



Mr. Richard A. Battle Sr.

February 4, 1956 - November 20, 2013

BATTLE, Mr. Richard A., Sr. – Age 57, was taken suddenly to his eternal home by his Heavenly Father on Wednesday, November 20, 2013. Celebration of Life 10a.m. Tuesday, November 26, 2013 at Mt. Olive Missionary Baptist Church, 424 E. Kennelworth Ave. Dr. Rev. Major A. Stewart, officiating. Musical Celebration 6p.m. Tuesday, November 26, 2013 at Mt. Olive Missionary Baptist Church. Interment Lovedale Memorial Cemetery, G-5175 E. Bristol Rd. Friends and pallbearers will assemble at the church 10a.m. Tuesday. Mr. Battle will lie in state in the Chapel of Lawrence E. Moon Funeral Home, 906 W. Flint Park Blvd., with visitation from 2p.m.-6p.m. Monday, the family will be present from 4p.m.-6pm.

In lieu of flowers please make contributions In C/O Richard A. Battle, Sr.: to The Laura J. Thompson Memorial Scholarship Fund (for African American students to obtain music education at the Flint Institute of Music FIM) - Community Foundation of Greater Flint, 500 S. Saginaw St. Suite 200, Flint, MI 48502 (make checks payable to CFGF with The Laura J. Thompson Memorial Scholarship Fund in the memo) or The Achieve the Dream Scholarship Fund (for scholarships for African American students at Mott Community College) - The Foundation for MCC, 1401 E. Court St., Flint, MI 48503 (make checks payable to The Foundation for MCC with The Achieve the Dream Scholarship Fund in the memo).

Mr. Richard A. Battle, Sr. was born February 4, 1956 in Flint, Michigan, the only son of Willie Frank and Gladys (Vaughn) Battle. He attended Flint Community Schools, graduating from Flint Northern High School "Class of 1974". He continued his education at Mott Community College, University of Michigan – Flint, Grand Canyon University and Capella University where he was currently pursuing his PhD in Adult Education. Richard accepted Christ at an early age. He began his music ministry at Mt. Zion Missionary Baptist Church. For more than 40 years, he was diligent in pursuing his calling through local churches including Shiloh Missionary Baptist Church and Mt. Olive Missionary Baptist Church. He also shared his gifts and talents with various organizations within the Flint community and across the country. Richard was the former Musical Director at McCree Theater for such notable productions as "Fame", "Arms Too Short to Box with God", "The Wiz" and "Dreamgirls". He served as Chapter Representative for the Gospel Music Workshop of America – Flint Chapter since 1988. Richard enjoyed cooking, gardening, carpentry and ballroom dancing.

Mr. Richard A. Battle, Sr. leaves to cherish many memories: loving wife, Tonya (Jackson) Battle; children, Chantelle Wright, Taneka (Kelvin) Holtzclaw, Richard A. Battle, Jr., Brandon Jackson, Johnnie Person and LeQuin Williams; grandchildren, LaShayla and TaRon Rose; sisters, Willie Mae (Charles) Durham, Bonita (George) Smith, and Lynn (Eric) Williams, Special mothers, Betty Tipper and Margaret Jackson, Special father Dhul Yaqub, Special friends, Charles Watkins, Jr., Duane Benton, Phil Hairston, Eric Williams, Willie Anthony, Jr., Joyce Rubin, and Rev. Kenneth Gillard; aunts, uncles, a host of relatives and dear friends including special cousins, Min. Braxton Vaughn and Andrew Carson.

Mr. Battle was preceded in death by his parents, grandparents and Mother Macy Taylor.

The Family would like to express special thanks to Pastor Dr. Rev. Major A. Stewart and Mt. Olive Missionary Baptist Church Family, Pastor Daniel Moore and the Shiloh Missionary Baptist Church Family, Emmanuel Cook, TaDaria Jackson and the Skander Dr. neighbors.

Cemetery Details

Lovedale Memorial Cemetery

G-5175 E. Bristol Rd.
Burton, MI

Previous Events

Visitation

NOV 25. 2:00 PM - 6:00 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

NOV 25. 4:00 PM - 6:00 PM (ET)

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Celebration of Life Service

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

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

Musical Celebration

NOV **26**. 6:00 PM (ET)

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424 Kennelworth Ave.
Flint, MI 48503

Tribute Wall



“ *Mr. Richard A. Battle Sr.*

October 09, 2023 at 07:02 AM



“ *God has definitely brought his angel home. We will miss all your talent & ability down here. Just a dynamic man. God bless & strengthen your family in Jesus name Amen*

Michele Buckler-Williams - December 21, 2013 at 08:12 AM



“ *Linda Chilton lit a candle in memory of Mr. Richard A. Battle Sr.*



Linda Chilton - November 29, 2013 at 03:14 PM



“ *My deepest condolence for the Battle family. Richard I surely enjoyed the memories of growing up down the street from you and your family. My sincere prayers and warm wishes for your family and GOD 's kingdom is truly blessed to have your presence.*

Jeffrey Scott Dent and family from Genesee St.

Jeffrey Dent - November 27, 2013 at 07:34 PM

JM

“ Jean Montgomery lit a candle in memory of Mr. Richard A. Battle Sr.



Jean Montgomery - November 26, 2013 at 09:21 PM

SJ

“ To The Battle Family:
My deepest condolence goes out to you!
Richard was loved by everyone! He had that
GIFT that ONLY GOD COULD GIVE! My
PRAYERS are with you & for you. He will
TRULY BE MISSED!



Sharon Jackson - November 26, 2013 at 04:57 PM

IF

“ Peace and love to the family and all who was touched by the brilliant spirit that manifested in Richard A. Battle. Forever in our hearts and mind.

Inez Finney-Goodman

inez finney-goodman - November 26, 2013 at 04:36 PM

CW

“ Tonya i am so sorry I missed Richard's funeral. I am just now finding out the funeral was today. To all the family He will surely be missed by soo..... many people. You will continue to keep you in my prayers. I wish God's hands on you that he comforts and guides you. Love Carolyn Taylor Williams.

Carolyn Taylor Williams - November 26, 2013 at 03:11 PM

DN

“ *Dana Garland - His Nephew lit a candle in memory of Mr. Richard A. Battle Sr.*



Dana Garland - his nephew - November 26, 2013 at 11:51 AM

DN

I'll miss you Richard but I do know that I will see you again soon my friend. Sleep well. - Rev. 21:3-4.

Dana Garland - his nephew - November 26, 2013 at 11:53 AM

DW

“ *Diane Williams lit a candle in memory of Mr. Richard A. Battle Sr.*



Diane Williams - November 26, 2013 at 09:51 AM

DS

“ *Deidre Spight~Woodson lit a candle in memory of Mr. Richard A. Battle Sr.*



Deidre Spight~Woodson - November 26, 2013 at 08:21 AM

CC

“ *Charles & Lashell Cross-Brown lit a candle in memory of Mr. Richard A. Battle Sr.*



Charles & Lashell Cross-Brown - November 25, 2013 at 11:51 PM



“ *My prays are with the Battle family Richard was like family to me. He will be missed. Love you all Maurice*

Moe Woods - November 25, 2013 at 09:36 PM

DS

“ *To the family of Mr. Richard A. Battle Sr. My Love, and Prayers are with you.*

Demetrius & Tanya Sanders - November 25, 2013 at 09:01 PM

SP

“ *Sheryl Payton sent a virtual gift in memory of Mr. Richard A. Battle Sr.*



Sheryl Payton - November 25, 2013 at 08:27 PM

SP

May God Bless You Tonya and the rest of the Battle and Jackson Family. Our hearts are heavy right now but all we can do is pray to the Lord, and comfort one another in our time of sorrow. Richard May You R.I.H. Love You Cuz. Sheryl,Deon And Marqez Payton

Sheryl Payton - November 25, 2013 at 08:35 PM

TA

“ *Tanya Alexander lit a candle in memory of Mr. Richard A. Battle Sr.*



Tanya Alexander - November 25, 2013 at 08:14 PM

PC

“ *My sincere condolences for the loss of your husband.*

Philip Cartwright

Philip Cartwright - November 25, 2013 at 08:12 PM

AK

“ *Austin Kirksey lit a candle in memory of Mr. Richard A. Battle Sr.*



Austin Kirksey - November 25, 2013 at 07:04 PM

LN

“ *Our condolences to the family. I enjoyed working with you @ The McCree Theater & etc. & you will be gretly mised by ALL!!!! Blessed are hey that mourn: for they shall be comforted. Matthew 5: 4. Mr. & Mrs. Leonard(Monica) Nelson .*



Leonard & Monica Nelson - November 25, 2013 at 06:52 PM

MN

Typos: You will be greatly missed..... Blessed are the.....

Monica Nelson - November 25, 2013 at 06:59 PM

BB

“ *Tonya God is your help in times like these. Allow Him to comfort you as you walk this journey. I am going to miss Richards smile and working the yard. Remember God is your source of strength, comfort, and guide.*
Your Neighbor
Barbara Brown



Barbara Brown - November 25, 2013 at 04:56 PM

LW

“ *Lori Watkins lit a candle in memory of Mr. Richard A. Battle Sr.*



Lori Watkins - November 25, 2013 at 02:14 PM

LW

“ *My heart feels for you Tonya. I never met your husband, but he must have been an awesome man. He's gone too soon. May you find peace in your heart knowing that you will see him again. RIP Richard.*

Lori Watkins & Family
SF California

Lori Watkins - November 25, 2013 at 02:13 PM

CA

“ Cynthia Anderson-Davis lit a candle in memory of Mr. Richard A. Battle Sr.



Cynthia Anderson-Davis - November 25, 2013 at 02:12 PM

CB

“ Carolyn C. Butler lit a candle in memory of Mr. Richard A. Battle Sr.



Carolyn C. Butler - November 25, 2013 at 10:00 AM

LG

“ God is always in you Hearts, Richard is in you Hearts. You are in the Grace of God. Love to the Family ,from Mr, & Mrs. Roderick Green.



Leonia Green - November 25, 2013 at 09:50 AM

DM

“ Debra Miller lit a candle in memory of Mr. Richard A. Battle Sr.



Debra Miller - November 25, 2013 at 08:22 AM

AN

“ *Angelaire lit a candle in memory of Mr. Richard A. Battle Sr.*



Angelaire - November 25, 2013 at 08:12 AM

CG

“ *Carol Gardner lit a candle in memory of Mr. Richard A. Battle Sr.*



Carol Gardner - November 25, 2013 at 07:34 AM

CB

“ *To the entire Battle family, May God be with you during your hours of bereavement & give you the needed strength to endure the transition of your love one. Richard was truly a blessing & touched so many lives with his "exceptional musical ability & personality". Thank God for the precious memories. He sure knew "something about God's Grace."*

*Prayerfully,
Cherry Brown & Family*



Cherry L. Brown - November 25, 2013 at 12:43 AM

GR

“ Love you so much, Ill miss you until I see you again.



Glenn and Roxanne - November 24, 2013 at 09:10 PM

EL

“ To the Battle Family sending my prayers and heartfelt sympathy. I will always remember him teaching us in the Flint Citywide Choir " I know something about Gods grace". A great musician, director, and man of God. Absent from the body present with the Lord



Elder Michael & Phyllis Leslie - November 24, 2013 at 09:05 PM

CT

“ Carla Thomas lit a candle in memory of Mr. Richard A. Battle Sr.



Carla Thomas - November 24, 2013 at 08:19 PM

JE

“ Joey Edwards lit a candle in memory of Mr. Richard A. Battle Sr.



Joey Edwards - November 24, 2013 at 08:17 PM

DQ

“ Deacon Bill R. Quarles lit a candle in memory of Mr. Richard A. Battle Sr.



Deacon Bill R. Quarles - November 24, 2013 at 08:05 PM

DQ

“ Deacon Bill R. & Ruthy M. Quarles lit a candle in memory of Mr. Richard A. Battle Sr.



Deacon Bill R. & Ruthy M. Quarles - November 24, 2013 at 08:04 PM

VA

“ Our sincere condolences to Tonya, Battle, Wright, Holtzclaw and Jackson families. Richard was a nice, kind soft spoken person, but he had an extraordinary gift of music. He Loved the Lord and His Family. He will truly be missed, but never forgotten!! R.I. H. my friend, you are know resting in the Lords Arms!!! Curtis & Valerie Williams

Valerie - November 24, 2013 at 07:54 PM

BW

“ Bernadette Woods lit a candle in memory of Mr. Richard A. Battle Sr.



bernadette woods - November 24, 2013 at 07:22 PM

BW

“ *Tanya I am so sorry to hear of the passing of Richard he will be greatly missed by all you will be In my prayers will continue to pray for you and family Bernadette woods*

bernadette woods - November 24, 2013 at 07:22 PM

KM

“ *Kim Moore-Watson lit a candle in memory of Mr. Richard A. Battle Sr.*



Kim Moore-Watson - November 24, 2013 at 07:01 PM

AA

“ *Aisha Avant lit a candle in memory of Mr. Richard A. Battle Sr.*



Aisha Avant - November 24, 2013 at 06:48 PM

TC

“ *Tara Coble lit a candle in memory of Mr. Richard A. Battle Sr.*



Tara Coble - November 24, 2013 at 06:36 PM

JM

“ Richard showed me my true talent. He helped me discover that I did have a voice and I will forever love him for that. I'm going to miss him so much. Uncle Richard I love you and I'm going to miss you. Watch over us. I cant wait to hear your music playing from the heavens. You get to play with the angels now. ?

Jillian McNeal - November 24, 2013 at 05:52 PM

SJ

“ Sonya Jackson lit a candle in memory of Mr. Richard A. Battle Sr.



sonya Jackson - November 24, 2013 at 05:42 PM

RK

“ Russell And Diane Kirksey lit a candle in memory of Mr. Richard A. Battle Sr.



Russell and Diane Kirksey - November 24, 2013 at 03:26 PM

VR

“ My prayers and thoughts go out to the family along with my love. Taneka please remember I am there for you and your family.I love u all. always granny Ronnie

veronica rose - November 24, 2013 at 02:05 PM

NM

“ *Lit a candle in memory of Mr. Richard Battle.
The Spiritual Wonders; Alfreda, Althea,
Corinne, Lynn, Nancy*



nancy murphy - November 24, 2013 at 02:03 PM

RN

“ *Tonya, I am praying for you and the family. Be
strong in the Lord*



Rachel Nard - November 24, 2013 at 11:45 AM

BC

“ *Glenda and I send our sympathy to the family of Richard, we're
praying for you all, may God grant you His Peace, and give you just
what you need to deal with what has happened - God Bless you !
Benjamin and Glenda Clayton
Orange Park (Jacksonville), Florida*

Benjamin Clayton - November 24, 2013 at 10:56 AM

JG

“ *Janice Green-Williams lit a candle in memory
of Mr. Richard A. Battle Sr.*



Janice Green-Williams - November 24, 2013 at 01:06 AM

KH

“ Kendra Hawkins lit a candle in memory of Mr. Richard A. Battle Sr.



Kendra Hawkins - November 23, 2013 at 11:49 PM

Ala
Muhamma

“ Can't stop crying.

Ala Muhammad - November 23, 2013 at 11:39 PM

Ala
Muhamma

“ Mr. Battle was a very challenging music teacher. But he made me want to sing. I remember 2007 when I graduated he asked me to sing for his class for the last time. I did. He hugged me and shed a tear. I loved mr. Battle. He was the sweetest man. He took us to detroit to see the old motown. One of my greatest memories at Northern High. Thank you Mr. Battle for being such a big influence in my life musically. Love, Ala.

Ala Muhammad - November 23, 2013 at 11:38 PM

LP

“ LISA PAYTON(COUSIN) sent a virtual gift in memory of Mr. Richard A. Battle Sr.



LISA PAYTON(COUSIN) - November 23, 2013 at 11:25 PM

SH

“ R.I.P can't believe ur gone...just seen you the other day at work...rest up big man the lord has u home now...ENJOY THE REST OF UR DAYS IN NOTHING BUT PIECE!!!!

Shantillie - November 23, 2013 at 10:11 PM

LM

“ Linda Mayfield Lit a candle in memory of Mr. Richard Battle, Sr.

Linda Mayfield - November 23, 2013 at 09:52 PM

GD

“ Gloria Dukes lit a candle in memory of Mr. Richard A. Battle Sr.



gloria dukes - November 23, 2013 at 09:20 PM

CP

“ I would like to express my sincere condolences to the Battle family. Richard was a wonderful and kind person. He was an gifted musician and director. I met him while singing at Mt Zion years ago Richard will be missed, but his legacy will live on. May the peace of God be with you all during this difficult time. The bible states "To be absent from the body is to be present with the Lord". Richard is in the present of the Most High!

Evangelist
Carlene-Powell-Youngblood
Chesapeake VA

Carlene Powell-Youngblood - November 23, 2013 at 07:12 PM



“ *Rih Rich*

Melvin Palmer - November 23, 2013 at 07:05 PM



“ *"WHEN WORDS OF COMFORT ARE SO HARD FIND;" ALL WE CAN DO IS PRAY. THAT THE LORD WILL DO WHAT NO ONE ELSE CAN DO FOR US..WE PRAY THAT THE ENTIRE FAMILY WILL FEEL GOD'S PRESENT AND BE ASSURED OF HIS LOVE, PEACE, AND STRENGTH THAT PASSES ALL UNDERSTANDING..BROTHER BATTLE HAS RECEIVED HIS HEAVENLY PROMOTION AS " THE HEAVENLY MINISTER OF MUSICIAN. " HIS QUALIFICATIONS ARE TO NUMEROUS TO LIST... HE IS ANOINTED, APPOINTED AND APPROVED BY THE MASTER, JESUS CHRIST, TO HIS FINAL ASSIGNMENT.THE (C.W.P) " CHRISTIAN WOMEN OF PURPOSE " WILL INCLUDE THE FAMILY IN OUR DAILY PRAYERS."TO GOD BE THE GLORY " Sister Sandra Epps, Director*



Mother Margaret Montgomery - November 23, 2013 at 05:52 PM



“ *Virginia Thomas(Cummings) sent a virtual gift in memory of Mr. Richard A. Battle Sr.*



Virginia Thomas(Cummings) - November 23, 2013 at 05:22 PM



He has his wings now and he can fly and walk around heaven all day.....RIP my friend and classmate

Virginia Thomas(Cummings) - November 23, 2013 at 05:23 PM

CV

i know you have seen Howard and Val by now and you all are playing Zion's songs and having a good time

Charles Cummings and Wife Virginia - November 27, 2013 at 12:20 AM

GH

“ *Glenda Henderson lit a candle in memory of Mr. Richard A. Battle Sr.*



Glenda Henderson - November 23, 2013 at 02:35 PM

KO

“ *Keya L. Overton lit a candle in memory of Mr. Richard A. Battle Sr.*



Keya L. Overton - November 23, 2013 at 02:07 PM

KO

I will truly miss you Mr. Battle you were like a son to my son Derrick B. Black. I know your in GOD'S hands rest in peace.

Keya L. Overton - November 23, 2013 at 02:09 PM

AM

“ My prayers go out to the Battle family he will be well missed more than anything. but God said his work was finish know he is playing beautiful music in heaven play on my brother!!!! All we can now do is think about the good old days growing up in all the choirs at Mt. Zion may GOD BLESS this family. Audrey M. McNeal Charlotte, NC.



Audrey M. McNeal - November 23, 2013 at 12:41 PM

EM

“ To my dear cousin you will be missed more than you could ever imagine. We love you. To your wife and the rest may God keep his arms around you at such a difficult time.

Edna Mason - November 23, 2013 at 11:00 AM

MH

“ To Mr. Battle's Family and Lynn, you have my prayers. I will miss the soothing sound and quality of his music, but I will cherish the musical memories I have of him when I was a child at Mt Zion M. B. Church.

Marsha Hare - November 23, 2013 at 10:53 AM

LB

“ Lucille Brown lit a candle in memory of Mr. Richard A. Battle Sr.



Lucille Brown - November 23, 2013 at 10:41 AM



“ *A Jeffrey LaValley lit a candle in memory of Mr. Richard A. Battle Sr.*



A Jeffrey LaValley - November 23, 2013 at 09:55 AM

NJ

“ *Norma Jones lit a candle in memory of Mr. Richard A. Battle Sr.*



Norma Jones - November 23, 2013 at 09:37 AM

DJ

“ *My Prayers and Meditations are with the Family of Richard A. Battle Sr. Richard was always a consummate gentleman. And his talent and compassion for people will be remembered long after his transition. May the Creator assist you in understanding and peace!*



Dana G. Brock Jr. - November 23, 2013 at 09:32 AM



“ *Sheila Johnson-Toins lit a candle in memory of Mr. Richard A. Battle Sr.*



Sheila Johnson-Toins - November 23, 2013 at 08:33 AM

EM

“ *Eddie & Paulette McGhee lit a candle in memory of Mr. Richard A. Battle Sr.*



Eddie & Paulette McGhee - November 23, 2013 at 08:05 AM

MR

“ *Mrs. Freda Ratliff-Williams lit a candle in memory of Mr. Richard A. Battle Sr.*



Mrs. Freda Ratliff-Williams - November 23, 2013 at 06:59 AM

GJ

“ *To the family: My prayers are with in this difficult hour. We thank God for sharing such a gifted musician. God bless each of you.*



Gloria Jenkins - November 23, 2013 at 06:59 AM

A.

“ To my cousin rest in peace to you and the family. I didnot know you long. Met you in Church. Love you.



Albert Vaughn jr .111 - November 23, 2013 at 06:38 AM

NJ

“ To the family of Richard, his wife, whom I don't know, Bonita, and Lynn. You have my deepest sympathy. Richard was a wonderful, soft spoken individual. We go back a long way as kids growing up at Mt Zion Baptist church, where we were all in the choir together, and Richard one of the musicians. I will be praying for all of you that God will give you the strength that you need to make it through this difficult time in your lives.
Neva Johnson

Neva Johnson - November 23, 2013 at 06:01 AM

JT

“ I'm sorry for your lost. We're here for you, and we'll continue to pray for you and your family for strength. Our hearts go out to you and your family from, Jimmie & Alicia Truss. We love you..

Jimmie Truss - November 23, 2013 at 02:40 AM

MB

“ Melody B. Bondon-McGee lit a candle in memory of Mr. Richard A. Battle Sr.



Melody B. Bondon-McGee - November 23, 2013 at 02:22 AM

RH

“ For all the times you lead the GMWA Flint chapter that Me & My sons and daughter sang in it you were the driving force behind our song we will miss you RIH and you cant start that heavenly choir without me

Regina Riley Hightower - November 23, 2013 at 02:21 AM

JE

“ JEAN-RIDDLE-JEFFERSON lit a candle in memory of Mr. Richard A. Battle Sr.



JEAN-RIDDLE-JEFFERSON - November 23, 2013 at 12:13 AM

VM

“ God bless the family at this time. Remember the good times always. Forever in our hearts. V. Marshall

Valerie Marshall - November 23, 2013 at 12:12 AM

DC

“ To The Family of Mr.Richard Battle....We the membership of Lc Davis&Deliverance wants you to remember No matter what your trials are, or how big your mountain seems;The Lord is there to see you through; He'll go to all extremes.So if your cross seems hard to bear, and you know not what to do;The One who loves you most of all will be there to see you through....LC Davis&Delivernace Gospel Choir (Flint, MI)

DCGC - November 23, 2013 at 12:11 AM



“ *R.I.P. Richard.....You were always a friend, a leader, a role model, and a musical mentor to me. You were my Chapter Representative in the Flint Chapter of the GMWA....you also provided the music for my wedding, years ago. You will be missed and never forgotten. Your musical legacy will continue. May God bless your family/friends and the Flint Chapter.*

*Deric L. Norris
Columbus OH*

Deric Norris - November 23, 2013 at 12:03 AM

ML

“ *Margaret Lang lit a candle in memory of Mr. Richard A. Battle Sr.*



Margaret Lang - November 22, 2013 at 11:58 PM

VC

“ *Richard we go all the way back to Flint Northern. And you have played some of Gods music in this city. You will be missed for sure . Tonya honey all I can say is Hold to Gods Unchanging Hand. The Lord is Still getting his choir in heaven together. Talking about singing and playing Zion song, God has called a few lately. Richard you are in a good place now but your place in the music world on earth will be missed. Love you and will miss you. Tonya if you need me or my husband just call.
God Bless the whole family... Go Flint Northern Vikings Class of 1974!!!!!!*

Virginia Cummings and husband Charless - November 22, 2013 at 11:49 PM

EH

“ Will truly miss my friend, Richard and I go back about 50 years we met in the 2nd grade, and were able to share a special bond because we were born hours apart Feb 4-5, 1956. I thank the Lord for counting Richard as a friend who though he was into the arts and I was into sports it never created a wedge in our friendship due to a mutual respect and love we had for each other. May God give his family peace in their time of loss for there is joy in knowing he will truly be going home to be with Jesus,

Sincerely Your friend,
Eugene Harris Jr aka Googa

Eugene harris - November 22, 2013 at 10:54 PM

TG

“ My prayers are with you Tonya and the Battle family. I've known Richard and his children for many years now and i'm still in disbelief that he's gone. May the Lord give you all strength in this time of need...much love to you all!!!

-Travis Givens & the Givens Family

Travis Givens - November 22, 2013 at 10:54 PM

KI

“ Our sincere condolences we extend to you, Tonya, and your family. Richard was a nice, kind person and had an extraordinary gift of music that he shared with us all. He will truly be missed. You are in our prayers.

-The Ishmel Family

Korinne Ishmel - November 22, 2013 at 10:44 PM

NW

“ *N. Jeanne Wells lit a candle in memory of Mr. Richard A. Battle Sr.*



N. Jeanne Wells - November 22, 2013 at 10:33 PM

PF

“ *Phillip And Family lit a candle in memory of Mr. Richard A. Battle Sr.*



phillip and family - November 22, 2013 at 10:32 PM

CH

“ *Catrina Holliman lit a candle in memory of Mr. Richard A. Battle Sr.*



Catrina Holliman - November 22, 2013 at 10:28 PM

LC

“ TONYA, YOU AND YOUR FAMILIEY ARE IN OUR PRAYERS. MY HUSBAND AND I WILL MISS RICHARD VERY MUCH. HE WAS SUCH A KIND AND GIVING SOUL. I REMEMBER WHEN I FIRST MET RICHARD HE CAME OVER TO OUR HOUSE AND TOLD ME THE HE WOULD BE CUTTING OUR GRASS FOR THE SUMMER BECAUSE HE FOUND OUT THAT MY HUSBAND HAD CANCER. MAY HE REST IN PEACE.

MRS. LEORA CRUM, YOUR NEIGHBOR FROM ACROSS THE STREET.

Leora Crum - November 22, 2013 at 10:23 PM

HB

“ I will certainly miss seeing Richard at the GMWA this spring. My prayer to the family and the Flint Chapter of GMWA.

Helen Brown

Helen Brown - November 22, 2013 at 10:15 PM

BD

“ *Bobie Douglas lit a candle in memory of Mr. Richard A. Battle Sr.*



Bobie Douglas - November 22, 2013 at 09:37 PM

ND

“ Napoleon&Mary Demps lit a candle in memory of Mr. Richard A. Battle Sr.



Napoleon&Mary Demps - November 22, 2013 at 09:22 PM

TJ

“ Tarita Jones lit a candle in memory of Mr. Richard A. Battle Sr.



Tarita Jones - November 22, 2013 at 09:01 PM

Alvina Owens

“ Alvina Owens lit a candle in memory of Mr. Richard A. Battle Sr.



Alvina Owens - November 22, 2013 at 08:29 PM

Alvina Owens

My sincere condolence to the Family. R.I.H.

Alvina Owens - November 22, 2013 at 08:32 PM

CM

“ *Chambria Mack lit a candle in memory of Mr. Richard A. Battle Sr.*



Chambria Mack - November 22, 2013 at 08:23 PM

WS

“ *Wanda Stitt lit a candle in memory of Mr. Richard A. Battle Sr.*



Wanda Stitt - November 22, 2013 at 08:20 PM

CP

“ *Carmen Patterson lit a candle in memory of Mr. Richard A. Battle Sr.*



Carmen Patterson - November 22, 2013 at 08:16 PM

SM

“ *I would like to express my sincere condolences to the Battle family. Richard was a wonderful and kind person. He was also an amazing talent. We grew up on the same street as children and attended the same church as adults. Richard will be missed. He touched many lives in a possitive way.*

Stephanie Monroe - November 22, 2013 at 07:41 PM

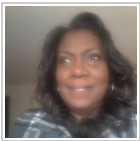
LC

“ *To the entire Battle Family!*

Prayers, and comfort, He stepped into a new life of celebration with the angels. God opened his arm welcoming him home and his work there is not finished, there are songs to be sung and organs need tuning. Give God the Glory he prepared his son well on earth as he served diligently and faithful in the music ministry. Although he has anew home in heaven, God will be here with you to comfort you, and you will understand it all better by and by. Matthew 5:4 "Blessed are those who mourn, for they shall be comforted."



Loria Corder - November 22, 2013 at 07:32 PM



“ *1 file added to the album New Album Name*



Antionette Green-Chapman - November 22, 2013 at 07:29 PM

SA

None other than Mr. Richard Battle himself. I'm so grateful for our paths crossing on this Journey. I had just seen him Sunday before last, we exchanged a hug and he told me it's good to see you Gwen I'll be back tocheck you out 'Know where is the Ballroom class?

SamaPenHemp - November 23, 2013 at 06:39 PM

VJ

“ Val Jackson lit a candle in memory of Mr. Richard A. Battle Sr.



Val Jackson - November 22, 2013 at 07:28 PM

MB

“ MR AND MRS BROWN lit a candle in memory of Mr. Richard A. Battle Sr.



MR AND MRS BROWN - November 22, 2013 at 07:20 PM

PG

“ Pamela Gadson lit a candle in memory of Mr. Richard A. Battle Sr.



Pamela Gadson - November 22, 2013 at 07:20 PM

MB

“ OUR PRAYERS GOES OUT TO THE BATTLE FAMILY, FROM MR AND MRS BROWN AND FAMILY

MR AND MRS BROWN - November 22, 2013 at 07:18 PM

RM

“ *Rosalie (Rose) Metcalfe Marve lit a candle in memory of Mr. Richard A. Battle Sr.*



Rosalie (Rose) Metcalfe Marve - November 22, 2013 at 07:12 PM

TA

“ *The Harmonic Ambassadors lit a candle in memory of Mr. Richard A. Battle Sr.*



The Harmonic Ambassadors - November 22, 2013 at 07:06 PM

SB

“ *Scott Bard lit a candle in memory of Mr. Richard A. Battle Sr.*



Scott Bard - November 22, 2013 at 06:51 PM

MW

“ *Mamie Wiggins lit a candle in memory of Mr. Richard A. Battle Sr.*



Mamie Wiggins - November 22, 2013 at 06:16 PM

DC

“ *Delores A. Childs lit a candle in memory of Mr. Richard A. Battle Sr.*



Delores A. Childs - November 22, 2013 at 05:47 PM

DM

“ *DeLano Mills lit a candle in memory of Mr. Richard A. Battle Sr.*



DeLano Mills - November 22, 2013 at 05:20 PM

PB

“ *Patricia Barker lit a candle in memory of Mr. Richard A. Battle Sr.*



Patricia Barker - November 22, 2013 at 05:14 PM

IH

“ *Iris Hare lit a candle in memory of Mr. Richard A. Battle Sr.*



Iris Hare - November 22, 2013 at 04:42 PM

PK

“ *Pamela Koutouzos lit a candle in memory of Mr. Richard A. Battle Sr.*



Pamela Koutouzos - November 22, 2013 at 04:11 PM

AB

“ *Althea Barbee lit a candle in memory of Mr. Richard A. Battle Sr.*



althea barbee - November 22, 2013 at 03:54 PM



“ *Barbara Lee lit a candle in memory of Mr. Richard A. Battle Sr.*



Barbara Lee - November 22, 2013 at 03:49 PM

KW

“ *Kathy White lit a candle in memory of Mr. Richard A. Battle Sr.*



Kathy White - November 22, 2013 at 03:48 PM

LB

“ Lynn Barbee lit a candle in memory of Mr. Richard A. Battle Sr.



Lynn Barbee - November 22, 2013 at 03:22 PM

CW

“ Another one gone...gone too soon in my on-going lifetime for someone dear to the Mt. Olive church family. R.I.H.

Craig S. Williams - November 22, 2013 at 03:18 PM

CB

“ Carolyn Buckley lit a candle in memory of Mr. Richard A. Battle Sr.



Carolyn Buckley - November 22, 2013 at 03:18 PM

CW

“ Craig S. Williams lit a candle in memory of Mr. Richard A. Battle Sr.



Craig S. Williams - November 22, 2013 at 03:16 PM