

Deacon Roscoe Parks

November 17, 1924 - May 10, 2016

PARKS, Deacon Roscoe “Paw Paw” - Age 91, went to be with the Lord on Tuesday, May 10, 2016 at his residence. Family hour 10:00 a.m. Tuesday, May 17, 2016 at Antioch Missionary Baptist Church, 1083 E. Stewart Ave., with Homegoing Celebration commencing at 11:00 a.m. Rev. Dr. Lewis Randolph Host Pastor, Pastor Kenneth Boykins Eulogist, Rev. Kenneth Casey Presiding. Interment Sunset Hills Cemetery, G-4413 Flushing Rd. Friends and pallbearers will assemble at the church 10:00 a.m. Tuesday. Deacon Parks will lie in state in the Chapel of Lawrence E. Moon Funeral Home, 906 W. Flint Park Blvd., and may be viewed 1:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m. Monday, with the family present from 4:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m. to receive friends.

Deacon Roscoe Parks known as “Paw Paw” to his grandchildren was born November 17, 1924 in Atlanta, Georgia, the only child of Joseph Parks and Sammie Lou Griffin. He was raised by his paternal grandparents, Pa Pa Joe and Anna Parks on a farm in Greenville, Georgia. He moved to Flint, Michigan at the age of 18 to live with his father and step-mother and to find employment. Not only did he find employment with General Motors, he also found the love of his life, his wife, the late Ernestine to whom he was married for 69 years. After he married Ernestine, their first home was located on Grant Street, right across the street from Antioch Missionary Baptist Church (before the Buick Plant 5 was built). He joined Antioch in 1949 and he remained a faithful member. Roscoe became a Deacon under Reverend L. W. Pryor, he

was one of the last Deacons ordained by Pastor Pryor. He continued to serve as a Deacon under the leadership of Rev. Dr. Lewis Randolph, Pastor. Deacon Parks was the Secretary of the Deacons Sunday School Class and a member of the Great Lakes District Layman. He retired from Chevrolet Manufacturing, a division of General Motors in 1974 and was a member of UAW Local #659. Roscoe and his wife really enjoyed traveling and took annual trips to Georgia and Arkansas visiting their relatives. After retiring, Deacon Parks and his wife started bowling and both joined bowling leagues; where bowling took them on annual trips all over the United States. His last trip was a flight with his nephews, Darnell Cole and Raymond Neal to Tampa, FL. They picked up his brother-in-law, William Benton and drove to Enterprise, AL to visit his nephew Don Holland, for a male retreat of fishing and fun. Deacon Parks read his Bible daily. He also enjoyed gardening, baking and made excellent German Chocolate Cakes, Sweet Potato, and Squash pies. An avid Tigers fan, he enjoyed watching them on TV or attending games in person.

Deacon Roscoe Parks leaves to cherish his memory: three daughters, Joyce Parks of Macomb, MI, Jacqueline Parks of Flint and Mary Parks "Pat" (John) Deason of Flushing, MI; three grandchildren, Dr. Nikkia (William III) Washington of Kentwood, MI, Aisha (Quinton) Stringer of Gainesville, GA and Evan Parks of Auburn Hills, MI; three great-granddaughters, Aaliyah and Alivya Stringer, and Cameron Washington; great-grandson, William Washington IV; sister-in-law, Mrs. Annie Mae Holland; brothers-in-law, Albert Creel and Clarence Allen, all of Flint; cousin, Celeste Clements of Detroit, MI; special friends, Mr. & Mrs. James and Gayle Ragston, Bro. Andrew Oillings, Bro. Leo Cardwell, and Pastor and Mrs. Kenneth Boykins; and a host of nieces, nephews, and other relatives and friends.

The family wishes to express special thanks to Dr. Lisa Lindsay, Absolute Health Team, Rev. Dr. Lewis Randolph and the Antioch Missionary Baptist

Church family, the Deacons that visited and administered the Holy Communion, Bro. Herman Miller and the District Laymen. Thanks also to his caregiver, Russell Franklin and extra-special caregiver, Beverly Powell.

Previous Events

Visitation

MAY 16. 1:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

Lawrence E. Moon Funeral Home Chapel, Flint
906 W. Flint Park Blvd.
Flint, MI 48505
(810) 789-MOON (6666)
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Family Present

MAY 16. 4:00 PM - 6:00 PM (ET)

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Tribute Wall



“ *Deacon Roscoe Parks*

October 09, 2023 at 07:02 AM



“ *My heartfelt condolences to the family. I apologize, I just received the news of my cousin passing. We just talked the early part of the year. I would always called him on his birthday because I knew Roscoe and his first cousin Lillian Pharms-Epps shared the same birthday. Love you all and continue prayers for the family.*

Pauletta Epps - May 23, 2016 at 09:19 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Deacon Roscoe Parks.*



May 17, 2016 at 10:42 AM



“ *To the Parks Family, sending you our love and prayers at this time of grief and loss.*
Michele Carr-Warren.

Michele Carr-Warren - May 17, 2016 at 09:06 AM

HC

“ Keeping the family lifted in prayer for peace.
My deepest sympathy.
Hilda Craig



Hilda Craig - May 17, 2016 at 06:55 AM

DM

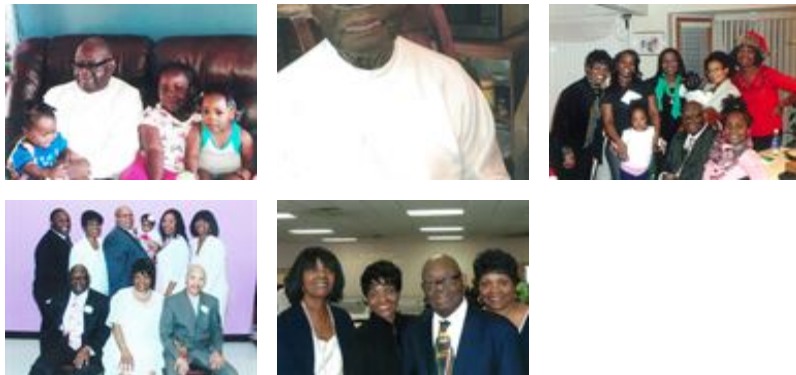
“ David & Versie Munerlyn lit a candle in
memory of Deacon Roscoe Parks



David & Versie Munerlyn - May 16, 2016 at 08:33 PM



“ 10 files added to the album Life Tributes



Lawrence E. Moon Funeral Home - May 16, 2016 at 01:13 PM

GC

“ *Genell Crain-Reeves lit a candle in memory of Deacon Roscoe Parks*



Genell Crain-Reeves - May 16, 2016 at 01:04 PM

BB

“ *Billy Brown lit a candle in memory of Deacon Roscoe Parks*



billy brown - May 16, 2016 at 12:25 PM

LB

“ *Linda&Eddie Booth lit a candle in memory of Deacon Roscoe Parks*



Linda&Eddie Booth - May 16, 2016 at 11:22 AM



“ 59 files added to the album *Life Tributes*



Lawrence E. Moon Funeral Home - May 16, 2016 at 10:18 AM

FH

“ From Mr and Mrs Don Holland purchased the Lavender Reflections Spray for the family of Deacon Roscoe Parks.



From Mr and Mrs Don Holland - May 16, 2016 at 09:07 AM

DM

“ *Deborah Milling*



Deborah Milling - May 15, 2016 at 06:41 PM

JM

“ Jackie Jenkins-Scott, Jim, Amber, Amal, and Maura purchased the Spring Has Sprung Mixed Basket for the family of Deacon Roscoe Parks.



Jackie Jenkins-Scott, Jim, Amber, Amal, and Maura - May 14, 2016 at 05:39 PM

AC

“ Al & Lillian Collins lit a candle in memory of Deacon Roscoe Parks



Al & Lillian Collins - May 14, 2016 at 03:03 PM

JB

“ John R Butler lit a candle in memory of Deacon Roscoe Parks



john r butler - May 14, 2016 at 09:07 AM

LG

“ Linda Gulley lit a candle in memory of Deacon Roscoe Parks



Linda Gulley - May 14, 2016 at 04:53 AM

GR

“ *Gloria Royster lit a candle in memory of Deacon Roscoe Parks*



Gloria Royster - May 13, 2016 at 07:27 PM

BC

“ *Bettina Campbell lit a candle in memory of Deacon Roscoe Parks*



Bettina Campbell - May 13, 2016 at 08:52 AM

MP

“ *Mrs. Carmen Patterson lit a candle in memory of Deacon Roscoe Parks*



Mrs. Carmen Patterson - May 13, 2016 at 06:54 AM

DW

“ *Dwight&Shirlene(White)Simmons lit a candle in memory of Deacon Roscoe Parks*



Dwight&Shirlene(White)Simmons - May 12, 2016 at 11:40 PM

DM

“ Deacon Jesse Mosley lit a candle in memory of Deacon Roscoe Parks



Deacon Jesse Mosley - May 12, 2016 at 05:05 PM

VC

“ Verna M. Cobb lit a candle in memory of Deacon Roscoe Parks



Verna M. Cobb - May 12, 2016 at 03:51 PM

DB

“ May God bless the family of Mr. Parks during their time of bereavement (John:5:28,29) give you encouragement to turn to God in prayer and he can give you hope and understanding as a means of getting through this difficult times.



Daisy Boone - May 12, 2016 at 08:43 AM

SW

“ Sis Delores Richardson WFLT lit a candle in memory of Deacon Roscoe Parks



Sis Delores Richardson WFLT - May 12, 2016 at 06:09 AM

DJ

“ *Dennis & Shirley Jackson lit a candle in memory of Deacon Roscoe Parks*



Dennis & Shirley Jackson - May 11, 2016 at 09:06 PM

VR

“ *Verma Rosborough sent a virtual gift in memory of Deacon Roscoe Parks*



Verma Rosborough - May 11, 2016 at 08:35 PM

FR

“ *Freda Ratliff-Williams lit a candle in memory of Deacon Roscoe Parks*



Freda Ratliff-Williams - May 11, 2016 at 07:00 PM

FR

“ *Blessed assurance, Jesus is mine;
Oh, what a foretaste of glory divine!
Heir of salvation, purchase of God,
Born of His Spirit, washed in His blood.
Every Sunday at Antioch when Deacon Parks
was to do devotion, this is the song he sang.
He had it written on his lil piece of paper. It did not matter to him
what the bulletin said, this is what he sang. He didn't need no
music, it just flowed from his soul. I am so going to miss my favorite
Deacon. He was real and told it like it was. I was always so proud of
him for that. Rest now, good and faithful servant, The work you have
done for the Lord will speak for you.*



Freda Ratliff-Williams - May 11, 2016 at 06:57 PM

LC

“ *Lydia Coleman lit a candle in memory of
Deacon Roscoe Parks*



Lydia coleman - May 11, 2016 at 05:23 PM



“ *Sorry to see my old friend passed away enjoyed many years of
bowling
Sincerely:
Philip Littlejohn & family*

Tyrone Littlejohn - May 11, 2016 at 11:00 AM

AS

“ 1 file added to the tribute wall



Aisha Stringer - May 11, 2016 at 09:17 AM

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Aisha Stringer - May 11, 2016 at 09:16 AM



Shawn Foster - May 12, 2016 at 08:24 AM



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Aisha Stringer - May 11, 2016 at 09:15 AM

JB

“ *JeanetteBrown, Antioch Bapt. lit a candle in memory of Deacon Roscoe Parks*



JeanetteBrown, Antioch Bapt. - May 11, 2016 at 09:06 AM

DW

“ *Diane Williams lit a candle in memory of Deacon Roscoe Parks*



Diane Williams - May 11, 2016 at 08:25 AM

CB

“ *Constance BeCoats*



Constance BeCoats - May 10, 2016 at 05:31 PM

WB

“ *Wanda Baker sent a virtual gift in memory of Deacon Roscoe Parks*



Wanda Baker - May 10, 2016 at 02:03 PM