



Mr. Nathaniel Massey

August 26, 1929 - October 24, 2017

MASSEY, Mr. Nathaniel - Age 88, passed away Tuesday, October 24, 2017 at McLaren-Flint. Family hour 10:30 AM Monday, October 30, 2017 from the Chapel of Lawrence E. Moon Funeral Home, 906 W. Flint Park Blvd., with funeral service commencing at 11:00 AM, Pastor Robert Blake, officiating. Family and friends will assemble at the Chapel 10:30 AM Monday. Mr. Massey will lie in state in the Chapel of Lawrence E. Moon Funeral Home and may be viewed from 10:00 AM-6:00 PM Sunday.

Mr. Nathaniel Massey was born in Columbus, Ohio to Edwin and Ruby Massey who migrated from the south. He was the first of seven children born to the couple on August 26, 1929. His parents always believed in giving their children better than what they had, which was a practice that he continued when he had his own family. Nathaniel attended schools in Columbus, Ohio where he crafted his skill as a basketball player. He enjoyed playing basketball with his brothers while he was in college, and the Armed Services. Nathaniel was even approached by the Harlem Globetrotters, however he opted not to play with them because he was not a “showboat”, but a serious basketball player. In 1955, he met the love of his life, Betty Davis. The lifelong match began at a friend’s house in Columbus, Ohio, while Betty was home on break from college and “Massey” was home on break. In 1957, the Massey’s married in Columbus, Ohio and immediately relocated to the Flint area, later settling in Beecher. Nathaniel was immediately employed with the U.S. Postal

Service where he served until his retirement in 1985, additionally he prepared taxes for the community. He and Betty were very much in love, and shared that love with their children Hubert, Sharon, Lisa and Corey. That love was then shared with their grandchildren (12). Nathaniel and Betty were very involved in school activities for all their children and supportive of their grandchildren's activities. After his retirement he served as a school crossing guard for the Beecher Community Schools for 6 years. He was an avid walker, which he did in his spare time after his retirement. Nathaniel was a community inspiration sharing words of wisdom with everyone he met while he was walking and serving as a crossing guard.

Massey and Betty together served faithfully and loyally with Vernon Chapel AME Church. Nate used to drive Pastor Reuben E. Russell to visit the sick and shut in, doctor's appointments and members in convalescence homes. He and Betty served as Co-Chairs of the very first "Marriage Hall of Fame", a program held at Vernon Chapel. The phrase "until death do us part" defined the love for 60 years, of Betty and Nate. Nate leaves life's lessons and wisdom to his 4 children; Hubert (Marquitta) Massey of Detroit, MI, Sharon (Kevin) Washington of Tampa, FL, Lisa (Victor) Wigfall of Port Tobacco, MD and Corey (Dawn) Massey of Downingtown, PA.; 12 grandchildren Kyla Massey, Jasa Washington, Megan Wigfall, Juloni Washington, Elana (Marc) Hinton, Jordon Massey, Jacquelle Washington, Matthew Massey, Semari Massey, Lia Massey, Nia Massey and Jaden Massey; 4 brothers who all reside in Columbus, Ohio, James (Jackie) Massey, Edwin (Mary) Massey, Jean (Eugenia) Massey and Robert (Ruby) Massey; and a host of aunts, uncles, nieces, nephews, cousins and special friends, including Monroe Adams, Sam Williams, Emmitt Smiley, George Logan, Estella Gould, Lucille Benefield and Willie Jackson.

Nathaniel Massey is preceded in death by parents Edwin and Ruby Massey, brother Melvin Massey and sister Lily Mae Commodore.

We express special thanks to the Vernon Chapel AME church family, Pastor Robert Blake, the caring staff of Fostoria Assisted Living, Dr. Peddireddy and the Beecher Community.

Previous Events

Public Viewing

OCT **29**. 10:00 AM - 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 hour

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Tribute Wall



“ *Mr. Nathaniel Massey*

October 09, 2023 at 07:02 AM



“ *You will be truly missed but not forgotten.*



SFC Alan Ontrelle Patten - November 03, 2017 at 07:09 AM



“ *Michele Davis sent a virtual gift in memory of Mr. Nathaniel Massey*



Michele Davis - October 31, 2017 at 06:54 AM



“ *Our thoughts and prayers are with you.*

Love,

Oliver and Cherina Johnson



Cherina Johnson - October 30, 2017 at 08:57 AM

WH

“ *Wanda Harrison lit a candle in memory of Mr. Nathaniel Massey*



Wanda Harrison - October 30, 2017 at 06:48 AM

CP

“ *COREY PIERCE lit a candle in memory of Mr. Nathaniel Massey*



COREY PIERCE - October 29, 2017 at 11:47 PM

NF

“ *Naomi DeShore and Family purchased the Heav enly and Harmony for the family of Mr. Nathaniel Massey.*



Naomi DeShore and Family - October 29, 2017 at 04:22 PM


Michele
Davis

“ *Michele Davis sent a virtual gift in memory of Mr. Nathaniel Massey*



Michele Davis - October 28, 2017 at 08:31 PM

LM

“ *LANITA MURRAY lit a candle in memory of Mr. Nathaniel Massey*



LANITA MURRAY - October 28, 2017 at 01:21 PM

LM

“ *The family of Ben and Lena Marshall wish to extend their deepest sympathies in the loss of Mr. Massey. May God keep you and your family in perfect peace during this time. Peace and blessings*

Lena Marshall - October 28, 2017 at 11:47 AM

D"

“ *Deborah Harris "Lady" lit a candle in memory of Mr. Nathaniel Massey*



Deborah Harris "Lady" - October 27, 2017 at 01:51 PM

SF

“ *Stewart Family lit a candle in memory of Mr. Nathaniel Massey*



stewart family - October 27, 2017 at 12:34 PM

TF

“ *The Carney-Nunes, Richardson Family purchased the Sentiments of Serenity Spray for the family of Mr. Nathaniel Massey.*



The Carney-Nunes, Richardson Family - October 27, 2017 at 12:05 PM

MK

“ *Millie, Chris, Karen, Bianca & Ken purchased the Divine Peace Bouquet for the family of Mr. Nathaniel Massey.*



Millie, Chris, Karen, Bianca & Ken - October 26, 2017 at 10:56 PM

MC

“ *Mark and Sam Dexter Chambers purchased the Full Of Love Bouquet for the family of Mr. Nathaniel Massey.*



Mark and Sam Dexter Chambers - October 26, 2017 at 01:15 PM

MW

“ *Maggie & Walt Williams lit a candle in memory of Mr. Nathaniel Massey*



Maggie & Walt Williams - October 25, 2017 at 06:01 PM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Mr. Nathaniel Massey.*



October 25, 2017 at 02:26 PM



“ *Jerome Adams Sr. lit a candle in memory of Mr. Nathaniel Massey*



Jerome Adams Sr. - October 25, 2017 at 10:19 AM



“ *May our Lord Jesus Christ himself and God our Father, who loved us and gave everlasting comfort and good hope by means of undeserved kindness, comfort your hearts and make you firm.—2 Thess. 2:16, 17*

L. Cade - October 25, 2017 at 08:07 AM