



Mr. Robert Townsel

March 7, 1920 - November 15, 2017

Townsel, Mr. Robert - Age 97, passed away Wednesday, November 15, 2017 at Hurley Medical Center. Family hour 10:00 AM Saturday, November 25, 2017 at Grace Emmanuel Baptist Church, 3502 Lapeer Rd., with funeral service commencing at 11:00 AM Min. Jeffrey Wheeler officiating, Rev. Dr. Marvin Jennings Host Pastor. Interment River Rest Cemetery, G-4413 Flushing Rd. Friends and pallbearers will assemble at the church 10:00 AM Saturday. Mr. Townsel 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 - 8:00 PM Friday, with the family present from 3:00 PM - 7:00 PM to receive friends.

Mr. Robert Townsel was born March 7, 1920 in Chicot County, Arkansas to the union of Cora and Bennie Townsel and was raised in Eudora, Arkansas. Initially he completed his education through the fifth grade to farm with his family. He enlisted in the U.S. Army in 1946 and was stationed in Saipan for one year. He received an Honorable Discharge from the Army in 1948 and later completed his GED and attended University Arkansas Pine Bluff; formerly Arkansas AM & N College where he obtained a certificate of Interior Design.

Robert was joined in Holy Matrimony to Margaret Marie Wright on December 25th, 1948 for a union of 63 years. To this union 6 children were born. He

worked for Mr. Pinchback Taylor as a Domestic Farm Hand then later worked at the Arsenal in Pine Bluff. While in Pine Bluff, he attended Damascus Baptist Church. Robert then migrated to Flint, MI in 1953 working for Chevrolet Engine Plant as a Job Setter, where he worked for 30 years. He also worked part time as a security guard for Superior Pontiac and Robert Hall clothing store. Robert was an active member of New Zion Baptist Church as an Usher, Deacon and church station wagon driver. He later joined Grace Emmanuel Baptist Church. Robert lovingly known as Goodlookin' loved spending time with his biological, spiritual and extended family playing Checkers, Connect-Four, watching Price Is Right, doing magic tricks, telling stories and socializing with anyone he came in contact with. He loved to hunt rabbits, squirrels, and pheasants with his hunting buddies Doc and Bo. His life's philosophy was to always keep God first and trust Him. He always encouraged his family to pray, love each other, help others and continuing laughing. His favorite scripture was Proverbs 3: 5-7.

Robert leaves to cherish his memory: His only daughter Robbie (Charles) Ransom of Ann Arbor, MI; 5 sons, Thaddeus (Toni) Townsel of Lansing, MI, R. Maurice of Ann Arbor, MI, Anthony (Viviene), Lawrence (Barbara) Townsel all of Flint, MI, and Cedric (Dedra Coman) Townsel of Bloomfield Hills, niece he raised as his own, Glenna (Terry) Gates of Flint. He also leaves 9 grandchildren, Terrence (Robin) Dye, Steven (Rayna) Dye, Mershon (Robert) Skender all of Ypsilanti Township, MI, Ariana (Oliver) King of Chicago, IL, Brandon Townsel, Lindsay Townsel of Flint, MI, Imondre' Johnson of New York, NY, Julian Townsel of Riverside, CA and Mia Townsel of Lansing, MI. 5 great-grandchildren, Nylah Smith, Terrence Dye, Jr. Trent Dye, Tyler Skender and Chase Skender, great-niece Eryka Gates of Huntsville, AL; sister-in-law Maggie (Leo) Smiley of Naperville, IL; adopted daughter, Hildria Richmond; best friends Marvin Alexander, Willie Smith Jr., James Parker, Mary Coleman, and god-daughter Helen McArthur, a host of nieces, nephews, cousins, other relatives and friends.

Robert was preceded in death by his parents Cora and Bennie Townsel, special uncle Robert Austin, sister Willie Mae Hobb, brother James Clarence Kennedy (J.C.), and wife Margaret Marie Townsel.

Cemetery Details

River Rest Cemetery

G-4413 Flushing Rd.
Flint, MI 48504

Previous Events

Public Viewing

NOV **24**. 12:00 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 Present

NOV **24**. 3:00 PM - 7:00 PM (ET)

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Family hour

NOV 25. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

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Service

NOV 25. 11:00 AM (ET)

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Tribute Wall



“ *Mr. Robert Townsel*

October 09, 2023 at 07:02 AM



“ *Offering our condolences to you and your family. I remember Mr. Townsel growing up as a kid and into my young adulthood, on Eldridge Street. He always wore a smile on his face, He always allowed my son Frederick and other kids to come play in his yard. He will be truly missed and remembered. It was truly a blessing to know a man of great character. May you find peace and continue his legacy. Love Brenda Young (Honolulu, Hawaii) & Victor and Christine Young (Flint, Michigan)*



Brenda Young - December 11, 2017 at 02:43 PM



“ *So sorry to know of the passing of Mr Townsel. He and Mrs Townsel were good friends with my grandmother, the late Mary Cayton and my great-grandmother, the late Rosie Hubbard. They attended church together at New Zion and we have been connected to the Townsel family every since. ...Mr Townsel will truly be missed. Our sincere condolences to you all.*

*Continued prayers,
The Cayton, White, Kemp, Walker, Ward, and Matthews families*

Debra Kemp Jackson - November 28, 2017 at 11:04 PM

DW

“ I've known Mr. Townsel since the day I came home from the hospital as a baby. I remember he always made me laugh as a child and as an adult, I couldn't help but smile whenever I'd see him coming. I didn't get to see him much, but when I did he'd light up, not just the room, but the whole house. He enriched the lives of everyone that knew him and he will truly be missed. My heartfelt thoughts and prayers are with the family.

Donica White
Former neighbor on Eldridge

Donica White-Gill - November 26, 2017 at 11:31 AM

AJ

“ *Abby Johnson lit a candle in memory of Mr. Robert Townsel*



Abby Johnson - November 26, 2017 at 11:15 AM

BW

“ *Truly sorry for your lost, you all are in my thoughts and prayers. He was a wonderful neighbor to live nextdoor to and a wonderful friend also.*
He used to hang out at Meijer on Pierson, not shopping but just talking and smiling with people near the lottery booth. I cherish the memories of him.

Barbara Stinnett White

Barbara White - November 25, 2017 at 01:15 PM

MR

“ *Mary Randle lit a candle in memory of Mr. Robert Townsel*



Mary Randle - November 24, 2017 at 07:17 PM

TE

“ *Terry & Cynthia Ellison-Walls sent a virtual gift in memory of Mr. Robert Townsel*



Terry & Cynthia Ellison-Walls - November 24, 2017 at 03:55 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Mr. Robert Townsel.*



November 24, 2017 at 09:31 AM

VK

“ *Vivian Kelley lit a candle in memory of Mr. Robert Townsel*



Vivian Kelley - November 24, 2017 at 04:06 AM

HC

“ Heather Cobbin-Davis lit a candle in memory of Mr. Robert Townsel



Heather Cobbin-Davis - November 23, 2017 at 10:09 PM

LR

“ Robbie and the entire Townsel Family, so sorry to hear of the loss of your father. May the love of God surround you during this time of sorrow, and you find comfort in precious memories



With sympathy,
Harold & Linda (UNDERWOOD) Ryan

Linda Ryan - November 23, 2017 at 01:03 AM

MF

“ Melanie Jones & Family lit a candle in memory of Mr. Robert Townsel



Melanie Jones & family - November 23, 2017 at 12:03 AM



“ Our good neighbor (East Eldridge Ave) and him and my Grandmother Pazetta Blackburn we're good church friends. Family your in my prayers



Camiya Nicholson - November 22, 2017 at 10:30 PM



“ *Enduring Grace was purchased for the family of Mr. Robert Townsel.*



November 22, 2017 at 07:30 PM



“ *Love, Aracely, Marilyn & Sandra purchased the Sentiments of Serenity Spray for the family of Mr. Robert Townsel.*



Love, Aracely, Marilyn & Sandra - November 22, 2017 at 05:45 PM



“ *3 files added to the album New Album Name*



Brandon Townsel - November 22, 2017 at 04:06 PM



“ *Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Mr. Robert Townsel.*



November 22, 2017 at 11:33 AM

WS

“ WYVONNE SKINNER sent a virtual gift in memory of Mr. Robert Townsel



WYVONNE SKINNER - November 21, 2017 at 06:14 PM

TI

“ The Bureau of Investments purchased the Strength & Solace Spray for the family of Mr. Robert Townsel.



The Bureau of Investments - November 21, 2017 at 05:42 PM

WB

“ With Love, Alvin & Stephanie Bing purchased the Medium Dish Garden for the family of Mr. Robert Townsel.



With Love, Alvin & Stephanie Bing - November 21, 2017 at 02:48 PM

FH

“ The Lee family would like to send our deepest sympathy to the Townsel Family. May God give you peace as you go thru these difficult days and may you find comfort in your time of need. 97 wonderful years for your dad was truly a blessing. Sending big hugs to each one of you from your East Eldridge Avenue family. Clyde, Rennie, and Craig Lee

Florenda Hall - November 21, 2017 at 01:55 PM

VI

“ Victoria(Tolbert)Kilgore lit a candle in memory of Mr. Robert Townsel



victoria(Tolbert)Kilgore - November 21, 2017 at 04:52 AM

DH

“ Donita Hill lit a candle in memory of Mr. Robert Townsel



Donita Hill - November 20, 2017 at 09:53 PM

PP

“ Preston & Josie Perry sent a virtual gift in memory of Mr. Robert Townsel



Preston & Josie Perry - November 20, 2017 at 05:39 PM

DB

“ David & Dana Bush lit a candle in memory of Mr. Robert Townsel



David & Dana Bush - November 19, 2017 at 10:41 PM



“ Townsel Family, we are so sorry for the loss of your patriarch Mr. Townsel. Being your neighbor for years, our families go way back. Your family has always been so kind, hospitable and loving. Any family event hat happened for you all, we felt what you all felt. Mr. and Mrs. Townsel left a legacy for you all. A great one to continue! Much love, Yvonne (Johnson) Tribble.

Yvonne Tribble - November 19, 2017 at 12:16 PM

NO

“ NaRotha Ogden lit a candle in memory of Mr. Robert Townsel



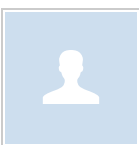
NaRotha Ogden - November 19, 2017 at 08:40 AM

SS

“ Santa Staples lit a candle in memory of Mr. Robert Townsel



Santa Staples - November 18, 2017 at 08:32 PM



“ Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of Mr. Robert Townsel.



November 18, 2017 at 03:25 PM

DP

“ *Denise Palmer lit a candle in memory of Mr. Robert Townsel*



Denise Palmer - November 18, 2017 at 12:35 AM

DF

“ *Denise Palmer & Family lit a candle in memory of Mr. Robert Townsel*



Denise Palmer & Family - November 18, 2017 at 12:34 AM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Mr. Robert Townsel.*



November 17, 2017 at 05:01 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Mr. Robert Townsel.*



November 17, 2017 at 09:56 AM

VK

“ To Lawrence & Barbara & The Entire Townsel Family.Mr.Townsel will be missed.It was a joy to see Mr.Townsel at church on Sunday.Keep your faith in God,he will see you through.. God Bless You.Vivian and April Kelley 🙏🙏



Vivian Kelley - November 16, 2017 at 09:45 PM

SG

“ Sis . Maudie Coley GEBC sent a virtual gift in memory of Mr. Robert Townsel



Sis . Maudie Coley GEBC - November 16, 2017 at 09:29 PM

VW

“ Velma Williams lit a candle in memory of Mr. Robert Townsel



Velma Williams - November 16, 2017 at 04:13 PM

PW

“ Pam Williams lit a candle in memory of Mr. Robert Townsel



Pam Williams - November 16, 2017 at 11:51 AM

LS

“ *May your family find peace and comfort during this time of sorrow! Mr, Townsel was one of a kind and was always smiling! He will definitely be missed!*

Latonia Smith - November 16, 2017 at 11:18 AM

TG

“ *My thoughts and prayers are with the entire Townsel Family.*



Tresia Givens - November 16, 2017 at 09:57 AM

LC

“ *May you find comfort in knowing that your dear one is safe in the memory of God, who will remember every detail about him and bring him back again.*

L. Cade - November 16, 2017 at 08:20 AM



“ *Praying for you and your family during this time of bereavement.*

*God Bless,
Marcia Teer*



Marcia Teer - November 16, 2017 at 07:37 AM

LC

“ May you find comfort in knowing that your dear one is safe in the memory of God, who will remember every detail about him and bring him back again.

L. Cade - November 16, 2017 at 07:35 AM

CO

“ I am deeply sorry for the loss of your loved one, Mr. Townsel. Death is never natural even when a loved one has lived many years. May you look forward to God's promise of restoring the earth to a Paradise where death and sickness will be a thing of the past. (Isaiah 25:8)



Collier - November 16, 2017 at 07:16 AM

BF

“ Our Love and prayers are with the Townsel Family The Billings Family

Billings Family - November 16, 2017 at 06:27 AM

DM

“ Doris NitaMoe Moore lit a candle in memory of Mr. Robert Townsel



Doris NitaMoe Moore - November 16, 2017 at 05:03 AM

SP

“ We are lifting the Townsel family up in our prayers. I will miss seeing him at church always smiling. He will be missed.

Shelton and Anna Pinnix - November 15, 2017 at 11:53 PM

JK

“ *Jesse & Dorothy Kirksey lit a candle in memory of Mr. Robert Townsel*



Jesse & Dorothy Kirksey - November 15, 2017 at 11:02 PM

LC

“ *Prayers to the entire Townsel Family, the memories we have of Love ones never fade away, their presence is always there from famous words of wisdom that will be whispered forever in our hearts. Yes He has taken a flight to heaven where all things become new, no pains, worries, just singing Holy Holy God Almighty. Just remember God is your strength to lean on in the coming weeks and my prayers are with you.*



Loria Corder - November 15, 2017 at 10:59 PM

JR

“ *John, Tujunana & Nicholas Reaves lit a candle in memory of Mr. Robert Townsel*



John, Tujunana & Nicholas Reaves - November 15, 2017 at 08:09 PM

MB

“ *Michelle Brock lit a candle in memory of Mr. Robert Townsel*



Michelle Brock - November 15, 2017 at 07:23 PM

ES

“ *EDDIE & SHIRLENE SIMMONS lit a candle in memory of Mr. Robert Townsel*



EDDIE & SHIRLENE SIMMONS - November 15, 2017 at 07:04 PM

AP

“ *I will always have memories of Mr. Townsel always remembering as Mr.Porter son, that would be the first thing that he would say after seeing me.*

Aubrey Porter - November 15, 2017 at 04:48 PM

AP

“ *Aubrey And Jackie Porter lit a candle in memory of Mr. Robert Townsel*



Aubrey and Jackie Porter - November 15, 2017 at 04:43 PM