



## Pastor Lester Payton

September 13, 1930 - June 8, 2013

PAYTON, Pastor Lester - Age 82, departed this life to be with the Lord, Saturday, June 8, 2013. Family hour 10:30 a.m. Saturday, June 15, 2013 at Jackson Memorial C.O.G.I.C., 3155 W. Carpenter Rd., with homegoing service commencing at 11 a.m. Bishop J. Drew Sheard, Sr., officiating, Bishop H.J. Williams, Host Pastor. Interment Flint Memorial Park Cemetery, G-9506 N. Dort Hwy. Friends and pallbearers will assemble at the church 10:30 a.m. Saturday. Pastor Payton will lie in state in the Sanctuary of Solid Rock C.O.G.I.C., 3520 North St., Friday, June 14, 2013, and may be viewed from 1-8 p.m. with memorial celebration from 6-8 p.m.

Pastor Lester Payton was born September 13, 1930 in Gadsen, Alabama, the son of Oscar Henry and Annie Laura Payton. Pastor Payton was the Founder and Pastor of the Solid Rock Church of God in Christ, 3520 North Street, Flint, MI. His past ministry included, Co-pastor with the late Supt. Pervis Givens of Prayer Garden C.O.G.I.C. Pastor Payton was united in Holy Matrimony with Delorese Walker July 2, 1983 in Saginaw, MI. He was employed at General Motors for 27 years and was a member of UAW Local 599, where he retired from Plant 81 May 1988. He was also a Chaplain at Thumb Correctional Facility. Pastor Payton loved fishing, hunting, farming, gardening and cooking. He was a man of all trades: plumbing, painting, brick layer and electrician. Pastor Payton loved the church, his family and people. He also had a special love for children and was very giving.

Pastor Lester Payton leaves to cherish his memory: wife of 29 years, Delorese Walker Payton; 10 sons, Lester (Cristina) Payton Jr. of Sacramento, CA, Leonard Payton of Richmond, VA, Neal (Janet) Payton of Las Vegas, NV, Walter Payton of Stone Mountain, GA, Luther (Tammala) Payton of Lawrenceville, GA, Patrick Payton, Elijah Payton, both of Flint, Donald (Willie Mae) Bivens, Bryant Walker, all of Saginaw, MI and Eddie Walker of Flint; 6 daughters, Bettye Payton of Orlando, FL, Laura (Marzuq) Rahmaad of Davison, MI, Montrose (Arnett) Mitchell of Stone Mountain, GA, Lena Wise of Lansing, MI, Cindy (Andrew) Kidd of Cincinnati, OH and Trina Peebles of Saginaw, MI; 37 grandchildren; 20 great-grandchildren; sister, Jannie (Willie) Jackson of Williamson, NY; mother-in-law, Artelia Walker of Pine Bluff, AR; son-in-law, Lewis Hollins of Davison, MI; 5 sisters-in-law, Eloise Payton of Flint, Verlene Howard of Kansas City, MO, Annie Lee of Carson City, MI, Alice Glenn of Orangeburg, SC, Regina (Denise) Heard of Houston, TX; 4 brothers-in-law, Eddie (Shirley) Walker, Willie (Mary) Walker, all of Pine Bluff, AR, Bernard (Jill) Walker and Walter Walker, all of Flint. a host of nieces, nephews, other relatives and friends including special friends, Eld. Brian D. Grundy, Calvin Mayberry, Eld. Samuel Hall, Sr., Deacon Vernon (Tonya) Butler, Harp Po, special God-sons, Noryar Tucker, Joe Collins, Lonnie Terry and Vernerd Porter and special granddaughter, Deon Gaddy.

Pastor Payton was preceded in death by his daughter, Lucretia Ann Payton Hollins; parents, Oscar Henry and Annie Laura Payton; sister, Annie Ruth (Henry) Jackson; brothers, George (Lucy Mae) Slater, William Payton, Pastor Chester Payton, Eddie Lee, Aaron, Moses and Joseph Freeman.

The family would like to express special thanks to Solid Rock Church of God In Christ Church family, Hurley Genesys Cancer Center, Genesys Health Park, caregiver, Pat, Nurse Mary, Dr. Snyder, Stacy, Paula, Flushing Medical Center staff, Dr. Adams and staff, Bishop H.J. Williams, Supt H. Ellison,

Pastor Allen Davis. Special thanks to North Central Ecclesiastical Jurisdiction, Bishop J.D. Sheard and everyone who prayed for the Payton family.

# Cemetery Details

## Flint Memorial Park Cemetery

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

# Previous Events

## Public Viewing

JUN 14. 1:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

Solid Rock C.O.G.I.C.  
3520 North St.  
Flint, MI

## Memorial Service

JUN 14. 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

Solid Rock C.O.G.I.C.  
3520 North St.  
Flint, MI

## Family hour

JUN 15. 10:30 AM (ET)

Jackson Memorial Temple Church of God In Christ  
3155 W. Carpenter Rd.  
Flint, MI 48458

## Service

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JUN **15**. 11:00 AM (ET)

Jackson Memorial Temple Church of God In Christ  
3155 W. Carpenter Rd.  
Flint, MI 48458

# Tribute Wall



“ *Pastor Lester Payton*

October 09, 2023 at 07:02 AM



“ *MIN. DOREMUS M. KENNEDY lit a candle in memory of Pastor Lester Payton*



**MIN. DOREMUS M. KENNEDY** - June 15, 2013 at 12:34 AM



“ *Angilena Davis-Lindsey lit a candle in memory of Pastor Lester Payton*



**Angilena Davis-Lindsey** - June 14, 2013 at 04:20 AM



“ *The Belk Family sent a virtual gift in memory of Pastor Lester Payton*



**The Belk Family** - June 13, 2013 at 06:56 PM

TF

PRAYERS ARE , GOING UP FOR THE PAYTON FAMILY. WE LOVE YOU ALL VERY MUCH. ( FROM )THE PRISTELL DOGANS FAMILY)

THE PRISTELL DOGANS FAMILY - June 13, 2013 at 07:14 PM



“ Vivian Thomas lit a candle in memory of Pastor Lester Payton



Vivian Thomas - June 13, 2013 at 06:49 PM

TK

“ Terria Kurtz lit a candle in memory of Pastor Lester Payton



Terria Kurtz - June 13, 2013 at 04:41 PM

DW

“ Diane Williams sent a virtual gift in memory of Pastor Lester Payton



Diane Williams - June 13, 2013 at 04:23 PM

VL

“ To the family of the late Pastor Lester Payton, on behalf of the entire Gill family, we would like to extend our sincere condolences on the lost of your father. You all have been apart of the Gill family since we were children. Our Dads often fellowship and ran revivals together in their earlier years of ministry! Know that earth hath no sorrow that heaven cannot heal! We are praying your strength in this hour that God will comfort you and give you peace. If there is anything we can do, please let us know. We love you and we are keeping you lifted in prayer. Valerie Leslie

valerie leslie - June 13, 2013 at 10:54 AM

LI

“ Dear Payton Family and Friends,  
I am so sorry to hear of the loss of your dear loved one. Please accept my sincere condolences. I too have lost several loved ones in death, and the pain is fresh, even with the passage of much time. Thankfully, I have found relief in knowing that "The Most High God" is the "Hearer of Prayer", and a source of tremendous comfort in times of grief and distress.(Psalms83:18,Psalms65:2) Please be assured , death will soon be "swallowed up forever" and we will have the opportunity to see our dead loved ones again.(Isaiah 25:8) My family and I wish you and yours peace.(Phillipians4:7)

Lisa - June 13, 2013 at 10:07 AM

FW

“ Freda Williams lit a candle in memory of Pastor Lester Payton



Freda Williams - June 13, 2013 at 05:31 AM

FW

*Laura and family, Our prayers are with you at this difficult time. May God strengthen you and uplift your spirit.  
Flint Northwestern Alumni Committee Class of 1974*

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**Freda Williams** - June 13, 2013 at 05:35 AM



Jamelia  
McCarthy

“ *Wow I didn't think I would be seeing this day where I had to reflect on the great life that you lived this soon. I loved when you came to visit us in Alabama! You were truly a treat to have in town. You would always say that you just loved to come visit Granddaddy George and Grandma Lucy Mae to sit on their porch (which you literally stayed on it for hours). I'm truly going to miss you, but I know heaven has gained another angel. I love you Uncle Lester and you will be truly missed.*

*Best Regards,*

*Your great niece Jamelia McCarthy (Millie)*

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**Jamelia McCarthy** - June 12, 2013 at 09:54 PM

LT

“ *I have my memories of Pastor Lester Payton, I attended Solid Rock C.O.G.I.C when I was a little girl, I recalled the times of him babysitting me and giving me peppermint candies. I was basically raised in the C.O.G.I.C. I have my memories of Pastor Payton, And they will never fade away until the Lord call me home. To the Payton family, May the lord be with you in this time of grieving. <http://storage.lifetributes.com/Gifts/Angel.png>*

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**Levette Tucker** - June 12, 2013 at 06:06 PM

FC

“ From Deacon Vernon and Tonya Butler and Children purchased the Lily and Rose Tribute Spray for the family of Pastor Lester Payton.



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**From Deacon Vernon and Tonya Butler and Children** - June 12, 2013 at 04:54 PM

MP

“ To the family of Pastor Payton; May God continue to comfort and strengthen you as Pastor Payton makes his transition to his heavenly home. Supt. Quintin L. Marshall, and the New Life Ministries Tabernacle 5149 Bray Rd Flint Michigan 48505

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**Missy Gloria Jordan-Thompson PR** - June 11, 2013 at 12:40 PM

GR

“ I can remember the many services that we shared at Solid Rock Church of GOD In Christ. My dad, the late Pastor Zack Smith, Sr. and Eld Payton would be knocking the devil out!!! So many souls were saved and set free during those revivals. GOD be with you all and know that you are in our prayers and praise. Love James and Delores (Smith) Richardson and Family



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**Gwendolyn Delores Richardson** - June 11, 2013 at 11:00 AM

PL

“ *The Payton brothers are together again. Absent from the body, present with the Lord. May God be with the family. Our prayers are with you all.*



Phyllis Brown Leslie - June 09, 2013 at 11:06 PM

SB

“ *Pastor Payton was the father of Joshua District. He loved The Lord and his family with all his heart. Hold on to all the precious memories and continue to love one another. God loves you and we do too!*

Sue Brown - June 09, 2013 at 07:35 PM



“ *To the Payton family may the memories of Elder Lester bless your hearts forever.*



Shawn Foster - June 08, 2013 at 04:04 PM

EC

*I WAS SADDEN TO LEARN OF PASTOR PAYTON PASSING ...BUT I KNOW HE IS IN THE PRESENCE OF OUR LORD AND SAVIOR JESUS CHRIST. MY PRAYERS OUR WITH THE FAMILY.*

ELDER JAMES C.WESTON. - June 10, 2013 at 09:51 AM



*LOVE&MISS YOU UNC....YOU WERE JUST LIKE A FATHER TO ME. LOVE ALWAYS, YOUR NIECE VIVIAN ANN (SLATER) THOMAS*

Vivian Thomas - June 12, 2013 at 09:21 PM

NE

*No one mission Mother Delorese Payton She is a women of God who LOVED her husband and took care of him throught both illness, and was there for him when no one else was, You can't not leave a good women out. God Bless Her!!! Love You Mother Payton. Stay Strong In The LORD. Your God Daughter! NEENEE*

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**NeeNee** - January 21, 2015 at 08:12 PM