



## Dr. Muriel Esther Pegues

March 14, 1947 - April 2, 2025

PEGUES, Dr. Muriel Esther - Age 78, passed away Wednesday, April 2, 2025 at McLaren Flint. Family hour 10:00 AM Saturday, April 12, 2025 from the Chapel of Lawrence E. Moon Funeral Home, 906 W. Flint Park Blvd., with funeral service commencing at 11:00 AM. Interment Gracelawn Cemetery, 5710 N. Saginaw St. Friends and pallbearers will assemble at the chapel 10:00 AM Saturday, April 12, 2025. Dr. Pegues will lie in state in the Chapel of Lawrence E. Moon Funeral Home and may be viewed Friday, April 11, 2025 from 12:00 PM to 6:00 PM, with family present 4:00 PM to 6:00 PM to receive friends. Muriel E. Dedrick was born on March 14, 1947, in England, Arkansas; she was the only child born to parents Cecil James and Travlee Van Buren. Muriel spent her formative years in the south with her grandmother Sophronia Dedrick where she learned the value of hard work and perseverance, but she moved north to Flint, Michigan at the age of twelve to reunite with her mom who was now married to her wonderful stepfather, Andrew Ollings. Muriel enjoyed singing, roller skating and playing cards as a young woman growing up during those adolescent years. Muriel completed her primary schooling in Flint, Michigan and graduated from Flint Central High School in 1965. She met and married Private John Henry Pegues in 1969, and their union produced one daughter, Angie Pegues, and cultivated a blended family for a lifetime.

Muriel worked for Michigan Bell as a Telephone Operator for a short time before hiring into General Motors Corporation where she worked on the

assembly line at AC Spark Plug for many years. Although her marriage to John Henry lasted for only a short while, the love in that union allowed her to remain an influential part of their blended family. Now on her own, and as so many before her, Muriel worked full time, raised her children and simultaneously attended college. And as if that were not enough, she also sang in 2 gospel music quartet groups for many years with close friends: Henry Thompson, Jesse Thompson, Carmen Thompson, and Ora Williams as The Echoes of Joy, and Linda Thomas, Martha Rae Lane, Josephine Clark and Johnny Connors as The Voices of Deliverance. Muriel had a knack for numbers, a savvy business sense and a heart for God's people, and this prompted her to pursue an undergraduate degree in Business Administration with a concentration in Accounting at The University of Michigan-Flint. Still thirsting for knowledge and the pursuit of higher education, Muriel pursued her Graduate Degree from Kettering University where she earned her Master Degree in 2011, and ultimately her Doctorate Degree in Theology from Midwest Bible College in 2017. Muriel was a faithful member of Greater Ephesians Church Of God In Christ, where her Pastor is Rev. Harold W. Jones. She facilitated a national Bible Study and Prayer Line Call each Monday and Thursday where she and her students studied God's Word and sought revelation through collective prayer for many years. Unlucky in love in her youth, Dr. Pegues decided to give love a try once more when she and her late husband, Henry Connor, reunited, fell in love and married in 2009. Muriel spent her last days on this side of heaven surrounded by her family, friends and loved ones before she expired on April 2nd at McLaren Hospital. She was the rock of her family, she was a beautiful soul, a wonderful human being and she will be missed beyond belief. Muriel leaves to cherish her memory: daughters, Vernice Ollings-Roberts of Flint, MI, Angie Clarke of Lawrenceville, GA, Phyllis Pegues (James) Jones of Oxford, MS, Dana Clay of Lakeland, TN, Gerlean Leverette of Flint, MI, Sharon (Greg) Hester of Southfield, MI; stepdaughter, Deborah Connor of Flint, MI; brothers, Michael James and Brett Parker; sister, Charlene (Keith) Griffie, all of Indianapolis, IN; grandchildren,

Alexis (Dennis Jr.) Causey, Shanayah Burden, and Muriel Ollings all of Flint, MI, Jessie Betts of Lawrenceville, GA, Bishop A. Clarke of Richmond, VA, Damon Clay of Dallas, TX, Keisha (Daiquiri) Hines, Eugenia Leverette, Danielle Leverette, Danny Leverette Jr., Jeremy Leverette, all of Flint, MI, Jasmine Pegues and Jaqurius Jones of Oxford, MS, and Phillip Jones of Nashville, TN; and a host of nieces, nephews, cousins, other family members, loved ones and friends. Reverend Dr. Muriel Pegues was preceded in death by her husband, Henry Connor; daughter, Johnneice Ollings-Betts; mother, Travlee Van Buren; father, Cecil James; stepfather, Andrew Ollings; stepdaughter, Louise Connor; sisters, Cecilia James-Craft, Janice Bussell, Carolyn James and Cheryl Harris. Muriel was a woman of purpose, a pillar of strength and love, but she was always a light unto those that God entrusted to her care. She was a straight shooter, but she would always try to sprinkle a little sugar on it to help soften the blow of bad news or hardship. She bridled her tongue in such a way that always let anyone know that her walk with God was real, and that she was a soldier in the army of the Lord. One of her favorite songs was Faithful Is Our God by Hezekiah Walker, and another was Shotgun by Jr. Walker and the Allstars... IYKYK!!! Muriel was someone who wore many hats, but the one that truly defined her was God's servant.

# Cemetery Details

## Gracelawn Cemetery

5710 N. Saginaw St.  
Flint, MI 48505

# Previous Events

## Viewing

APR 11. 12:00 PM - 6:00 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

APR 11. 4:00 PM - 6:00 PM (ET)

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## Family hour

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APR 12. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

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## Funeral Service

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APR 12. 11:00 AM (ET)

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# Tribute Wall



“ *Lawrence E. Moon Funeral Home created a Webcast in memory of Dr. Muriel Esther Pegues*



Lawrence E. Moon Funeral Home - April 12, 2025 at 09:08 AM

FF

*I knew her as "Missionary Muriel," and she became one of my favorite people to talk and pray with. As a member of the telephone prayer group, she and I would communicate to pray for one another and to keep each other encouraged. Even since my move back to California, Missionary Muriel and I remained in contact. My prayer is that her family remains faithfully strong to do The Most High's will and that your grief is not long-lasting.*

Fredrick Stanley (Bro. Fred) - April 12, 2025 at 11:32 AM

NW

“ *I was shocked and saddened to hear of Muriel's passing. I had known her since I was 11 when she was our cheerleading coach at Dort school. I was later fortunate enough to work with her. She was such a sweet and encouraging person. May the angels welcome her to Paradise.*



Norma Wells - April 12, 2025 at 12:11 AM

CJ

“ *Craig & Anna Johnson lit a candle in memory of Dr. Muriel Esther Pegues*



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**Craig & Anna Johnson** - April 11, 2025 at 03:57 PM

DT

“ *Been knowing her since the sixties such a beautiful soul RIP my friend the family has my deepest condolences*



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**Dessie Taylor** - April 11, 2025 at 02:23 PM

TA

“ *Sending love.. With our prayers for a "wonderful" sweet customer for many, many years!! Midways Supermarket, from Eddie & workers!*



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**Teresa Anthony-Johnson** - April 11, 2025 at 01:03 AM

TA

“ Dr. MURIEL PEGUES... TRULY A BEAUTIFUL, BEAUTIFUL SPIRITED WOMAN OF GOD. I BECAME AQUAINTED WITH, MS. MURIEL @ MIDWAYS MARKET.. COMING IN TO HANDLE HER BUSINESS FOR THE MONTH ECT. EVEN THOUGH, I HAVEN'T SEEN HER IN MANY YEARS I STILL REMEMBER HER CALMING WAYS, SHE WOULDN'T LET ME WAIT ON HER AT FIRST, IT ALWAYS HAD TO BE EDDIE..LOL BUT, I EVENTUALLY GAINED HER RESPECT & TRUST☐ REST WELL IN PRADISE, DR. MURIEL PEGUES🙏 SENDING LOVE & PRAYERS UP FOR YOUR BELOVED FAMILY.



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**Teresa Anthony-Johnson** - April 11, 2025 at 01:00 AM

OR

“ Odessa Robison lit a candle in memory of Dr. Muriel Esther Pegues



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**Odessa Robison** - April 10, 2025 at 09:03 PM

DJ

“ R.I.P.



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**Dorothy Jones** - April 10, 2025 at 08:47 PM

GL

“ Our prayers are with the family. Muriel will truly be missed. We look forward to the day where there's no more sickness and death, no more - Rev 21:4

*Geraldine Lee and family*

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**Geraldine Lee** - April 10, 2025 at 03:54 PM

KR

“ Kermit & Genell (Crain) Reeves lit a candle in memory of Dr. Muriel Esther Pegues



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**Kermit & Genell (Crain) Reeves** - April 10, 2025 at 03:12 PM

TG

“ Tresia Givens lit a candle in memory of Dr. Muriel Esther Pegues



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**Tresia Givens** - April 10, 2025 at 06:39 AM

TB

“ Tommie Beverly(Johnson} lit a candle in memory of Dr. Muriel Esther Pegues



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**Tommie Beverly(Johnson}** - April 09, 2025 at 07:22 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Dr. Muriel Esther Pegues.*



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April 09, 2025 at 04:40 PM



“ *Kim E. Carpenter lit a candle in memory of Muriel Pegues*



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**Kim E. Carpenter** - April 09, 2025 at 09:24 AM



“ *One of the sweetest lady ever u will be missed from The Angles of God Gospel Singers*

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**Deaigo Brown** - April 09, 2025 at 12:52 AM



“ *Sis Carol, Jennifer & Brian Van Buren purchased the Enchanted Cottage for the family of Dr. Muriel Esther Pegues.*



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**Sis Carol, Jennifer & Brian Van Buren** - April 08, 2025 at 10:58 PM

SB

“ Sis Carol, Jennifer & Brian Van Buren planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Dr. Muriel Esther Pegues.

Sis Carol, Jennifer & Brian Van Buren - April 08, 2025 at 10:58 PM

ED

“ Excelento Davis sent a virtual gift in memory of Dr. Muriel Esther Pegues



Excelento Davis - April 08, 2025 at 02:50 PM

CO

“ Cookie lit a candle in memory of Muriel Pegues



Cookie - April 08, 2025 at 12:50 PM

DC

“ Lit a candle in memory of Dr. Muriel Esther Pegues

Deborah Carter - April 08, 2025 at 06:28 AM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Dr. Muriel Esther Pegues.*



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April 07, 2025 at 09:00 PM



“ *LaTasha D Hester lit a candle in memory of Dr. Muriel Esther Pegues*



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**LaTasha D Hester** - April 07, 2025 at 03:37 PM



“ *Sending condolences, prayers, and love during this time.*



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**Jennifer Van Buren** - April 07, 2025 at 02:38 PM



“ *Prayer's & condolences to the family, RIH friend.*



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**Betty Perkins** - April 07, 2025 at 12:37 PM

CV

“ *My sincere love and condolences to all of the family. Rest in peace sister.* ”



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**Carol VanBuren** - April 07, 2025 at 06:43 AM

JD

“ *Jean Durrett lit a candle in memory of Dr. Muriel Esther Pegues* ”



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**Jean Durrett** - April 07, 2025 at 03:20 AM



“ *Enchanted Cottage was purchased for the family of Dr. Muriel Esther Pegues.* ”



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April 06, 2025 at 10:23 PM



“ *A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Dr. Muriel Esther Pegues.* ”

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April 06, 2025 at 10:23 PM

YT

“ Yvonne Tidwell sent a virtual gift in memory of Dr. Muriel Esther Pegues



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**Yvonne Tidwell** - April 06, 2025 at 06:07 PM

DT

“ Debby Taylor sent a virtual gift in memory of Dr. Muriel Esther Pegues



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**Debby Taylor** - April 06, 2025 at 05:50 PM

BB

“ Belinda D Brown lit a candle in memory of Dr. Muriel Esther Pegues



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**Belinda D Brown** - April 06, 2025 at 02:31 PM

AD

“ My sincerest thoughts and prayers are with the entire family during their time of bereavement!



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**AC Dumas** - April 06, 2025 at 08:18 AM

VL

“ Vanessa M Lewis sent a virtual gift in memory of Muriel Pegues



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**Vanessa M Lewis** - April 05, 2025 at 09:47 PM

PA

“ PamelaAltheimer lit a candle in memory of Dr. Muriel Esther Pegues



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**PamelaAltheimer** - April 05, 2025 at 07:39 PM

PB

“ Patricia Barker lit a candle in memory of Dr. Muriel Esther Pegues



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**Patricia Barker** - April 05, 2025 at 02:08 PM

VW

“ Sending prayers and heartfelt condolences to the entire Pegues family, love ones and friends. I met Muriel when we worked at Delphi, and she was going back to school to get her Doctrine Degree. We were talking and she told me her last name and I told her that we were cousins on my fathers side. Muriel was so warm, loving, caring and she could be a jokeseer at times, but most of all she was a Women who Loved GOD. I would always pass out the Daily Word Pamphlets, and she would always come to me and say Valerie where is my Daily Word pamphlet, and if you didn't know she could Sing Y'all, Pray and Worship GOD to the Fullest. For our earthly house has dissolved, but we have a building of God. a house not made with hands, but eternal in the heavens. Take your rest know Cousin Muriel, continue to rest on in Jesus' loving arms.



Love Ya  
Your Cousin,  
Valerie (Anthony) Williams

Valerie (Anthony) Williams - April 05, 2025 at 11:28 AM

SH

I am so sorry for your loss your mom and I were first cousins, you and your family have my prayers and all my love.

Sametta Nelson- Harris-Cousin - April 09, 2025 at 01:58 PM

AM

“ Annette Marks lit a candle in memory of Dr. Muriel Esther Pegues



Annette Marks - April 05, 2025 at 10:35 AM

VN

“ *Veronica Nickens lit a candle in memory of Muriel Pegues*



Veronica Nickens - April 04, 2025 at 10:58 PM

AY

“ *Ayana lit a candle in memory of Muriel Pegues*



Ayana - April 04, 2025 at 10:46 PM

ED

“ *Excelento Davis sent a virtual gift in memory of Dr. Muriel Esther Pegues*



Excelento Davis - April 04, 2025 at 09:07 PM

PM

“ *Patricia Marshall lit a candle in memory of Dr. Muriel Esther Pegues*



Patricia Marshall - April 04, 2025 at 08:07 PM

CM

“ My condolences to the family and friends of Mrs Puges may God give you in all strength n prays are with you all



Charlotte mccoey - April 04, 2025 at 11:37 AM

CP

“ I send my condolences and prayers to the family. I met Muriel at Delphi and we would meet at lunch and breaks with a few if our other work friends to play Bid Whist. She was such a kind, sweet and soft spoken person who loved the Lord. She also had a beautiful smile and personality. I'm Blessed to have meet such a wonderful person. She will definitely be missed. 🙏🙏🙏🥹



Cheryl Payton - April 03, 2025 at 06:20 PM

NO

“ Narotha Ogden lit a candle in memory of Dr. Muriel Esther Puges



Narotha Ogden - April 03, 2025 at 05:56 PM

TG

“ *R.I.H. You'll definitely be missed by all who had the pleasure of knowing you*



Travis Givens - April 03, 2025 at 05:49 PM

DW

“ *Diane Williams lit a candle in memory of Dr. Muriel Esther Pegues*



Diane Williams - April 03, 2025 at 05:45 PM

AG

“ *Amy Givens lit a candle in memory of Dr. Muriel Esther Pegues*



Amy Givens - April 03, 2025 at 04:55 PM

HV

“ *Hope Veasley lit a candle in memory of Dr. Muriel Esther Pegues*



Hope Veasley - April 03, 2025 at 04:38 PM

GG

“ R.I.HEAVEN, Job well done and you'll truly be missed. 🕊️❤️🙏😭



Gerrold Givens - April 03, 2025 at 03:49 PM

RR

“ Just a sweetest lady she will definitely be missed! 😭

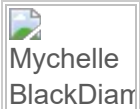
Robin Redmon - April 03, 2025 at 01:27 PM



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Renee Thompson-Jones - April 03, 2025 at 12:06 PM



Mychelle BlackDian

“ Mychelle BlackDiamond lit a candle in memory of Dr. Muriel Esther Pegues



Mychelle BlackDiamond - April 03, 2025 at 10:32 AM



“ *Otis & Debra Cheatom lit a candle in memory of Dr. Muriel Esther Pegues*



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**Otis & Debra Cheatom** - April 03, 2025 at 09:57 AM