



## Mother Ozell (Relerford) Burns

March 27, 1942 - September 17, 2020

BURNS, Mother Ozell - Age 78, passed away Thursday, September 17, 2020 at Hurley Medical Center. Family hour 9:00 AM Saturday, September 26, 2020 from the Chapel of Lawrence E. Moon Funeral Home, 906 W. Flint Park Blvd., with funeral service commencing at 10:00 AM. Apostle Clarence Lewis officiating. Interment Sunset Hills Cemetery, G-4413 Flushing Rd. Friends and pallbearers will assemble at the funeral home 9:00 AM Saturday. Mother Burns will lie in state in the Chapel of Lawrence E. Moon Funeral Home and may be viewed from 12:00 PM - 6:00 PM Friday.

Mother Ozell Burns was born March 27, 1942 in Flint, Michigan, the daughter of the late O.D. Relerford and Zora (Bailey) Relerford. Ozell was a longtime resident of Flint until she moved to Flushing, MI 3 years ago. She went back to school to receive her diploma from Flint Northern High School, "Class of 1975." Ozell was employed by New Paths Inc. Community Based Correctional Center where she retired. Her last place of employment was Civic Park Elementary School where she worked as a Lunch Aide. Ozell loved watching basketball especially the Detroit Pistons. She also loved her game shows and Home Shopping Network. Ozell absolutely loved her family and getting together for family dinners. She attended St. James COGIC, Hamilton Ave. COGIC, Faith Temple COGIC and New Beginnings Ministries where she was a faithful member. Ozell wore many hats during her spiritual journey which includes, Sunday School, Bible Study, Sunshine Band, Helping Hands Trunk

& Treat, Registration, W.O.E., Y.P.W.W., Kitchen and Vacation Bible School, just to name a few. She also faithfully made treat bags for the children and some adults for the holidays. Her favorite scripture was Psalms 34:1-3.

Mother Ozell Burns leaves to cherish her memory: daughter, Pamela Burns of Flint; 2 sons, Laron Burns of Chesapeake, VA and Roderick Burns of Flint; 12 grandchildren; 15 great-grandchildren; sister, Shirley Ford; brother, Jerome (Deborah) Relerford, all of Flint; 2 sisters-in-law, a host of nieces, nephews, cousins, other relatives and friends including special friends, Paulette Marshall, Bernice Lowe, Deloris Odom, Berta Williams, Monsherri Brascomb, Carolyn Turner, Loraine Roberts, Ms. David, Margo Thompson, Jodie Journey, Vera Dillard and 3 special nieces.

Mother Burns was preceded in death by her daughter, Tonya Renae Burns; parents, O.D. Relerford and Zora Relerford; siblings, Bobbie Mae, Timothy, Amos, Elaine, Louise, Joenathan "Joe", Arutha, Mary Ann, Eli, Jerry, Scott and Ottis.

The family would like to express special thanks to Hurley Medical Center especially nurse Melissa, New Beginnings Ministries family, Glad Tidings Church Of God In Christ family, Lawrence E. Moon Funeral Home, NBM Visitation, Min. Cathi McDowell and NBM Christian Education, Valerie Leslie.

# Cemetery Details

## Sunset Hills Cemetery

G-4413 Flushing Rd.  
Flint, MI 48504

# Previous Events

## Public Viewing

SEP **25**. 12:00 PM - 6:00 PM (ET)

Lawrence E. Moon Funeral Home, Inc., Flint  
906 W. Flint Park Blvd.  
Flint, MI 48505  
(810) 789-6666  
lemoonfhflint@gmail.com  
<https://lawrenceemoonfuneralhome.com>

## Family hour

SEP **26**. 9:00 AM (ET)

Lawrence E. Moon Funeral Home Chapel, Flint  
906 W. Flint Park Blvd.  
Flint, MI 48505  
(810) 789-MOON (6666)  
lemoonfhflint@gmail.com  
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## Service

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SEP **26**. 10:00 AM (ET)

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# Tribute Wall



“ *Lawrence E. Moon Funeral Home created a Webcast in memory of Mother Ozell (Relerford) Burns*



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**Lawrence E. Moon Funeral Home** - September 26, 2020 at 08:07 AM



“ *Mother Ozell (Relerford) Burns*

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October 09, 2023 at 07:02 AM



“ *Civic Park's Pride of love ❤️. May God bless and keep her family and friends.*



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**Elizabeth Peeples** - October 02, 2020 at 01:37 PM



“ *Ralph And Elaine Lusane sent a virtual gift in memory of Mother Ozell (Relerford) Burns*



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**Ralph and Elaine Lusane** - September 28, 2020 at 11:59 PM

PL

“ *Phyllis Leslie sent a virtual gift in memory of Mother Ozell (Relerford) Burns*



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**Phyllis Leslie** - September 28, 2020 at 11:25 AM

AM

“ *Our prayers and love go out the family, Ozell has been a friend for many years and will be missed, from Grant street and Selby Street, she has always been a lovely sweet person.*  
*Arthur and Marie McGee.*

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**Arthur McGee** - September 26, 2020 at 09:06 AM

BL

“ *Barbara Lewis lit a candle in memory of Mother Ozell (Relerford) Burns*



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**Barbara Lewis** - September 26, 2020 at 12:49 AM



“ *Teresa Claxton Williams lit a candle in memory of Mother Ozell (Relerford) Burns*



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**Teresa Claxton Williams** - September 25, 2020 at 10:06 PM

SC

“ Praying for everyone in the family. She was an extraordinary woman and will be greatly missed.



Stephanie Carpenter - September 25, 2020 at 06:36 PM

VL

“ Valerie Leslie lit a candle in memory of Mother Ozell (Relerford) Burns



Valerie Leslie - September 25, 2020 at 04:20 PM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Mother Ozell (Relerford) Burns.



September 25, 2020 at 08:17 AM

NL

“ Nichole Lewis lit a candle in memory of Mother Ozell (Relerford) Burns



Nichole Lewis - September 25, 2020 at 01:19 AM

KR

“ *Karl & Loraine Robert lit a candle in memory of Mother Ozell (Releford) Burns*



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**Karl & Loraine Robert** - September 24, 2020 at 10:00 PM

VL

“ *To the family of Mother Ozell Burns, you have my condolences! May the memories you shared provide comfort and strength in the days ahead! May the peace of God guard your hearts during this difficult time!!!*



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**Valerie Leslie** - September 24, 2020 at 11:47 AM

TJ

“ *My sincere condolences to the family. Ms. Ozell was such a sweet lady, with a great big, loving heart, who was very special to me and my children. She has been my dear friend for nearly 30 yrs and she will truly be missed!! I will never forget all the delicious meals that we cooked at Civic Park School...she made the best smothered pork chops EVER!!*

*Blessings and Love to the Burns Family from Traci Threlkeld Jones and Family*

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**Traci Threlkeld Jones** - September 24, 2020 at 09:38 AM

BL

“ *Barbara Lewis lit a candle in memory of Mother Ozell (Relerford) Burns*



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**Barbara Lewis** - September 24, 2020 at 01:14 AM

CM

“ *Constance Mayes lit a candle in memory of Mother Ozell (Relerford) Burns*



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**Constance Mayes** - September 23, 2020 at 10:46 PM

SK

“ *Sonja King lit a candle in memory of Mother Ozell (Relerford) Burns*



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**Sonja King** - September 23, 2020 at 10:18 PM

CS

“ *Carl & Te'Mekka Straham lit a candle in memory of Mother Ozell (Relerford) Burns*



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**Carl & Te'Mekka Straham** - September 23, 2020 at 09:49 PM

RH

“ *MAMA YOUR PRECIOUS PRESENCE ON EARTH WILL BE MISSED IN A WAY WORDS CAN'T EXPRESS, REST IN Christ Jesus.*

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**rev.James H.Bryant** - September 23, 2020 at 09:24 PM

PM

“ *Patricia A Moss lit a candle in memory of Mother Ozell (Relerford) Burns*



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**Patricia A Moss** - September 23, 2020 at 08:19 PM

TG

“ *Mother always had a true and kind word. Her smile and keen sense of humor will definitely be missed. May she take her heavenly rest.*



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**Trevina Gillespie** - September 23, 2020 at 07:43 PM

RC

“ *Randy & Nysaen Crofton lit a candle in memory of Mother Ozell (Relerford) Burns*



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**Randy & Nysaen Crofton** - September 23, 2020 at 07:05 AM

SB

“ To the family of Mo. Ozell Burns:  
I 'm so sorry for your loss. Praying that  
the Lord will comfort and strengthen  
you during your bereavement.  
Sandra Blue

Sandra Blue - September 22, 2020 at 10:55 PM

SP

“ Sending Love and Prayers!



Shantele Parker - September 22, 2020 at 10:33 PM



“ Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the  
family of Mother Ozell (Relerford) Burns.



September 22, 2020 at 09:31 PM

PM

“ Patricia Moore lit a candle in memory of  
Mother Ozell (Relerford) Burns



Patricia Moore - September 22, 2020 at 09:06 PM

MR

“ *Marsha Ross lit a candle in memory of Mother Ozell (Relerford) Burns*



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**Marsha Ross** - September 22, 2020 at 07:18 PM

BC

“ *Brenda D Calhoun sent a virtual gift in memory of Mother Ozell (Relerford) Burns*



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**Brenda D Calhoun** - September 22, 2020 at 06:35 PM

FL

“ *Love and Prayers to the family. Cousin Ozell my sister will definitely be missed. Gods strength be with you all.*



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**Freda Leverette** - September 22, 2020 at 02:43 PM



“ *MY HEART IS SADEN TO HEAR OF SIS. BURNS PASSING... I WAS BLESSED TO HAVE KNOWNED HER... I AM PRAYING THAT THE LORD COMFORT'S THE ENTIRE FAMILY DURING THEIR TIME OF BEREAVEMENT...*



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**James Campbell** - September 22, 2020 at 08:43 AM

RL

*Thank you Bro. Campbell,  
From Marlon and Rhonda Lowe*

**Rhonda Lowe** - September 22, 2020 at 03:47 PM

VS

“ *Valarie Shepard lit a candle in memory of  
Mother Ozell (Relerford) Burns*



**Valarie Shepard** - September 21, 2020 at 10:10 PM

VS

“ *My sincere condolences and prayers to the family of Ozell Burns.  
She will surely be missed, we were friends for over 36 years.*

**Valarie Shepard** - September 21, 2020 at 10:09 PM

DR

“ *Deborah Relerford sent a virtual gift in memory  
of Mother Ozell (Relerford) Burns*



**Deborah Relerford** - September 21, 2020 at 03:30 PM

AD

“ *Ms. Burns you are truly going to be missed. You were a GREAT  
friend. I love and I will truly miss you. Annette Davis*

**Annette Davis** - September 21, 2020 at 02:07 PM

DG

“ We will miss you tremendously and there will never be another who can quote your favorite scripture with such emphasis, “ I will Bless the Lord at all times.....



*Delois and Timothy Gill*

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**Delois Gill** - September 21, 2020 at 08:39 AM

RL

*You are so right Sis. Gill!  
Bless you and Bro. Gill.*

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**Rhonda Lowe** - September 22, 2020 at 04:19 PM

DO

*I Pray Strength, Peace and Love to the Relerford, and Burns Family .Ozell LOVED her family.! I know she is Happy to see the family members that went to glory. I will miss my friend. One of the Golden Girls.*

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**Deloris Odom** - September 24, 2020 at 06:54 AM

IG

“ To the family sorry for your lost stay encouraged



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**Ira Gilbert** - September 21, 2020 at 04:53 AM

BW

“ *Elder James Markem. Old Selby St. COGIC. Memories!! You have fought the goog fight. Eternity is yours.*



**Bennie Williams** - September 20, 2020 at 04:35 PM

VG

*Sorry for your loss, I remember her out spoken personally, but a nice person, love Jean Gullede, she will greatly miss*

**Verna Gullede** - September 21, 2020 at 02:27 PM

PJ

“ *Preston And Renee V. Jones lit a candle in memory of Mother Ozell (Relerford) Burns*



**Preston and Renee V. Jones** - September 20, 2020 at 01:58 PM

M.

“ *Love and peace Mrs.Burns Mrs. Shannon*



**Mrs .Shannon** - September 20, 2020 at 01:55 PM

JM

“ *A lovely lady that always shared her wisdom.*



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**Janice Motley** - September 20, 2020 at 11:26 AM

RS

“ *Reggie & La'Onda Sanders lit a candle in memory of Mother Ozell (Relerford) Burns*



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**Reggie & La'Onda Sanders** - September 20, 2020 at 11:10 AM

RC

“ *Condolences to the family.... may GOD strengthen as only HE can.*  
*Rose Ferguson Cox*



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**Rose Cox** - September 20, 2020 at 09:41 AM

PM

“ *PATRICIA M. purchased a sympathy card for the family of Mother Ozell (Relerford) Burns.*



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**PATRICIA M.** - September 20, 2020 at 02:20 AM



“ Thanks for loving me unconditionally  
RIH Auntie I'm going to miss your smile and voice 🥺🥺



Sharone Robinson - September 20, 2020 at 12:29 AM

TC

“ Tammy And Michael Cummings lit a candle in  
memory of Mother Ozell (Relerford) Burns



Tammy and Michael Cummings - September 19, 2020 at 08:08 PM

LC

“ Lillian Chandler lit a candle in memory of  
Mother Ozell (Relerford) Burns



Lillian Chandler - September 19, 2020 at 07:51 PM

DB

“ Deacon Fred Brown lit a candle in memory of  
Mother Ozell (Relerford) Burns



Deacon Fred Brown - September 19, 2020 at 07:36 PM

BS

“ So sorry to hear of the passing of Ozell. My prayers & thoughts are with the family & friends.  
RIP Cuz



**Beverley Smith** - September 19, 2020 at 07:22 PM

JG

“ Julia Gamble sent a virtual gift in memory of Mother Ozell (Relerford) Burns



**Julia Gamble** - September 19, 2020 at 03:18 PM

KW

“ Kirk Williams sent a virtual gift in memory of Mother Ozell (Relerford) Burns



**Kirk Williams** - September 19, 2020 at 10:57 AM

EM

“ The entire family have my sympathy and prayers in your loss. Please be assured that you are loved.



**Eld. Cathi McDowell** - September 19, 2020 at 10:13 AM

RL

*Lovely words of expression.  
Rhonda Lowe*

**Rhonda Lowe** - September 22, 2020 at 04:26 PM

SP

“ *Shawnie Powell sent a virtual gift in memory of  
Mother Ozell (Relerford) Burns*



**shawnie powell** - September 18, 2020 at 11:11 PM

EG

“ *To the family of Mrs Ozell Burns....May God continue to  
console, comfort and strengthen you.....*

**Evang Gloria Garland** - September 18, 2020 at 07:56 PM

RL

*Thank you Evang. for your continued support.  
Rhonda Lowe*

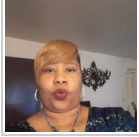
**Rhonda Lowe** - September 22, 2020 at 04:28 PM

EG

“ *Evang Gloria Garland lit a candle in memory  
of Mother Ozell (Relerford) Burns*



**Evang Gloria Garland** - September 18, 2020 at 07:53 PM



“ *Monique Williams lit a candle in memory of Mother Ozell (Relerford) Burns*



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**Monique Williams** - September 18, 2020 at 06:18 PM



“ *Lydia Coleman sent a virtual gift in memory of Mother Ozell (Relerford) Burns*



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**Lydia Coleman** - September 18, 2020 at 04:31 PM



“ *Praying for the family love the Griffin family*

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**Samella Griffin** - September 18, 2020 at 02:54 PM



“ *Look to Jesus for comfort for in this trying time, He cares for you. So sorry for your loss. I loved Ozell. She was a long time friend and sister in the Lord.*



*Margo Thompson*

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**Margo P Thompson** - September 18, 2020 at 02:40 PM



*Sis. Thompson, You and Sis. Burns worked so well together!*

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**Rhonda Lowe** - September 22, 2020 at 04:31 PM

DF

“ Praying for my Relerford family💙 love you guys!

Darrius Redwine (Buyck Family) - September 18, 2020 at 02:07 PM

FG

“ So sorry for your loss. Keeping the family in prayer.



Flo Greer - September 18, 2020 at 01:32 PM

RL

Thank you Ms. Flo.  
Rhonda "Lynn" Lowe

Rhonda Lowe - September 22, 2020 at 04:33 PM

GP

“ George Powell lit a candle in memory of Mother Ozell (Relerford) Burns



George Powell - September 18, 2020 at 12:08 PM

FG

“ Fredricka "Ricky" Gist lit a candle in memory of Mother Ozell (Relerford) Burns



Fredricka "Ricky" Gist - September 18, 2020 at 11:55 AM

GP

“ I love you so much auntie. I really am going to miss you. I cant put into words what you meant to me. Fly high auntie and kiss granny for me.

George Powell - September 18, 2020 at 10:40 AM

RL

Loved your post "Little" George. T -Lynn

Rhonda Lowe - September 22, 2020 at 04:34 PM

SP

“ Sandra Payne sent a virtual gift in memory of Mother Ozell (Relerford) Burns



Sandra Payne - September 18, 2020 at 09:56 AM

SP

“ Sandra Payne sent a virtual gift in memory of Mother Ozell (Relerford) Burns



Sandra Payne - September 18, 2020 at 09:56 AM

DP

“ So sorry for your loss. Mo.Ozell was an awesome Women of God . She was a sweet heart. Praying for the family

Dicy Powell - September 18, 2020 at 09:46 AM

RL

*Thank you First Lady, you have always shown such kindness.  
Rhonda (Relerford) Lowe*

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**Rhonda Lowe** - September 22, 2020 at 04:39 PM

TC

“ *To the Burns family, I'm so sorry for your loss. Ms. Ozell and my mom Erma were the best of friends for years. Ms. Ozell was the aunt that was always around. I will miss her dearly. She always text, call or message me during my time of need when my mom passed in 2017 and my son in 2019. I love you. RIH*

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**Tanya Carlyle** - September 18, 2020 at 09:20 AM

SC

“ *To the family of Ozell Burns:*

*I am sorry to hear of your loss! The entire Relerford family were our neighbors on Grant Street. We all grew up together and Ozell was a wonderful person with a great sense of humor. My prayers are with you.*

*Sandra Cavette*

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**Sandra Cavette** - September 18, 2020 at 08:48 AM