



Mr. Melvin Charles McDowell Sr.

October 11, 1953 - March 16, 2018

McDOWELL, Mr. Melvin Sr. - Age 64, passed away Friday, March 16, 2018 at Hurley Medical Center. Family hour 10:00 AM Thursday, March 22, 2018 from the Chapel of Lawrence E. Moon Funeral Home, 906 W. Flint Park Blvd., with funeral service commencing at 11:00 AM Pastor Kenneth Howard officiating. Interment Gracelawn Community Cemetery, 5710 N. Saginaw St. Friends and pallbearers will assemble at the funeral home 10:00 AM Thursday. Mr. McDowell will lie in state in the Chapel of Lawrence E. Moon Funeral Home, and may be viewed from 2:00 PM - 8:00 PM Wednesday.

Mr. Melvin C. McDowell Sr. was born October 11, 1953 in Flint, Michigan, the son of Annie B. and Norman McDowell Sr. Growing up Melvin had been a member of Holy Key Baptist Church and True Temple Church. He had been both a Junior Deacon and avid Choir Member, as music and singing was his favorite pastime. Melvin was a graduate of Flint Northern High School, "Class of 1971." He also enjoyed swimming and was a member of the Northern High School School Swim Team. Over the course of his life he had many jobs and was what some would call, a serial entrepreneur. Melvin worked for many years at Hurley Medical Center, General Motors Corporation, a member of Local #659 and was a Cab Driver. He also shined shoes, and in his earlier years he was an Ice-Cream Boy (when he wasn't eating his own ice cream). Melvin owned and operated several night clubs and lounges; Seven Dimensions and IROCK, just to name a few. He was always looking for a laugh and looking to make others laugh. Melvin had a joke for every situation,

a song for every challenge, and an answer to all of your problems because he felt like he knew it all.

Mr. Melvin C. McDowell Sr. leaves to cherish his memory: girlfriend, Mary Lapeer; 7 children, Gemetria Walker of Davison, MI, Melvin Jr. (Shana) McDowell of Saginaw, MI, Ebony (James) Nard of Greenwood, MS, Jeremy (Brittany) McDowell, Shameka McDowell, all of Flint, MI, Parris Spencer of Kentucky and Mecca Lapeer; step-daughter, Destiny Couch, both of Flint; grandchildren, Zaria Walker, Michael Julian Jr., both of Davison, MI, Jaliyah, Janneya, and Jaiden McDowell, all of Flint, Isabella, Harper and London McDowell, all of Saginaw, MI, and Damian Spencer of Lexington, KY; great-grandson, Xzavier Walker; 5 sisters, Earlene Elliott of South Carolina, Jeanette Sapp of Belleville, IL, Pearlene Drake, Jalayne Richards, both of Flint, and Shirley (Phillip) Kellie of Muskegon, MI; a host of nieces, nephews, cousins, other relatives and friends including special friends, Rodney Beasley, James "Smitty" Smith, Paul Smith, the Allen and Beasley families just to name a few.

Mr. McDowell was preceded in death by his mother, Annie B. McDowell; father, Norman McDowell Sr.; brothers, Norman McDowell Jr., Larry McDowell and Greg McDowell; several aunts, uncles and cousins.

The family would like to express special thanks to Hurley Medical Center, Davita Dialysis, Marlow Dunn, Eric Richard, Dorothy Bakos, Trinika Lawrence, Ken & Tawana Howard, Nancy Lapeer, Cedric and Martha Green and the Tibbs family

Cemetery Details

Gracelawn Cemetery

5710 N. Saginaw St.
Flint, MI 48505

Previous Events

Public Viewing

MAR 21. 2:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

Lawrence E. Moon Funeral Home, Inc., Flint
906 W. Flint Park Blvd.
Flint, MI 48505
(810) 789-6666
lemoonfhflint@gmail.com
<https://lawrenceemoonfuneralhome.com>

Family hour

MAR 22. 10:00 AM (ET)

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Service

MAR **22**. 11:00 AM (ET)

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Tribute Wall



“ *Mr. Melvin Charles McDowell Sr.*

October 09, 2023 at 07:02 AM



“ *I am thankful for the opportunities that I was given to get to know Melvin Senior. I am thankful for his children. My favorite memory is how he taught me and Bruce how to put gravy on chinese fried rice and it changed our lives 😊 we still do that to this day ❤️ RIP Melvin and to his children, know he will live on through each and every one of you. Praying for you all!*

Sarah Dunn - March 21, 2018 at 08:27 AM



“ *My dad meant the world to me... I'm holding on to all you taught me. Three weeks ago we had prayer and it blessed our lives. I miss you so much daddy. Your Doll Baby forever Ebony...*

Ebony Nard - March 20, 2018 at 08:15 PM



“ *Dan and Lynn Thompson purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Mr. Melvin Charles McDowell Sr..*



Dan and Lynn Thompson - March 20, 2018 at 10:27 AM

DM

“ Debra Miller sent a virtual gift in memory of Mr. Melvin Charles McDowell Sr.



Debra Miller - March 20, 2018 at 09:07 AM

ET

“ Earnestine Tolliver lit a candle in memory of Mr. Melvin Charles McDowell Sr.



Earnestine Tolliver - March 19, 2018 at 08:48 AM

PR

“ I have known Melvin for over 50 years. A Good Brother going to be missed by many! My condolences to the entire family.
R.I.P.
Pete Roberts



Pete Roberts - March 19, 2018 at 12:37 AM

TF

“ The Lewis Family lit a candle in memory of Mr. Melvin Charles McDowell Sr.



The Lewis Family - March 18, 2018 at 10:23 PM

CC

“ *Charlene Causey sent a virtual gift in memory of Mr. Melvin Charles McDowell Sr.*



charlene causey - March 18, 2018 at 09:11 PM

TS

“ *I love my Uncle Melvin and my cousins. We're continuing to pray for yall.... Tria, Mel Mel, Ebony, Jeremy, Mary and Mecca. Love Tomika & Family in Illinois*

Tomika shorter - March 17, 2018 at 01:17 PM



Love you too family.... - Mel Mel

Melvin McDowell - March 20, 2018 at 10:42 PM

BS

I wish I could have been there with YOU all but know that my absence is not my love. But my love is there with YOU all in the Spirit Realm. I LOVE MY FAMILY! Tina Elliott aka Batber Shop

barber shop - March 21, 2018 at 11:44 AM