



Mr. Robert Elsie Nelson

September 27, 1934 - October 1, 2018

NELSON, Mr. Robert Elise - Age 84, passed away Monday, October 1, 2018 at Hurley Medical Center. Family hour 10:30 Am Saturday, October 13, 2018 at Second Friendship Missionary Baptist Church, 6046 N. Clio Rd., Mt. Morris, MI with funeral service commencing at 11:00 AM , Pastor Rodney Williams, officiating. Interment Gracelawn Community Cemetery, G-5710 N. Saginaw St. Friends and pallbearers will assemble at the Church 10:30 AM Saturday. Mr. Nelson will lie in state in the Chapel of Lawrence E. Moon Funeral Home, 906 W. Flint Park Blvd., and may be viewed from 2:00 PM-8:00 PM Friday.

Mr. Robert Elsie Nelson better known as “Big Man” age 84, was born September 27, 1934 in Starkville, Mississippi, the son of Mr. & Mrs. Robert and Susie Nelson. He made his transition to his home with Christ, Monday, October 1, 2018. Mr. Nelson accepted Christ at an early age where he attended church in Starkville. He later became a member of Second Friendship Missionary Baptist Church in Flint, Michigan, where he served as a Security Guard and sang with the Male Chorus. Mr. Nelson attended school in Starkville, MS. He met and married Mrs. Leatha Nelson and to this union one child was born, Russell Nelson. After moving to Flint he began working for Buick Motor Company, a division of General Motors and was a member of UAW Local #599 retiring with 32 years of service. Mr. Nelson loved to sing songs with the Gospel Southernaires for many years. Two of his favorite songs were “Smoothing Out The Rough Road” and “Try On My Long White

Robe.”

Mr. Robert Elsie Nelson “Big Man” leaves to cherish his memory: wife, Annie L. Nelson of Flint; sons, Russell Nelson of Starkville, MS and Sam Nelson of Louisiana; daughter, Mary VanBuren; 2 step-sons, Eddie and Leon Horton; step-daughter, Renee Horton, all of Flint; 14 grandchildren; a host great-grandchildren and great-great-grandchildren; 6 sisters, Clarice Webber, Margaret (Murry J.) Mills, Emma J. (Robert) Nichols, Mary Mister, Dorothy (Charles) Gregg, all of Chicago, IL and Ollie Deloach; 3 brothers, Robert J. (Mattie) Nelson, all of Flint, John and Kermit Nelson, both of Starkville, MS; brother-in-law, Rev. Dr. Lewis Randolph of Davison, MI; a host of other nieces, nephews, other relatives and friends including special friends, Liz Osborn, Sam and Berthalee Walker, Ann Rankin, Joshua Hicks, Mr. Hobson of Huntsville, AL and Johnny Malone of Starkville, MS.

Mr. Nelson was preceded in death by his daughter, Donna Nelson; parents, Robert and Susie Nelson; mother of his child, Leatha Nelson; sister, Jeanine Randolph; brothers-in-law, Earl Webber, Fred Mister and Rev. Roosevelt Deloach; and good friends, Henry Rankin and Smitty.

Cemetery Details

Gracelawn Cemetery

5710 N. Saginaw St.
Flint, MI 48505

Previous Events

Public Viewing

OCT **12**. 2:00 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 hour

OCT **13**. 10:30 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

Second Friendship Missionary Baptist Church
6046 N. Clio Rd.
Mt. Morris, MI 48458

Service

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Tribute Wall



“ *Mr. Robert Elsie Nelson*

October 09, 2023 at 07:02 AM



“ *You will truly be missed... R.I.J BIG~MAN
Love Always. Rita Mitts*



NaRita Mitts - October 16, 2018 at 11:18 AM



“ *Yolanda Ward lit a candle in memory of Mr.
Robert Elsie Nelson*



Yolanda Ward - October 15, 2018 at 07:48 PM



“ *Mr. Nelson was a family friend and sang with my father Elder
Howard Townsend Jr. So on behalf of my father and the Townsend
family we offer our prayers and deepest condolences!!!! We loved
him and we love the family!!!*

Dante Townsend - October 14, 2018 at 10:54 PM

JA

“ *Josalyn Austin sent a virtual gift in memory of Mr. Robert Elsie Nelson*



Josalyn Austin - October 13, 2018 at 11:16 PM

BS

“ *Remembering Nelson singing' Gettin ready to try on my long White robe"*

Banks Sisters - October 12, 2018 at 11:43 PM

TG

“ *The Flint Quartet Groups lit a candle in memory of Mr. Robert Elsie Nelson*



The Flint Quartet Groups - October 12, 2018 at 10:46 PM

RS

“ *Just thinking about you big baby from the flint southernaires you'll never be forgotten love you bro from rev.James Jimmy Bryant Sr.*

Rev.James H.Bryant Sr. - October 12, 2018 at 07:59 PM

BB

“ *Bridgett Beasley lit a candle in memory of Mr. Robert Elsie Nelson*



Bridgett Beasley - October 12, 2018 at 08:25 AM

EP

“ *Emma Perry/Summers lit a candle in memory of Mr. Robert Elsie Nelson*



Emma Perry/Summers - October 04, 2018 at 08:42 PM

DF

“ *Dr. Carolyn Davis & The Steele Family sent a virtual gift in memory of Mr. Robert Elsie Nelson*



Dr. Carolyn Davis & the Steele Family - October 04, 2018 at 09:59 AM

MW

“ *Mary & Diane Williams sent a virtual gift in memory of Mr. Robert Elsie Nelson*



Mary & Diane Williams - October 03, 2018 at 09:25 AM

MP

“ *MINISTER PAM lit a candle in memory of Mr. Robert Elsie Nelson*



MINISTER PAM - October 03, 2018 at 06:40 AM