bankston through my Husband and it was such a joy to see him at his favorite spot Old Country Buffet, always so kind with a huge smile on his face. Rest well Old Soldier.



T Marie Marshall - July 17, 2023 at 05:58 PM



“ Helen,

We are sorry for your loss, we know how much you loved your father.

Our love to you,  
Roger & Julene

Roger & Julene - July 17, 2023 at 05:57 PM



“ MARILYN SAMS lit a candle in memory of Mr. Leroy Bankston



MARILYN SAMS - July 17, 2023 at 03:56 PM



“ *Lula Lewis lit a candle in memory of Mr. Leroy Bankston*



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**Lula Lewis** - July 17, 2023 at 12:49 PM



“ *KEEPING THE FAMILY IN OUR THOUGHTS AND PRAYERS DURING THIS TIME AND OUR HEARTFELT CONDOLENCES*



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**TASHA& VARNER FAMILY** - July 17, 2023 at 06:56 AM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Mr. Leroy Bankston.*



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July 16, 2023 at 08:04 PM



“ *Cathryn Williams Sanders lit a candle in memory of Mr. Leroy Bankston*



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**Cathryn Williams Sanders** - July 16, 2023 at 06:47 PM



“ *Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of Mr. Leroy Bankston.*



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July 16, 2023 at 03:41 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Mr. Leroy Bankston.

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July 16, 2023 at 03:41 PM



“ *Serene Retreat was purchased for the family of Mr. Leroy Bankston.*



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July 16, 2023 at 12:22 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Mr. Leroy Bankston.

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July 16, 2023 at 12:22 PM



“ *Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Mr. Leroy Bankston.*



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July 16, 2023 at 08:42 AM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Mr. Leroy Bankston.

July 16, 2023 at 08:42 AM



“ Prayers and sympathy  
Mrs. Perry and Lee Esther

Lee E. Black - July 15, 2023 at 08:30 PM



“ Fiery Lily and Rose was purchased for the family  
of Mr. Leroy Bankston.



July 15, 2023 at 06:02 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Mr. Leroy Bankston.

July 15, 2023 at 06:02 PM



“ Kim Dilworth-Sanders lit a candle in memory  
of Leroy Bankston



Kim Dilworth-Sanders - July 15, 2023 at 12:50 PM

IG

“ *Gilbert lit a candle in memory of Leroy Bankston*



Ira Gilbert - July 15, 2023 at 09:28 AM

JP

“ *Billy I am sorry to hear of the passing of your father. Much love Jackie Porter*



Jacqueline Porter - July 15, 2023 at 02:12 AM

ER

“ *Eugene Rutledge lit a candle in memory of Leroy Bankston*



Eugene Rutledge - July 14, 2023 at 10:52 PM

TC

“ *Tracey Cavette sent a virtual gift in memory of Leroy Bankston*



Tracey Cavette - July 14, 2023 at 08:42 PM

KN

“ *Kassandra Nwadigo lit a candle in memory of Mr. Leroy Bankston*



Kassandra Nwadigo - July 14, 2023 at 02:08 PM

DW

“ *My deepest heartfelt condolences to Mr. Bankston family. I meet Mr. Bankston during my employment at Dr. Belford. What a honor it was for me to listen, learn from and enjoy the wisdom and laughter he shared.*



Denise Dixon- Weatherspoon - July 14, 2023 at 01:22 PM

RH

“ *Ruthi Hill sent a virtual gift in memory of Mr. Leroy Bankston*



Ruthi Hill - July 14, 2023 at 02:44 AM

KW

“ *I meet Grandpa a few years ago and felt like I knew him all my life . He had the brightest personality and was a great storyteller. ❤️❤️*  
❤️❤️ Kathy (HH)

Kathy Wilson - July 13, 2023 at 08:05 PM

SE

“ *Condolences to the entire Bankston & Donald Families and Friends.*

*You're in my prayers during your time of grief. May God continue to strengthen you and give you His peace. 🙏🌸*



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**Shirley Edwards-Jackson** - July 13, 2023 at 07:28 PM

JK

“ *Jake&Bernice Kendall sent a virtual gift in memory of Mr. Leroy Bankston*



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**Jake&Bernice Kendall** - July 13, 2023 at 07:22 PM

KR

“ *Kenny and Mary Robinson purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Mr. Leroy Bankston.*



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**Kenny and Mary Robinson** - July 13, 2023 at 11:40 AM

EM

“ *Eusett Waddell Miller lit a candle in memory of Mr. Leroy Bankston*



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**Eusett Waddell Miller** - July 13, 2023 at 11:15 AM

CA

“ Cheryl Adkins lit a candle in memory of Mr. Leroy Bankston



Cheryl Adkins - July 13, 2023 at 09:12 AM

LL

“ Laura Legardye lit a candle in memory of Mr. Leroy Bankston



Laura Legardye - July 13, 2023 at 08:51 AM

JB

“ James And Lisa Blakley sent a virtual gift in memory of Mr. Leroy Bankston



James and Lisa Blakley - July 13, 2023 at 04:58 AM

ET

“ Eugene Tolbert lit a candle in memory of Mr. Leroy Bankston



Eugene Tolbert - July 12, 2023 at 07:20 PM

RA

“ *Ray and Dorothy Bankston Adams purchased the Divine Peace Bouquet for the family of Mr. Leroy Bankston.*



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**Ray and Dorothy Bankston Adams** - July 12, 2023 at 04:44 PM

JF

“ *Jill Berry & Family sent a virtual gift in memory of Mr. Leroy Bankston*



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**Jill Berry & Family** - July 12, 2023 at 02:40 PM

BA

“ *Offering my sincerest condolences and heartfelt prayers for Linsey, Mr. & Mrs. Carson and the entire Bankston family. Asking that God comfort you all during this difficult time of loss and beyond.*



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**Bertram and Angie Adams** - July 12, 2023 at 08:09 AM

LG

“ I wish I would have got to know Mr. Banks. I have heard so many stories about him. What I do know is Mr. Banks was a very hard worker and was a great husband and father. I know he loved westerns and watched them everyday. I could tell just by talking to him, that he was a very kind man❤️I thought it was so sweet that he called his daughter Barbara “Sprue” I probably spelled it wrong. His children loved him very much and he was taken care of with all the love his children had❤️I look forward to meeting him in the New World Rev.21:3,4. My condolences are for all the family and friends and also my prayers. I send my love to all the family and friends.  
Love Lynette Grant❤️

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**Lynette Grant** - July 11, 2023 at 05:42 PM



“ Brenda Dilworth lit a candle in memory of Mr. Leroy Bankston



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**Brenda Dilworth** - July 11, 2023 at 02:52 PM

JF

“ Jacquie Jackson & Family sent a virtual gift in memory of Mr. Leroy Bankston



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**Jacquie Jackson & Family** - July 11, 2023 at 12:26 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Mr. Leroy Bankston.

July 11, 2023 at 12:09 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum* was purchased for the family of Mr. Leroy Bankston.



July 11, 2023 at 12:09 PM



“ *Grandpa I love you and I am going to miss you. Love Granddaughter Heidi*



Heidi - July 11, 2023 at 10:05 AM



“ *Earth has no sorrows that Heaven can't heal. Our sincere condolences to the Bankston family during this time of grief. 🙏🙏🙏*



ReGina Adams - July 11, 2023 at 09:28 AM

MS

“ Martha and James Seahorn purchased the Simpl y Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Mr. Leroy Bankston.



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**Martha and James Seahorn** - July 11, 2023 at 08:57 AM



“ Hope Veasley sent a virtual gift in memory of Mr. Leroy Bankston



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**Hope Veasley** - July 11, 2023 at 01:08 AM

CC

“ My condolences to the family of Mr. Bankston. He stood steadfast as a pillar in the Elm Park community for several generations.



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**Clarence and Bettina Campbell** - July 10, 2023 at 09:25 PM

CR

“ Bud lifting you, your siblings and the extended family up in prayer as you celebrate the life of your father at his Homegoing Service.  
Love,  
Roger & Charlotte (Feaster) Riddick

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**Charlotte Riddick** - July 10, 2023 at 07:05 PM

JK

“ *Jesse Kirksey lit a candle in memory of Mr. Leroy Bankston*



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**Jesse Kirksey** - July 10, 2023 at 05:25 PM

AD

“ *My sincerest thoughts and condolences are with the entire family during their time of bereavement!*



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**AC Dumas** - July 10, 2023 at 02:43 PM

MT

“ *Martha Taylor lit a candle in memory of Mr. Leroy Bankston*



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**martha Taylor** - July 10, 2023 at 12:58 PM

MT

“ *Mr.Bankston will be missed.From the bottom of my heart he was loved.One of the nicest men I have ever met.I enjoyed all the history he was able to share with me.My deepest sympathy to the family.*

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**martha Taylor** - July 10, 2023 at 12:58 PM

ME

“ *Marsha Eagle lit a candle in memory of Mr. Leroy Bankston*



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**Marsha Eagle** - July 10, 2023 at 12:30 PM

PL

*Sensor condolences and prayers to the Bankston family*

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**Patricia Lockett** - July 12, 2023 at 03:37 PM