



Deacon Oliver Edwards Sr.

May 25, 1932 - August 12, 2017

EDWARDS, Deacon Oliver Sr. - Age 85, passed away Saturday, August 12, 2017 at Hurley Medical Center. Family hour 10:30 AM Saturday, August 19, 2017 at Mt. Olive Missionary Baptist Church, 424 Kennelworth Ave., with service commencing at 11:00 AM Rev. Ronald Wilson officiating. Interment Sunset Hills Cemetery, G-4413 Flushing Rd. Friends and pallbearers will assemble at the church 10:30 AM Saturday. Deacon Edwards will lie in state in the Chapel of Lawrence E. Moon Funeral Home, 906 W. Flint Park Blvd., and may be viewed from 4:00 PM - 8:00 PM Friday with the family present from 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM.

Oliver Edwards Sr. was born May 25, 1932 to Alexander Edwards Sr. and Irene Shipman in Millet, South Carolina. While living in Allendale South Carolina, at the age of 15 Oliver started singing with the Sunset Four in Myers Mill South Carolina. After high school, Oliver moved to Flint, Michigan in 1951, where he was hired at the Buick Motor Division and joined The Spiritual Pilgrims. A few years later, Pop organized his own group the Dixieland Singers then went to sing in several groups including Alexander Williams and The Gospel Gales along with the Late Sam McKinney and the Sensational Rollinaires. Oliver Married Billie Jean Stewart November 3, 1954 from that union came 5 children, Joy Edwards, Oliver Edwards Jr. Joey Edwards, Yvonne Reeves and Stacy Reeves. In 1968, The Mighty Gospel Shepherds were formed. The Group recorded several recordings and started singing in

churches traveling throughout the south. Oliver was a long time member of the Mt Olive Missionary Baptist Church where he served as Deacon and was active in Sunday school class #1. Pop loved gardening, working in the lawn and especially loved his family. He would help his children, grandchildren, brothers, sisters, nieces, nephews and anyone who needed help. After retiring from Buick Motor Division in 1980, Pop and "The Shepherds" traveled extensively around the country performing in large venues, schools, auditoriums and festivals. Releasing three independent albums, Nominated in five categories at the 1988 Gospel Music Workshop of America and Five national recordings "Alive and Restored", "Live In Durham", "Trilogy", "Tribute" and New Beginnings 3 of those reaching the billboard Top 40 charts. Pop's song "Come This Far By Faith" has been a testament to his life and was one of his featured songs.

Oliver leaves in God's care Wife of 62 years, Billie Jean Edwards; Daughters, Joy Edwards of Flint MI and Yvonne (Gary) Brown of Cleveland, Ohio. Sons, Stacy Reeves of Bluefield, West Virginia and Joey (Bridget) Edwards of Flint MI. Brother, Wesley Singleton of Kennsaw, GA, Sister, Irene McKay of Flint MI Uncle Calvin Shilpman and Aunt Nelle Kyle of Augusta GA; Grandchildren, Jeremy (Linda) Davis, Oliver III, Joey II, Heather Joe'l Edwards all from Atlanta GA, Shanzell (Muffet) Page of Flint MI and O'juan Edwards of Hyattsville, MD Tracey (Andrew) Montgomery and Terri Brown Cleveland Ohio, Jamie Murrell of Bluefield WV and Donyoua Reeves of New Jersey Great grandchildren Skyleigh, Jayden, Noah, Alisabetha, Shawn, Kendell and Jordyn Seleenia; nephew, Herbert (Virginia) Williams of Brinkley, AR.

Special thanks to nieces, nephews, cousins great nieces, great nephews, beloved friends, Rev. Ronald Wilson and the Mt. Olive Missionary Baptist Church Family.

Cemetery Details

Sunset Hills Cemetery

G-4413 Flushing Rd.
Flint, MI 48504

Previous Events

Public Viewing

AUG 18. 4:00 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

AUG 18. 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

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Family hour

AUG 19. 10:30 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

Mt. Olive Missionary Baptist Church
424 Kennelworth Ave.
Flint, MI 48503

Service

AUG 19. 11:00 AM (ET)

Mt. Olive Missionary Baptist Church
424 Kennelworth Ave.
Flint, MI 48503

Tribute Wall



“ *Deacon Oliver Edwards Sr.*

October 09, 2023 at 07:02 AM



“ *Tonya LaGrone lit a candle in memory of Deacon Oliver Edwards Sr.*



Tonya LaGrone - August 20, 2017 at 11:11 AM



“ *Regina Simmons lit a candle in memory of Deacon Oliver Edwards Sr.*



Regina Simmons - August 19, 2017 at 06:05 PM



“ *Kayla Williams lit a candle in memory of Deacon Oliver Edwards Sr.*



Kayla Williams - August 19, 2017 at 11:43 AM

MS

“ *MRS.ISOM STONE lit a candle in memory of Deacon Oliver Edwards Sr.*



MRS.ISOM STONE - August 19, 2017 at 01:45 AM

TF

“ *The Milhouse's send condolences to the Edwards family*



The Milhouse family - August 18, 2017 at 08:43 PM



“ *S.i.p cousin.*



Shlet Peoples-white - August 18, 2017 at 07:37 PM

DW

“ *Doron White lit a candle in memory of Deacon Oliver Edwards Sr.*



Doron White - August 18, 2017 at 06:20 PM

MT

“ *Maria Taylor lit a candle in memory of Deacon Oliver Edwards Sr.*



Maria Taylor - August 18, 2017 at 04:24 PM



“ *Helen Davis lit a candle in memory of Deacon Oliver Edwards Sr.*



Helen Davis - August 18, 2017 at 04:24 PM

RC

“ *Robbie Cobb lit a candle in memory of Deacon Oliver Edwards Sr.*



Robbie Cobb - August 18, 2017 at 03:58 PM

GH

“ *Gail Lee Henry lit a candle in memory of Deacon Oliver Edwards Sr.*



Gail Lee Henry - August 18, 2017 at 03:33 PM

DW

“ Doren White lit a candle in memory of Deacon Oliver Edwards Sr.



Doren White - August 18, 2017 at 02:17 PM

RR

“ Rodney Richardson lit a candle in memory of Deacon Oliver Edwards Sr.



Rodney Richardson - August 18, 2017 at 01:28 PM

BC

“ Best memories ,He would have Booker and I over for dinner and fix pancakes🙄(best neighbors ever).Family forever,love you💜



Barbara Crum - August 18, 2017 at 11:39 AM



“ Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Deacon Oliver Edwards Sr..



August 18, 2017 at 10:56 AM

RT

“ *Rose Thomas-Murchison lit a candle in memory of Deacon Oliver Edwards Sr.*



Rose Thomas-Murchison - August 18, 2017 at 09:51 AM

RT

Mr. Edward you will be missed dearly!!!

Rose Thomas-Murchison - August 18, 2017 at 09:53 AM

VW

“ *Velma Williams lit a candle in memory of Deacon Oliver Edwards Sr.*



Velma Williams - August 17, 2017 at 11:09 PM

RJ

“ *Love you pop!!! The Bryant Family.*

Rev.James H.Bryant,aka Jimbo. - August 17, 2017 at 09:14 PM

RJ

“ *Life long love of a father friend and mentor you'll always live in my heart and shall not be moved.*

Rev.James H.Bryant,aka Jimbo. - August 17, 2017 at 09:02 PM

TF

“ *The Copedge Family lit a candle in memory of Deacon Oliver Edwards Sr.*



The Copedge Family - August 17, 2017 at 08:20 PM

MC

“ *My condolences, Mrs. Edwards, Joey and Bridget. I was always fond of Mr. Edwards. He will be missed.*
Meriann Taylor Campbell

Meriann Taylor Campbell - August 17, 2017 at 06:48 PM

EM

“ *Eddie & Paulette McGhee lit a candle in memory of Deacon Oliver Edwards Sr.*



Eddie & Paulette McGhee - August 17, 2017 at 05:43 PM

LW

“ *Lynn Williams lit a candle in memory of Deacon Oliver Edwards Sr.*



Lynn Williams - August 17, 2017 at 04:00 PM

AJ

“ I have known Deacon Oliver Edwards Sr. for a long time, way back when they had quartet Singing at the old National Guard Armory on Chavez. My granddad was singing with the Bright Stars and taking me to all the quartet programs and who was always there "POP." Even after I began to get older and sing myself who was there pushing me around "POP." He would call me every Monday night on the quartet hour, for over twenty years telling what do and who to play and we would fuss I'm really going to miss this guy. To the family you have our prayers



The Radiolady...

Anna & Craig Johnson - August 17, 2017 at 12:40 PM

MC

“ Mrs Verna Cobb lit a candle in memory of Deacon Oliver Edwards Sr.



Mrs Verna Cobb - August 17, 2017 at 12:20 PM

GL

“ Gloria Lark lit a candle in memory of Deacon Oliver Edwards Sr.



Gloria Lark - August 16, 2017 at 10:16 PM

BG

“ *Barbara Graham sent a virtual gift in memory of Deacon Oliver Edwards Sr.*



Barbara Graham - August 16, 2017 at 09:44 PM

SH

“ *To the Oliver Family from Earline, Josephine, Winslow and Sylvestine Singleton and family*



Sylvestine Singleton Houston - August 16, 2017 at 08:52 PM

SM

“ *Sherman & Barbara Moore-Clifton lit a candle in memory of Deacon Oliver Edwards Sr.*



Sherman & Barbara Moore-Clifton - August 16, 2017 at 04:05 PM

TJ

“ *Tonya Jackson-Battle lit a candle in memory of Deacon Oliver Edwards Sr.*



Tonya Jackson-Battle - August 16, 2017 at 03:32 PM

DS

“ I remember when his son used to do my hair. I would always come with my food because it would take a long time. He used to ask me where his food was. I'm sad to hear that he has passed.

Donyale Skinner - August 16, 2017 at 01:56 PM

JW

“ Janice Williams lit a candle in memory of Deacon Oliver Edwards Sr.



Janice Williams - August 16, 2017 at 01:38 PM

SP

“ Sheryl Payton sent a virtual gift in memory of Deacon Oliver Edwards Sr.



Sheryl Payton - August 16, 2017 at 10:01 AM



“ Marcia Teer lit a candle in memory of Deacon Oliver Edwards Sr.



Marcia Teer - August 16, 2017 at 08:09 AM

VK

“ *Vivian Kelley lit a candle in memory of Deacon Oliver Edwards Sr.*



Vivian Kelley - August 15, 2017 at 11:35 PM



“ *Linda English lit a candle in memory of Deacon Oliver Edwards Sr.*



Linda English - August 15, 2017 at 11:02 PM

TH

“ *Tina Houston lit a candle in memory of Deacon Oliver Edwards Sr.*



Tina houston - August 15, 2017 at 05:27 PM

HW

“ *Herbert And Linda Winfrey lit a candle in memory of Deacon Oliver Edwards Sr.*



Herbert and Linda Winfrey - August 15, 2017 at 04:34 PM

MA

“ It has been an honor to share a lifetime of wonderful friendship, fellowship and wonderful memories with Deacon Edwards and his family, especially my Sister in Christ, Billy, in the glory of God. Be encouraged family. We love you.

From Nita Davis, Marietta Phinisee, and Denice Davis

Marietta - August 15, 2017 at 04:00 PM

LW

Oliver was a friend of my Brother, Joseph. I have known him for years. Then meet up with him at Buick where I was his nurse in the medical Dept. Loved his singing. Condolences to his family. He will be missed. Lola Watkins.

Lola Mae Watkins - August 16, 2017 at 11:59 AM

DM

To the Edwards Family : Oliver will be surely missed around Mt. Olive. He was what God intended for a Deacon to be. Take your rest you have earned it . Love to the Edwards Family. Dolores McGowan

Dolores McGowan - August 17, 2017 at 02:19 PM

AB

“ *Althea Barbee lit a candle in memory of Deacon Oliver Edwards Sr.*



Althea Barbee - August 15, 2017 at 03:25 PM

GS

“ *Gwendolyn Sims lit a candle in memory of Deacon Oliver Edwards Sr.*



Gwendolyn Sims - August 15, 2017 at 02:47 PM

CW

“ *Craig S. Williams lit a candle in memory of Deacon Oliver Edwards Sr.*



Craig S. Williams - August 15, 2017 at 02:45 PM

BR

“ *Betty Rosborough lit a candle in memory of Deacon Oliver Edwards Sr.*



Betty Rosborough - August 15, 2017 at 02:03 PM

W(

“ *William & Neysa Burns (neighbors) lit a candle in memory of Deacon Oliver Edwards Sr.*



William & Neysa Burns (neighbors) - August 15, 2017 at 11:29 AM

SE

“ Sandra Epps sent a virtual gift in memory of Deacon Oliver Edwards Sr.



Sandra Epps - August 15, 2017 at 10:58 AM

CR

“ My memory to share is that one particular time in the late seventies we were at a quartet concert went in and it was still light outside by the time we got out ti was just about light again! Good ole days! I thank the Gospel Sheperds and so many more choirs of that era that cultivated me and my siblings to sing or bring forth ministry.



Carolyn Randolph-Witcher - August 15, 2017 at 10:22 AM

JS

“ Jerrel & Dorothy Sanders lit a candle in memory of Deacon Oliver Edwards Sr.



Jerrel & Dorothy Sanders - August 15, 2017 at 10:05 AM



“ Tanya Neely and Family are sending out our condolences to the family.He was such a nice man . I went to school with his children. We will keep you in our prayers. Love Tanya Neely and Family.

Tanya Neely - August 15, 2017 at 09:29 AM

JC

“ *Jessie Cloman lit a candle in memory of Deacon Oliver Edwards Sr.*



Jessie Cloman - August 15, 2017 at 07:22 AM

CH

“ *Calvin And Pamela Hightower lit a candle in memory of Deacon Oliver Edwards Sr.*



Calvin and Pamela Hightower - August 15, 2017 at 06:35 AM

BK

“ *Brenda Kimble lit a candle in memory of Deacon Oliver Edwards Sr.*



Brenda Kimble - August 15, 2017 at 05:01 AM

PH

“ *Paula Holliman lit a candle in memory of Deacon Oliver Edwards Sr.*



Paula Holliman - August 14, 2017 at 11:36 PM

TG

“ *Tresia Givens lit a candle in memory of Deacon Oliver Edwards Sr.*



Tresia Givens - August 14, 2017 at 11:09 PM

CM

“ *May God put his arms around each one of you in this time of sorrow*



Charlotte McCoy - August 14, 2017 at 09:23 PM



“ *Sheila Johnson-Toins sent a virtual gift in memory of Deacon Oliver Edwards Sr.*



Sheila Johnson-Toins - August 14, 2017 at 06:20 PM



Keeping the Edwards family in my thoughts and prayers

Sheila Johnson-Toins - August 14, 2017 at 06:21 PM

RR

“ ROSE REEVES lit a candle in memory of Deacon Oliver Edwards Sr.



ROSE REEVES - August 14, 2017 at 05:55 PM

JR

“ John & Tujunana Reaves lit a candle in memory of Deacon Oliver Edwards Sr.



John & Tujunana Reaves - August 14, 2017 at 05:50 PM

VC

“ Prayers going up for you at this difficult time.



Vanessa Cobb - August 14, 2017 at 05:37 PM

DJ

“ Daisy Johnson lit a candle in memory of Deacon Oliver Edwards Sr.



Daisy Johnson - August 14, 2017 at 05:33 PM

IG

“ *Ira Gilbert lit a candle in memory of Deacon Oliver Edwards Sr.*



Ira Gilbert - August 14, 2017 at 05:20 PM

JT

“ *Jackie-Braxton Tinker lit a candle in memory of Deacon Oliver Edwards Sr.*



Jackie-Braxton Tinker - August 14, 2017 at 04:04 PM

TB

“ *Pop Shepherd was a great man he was one of my favorite singer he was a great friend to my family and he treated us as his own he will be miss and he help my granny start her group over 30years ago and he Love the Lord and he Love his wife and children and grandchildren dearly rip pop we love y'all Mrs. Edwards and Joey y'all is in our prayers from Pearl and The Angels of God Gospel Singers*

Terrence Brown - August 14, 2017 at 04:00 PM

AN

“ *Annette(Tuttie)Carlysle lit a candle in memory of Deacon Oliver Edwards Sr.*



Annette(Tuttie)Carlysle - August 14, 2017 at 03:25 PM

DK

“ Diane Kirksey sent a virtual gift in memory of Deacon Oliver Edwards Sr.



Diane Kirksey - August 14, 2017 at 02:14 PM

DS

“ Deidre Spight~Woodson sent a virtual gift in memory of Deacon Oliver Edwards Sr.



Deidre Spight~Woodson - August 14, 2017 at 01:02 PM

SM

“ Sharon Mixon lit a candle in memory of Deacon Oliver Edwards Sr.



Sharon Mixon - August 14, 2017 at 12:35 PM

AP

“ Anthony Paxton lit a candle in memory of Deacon Oliver Edwards Sr.



Anthony Paxton - August 14, 2017 at 12:21 PM

DH

“ *Dolores Harris sent a virtual gift in memory of Deacon Oliver Edwards Sr.*



Dolores Harris - August 14, 2017 at 12:00 PM

DH

“ *Dolores Harris lit a candle in memory of Deacon Oliver Edwards Sr.*



dolores harris - August 14, 2017 at 11:57 AM

EL

“ *Elder Michael & Phyllis Leslie sent a virtual gift in memory of Deacon Oliver Edwards Sr.*



Elder Michael & Phyllis Leslie - August 14, 2017 at 11:54 AM



“ *My condolences to the Edwards family. May God be with you all during this time.*



Chimene Hill - August 14, 2017 at 11:09 AM

JM

“ Johnny&Cathay Miller lit a candle in memory of Deacon Oliver Edwards Sr.



Johnny&Cathay Miller - August 14, 2017 at 10:03 AM

BT

“ Betty J Tipper lit a candle in memory of Deacon Oliver Edwards Sr.



Betty J Tipper - August 14, 2017 at 09:54 AM

JG

“ James & Ondria Gillespie lit a candle in memory of Deacon Oliver Edwards Sr.



James & Ondria Gillespie - August 14, 2017 at 09:32 AM

LB

“ Lynn Barbee lit a candle in memory of Deacon Oliver Edwards Sr.



Lynn Barbee - August 14, 2017 at 09:07 AM



“ *Robbie Grier sent a virtual gift in memory of Deacon Oliver Edwards Sr.*



Robbie Grier - August 14, 2017 at 08:44 AM

JK

“ *Julie Koger lit a candle in memory of Deacon Oliver Edwards Sr.*



Julie Koger - August 14, 2017 at 08:29 AM

LW

“ *I have known Oliver since I was a teenager. I am a friend of his niece's and nephews. He will be missed. To the family you have my condolences. May God give you favor as you grieve and yet celebrate his life.*

Lola Mae Watkins - August 13, 2017 at 11:48 PM

BW

“ *Barbara Wright lit a candle in memory of Deacon Oliver Edwards Sr.*



Barbara Wright - August 13, 2017 at 07:36 PM

CK

“ Claudette Kennedy lit a candle in memory of Deacon Oliver Edwards Sr.



Claudette Kennedy - August 13, 2017 at 07:36 PM

LP

“ Lisa & Dorothy Payton sent a virtual gift in memory of Deacon Oliver Edwards Sr.



Lisa & Dorothy Payton - August 13, 2017 at 07:10 PM

RK

“ Russell/Diane Kirksey lit a candle in memory of Deacon Oliver Edwards Sr.



Russell/Diane Kirksey - August 13, 2017 at 07:05 PM

KM

“ Kenny Moore lit a candle in memory of Deacon Oliver Edwards Sr.



Kenny Moore - August 13, 2017 at 06:01 PM

WH

“ Wanda Harrison lit a candle in memory of Deacon Oliver Edwards Sr.



Wanda Harrison - August 13, 2017 at 05:49 PM



“ Yvette Milton lit a candle in memory of Deacon Oliver Edwards Sr.



Yvette Milton - August 13, 2017 at 05:31 PM



“ Wanda Baker sent a virtual gift in memory of Deacon Oliver Edwards Sr.



Wanda Baker - August 13, 2017 at 04:33 PM



“ Doris Moore-White lit a candle in memory of Deacon Oliver Edwards Sr.



Doris Moore-White - August 13, 2017 at 03:41 PM

TS

“ *Trina Stewart lit a candle in memory of Deacon Oliver Edwards Sr.*



Trina Stewart - August 13, 2017 at 12:31 PM

JL

“ *May god bless your family sorry to hear*

John Lee - August 13, 2017 at 08:44 AM

JO

“ *John lit a candle in memory of Deacon Oliver Edwards Sr.*



john - August 13, 2017 at 08:40 AM

TG

“ *Tresia Givens lit a candle in memory of Deacon Oliver Edwards Sr.*



Tresia Givens - August 13, 2017 at 08:38 AM

MW

“ *Mary A. & Diane Williams sent a virtual gift in memory of Deacon Oliver Edwards Sr.*



Mary A. & Diane Williams - August 13, 2017 at 08:08 AM

LW

Known Oliver since I was a teenager. Friends to some niece's. Enjoyed the Shepard's. Condolences to his family. May God bless you and give you favor as you stand this test of your faith.

Lola Mae Watkins - August 14, 2017 at 12:40 AM



Uncle Oliver was a wonderful man. We will always remember his love, his humor, his wisdom, his strength and is awesome BBQ. We will miss you Uncle Oliver. Cares all passed, Home at last, Ever to rejoice in the presence of the Lord. Amen, Love Carla, Roger and Ebony, Broken Arrow, Oklahoma.

I found this touching memory for her Uncle Oliver Oliver Jr. and Joey on YouTube (:32 seconds into the video and 2:41 seconds Uncle Oliver praising the Lord).

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=TL1tHwhsf3I>

Roger Clark - August 20, 2017 at 02:08 AM