



## Mr. Merland Purvis

August 27, 1925 - July 23, 2013

PURVIS, Mr. Merland - age 87, passed away Tuesday, July 23, 2013 at U of M Hospital-Ann, Arbor, MI. Family hour 10:30 a.m. Saturday, August 3, 2013 from the Chapel of Lawrence E. Moon Funeral Home, 906 W. Flint Park Blvd., with funeral service commencing at 11:00 a.m. Interment Sunset Hills Cemetery, G-4413 Flushing Rd. Friends and pallbearers will assemble at the funeral home 10:30 a.m. Saturday. Mr. Purvis will lie in state in the Chapel of Lawrence E. Moon Funeral Home, and may be viewed from 12 noon-8:00 p.m. Friday.

Mr. Merland "Melvin" Purvis was born August 27, 1925 in Yazoo City, Mississippi, the son of Mr. Samuel and Rebecca Evans Sr., and was a resident of Flint, Michigan. In December of 1943, he enlisted in the Marines at Camp Cherry Point, NC. Later in life, he worked and retired in 1988 from General Motors Chevrolet Manufacturing. Melvin loved his sports as many of you know. He loved those Lions know matter how bad they were. He loved his family, there's nothing he wouldn't do for anyone. He loved to plant flowers around the yard and loved to cook. Dad never threw anything away. He would sew or rebuild it before he got rid of it. He was a good man and a wonderful father not only to his children but to many others.

Mr. Purvis leaves to cherish his memories: 2 daughters, Ms. Jacqueline Purvis (Tony) of Kalamazoo, MI and Ms. Toni Purvis of Flint; son, Mr. Herbert Clements of Flint; 8 grandchildren, Mont'e Ondron, Ceia, Shawanda, Christopher, Jermaine, Deon and Daniel; 5 great-grandchildren; 2 sisters,

Odell Brent of Los Angeles, CA and Gwendolyn Purvis of Rosenberg, TX; numerous nieces and nephews; 4 sisters- in-law, Mary Bell of Flint, Janet Green, Margaret (Marshall) Robinson of El CaJon, CA and Martha Langston of Las Vegas, NV; a host of other relatives and friends including special friends, Mr. Joe Patrick and Mr. King Hatchett.

Mr. Purvis was preceded in death by parents, Samuel Sr. and Rebecca Purvis, wife of 48 years, Louise (Punkin) Marie Purvis; son Merland Carniel; 2 daughters, Darcell Marie, Linda Clements; sister, Walterine; 4 brothers, Samuel Jr., Fred, Willie and Leo.

The family would like to express special thanks to 6 and 7 floor medical staff at the U of M Medical Center, Ann Arbor, MI and Dr. Julian Moore.

# Cemetery Details

## Sunset Hills Cemetery

G-4413 Flushing Rd.  
Flint, MI 48504

# Previous Events

## Visitation

**AUG 2.** 12:00 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>

## Family hour

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## Service

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# Tribute Wall



“ *Lawrence E. Moon Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Mr. Merland Purvis*



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**Lawrence E. Moon Funeral Home** - July 23, 2013 at 12:00 AM



“ *Lawrence E. Moon Funeral Home created a Webcast in memory of Mr. Merland Purvis*



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**Lawrence E. Moon Funeral Home** - July 23, 2013 at 12:00 AM



“ *Mr. Merland Purvis*

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October 09, 2023 at 07:02 AM

LA

“ *Leon Adkins lit a candle in memory of Mr. Merland Purvis*



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**Leon Adkins** - August 17, 2013 at 11:09 AM

GP

“ *2 files added to the album New Album Name*



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**Gwen Purvis** - August 08, 2013 at 09:34 PM

OD

*Sis, I apologize for the error I made in the caption of your picture with you and your Niece, not Cuz, Toni.*

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**Odell** - August 10, 2013 at 01:27 AM

OB

“ *These are for you Bro.*



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**Odell Brent** - August 06, 2013 at 01:06 AM

OB

“ Odell Brent lit a candle in memory of Mr. Merland Purvis



Odell Brent - August 06, 2013 at 12:30 AM

GP

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Gwendolyn Purvis - August 05, 2013 at 09:37 PM

WL

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WALTERENE PURVIS LOWE - August 04, 2013 at 02:12 PM

WL

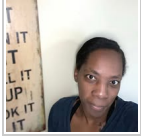
I LOVE YOU UNCLE PURVIS....WILL MISS YOU ...WALTERENE PURVIS LOWE-BLOCKER

WALTERENE LOWE - August 04, 2013 at 02:44 PM

WL

LOVE YOU UNCLE

WALTERENE LOWE - August 04, 2013 at 02:46 PM



“ *Monise Thornton lit a candle in memory of Mr. Merland Purvis*



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**Monise Thornton** - August 03, 2013 at 02:39 PM

GP

“ *I Love you Big Brother! It was a blessing and a pleasure being your little sis! R.I.P. until we meet again.*



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**Gwendolyn Purvis** - August 02, 2013 at 08:34 AM

GP

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**Gwendolyn Purvis** - August 02, 2013 at 08:21 AM

OD

“ *1 file added to the tribute wall*



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**Odell** - August 01, 2013 at 06:32 PM

OD

“ Odell lit a candle in memory of Mr. Merland Purvis



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**Odell** - August 01, 2013 at 06:13 PM

OD

*R.I.P. Big Brother, Love you!*

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**Odell** - August 01, 2013 at 06:15 PM

GP

*Love you Big Sis!!*

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**Gwendolyn Purvis** - August 02, 2013 at 08:38 AM