

## Mr. Ray Harrell Whaley

November 20, 1935 - July 10, 2021

WHALEY, Mr. Ray Harrell - Age 85, Passed away on Saturday July 10, 2021 at his residence. Family hour 10:00 AM Friday, July 16, 2021 at Grace Emmanuel Baptist Church, 3502 Lapeer Rd., with funeral service commencing at 11:00 AM, Pastor Rabon Turner, officiating. Interment River Rest Cemetery, G-4413 Flushing Rd. Friends and pallbearers will assemble at the Church 10:00 AM Friday. Mr. Whaley will lie in state in the Chapel of Lawrence E. Moon Funeral Home, 906 W. Flint Park Blvd., and may be viewed from 12:00 PM-6:00 PM on Thursday. Brother Ray Harrell Whaley was affectionately called "Johnny Ray" by his close friends and family. He loved life and laughter. Ray was an avid golfer and loved sports. As a young man, he had a love of baseball and played in several leagues throughout his life. He also attended the University of Arkansas at Pine Bluff. (UAPB). During his leisure time, he enjoyed Gospel and Jazz music. Ray was particularly fond of Gospel musicians Andre Crouch and Kim Burrell. He also enjoyed the sounds of Jazz musician Miles Davis. Following his relocating of his hometown, of Pine Bluff, AR, he moved to Flint, Michigan and began his journey with General Motors Corporation. Ray had an excellent work ethic and was employed by at the Chevrolet Metal Fabrication for more than 25 years. Brother Whaley found the Lord and became a faithful member of Grace Emmanuel Baptist Church. He loved his church and fellow members. He served his church as a Hospitality Greeter to members of the congregation and drove the church van to transport members. Brother Whaley was

preceded in death by his loving wife, Vivian D. Whaley; immediate family, parents, George W. Whaley, Sr. and Madie Whaley; older brother, George W. Whaley Jr.; two sisters, Jean Graves and Patricia Brooks. Brother Ray Harrell Whaley leaves behind: son, Perrie L. Whaley Sr. of Flint; daughters, Tracey E. Ani of Dallas, TX and Kimberly S. Marable of Los Angeles, CA; two grandsons, Perrie L. Whaley II and Monte Marable; great-granddaughter, Parris L. Whaley; brothers-in-law, Gilbert Peters and Pastor Eugene Harris II; cousins, Madie Littleton of Detroit, MI and Jesse Woodard; sisters-in-law, Alversia Whaley, both of Chicago, IL, Gloria Pittman of Los Angeles, CA, Markeda Johnson, and Terry Harris, both of Flint; a host of nieces, nephews, other cousins, other relatives and friends. The family would like to express special thanks to his honorary sons, Lewellyn Wilson, Clarence Wilson and Carl White. We would also like to especially thank Grace Emmanuel Baptist Church and Velma Williams for all that she has contributed to assisting with our love one's care.

# Cemetery Details

## River Rest Cemetery

G-4413 Flushing Rd.  
Flint, MI 48504

# Previous Events

## Public Viewing

JUL **15**. 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

JUL **16**. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

Grace Emmanuel Baptist Church  
3502 Lapeer Rd.  
Flint, MI

## Service

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# Tribute Wall



“ *Mr. Ray Harrell Whaley*

October 09, 2023 at 07:02 AM



“ *Expressing my heartfelt condolences to the Whaley family.*

**woodrow stanley** - July 23, 2021 at 04:40 PM



“ *He was a beautiful person, so sorry to hear he's gone. The family has my prayers*



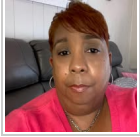
**betty a barber** - July 21, 2021 at 12:35 PM



“ *Dixie Smith lit a candle in memory of Mr. Ray Harrell Whaley*



**Dixie Smith** - July 19, 2021 at 06:09 PM



“ *My sincere condolences to the family, praying that God will bring you comfort during this time.*



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**Crystal Wynne** - July 18, 2021 at 06:39 PM

VB

“ *Vanessa/Lloyd Brackins lit a candle in memory of Mr. Ray Harrell Whaley*



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**Vanessa/Lloyd Brackins** - July 17, 2021 at 05:47 PM

SF

“ *Our deepest sympathy goes out to Kim, Tracey, Perry and family. uncle Johnny Ray was forever loved and he will be deeply missed. May he Rest In Peace.  
Renee, Jessica, Ken, Giavonna, Ken III*

*Scott's Family*

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**Scott's Family** - July 17, 2021 at 01:42 AM

LW

*My deepest condolences to the family of Johnnie Ray. I met him at Grace Emmanuel. Upon my arriving each Sunday at church, he would always have a positive comment or something humorous to share in preparation for the service. I miss him already. To his family you are loved. My life was made better just by knowing him as my church brother.*

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**Lola Watkins** - July 17, 2021 at 12:25 PM

MM

“ *Marsha Marble lit a candle in memory of Mr. Ray Harrell Whaley*



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**Marsha Marble** - July 16, 2021 at 08:49 PM

KF

“ *Keith Wilson And Family lit a candle in memory of Mr. Ray Harrell Whaley*



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**Keith Wilson and Family** - July 16, 2021 at 12:54 PM

KF

“ *Keith Wilson And Family lit a candle in memory of Mr. Ray Harrell Whaley*



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**Keith Wilson and Family** - July 16, 2021 at 12:50 PM

LT

“ *Lawrence and Barbara Townsel lit a candle in memory of Mr. Ray H. Whaley*



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**Lawrence Bernard Townsel** - July 16, 2021 at 09:16 AM

LT

“ *Lawrence and Bardara Townsel lit a candle in memory of Mr. Ray Whaley*



Lawrence Bernard Townsel - July 16, 2021 at 09:13 AM

KC

“ *Sending condolences with prayers from Bennie Cleveland and family from Westchester, IL*



Kathy Cleveland - July 16, 2021 at 07:49 AM

OT

“ *Olivia & Reginald Tinsley lit a candle in memory of Mr. Ray Harrell Whaley*



Olivia & Reginald Tinsley - July 16, 2021 at 07:12 AM

DS

“ *Deidre Spight-Woodson lit a candle in memory of Mr. Ray Harrell Whaley*



Deidre Spight-Woodson - July 16, 2021 at 01:24 AM

PA

“ Pamela Altheimer lit a candle in memory of Mr. Ray Harrell Whaley



Pamela Altheimer - July 15, 2021 at 08:34 PM

RF

“ Rhonda Etherly & Family sent a virtual gift in memory of Mr. Ray Harrell Whaley



Rhonda Etherly & Family - July 15, 2021 at 06:33 PM

ED

“ Sending my condolences love and prayers to the family ❤️❤️❤️🙏🙏🙏🙏



Elaine Johnson Dorsey - July 15, 2021 at 06:27 PM

AO

“ Alice Odneal lit a candle in memory of Mr. Ray Harrell Whaley



Alice Odneal - July 15, 2021 at 02:30 PM

MR

“ *Mary Randle sent a virtual gift in memory of Mr. Ray Harrell Whaley.  
Mr. Whaley will truly be missed, I enjoyed serving on hospitality with with Ray he was a nice Person.*

*Mary Randle*



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**Mary Randle** - July 15, 2021 at 01:58 PM

DF

“ *Deborah Whitehead & Family sent a virtual gift in memory of Mr. Ray Harrell Whaley*



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**Deborah Whitehead & Family** - July 15, 2021 at 01:35 PM

RW

“ *R West lit a candle in memory of Mr. Ray Harrell Whaley*



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**R West** - July 15, 2021 at 01:05 PM

LB

“ *Lee E. Black lit a candle in memory of Mr. Ray Harrell Whaley*



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**Lee E. Black** - July 15, 2021 at 12:36 PM

NB

“ Condolences from the Greater Flint African American Sports Hall of Fame. Ray was a loyal and faithful member. He will truly be missed.

*Norman R. Bryant - Founder  
Mary Coleman - President*



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**Norm Bryant** - July 15, 2021 at 11:31 AM

EM

“ Our prayers are with the family.



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**Eddie & Paulette McGhee** - July 15, 2021 at 11:22 AM

JH

“ Will be truly miss my golf buddy



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**janice harden** - July 15, 2021 at 10:22 AM

MD

“ Marion Donan lit a candle in memory of Mr. Ray Harrell Whaley



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**Marion Donan** - July 15, 2021 at 08:59 AM

SM

“ *Lit a candle in memory of Mr Ray Harrell Whaley....May God strengthen the family !!!*



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**Shirley Miller** - July 15, 2021 at 07:18 AM

JK

“ *Jesse Kirksey lit a candle in memory of Mr. Ray Harrell Whaley*



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**Jesse Kirksey** - July 15, 2021 at 12:17 AM

JW

“ *Janice Williams lit a candle in memory of Mr. Ray Harrell Whaley*



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**Janice Williams** - July 14, 2021 at 11:36 PM

LS

“ *Llewellyn Wilson Sr. lit a candle in memory of Mr. Ray Harrell Whaley*



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**Llewellyn Wilson Sr.** - July 14, 2021 at 08:19 PM

AP

“ Sending condolences to the family of Ray Whaley . May God give your family strength and his Grace during this time. We will miss seeing him at church. Shelton and Anna Pinnix



Anna Pinnix - July 14, 2021 at 07:00 PM

BM

“ My condolences to the family And I like a candle for your memory



Beverly Moran - July 14, 2021 at 04:59 PM

RD

“ Ricky&Nikki Dent sent a virtual gift in memory of Mr. Ray Harrell Whaley



Ricky&Nikki Dent - July 14, 2021 at 03:28 PM

TC

“ Tracey Collins sent a virtual gift in memory of Mr. Ray Harrell Whaley



Tracey Collins - July 14, 2021 at 12:47 PM

TK

“ *Ted & Sylvia Keys lit a candle in memory of Mr. Ray Harrell Whaley*



Ted & Sylvia Keys - July 14, 2021 at 11:54 AM

NB

“ *Nellie Bacon sent a virtual gift in memory of Mr. Ray Harrell Whaley*



Nellie Bacon - July 14, 2021 at 10:39 AM

CB

“ *Deepest sympathy to the family Faye and Carmon Billings*



carmon Billings - July 14, 2021 at 09:35 AM

VW

“ *Velma Williams sent a virtual gift in memory of Mr. Ray Harrell Whaley*



Velma Williams - July 13, 2021 at 10:46 PM

WM

“ *Walette Morse lit a candle in memory of Mr. Ray Harrell Whaley*



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**Walette Morse** - July 13, 2021 at 07:05 PM

CH

“ *God bless u Mr Ray. U were always nice to the Hartfield family. Thank u. Rest in God Arms*



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**cheryl Hartfield** - July 13, 2021 at 06:11 PM

VB

“ *My sincerest condolences and prayers to the Whaley family 🙏 May God give you comfort, healing and strength in your time of bereavement 💔💔💔*



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**Vickie Broome** - July 13, 2021 at 05:29 PM

BH

“ *Beverly Harrison lit a candle in memory of Mr. Ray Harrell Whaley*



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**Beverly Harrison** - July 13, 2021 at 05:04 PM

KM

“ *Kathy Moore lit a candle in memory of Mr. Ray Harrell Whaley*



kathy moore - July 13, 2021 at 04:52 PM

KM

“ *To my classmate and friend I'm sure I've served with you father on several events at the church and never made the connection may the joy of knowing as a servant of the most high his reward is WELL DONE good and faithful servant I pray for strength comfort and peace in time*❤️

kathy moore - July 13, 2021 at 04:50 PM

YC

“ *Yolonda (Jeffrey) Cross lit a candle in memory of Mr. Ray Harrell Whaley*



Yolonda (Jeffrey) Cross - July 13, 2021 at 02:32 PM

IG

“ *Ira Gilbert sent a virtual gift in memory of Mr. Ray Harrell Whaley*



Ira Gilbert - July 13, 2021 at 12:02 PM

TR

“ *Tujunana Reaves lit a candle in memory of Mr. Ray Harrell Whaley*



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**Tujunana Reaves** - July 13, 2021 at 02:52 AM

PW

“ *Pam Williams lit a candle in memory of Mr. Ray Harrell Whaley*



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**Pam Williams** - July 13, 2021 at 12:58 AM

TJ

“ *Theresa Jackson lit a candle in memory of Mr. Ray Harrell Whaley*



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**Theresa Jackson** - July 12, 2021 at 11:10 PM

BD

“ *Sincere condolences to the family. Bro. Ray will be greatly missed*



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**Bobie Douglas** - July 12, 2021 at 09:16 PM

TR

“ *Tujunana Reaves lit a candle in memory of Mr. Ray Harrell Whaley*



Tujunana Reaves - July 12, 2021 at 05:55 PM

FN

“ *Prayers of comfort and peace to the Whaley family 🙏  
Love & Blessings  
Flo & Gary Nichols*



flo nichols - July 12, 2021 at 05:40 PM

SP

“ *Sandra Payne lit a candle in memory of Mr. Ray Harrell Whaley*



Sandra Payne - July 12, 2021 at 04:18 PM

RH

“ *Deepest condolences to the entire family.....*  
🙏🙏🙏🙏🙏🙏🙏🙏



RENEE HILL - July 12, 2021 at 03:27 PM

SN

“ *Sandy Neal lit a candle in memory of Mr. Ray Harrell Whaley*



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**Sandy Neal** - July 12, 2021 at 02:17 PM

SN

“ *Perrie - it's Faith that lifts us up, Love that brings us comfort and Strength that allows us to move on. May you be touched by the healing power of prayer, feel the warmth of those who love you, and realize you have the courage to carry on!! My thoughts, prayers and love are with you and your family in deepest sympathy!*



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**Sandy Neal** - July 12, 2021 at 02:13 PM

KB

“ *Ray, a dedicated Grace Emmanuel Hospitality member. He shared numerous stories of growing up, working in the shop, being a supervisor, and his love of cars, when we were on duty. As his health decline, if he couldn't stand at the door, he would lean there, and when he could lean, he would sit. He was faithful greeter. I will miss my buddy*



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**Kim Buckner** - July 12, 2021 at 10:46 AM



*My deepest and sincere condolences to Mr Whaley and the family !!!  
Larry Hill and family !!*

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**Larry Hill** - July 15, 2021 at 03:36 PM