



## Lonnie Waits

August 11, 1935 - May 31, 2011

WAITS, Mr. Lonnie - Age 75, passed away Tuesday, May 31, 2011 at his residence. Family hour 11 a.m. Monday, June 6, 2011 at Antioch Missionary Baptist Church, 1083 E. Stewart Ave., with funeral service commencing at 12Noon. Pastor Lewis Randolph officiating. Interment Gracelawn Community Cemetery, G-5710 N. Saginaw St. Friends and pallbearers will assemble at the church 11 a.m. Monday. Mr. Waits will lie in state in the Chapel of Lawrence E. Moon Funeral Home, 906 W. Flint Park Blvd., and may be viewed from 10 a.m.-6 p.m. Sunday. Mr. Lonnie James "L.J." Waits was born August 11, 1935 in Oakgrove, Louisiana, the son of Johnnie and Laverisa Waits. Lonnie graduated from high school in Louisiana. He was a resident of Flint since 1953. "LJ" retired from Buick, a division of General Motors and was a member of UAW Local 599. He had a heart of gold. Lonnie loved helping others and taking care of his grandson. He also enjoyed hanging out with friends and spending time with his devoted wife. Mr. Lonnie J. Waits leaves to cherish his memory: wife of 45 years, Ophelia Waits; 3 daughters, Adrian Waits of Atlanta, GA, Gloria Mannie and Jamila (Jermaine) Waits-Vincent; 2 sons, Zachary Scott and Tyrone Waits, all of Flint; 10 grandchildren, Michael "Lil Man", JaQuanda, Corey, Zack, Kendall, Kiara, Khadijah, Zanon, Iman and Deondre; brother-in-law, Caleb Grace; a host of nieces including special niece, Francis of Texas; a host of nephews including special nephew, Daryl of Flint; a host of cousins including special cousin, Lucy; a host of other relatives and friends including special friend, Gus. Mr. Waits was preceded in death by

his parents; brother, Johnnie; sister, Melva; mother and father-in-law, Aaron and Lula Grace; sister-in-law, Ida; and niece, Lora. The family would like to express special thanks to Zakeya and Shonda, Heartland Hospice, Dr. Abdulla Raffee, Pastor Lewis Randolph and the Antioch Missionary Baptist Church, McLaren Regional Medical Center and friends and family of Ophelia and Jamila.

# Tribute Wall

JA

“ 13 years daddy and it feels like yesterday! I love you and miss you!  
Continue to watch over me and Mike and his kids. I love you!  
Daddy's girl... Jamila

Jamila - May 31, 2024 at 01:52 AM



“ Lonnie Waits

October 09, 2023 at 07:02 AM

LK

“ We were sorry to hear of your love one passing. Our  
Prayers and Love are with you and family. Rely on  
"the God of all comfort." "Throw your burden upon  
Jehovah himself and he himself will sustain you."  
Psalm 55:22. It is real and vital communication  
with the " God of all comfort, who comfort us in our  
tribulation." 2 Corinthians 1:3.4.Psalms 83:18. We look  
forward to seeing our love one again. Psalms 37:29.

Lee & Irene Keyes - May 31, 2011 at 12:00 AM

AS

“ Hello to the Waits Family. I have been a friend to Jamila since  
elementary school and was adopted into the family. I would like to  
say to Jamila that I am very sorry for your loss. You have been with  
me through the hardest times ever, but I can never take away the  
pain that you are feeling now but you will always be in my prayers  
and I love you with all of my heart.

Antionika Singleton - May 31, 2011 at 12:00 AM

CP

“ My sincere condolences to my friend and sister Gloria, Ophelia, "Poopie" (Zachary) and the entire family of Mr. Lonnie Waits.

*I was saddened when I heard of the loss of "Waits". I have very fond memories of the times our families shared together throughout the formative years of my life. Just thinking on them brought a smile to my face. My dad and Lonnie Waits, what a combination!!!*

*Family, visit and share often the fond memories you have of your loved one, a mile will come over your heart. May the peace of God rule in your hearts during this most difficult time and the days to follow.*

*"Precious in the sight of the Lord is the death of His saints."*

*My love to you all,  
Cerese*

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**Cerese Simpson Pennington** - May 31, 2011 at 12:00 AM

EP

“ Jesus came to save and to set free. He came to give life, and that more abundantly. he died on the cross for our imperfections. He sent the Holy ghost power for our corrections. Oh mighty God is he. Thanks to him for making you free. Stay strong and prayed up. Keep your faith. The pain,hurt,and sorrow will never go away, but trust me through the grace of God it will get easier.

*Continue to be blessed.  
Love Erica Price & Family*

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**Erica Price** - May 31, 2011 at 12:00 AM

NA

“ *Mama Ophelia and Jamila I just wanted you all to know that GOD dONT MAKE MISTAKES.....HEAVEN WAS MISSING AN ANGEL.....TIME DONT STOP AND WAIT FOR PAIN BUT PAIN DOES HEAL WITH TIME.....I AM HERE IF U ALL NEED ME....*

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**Naya** - May 31, 2011 at 12:00 AM

KB

“ *Sending my deepest condolences love and prayers I do know that daddy is in a better place may he rest in peace*

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**kendra burks** - May 31, 2011 at 12:00 AM

CB

“ *Ophelia & entire family,*

*My heart is sadden to learn of the passing of "Waits". Surely he was "one of a kind", a "Gentle Giant", & a true friend. Hold on to those precious memories which helps the pain of enduring your loss. Trust in God to give you strength to carry on. God Bless,*

*Cherry Brown & Family*

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**Cherry L Brown** - May 31, 2011 at 12:00 AM

KI

“ *papa i love you and i will miss you*

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**Kiara** - May 31, 2011 at 12:00 AM