



## Mr. Michael Joseph Shumpert

May 27, 1944 - June 27, 2019

SHUMPERT, Mr. Michael - Age 75, passed away Thursday, June 27, 2019 at Henry Ford Hospital, Detroit, MI. Family hour 10:00 AM Saturday, July 6, 2019 at First Union Baptist Church, 7004 Fleming Rd., Pastor Archie Powell Jr., Host Pastor, with funeral service commencing at 11:00 AM. Interment River Rest Cemetery, G-4413 Flushing Rd. Friends and pallbearers will assemble at the church 10:00 AM Saturday. Mr. Shumpert will lie in state in the Chapel of Lawrence E. Moon Funeral Home, 906 W. Flint Park Blvd., and may be viewed from 12:00 PM-8:00 PM Friday with family present to receive friends from 6:00 PM-8:00 PM.

Mr. Michael Joseph Shumpert was born May 27, 1944 in Flint, Michigan the son of Flossie Shumpert-Miller. He accepted Christ at an early age. Michael attended Flint Public Schools and graduated from Flint Central High School in 1963. After graduation Michael began a career in sales at Robert David Allen clothing store and later at WDZZ 92.7 FM radio station. Michael always believed in the importance of working for oneself. He has always been a trailblazer who would command a room and leave a lasting impression on everyone he met. At the time of his passing, Michael owned and operated the only African American independent radio station in the Greater Flint and Saginaw Metropolitan Area. His station's motto is "With Opportunity We Empower" and he did just that. It was his desire that the community seize opportunities presented, create opportunities where none exist and to be

better, stronger and empowered.

Mr. Michael Joseph Shumpert leaves to cherish his memory; devoted wife of 54 years Hollie Shumpert; daughter, Michele (Raymond) Shumpert-Barton of Flint; grandchild, Cameron M. Barton of Flint; 6 sisters, Sharon Alexander, Gail Miller, Zander Jordan, Shantel (Leslie) Williams, Sherri Miller and Dematrice Miller; 4 brothers, Larry (Denola) Miller, James Miller, Troy Miller and Robert Miller; several nieces; several nephews; uncle Walter (Maggie) Williams of Flint; sisters-in-law, Karon (Theodore) Moore and Pam Miller, both of Flint; 3 brothers-in-law, Eddie, Freddie and Frank Willingham, all of Flint; a host of other relatives and friends including special friends, Sheldon Neeley, Woodrow Stanley, Lawrence E. Moon, Nate Campbell, Marvin Mabry, the entire staff at WOVE 98.9; special cousins, Wayne Shumpert, Noah Shumpert and Lane Ellis.

Michael was preceded in death by: mother, Flossie Miller, grandmother, Susie Shumpert; brothers, Rodney and Brian Miller; several aunts; several uncles; and mother-in-law, Rebecca Willingham.

The family would like to express special thanks to; Hurley Medical Center, Henry Ford Medical Center, special thanks to April and Darcel at Tender Care Homes, special thanks to Pastor Powell and the entire First Union MBC family, Pastor Dennis Powell and Carter McWright.

# Cemetery Details

## River Rest Cemetery

G-4413 Flushing Rd.  
Flint, MI 48504

# Previous Events

## Viewing

JUL 5. 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 Present

JUL 5. 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

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## **Family hour**

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JUL 6. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

First Union Baptist Church  
7004 Fleming Rd.  
Flint, MI 48505

## **Service**

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JUL 6. 11:00 AM (ET)

First Union Baptist Church  
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# Tribute Wall



“ *Mr. Michael Joseph Shumpert*

October 09, 2023 at 07:02 AM



“ *I had not heard from Mr. Shumpert for some time and decided to locate him. So sorry to hear of his loss. He was a great man and the reason why my radio show is on WOVE today. Brother Shumpert, I send my belated wishes to you and my heartfelt condolences to the family.*

*Sincerely,  
Bob Baldwin  
www.newurbanjazz.com  
baldwin77@aol.com*

**Bob Baldwin** - March 18, 2021 at 12:11 PM



“ *Judge Herman Marable, Jr. lit a candle in memory of Mr. Michael Joseph Shumpert*



**Judge Herman Marable, Jr.** - September 11, 2020 at 09:38 PM

RH

“ *Ruthi Hill lit a candle in memory of Mr. Michael Joseph Shumpert*



Ruthi Hill - August 09, 2019 at 12:58 PM

SM

“ *Sharon Mixon lit a candle in memory of Mr. Michael Joseph Shumpert*



Sharon Mixon - July 09, 2019 at 05:12 AM

LH

“ *Michael , was a inspiration in many life's and a dear friend. He'll be truly miss. I'm sending my , Prayers and my Deepest Condolences to my family and friends. Rest in Paradise my friend...*



Lynda Hoskins - July 07, 2019 at 10:35 AM

TB

“ *Terry Bolds lit a candle in memory of Mr. Michael Joseph Shumpert*



Terry Bolds - July 06, 2019 at 12:42 PM

NC

“ To the Shumpert, Larry Miller, Nee Nee, & entire Miller Family, You all have my sympathy. My prayers and thoughts are with you all. God is able



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**Nevelyn Carroll** - July 06, 2019 at 04:34 AM

MF

“ MS. RENEE SYKES AND FAMILY sent a virtual gift in memory of Mr. Michael Joseph Shumpert



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**MS. RENEE SYKES AND FAMILY** - July 05, 2019 at 04:37 PM



“ Papa Shumpert rest well from your labor. You have been a blessing to me, your beloved City of Flint, your family and many others. THANK YOU! Below is a tribute to a small piece of your work...

*Always understanding and believing in the importance of working for oneself, Michael Joseph Shumpert used his knowledge, experiences he gained, combined with lessons learned from working with Vernon Merritt, Jr., the founder of Flint's first black-owned FM radio station (WDZZ), and set his sights on being the next. One of the first and most difficult hurdles in accomplishing that goal was the Federal Communications Commission (FCC). Since the beginning, the FCC had been suspected of unfairly withholding licenses from minorities. There are approximately 15,330 radio stations in the United States and an estimated 68 are owned by African Americans. With determination, faith and unyielding fortitude, Michael became one of them. In 1989, WOVE (98.9 JAMZ) aired featuring an Urban Contemporary format targeting the Flint and Saginaw markets. Not simply satisfied with providing good music, he sought to educate, enlighten and entertain his listeners by offering a blend of American musical art form with special features such as "Politics, Religion & Everyday Living." In 2009, Michael was 1 of 15 graduates of the Broadcast Leadership Training (BLT) program in Washington DC. Established by the National Association of Broadcasters Education Foundation (NABEF) in 2001, the program is designed for senior level broadcast radio and television managers seeking to advance as group executives or station owners. At the time of his passing, Michael is and was the only African American owned and operated independent radio station in the Flint/Saginaw metro area serving a great musical tradition spanning almost 30 years targeting the 25-54 year old listener. His station's call sign meaning is..."With Opportunity We Empower," and he did just that. It was his desire that the community would seize opportunities presented, make opportunities where none existed...to be Better, to be Stronger, and to be Empowered.*

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**Kassandra Buckhaulters Mack** - July 05, 2019 at 01:24 PM

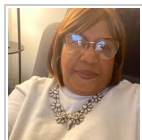
CV

“ *Carol VanBuren lit a candle in memory of Mr. Michael Joseph Shumpert*



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**Carol VanBuren** - July 05, 2019 at 12:10 PM



“ *To the Shumpert/Miller Family  
May the love of God help comfort you during  
this period of loss. Look to the hills for your  
help.*



*RIP Uncle Mike, DeQuincy Adams & Family*



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**ReGina Adams** - July 05, 2019 at 11:37 AM

CR

“ A community, city, state, and worldwide ICON in media.

*Mr. Shumpert*

*You believed in more people by allowing them to have a chance in an area that they may not thought they could do or their shoes would fit.*

*You also did exactly what your media motto says With Opportunity We Empower!*

*ICBS/Jran Studios send our most deepest heartfelt condolences during this time of transition to the Shumpert and WOVE families all over the world.*

*Carolyn Randolph-Witcher just a girl that you reminded there is room for you too!*



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**Carolyn Randolph-Witcher** - July 05, 2019 at 09:33 AM

DB

“ Denise Bridges lit a candle in memory of Mr. Michael Joseph Shumpert



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**Denise Bridges** - July 04, 2019 at 11:28 PM

DB

“ TO THE MILLER AND SHUMPTER FAMILY I'M SO SORRY FOR YOUR LOSS. FROM THE BRIDGES AND TISDALE FAMILY. LOVE YOU SO MUCH COUSINS

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**Denise Bridges** - July 04, 2019 at 11:22 PM



“ 2 files added to the album *Life Tributes*



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**Lawrence E. Moon Funeral Home** - July 04, 2019 at 10:17 AM



“ 51 files added to the album *Life Tributes*



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**Lawrence E. Moon Funeral Home** - July 04, 2019 at 07:59 AM



“ *We extend our deepest condolences to family of our dear friend Mike Shumpert. You are in our prayers*

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**woodrow & reta stanley** - July 03, 2019 at 10:26 PM



“ *Carolyn Buckley lit a candle in memory of Mr. Michael Joseph Shumpert*



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**Carolyn Buckley** - July 03, 2019 at 06:47 PM

AH

“ Condolences to the Shumpert family! I remember when Mr. Shumpert tried to help me get a rap jiggle gig with Tom Ryan Distributing for Budweiser! Thanks for believing in me.

RIP  
Khalfani

Alonzo W. Hill - July 03, 2019 at 02:35 PM

AS

“ Deepest condolences to my dear cousin ..you will truly be missed by all who knew you❤️

Alesia Summers - July 03, 2019 at 01:42 PM

CP

“ Cheryl Price-Dickson lit a candle in memory of Mr. Michael Joseph Shumpert



cheryl Price-Dickson - July 03, 2019 at 12:14 PM

SC

“ To The Family and Extended Family of Michael Shumpert It is with heartfelt sympathy I express My deepest condolences in the loss of your loved one. May God comfort you in your hours of need. I pray for your strength in the days ahead during this difficult time. He will be sadly missed. Rest In Love Michael Shumpert “Job Well Done”!



Sabrina Carr-Buckley - July 03, 2019 at 11:33 AM

PR

“ Patricia Roberts lit a candle in memory of Mr. Michael Joseph Shumpert



Patricia Roberts - July 03, 2019 at 11:28 AM

TL

“ RIH my friend. We shared a lot of laughs over the years. Dennis Morgan couldn't have asked for a better devoted friend in you. The bible teaches to have a friend you must 1st be a friend. What a friendship shared between yall two. May God console your family with peace and precious memories. Be sure to tell BIG D..I truly miss him. Y all enjoy heaven together!!



Tammy Venise Leitzsey - July 03, 2019 at 07:07 AM

CC

“ Claudia Croom lit a candle in memory of Mr. Michael Joseph Shumpert



Claudia Croom - July 03, 2019 at 12:57 AM

JR

“ *John Reaves lit a candle in memory of Mr. Michael Joseph Shumpert*



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**John Reaves** - July 02, 2019 at 10:27 PM

PT

“ *Paula Truss lit a candle in memory of Mr. Michael Joseph Shumpert*



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**Paula Truss** - July 02, 2019 at 07:26 PM

DB

“ *Darline Baker sent a virtual gift in memory of Mr. Michael Joseph Shumpert*



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**Darline Baker** - July 02, 2019 at 10:44 AM

DB

“ *Darline Baker sent a virtual gift in memory of Mr. Michael Joseph Shumpert*



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**Darline Baker** - July 02, 2019 at 10:43 AM

AJ

“ Thank you Mr. Shumpert for believing in me by giving job on 98.9!!  
Love you more R.I.H.

ALBERT Jones - July 01, 2019 at 09:15 PM



“ Kimberly Hall-Miller lit a candle in memory of  
Mr. Michael Joseph Shumpert



Kimberly Hall-Miller - July 01, 2019 at 07:49 PM

WP

“ Wendy Pippins-Simon lit a candle in memory  
of Mr. Michael Joseph Shumpert



Wendy Pippins-Simon - July 01, 2019 at 07:45 PM

TJ

“ Tanya Jefferson lit a candle in memory of Mr.  
Michael Joseph Shumpert



Tanya Jefferson - July 01, 2019 at 05:52 PM

MJ

“ My sincere condolence to the Shumpert family. Thank you Micheal Shumpert for giving us a choice of Radio stations. When I met you in 1980 as the first youngster to work at WDZZ you really helped me along the way and then employed me st 98.9 for Jazz And Jams you held steadfast to your dream and opened a vision for us to dream big as well. The race is not given to the swift Nor to the strong but to he that endure to the end. RIP Mr Shumpert, thanks for being a giver.

*Michae J,  
Dallas Texas*

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**Michael Jefferson** - July 01, 2019 at 12:55 PM

LB

“ *Lynn Barbee lit a candle in memory of Mr. Michael Joseph Shumpert*



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**Lynn Barbee** - July 01, 2019 at 11:27 AM

IH

“ *Iris J. Hare lit a candle in memory of Mr. Michael Joseph Shumpert*



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**Iris J. Hare** - July 01, 2019 at 11:17 AM



“ Thank you for allowing me to do what I dreamed as a child and helping that dream manifest itself. R.I.H Mike!!



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**Will Mc Neal** - July 01, 2019 at 10:41 AM



“ Christopher Miller lit a candle in memory of Mr. Michael Joseph Shumpert



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**Christopher Miller** - July 01, 2019 at 06:55 AM



“ Nicole Willingham lit a candle in memory of Mr. Michael Joseph Shumpert



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**Nicole Willingham** - June 30, 2019 at 10:56 PM



Sorry for your loss Much love from thr Chilton family

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**Linda Chilton** - July 03, 2019 at 05:08 PM

DD

“ Dorothy Dickerson lit a candle in memory of Mr. Michael Joseph Shumpert



Dorothy Dickerson - June 30, 2019 at 04:38 PM

AB

“ Althea J Barbee lit a candle in memory of Mr. Michael Joseph Shumpert



Althea J Barbee - June 30, 2019 at 10:42 AM

CB

“ Cherry Brown lit a candle in memory of Mr. Michael Joseph Shumpert



Cherry Brown - June 30, 2019 at 03:12 AM

WS

“ Wanda Smoot lit a candle in memory of Mr. Michael Joseph Shumpert



Wanda Smoot - June 29, 2019 at 09:14 PM

LW

“ *Linda Wilkerson lit a candle in memory of Mr. Michael Joseph Shumpert*



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**Linda Wilkerson** - June 29, 2019 at 08:39 PM

VK

“ *Vivian Kelley lit a candle in memory of Mr. Michael Joseph Shumpert*



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**Vivian Kelley** - June 29, 2019 at 06:28 PM

JF

“ *Jackson Family sent a virtual gift in memory of Mr. Michael Joseph Shumpert*



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**Jackson Family** - June 29, 2019 at 04:32 PM

JF

“ *Jackson Family lit a candle in memory of Mr. Michael Joseph Shumpert*



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**Jackson Family** - June 29, 2019 at 04:31 PM

LG

“ *Leroy & Cleola Griffis lit a candle in memory of Mr. Michael Joseph Shumpert*



**Leroy & Cleola Griffis** - June 29, 2019 at 02:35 PM

ST

“ *Shelley Thomas lit a candle in memory of Mr. Michael Joseph Shumpert*



**Shelley Thomas** - June 29, 2019 at 01:42 PM

PC

“ *Pamela Chambers lit a candle in memory of Mr. Michael Joseph Shumpert*



**Pamela Chambers** - June 29, 2019 at 10:33 AM



“ *A Jeffrey LaValley lit a candle in memory of Mr. Michael Joseph Shumpert*



**A Jeffrey LaValley** - June 29, 2019 at 10:27 AM

GR

“ *RIP*



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**Glynis Rice** - June 29, 2019 at 10:02 AM

MP

“ *MINISTER PAM lit a candle in memory of Mr. Michael Joseph Shumpert*



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**MINISTER PAM** - June 29, 2019 at 07:47 AM

VC

“ *So many prayers go out to the Shumpert-Barton family.*



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**VANESSA CLIFTON** - June 29, 2019 at 05:29 AM

RD

“ *My deepest condolences to the family of Michael Shumpert. Rudolph Wheaton, DDS, MPA*

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**Rudolph D. Wheaton, DDS,MPA** - June 28, 2019 at 07:42 PM

BW

“ *Barbara Morris Wright lit a candle in memory of Mr. Michael Joseph Shumpert*



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**Barbara Morris Wright** - June 28, 2019 at 07:20 PM

BK

“ *Brenda Kimble lit a candle in memory of Mr. Michael Joseph Shumpert*



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**Brenda Kimble** - June 28, 2019 at 07:17 PM

SJ

“ *My sincere condolences to the family of Michael Shumpert. Michael was someone I've always admired since around 1980 while we both worked at WDZZ Radio. He went on to be one of the few African American radio station owners in the country. I also grew up with some of his brothers and sisters. I pray that God comfort you all during this difficult time. Rest In Peace My Brother, you will be missed.*

*Sammie Jordan*

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**Sammie Jordan** - June 28, 2019 at 06:07 PM

JM

*I'm so sorry to hear about my cousin Michael shumpert he was the first one of my relatives I meet when I came to live in flint much I had no ideal that he was an important person because he was so down to earth to my family when ever I saw him at the store or blues show at the flint library he always recognized me I hadn't saw him in awhile because that horse of death have been riding in my family once again i give my condolences to his family and my love. Johnnie D.Mallett*

johnnie mallett - June 29, 2019 at 03:10 PM



“ Mary Evans sent a virtual gift in memory of Mr. Michael Joseph Shumpert



Mary Evans - June 28, 2019 at 05:30 PM



“ Mary Evans lit a candle in memory of Mr. Michael Joseph Shumpert



Mary Evans - June 28, 2019 at 05:30 PM

SP

*Sincere Heartfelt Sympathy to the Shumpert Family and Families . May GOD give each of you the Peace and Comfort during your time of Sorrow. The GOD of Peace and Understanding Is with You.*

Sharon Perkins - June 29, 2019 at 03:34 PM

MJ

*My prayers are with the Shumpert family*

Michael Jefferson - July 01, 2019 at 09:57 AM

BR

*Brother you will be missed you where a special friend*

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**Bob Russell** - July 04, 2019 at 01:17 PM