



## Deacon Odester "OD" Whitiker

November 19, 1950 - May 16, 2018

WHITIKER, Deacon Odester "OD" - Age 67, passed away Wednesday, May 16, 2018 at his residence. Family hour 1:30 PM Friday, May 25, 2018 from the Chapel of Lawrence E. Moon Funeral Home, 906 W. Flint Park Blvd., with funeral service commencing at 2:00 PM Pastor R. Sherman McCathern officiating. Interment Flint Memorial Park, G-9506 N. Dort Hwy., Mt. Morris, MI. Friends and pallbearers will assemble at the funeral home 1:30 PM Friday. Mr. Whitiker will lie in state in the Chapel of Lawrence E. Moon Funeral Home and may be viewed from 12:00 PM - 8:00 PM Thursday.

Deacon Odester Whitiker "O.D." was born November 19, 1950 in Gould, Arkansas, the son of Willie Sr. and Vera Lee Whitiker. He accepted Christ as his savior at a very young age at Bright Starr Missionary Baptist Church in Tarry, AR. At the age of 18 he was drafted in to the United States Army and fought in the Vietnam War and was Honorably Discharged as Sergeant. After returning from the war he eventually made Flint, Michigan the place where he would spend the rest of his life. It was there he met his beautiful wife. He began work for General Motors and retired after 30 + years of excellent service. In 2005 he became a member of Joy Tabernacle Church. Odester regularly attended Sunday School, Bible Study and Sunday Worship Service. In 2006, he was Ordained as a Deacon of Joy Tabernacle Church. O.D. loved to watch his favorite sport, Football and argue with brother, "Bama" about the games. He also loved to fish, watch golf, basketball, cook and make

barbecue. His heart was pure and he always kept it 100! Always giving advice about life. His laugh was one of a kind and he had the most beautiful smile. O.D. loved people and was trustworthy.

Deacon Odester Whitiker "O.D." leaves to cherish his memory: devoted wife of 32 years, Thelma Whitiker; daughter, Shermaine Whitiker, both of Flint; 4 sons, Odester Whitiker Jr. & wife, Andrae Whitiker of Pine Bluff, AR, Rev. Catrell (Wanda) Whitiker of Monroe, and Orestes Whitiker of Cleveland, OH; 5 grandchildren, Alexis Whitiker, Doris Whitiker, both of Irving, TX, Ja'Mere Whitiker, Damerion Whitiker and Amira Whitiker, all of Flint; 3 sisters, Lonsetta (Lester) Price, Yurly (Kevin) Pryor and Linda Faye Whitiker; 7 brothers, Willie Whitiker Jr., all of Pine Bluff, AR, Leander (Luann) Whitiker of West Memphis, AR, Julian (Pauline) Whitiker, Johnny Whitiker, Rev. Lee R. Whitiker, Tonnie (Georgia) Whitiker and Clem Whitiker, all of Pine Bluff, AR; a host of nieces including special niece, Rubie (Otis) Hervey of Flint; a host of nephews including special nephew, Julian Cain; 4 sisters-in-law, Vivian Bates of Lima, OH, Sheila Cheatom, Lillian Cheatom and Melinda Cheatom, all of Flint; brother-in-law, Bruce (Teresa) Cheatom of Antioch, TN; a host of other relatives and friends including special friends, Leon (DeNora) Wine, Marilyn and "Karly Jo", and the Genesee Road Walking Crew.

Deacon Whitiker was preceded in death by his parents, Willie Sr. and Vera Lee Whitiker; and sisters, Rose Whitiker and Willie B. Shaw.

The family would like to express special thanks to everyone: I ask many questions why, why, why. I had to stop and remember that we are all born to die. Until that faithful day when I will see His face. I pray that God will give me the strength to continue to run this race. With all my love, wife, Thelma Whitiker.

# Cemetery Details

## Flint Memorial Park Cemetery

G-9506 N. Dort Hwy.  
Mt. Morris, MI 48458

# Previous Events

## Public Viewing

**MAY 24.** 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

**MAY 25.** 1:30 PM - 2:00 PM (ET)

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## Service

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MAY 25. 2:00 PM (ET)

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# Tribute Wall



“ Deacon Odester "OD" Whitiker

October 09, 2023 at 07:02 AM



“ Hello Thelma and family. Although I wasn't able to be there for the new life of my father, I want you to know that my wife, mom, brother (Andrae) and family send our deepest prayers to you and the rest of your family. I appreciate you allowing me to get to know my father these last 10 years. Now, I know where I got that unique laugh from. We love you all.

Odester "Teto" Whitiker

Odester Whitiker Jr - May 28, 2018 at 08:40 AM



“ Hello Thelma and family. Although, I couldn't make the new life of my father, my thoughts are with you and the rest of the family. I appreciate you allowing these 10 years of communication with him. I didn't know him as a kid, but God worked it out so I got a chance as an adult to know him later. Please know that my wife, mom, brother (Andrae) and family keep you in our prayers at this time. I love you all.

Odester "Teto" Whitiker



Odester Whitiker Jr - May 28, 2018 at 08:28 AM

DJ

“ Dorothy "Doris" Ford Jones lit a candle in memory of Deacon Odester "OD" Whitiker



Dorothy "Doris" Ford Jones - May 28, 2018 at 08:22 AM

LB

“ Linda Booth lit a candle in memory of Deacon Odester "OD" Whitiker



Linda Booth - May 25, 2018 at 06:55 PM

MC

“ Hi Thelma, you have my deepest condolences in the lost of your husband, I pray God comfort you during this time. Monique Cole

Monique Cole - May 25, 2018 at 08:27 AM

OC

“ Otis & Debra Cheatom lit a candle in memory of Deacon Odester "OD" Whitiker



Otis & Debra Cheatom - May 20, 2018 at 03:12 PM

Terry  
Randolph

“ *Pastor Terry Randolph and the Gethsemane MBC would like to extend our sincere condolences to the family. We are praying that God will comfort each of during this transitional period.*

Terry Randolph - May 20, 2018 at 09:03 AM

AL

“ *Alevia lit a candle in memory of Deacon Odester "OD" Whitiker*



Alevia - May 19, 2018 at 07:30 PM

CW

“ *Going to miss laughing with my dad and all the calls that we shared!! To my siblings Live you all and know that God has us and we must keep our trust in Him! Mom Thelma I Love you and we both know that God is going to keep you and the rest of the family through this! Apostle Catrell&Lady Wanda Whitiker*

catrell whitiker - May 18, 2018 at 08:17 PM

DS

“ *Dear Thelma.  
I was so sorry to hear that your husband passed away. I pray that the Good Lord will comfort and keep you and your family during this difficult time.  
Dana S. Simmons*



Dana S. Simmons - May 18, 2018 at 04:06 PM

WW

“ Our sincere sympathies to the Whitiker Family. Words can't express how saddened we are to hear of your loss. I pray the love of God enfolds you during this difficult time and you are in our prayers. Please accept our heartfelt condolences..Love Wanda Whitiker



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**Wanda Whitiker** - May 18, 2018 at 11:49 AM

SW

“ I love u dad I was ready for u to leave me but god makes know mistake u were the best dad ever that's what makes it so hard to except this luv R.I.H



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**Shermaine Whitiker** - May 18, 2018 at 12:45 AM

AW

Going to miss laughing with my dad and all the calls that we shared!! To my siblings Live you all and know that God has us and we must keep our trust in Him! Mom Thelma I Love you and we both know that God is going to keep you and the rest of the family through this!  
Apostle Catrell&Lady Wanda Whitiker

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**Apostle Catrell Whitiker** - May 18, 2018 at 11:53 AM