



## Raynard Lawler

April 27, 1960 - June 20, 2008

LAWLER, Mr. Raynard - Age 48, passed away Friday, June 20, 2008 at Gwinnett Hospital in Lawrenceville, Georgia. Family hour 6PM-8PM Friday, June 27, 2008, from the chapel of Lawrence E. Moon Funeral Home, 906 W. Flint Park Blvd. Family hour 11AM Saturday, June 28, 2008 at Foss Avenue Baptist Church, 1159 E. Foss Ave., with funeral service commencing immediately at 12Noon. Dr. Jefferey P. Kee officiating. Pastor Reginald G. Flynn host-pastor. Interment Sunset Hills Cemetery, G-4413 Flushing Rd. Friends and pallbearers will assemble at the church 11AM Saturday. Mr. Lawler will lie in state in the Chapel of Lawrence E. Moon Funeral Home and may be viewed from 1PM-8PM Friday. Mr. Raynard Lawler was born April 27, 1960 in Flint, Michigan, the son of Hugh and Essie Mae Lawler. He was a resident of Flint for 24 years and resided in Lilburn, Georgia for the past 10 years. He accepted Christ at an early age and rededicated his life by being baptized by Dr. Jefferey P. Kee. Raynard married his "high school love", Beverly Carter and to this union three sons, Donte', Brandon, and Derek were born. A lovely granddaughter, Aubrie La'raye completed his joy. Raynard was a pioneer in the hotel industry. He attended the University of Michigan-Flint and had been in the hospitality industry for more than 25 years. As a trailblazer in the hospitality industry, Ray achieved many firsts as an African American holding several General Managers' positions. Ray once said "The hotel industry is very hospitable and humanistic because you're dealing with hearts and minds. You're selling memories and experiences." It was this

passion he conveyed to all of those whom he served. Raynard joined Marriott Hotels & Resorts in October 2004. He was the Resident Manager of the Detroit Marriott - Renaissance Center and was the first African American to hold an executive post at the 1,328-room upscale hotel, supervising a staff of 80-plus managers and 700 employees. In 2007, he was recognized in Who's Who in Black Detroit for his significant contributions in the industry. Raynard was involved in many organizations including; the National Coalition of Black Meeting Planners, the Black United Fund-Detroit, Marriott's Central Region Diversity Committee, and Marriott's ROARS Advisory Council. Prior to joining Marriott Hotels & Resorts, Raynard spent 18 years with Hyatt Hotels & Resorts holding various positions from assistant general manager to regional executive in New York City. He was also General Manager, Assistant General Manager and Hotel Manager of Adam's Mark Hotels and Loews Hotels & Resorts. He leaves to cherish loving memories devoted wife, Beverly E. Lawler; sons, Donte', Brandon and Derek of Lilburn, Georgia; granddaughter, Aubrie La'raye of Flint MI; sister, Etta (Elder Eric) Kemp of Lansing, MI; brothers, Donald Lawler of Austell, GA, Cornelius Lawler, Minister Bernard (Mary C.) Lawler all of Flint , MI; sisters-in-law , Brenda (Alfred) Jacobs of Lancaster, TX; Phyllis Carter of Flint, MI, Sharon (Elbert) Hicks of Grand Blanc, MI; Alma Lawler of Flint, MI; and Minister Linda Barfield of Hiram, GA; brother-in-law, Claude Carter of Flint, MI; many nieces and nephews, god-children, "adopted children"; and a host of special friends and colleagues. Mr. Lawler was preceded in death by his parents, Hugh and Essie Mae Lawler; brothers, Hugh Lee, James David, and Edward Charles Lawler; and mother-in-law, Zenobia Delores Johnson-Carter. The family would like to express their heartfelt appreciation to all of their family and friends. Their deepest gratitude is also extended to Mr. Frank Taylor and the Seldom Blues Restaurant staff, The Karmanos Cancer Institute, Gwinnett Medical Center, 'our angel' - The late Dr. Sophie Womack and the Harper Hospital staff, American Home Care Nursing staff, Suburban Oncology and Hematology, Pastor Reginald G. Flynn and The Foss Avenue Baptist, Pastor Kenneth J.

Flowers and The Greater New Mt Moriah Missionary Baptist Church, Dr. Jefferey P. Kee and New Faith Baptist Church of Christ, and Minister Derrick Aldridge, Pastor Second Chance Baptist Church.

# Tribute Wall



“ *Raynard Lawler*

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October 09, 2023 at 07:02 AM



“ *Brenda Jacob lit a candle in memory of Raynard Lawler*



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**Brenda Jacob** - June 28, 2015 at 07:40 AM



“ *I work with Bernard Lawler. I am sorry for the loss of your brother. It is only when we pray for something according to the will of God that we have the promise of being heard and answered. If we ask any thing according to his will, he heareth us. I John 5:14. I pray that your family will have strength, courage, faith and love in this difficult time of need.*

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**Robin McEachin** - June 20, 2008 at 12:00 AM

CR

“ *My Prayers is with the Family at this time. Raynard was a great friend and also my Manager at the Marriott Hotel. I encourage you to look to the Hills from once cometh your help, your help cometh from the Lord. He's a comforter in the time of sorrow.*

*He is away, yet ever near his presence fills each day. His voice, his love and his smile, is just a memory away. And though he is no longer seen by family, saints and friends, He lives because he was dearly loved and love can never end.*

*Precious in the sight of the Lord is the death of his saints.*

*Humbly Submitted by:*

*Carlton S. Ross  
Friend and Co-worker*

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**Carlton S. Ross** - June 20, 2008 at 12:00 AM

MJ

“ *As Ray passes on to his reward, I want the family to know, he is a man to be so very proud of. His deeds in life are reflected through his young men and most execeptionally in the beautiful, talented and loving wife that he choose and who choose him.*

*Love your friends,  
Xavier & Sherri Jackson  
Marietta, GA*

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**Mr. & Mrs. Xavier&Sherri Jackson** - June 20, 2008 at 12:00 AM

DS

“ *To the family,*

*I pray that God will give you the strength to make it through this difficult time.*

*We will continue to keep you in our prayers.*

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**Detra & Gary Solomon** - June 20, 2008 at 12:00 AM

MO

“ *Bernard and family,*

*I am deeply sorry for your loss. I will keep you and your family in my prayers.*

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**Melissa Oginsky** - June 20, 2008 at 12:00 AM

AL

“ *My prayers are with the family during this time of transition.*

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**A. Jeffrey LaValley** - June 20, 2008 at 12:00 AM

RS

“ *TO THE ENTIRE FAMILY OF RAYNARD'S FAMILY WHICH INCLUDES SOME OF OUR FAMILY, YOU ALL HAVE OUR DEEPEST SYMPATHY.*

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**RENAYE SANDERS** - June 20, 2008 at 12:00 AM

JP

“ Words cannot begin to express our sadness. Ray, Beverly and the boys became close friends with our family during our time together in Hilton Head. Our world has lost a great man, a loving father and husband and a person that left a lasting impression on the hearts of everyone he came in contact with. There are simply too few like you.

*Ray, until we meet again. We love you.*

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**Jim Pedone** - June 20, 2008 at 12:00 AM

RJ

“ MAY YOU FIND COMFORT IN THE GENTLE WORDS,HELPING HANDS,AND WARM THOUGHTS,OFFERED IN LOVING SYMPATHY.

*THOSE WE LOVE CAN NEVER REALLY LEAVE US.THEY REMAIN WITH US,THEIR GENTLE SPIRITS PART OF ALL WE DO AND ALL WE ARE.  
WE LOVE YOU ALL.*

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**Ronald Jackson** - June 20, 2008 at 12:00 AM

TT

“ Bernard,  
*I am so sorry to hear about the loss of your brother. I pray that you find comfort and peace in the love of Christ. Earth has no sorrow that heaven can not heal. We all must pass that way some day. Until then, hold close to the memories you have of your loved one.*

*My prayers are with you and your family during your time of sorrow.*

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**Tracey Thompson** - June 20, 2008 at 12:00 AM

AN

“ *My deepest sympathy to the family.*

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**Anita** - June 20, 2008 at 12:00 AM

CH

“ *Bev, I am so sorry to hear of your loss. If there is anything that I can do please let me know. I REALLY mean this.*

*God in his wisdom does things we don't always understand. But please know that he always has you close to his breast and will keep you and your family on this earth and your beloved husband in heaven.*

XOXOXO

*Blessing*

*Cheryl*

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**Cheryl Hedgemon** - June 20, 2008 at 12:00 AM

LG

“ *Beverly,*

*I am sorry to hear of your loss and my prayers are with you and your family.*

*L'Tanya Long-Green(Pebbles)*

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**L'Tanya Green** - June 20, 2008 at 12:00 AM

EC

“ *First and foremost I would like the entire Lawler FAMILY to know that "GOD heals all wounds". My prayers are with you during this most difficult time and beyond.*

*While growing up, Raynard was ALWAYS a very sweet person and a great friend. We shared so many funny, hilarious, crazy times in class, at school functions and games. You could always depend on Raynard to be the voice of reason.*

*As we move towards celebrating our "30th Class Reunion" this August, know that Raynard will be thought of and sadly missed.*

*Continue to pray and we'll see him and our other loved ones on the other side, known as "Paradise"!*

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**Elvira (Jones) Chapman** - June 20, 2008 at 12:00 AM

TH

“ *Beverly,*

*I was sad to hear of your loss, may the memory of your husband and all that he meant to you, bring you strength and comfort in this time of sadness.*

*God Bless,  
Jill*

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**Tracy Horton** - June 20, 2008 at 12:00 AM

KG

“ Raynard was an amazing man and a mentor to me in my career. He was someone who believed in me and pushed me to take chances in my career. His warm smile was the highlight of everyone he came in contact with. He will truly be missed. My prayers go out to his family and friends.

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**Kim Graves** - June 20, 2008 at 12:00 AM

LK

“ Etta, Beverly, and family, we are so sorry for the loss of your loved one. Raynard was such a caring, sweet person, with a beautiful smile. May God bless you and keep you in your time of sorrow.

*God Bless- The Kelly Family*

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**Lisa Kelly-Webster** - June 20, 2008 at 12:00 AM

AG

“ Cling to the memories and let them find their way to heal you. The laughter, the joy in the togetherness you shared, will make you strong. You'll come to realize that your time together, no matter how long, was meant to be, and that you were blessed to have such a precious gift of love in your life. Keep your heart beating with the loving memories, and trust in your faith to guide you through. Your loved one has left you that to hold in your heart forever. Mr. Lawler will truly be missed. My Deepest Sympathy

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**April Green** - June 20, 2008 at 12:00 AM

TM

“ We certainly had our differences while working together at the Adam's Mark, but Ray usually had a smile on his face and had customer service first and foremost in his thoughts. My condolences to the family in their time of sorrow.

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**Terri McDonald** - June 20, 2008 at 12:00 AM

SC

“ I met Ray Lawler when working at HSBC Bank as a travel agent. At that time he was the General Manager for the Adam's Mark Hotel which was preferred hotel for the bank. The bank had moved the travel department to Chicago which meant I would loose my job. Mr Lawler asked me to come work for him at the hotel as a Sales Manager. Ray convinced me that I could do the job even though I had no experience. I enjoyed working for him he gave me the confidence and believe in me. Mr Lawler loved his family very much and it was tuff on him being away from them. I am sad that he has past at such a young age. He will truly be missed. My heart goes out to his wife and children.

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**Shannon Carden** - June 20, 2008 at 12:00 AM

PO

“ To the Lawler Family,

*I had the pleasure of knowing Ray in High School over 30 years ago at Flint Northwestern High School. It didn't matter when I saw him, he was always the same. He was always pleasant & would greet me with a smile. I am sorry to hear of his passing & my prayers are with the family.*

*Hold on to the memories.*

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**Phyllis Oliver-Latham** - June 20, 2008 at 12:00 AM

HC

“ SO SORRY FOR YOUR LOST ,RAYNARD WAS VERY GOOD PERSON AND ALTHOUGH I HAVEN'T SEEN HIM IN MANY YEARS HE WAS ALWAYS SOMEONE I REMEMBER FROM MY CHILDHOOD . WE WALK TO SCHOOL TOGETHER WHEN WE WERE YOUNG . AGAIN SORRY FOR YOUR LOST, HE WILL BE MISSED

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**HUBERT COLLINS** - June 20, 2008 at 12:00 AM

JM

“ Thank you Raynard for loving my friend Beverly. I hope that the many memories of you comfort her in this time of loss.

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**James Muhammad(Ivory)** - June 20, 2008 at 12:00 AM

CF

“ Hello Beverly

*I am so sorry for your loss. My prayer goes out to you and your family.*

*Love You*

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**Candy Claxton - Frelax** - June 20, 2008 at 12:00 AM