



## Mr. Roy Leon Powell

January 17, 1946 - November 18, 2020

POWELL, Mr. Roy Leon - Age 74, passed away Wednesday, November 18, 2020 at Ascension Genesys Hospital in Grand Blanc. Mr. Powell will lie in state in the Chapel of Lawrence E. Moon Funeral Home, 906 W. Flint Park Blvd., and may be viewed Friday, November 27, 2020 from 12:00 PM - 6:00 PM Friday. Interment Great Lakes National Cemetery, G-4200 Belford Rd., Holly, MI.

Roy Leon Powell was born on January 17, 1946 in Gaston, NC, the son of Dorothy Mae Powell Jenkins and Cornelius Johnson. Leon or "Lee" was a loving, dedicated father to his children with a strong and independent will that carried him through his difficult years of living with a disability for 25 years, but on his own terms. He made a peaceful transition from this world to take his heavenly reward on November 18, 2020. He grew up in Gaston working on the family farm under the loving care of his Aunt Nell Powell Delbridge, Uncle Eddie Monroe Delbridge, and his godmother, Virginia Delbridge Lee who he affectionately called "Mama".

Leon graduated from Gumberry High School in Gumberry, NC in 1963. He went on to serve in the United States Army from December 1965 to November 1967 which included an extended assignment in Germany. After honorable discharge from the army, Leon moved to Flint and took courses at Flint Junior College now known as Mott Community College for a few semesters until he was hired at General Motors. He served in several positions at General

Motors from late 1960s to his final position as a Supervisor at the V-6 Engine Plant on Stewart Street in Flint where he retired in August 1995.

Leon enjoyed traveling and spending time with his family. He was one of the founding Family Members of the Johnson-Lee Family Reunion and served as its first secretary. Also, Leon was a dedicated member of Metropolitan Baptist Tabernacle in Flint. He was an active member and served on various church committees. Mostly, he loved singing in the choir with the Inspirational Voices alongside his extended community of dear friends and family.

Roy Leon Powell leaves to cherish his memory: son, Michael Powell of Flint; daughter, LaToya Powell of Detroit, MI; 3 grandchildren, Dejon Smith, Jaiden Powell, and Madison Cabbill of Detroit, MI; step-father, Rev. Ira H. Jenkins Sr. of Linden, MI; sister, Gloria Evans; sisters-at-heart, Patricia (Percy) Dale Jacobs of Gaston, NC and Lessie Rhymes of Flint; 3 brothers, Ira (Wendy) Jenkins Jr. of NJ, Rev. Anthony Mark Johnson of Skippers, VA and Gregory (Yvonne) Johnson of San Antonio, TX; brothers-at-heart, Carlton "Junnie" Belfield Jr. of Gaston, and John Rhymes of Flint; aunts Jacqueline Broadway of Flint, Merlena Ferguson of San Rafael, CA, Nathornia Deloatch of Gaston, NC, Magnolia Powell Allen of Emporia, VA, Ernestine Yarbough and Pauline Barnes; uncle, Daniel Miles of Flint; god-daughter/niece, Nichelle (Alphonzo) Lee Crawford; a host of other relatives and special friends near and far that includes, Tonedia and Jerome Threlkeld, Myrtis Conner, Carmen Drake, Derek T. Nolen, and Kathy Nolen.

Leon was preceded in death by his parents, Dorothy Mae Powell Jenkins and Cornelius Johnson; grandparents, Samuel Powell, Fannie Powell Miles, Hattie and Henry Johnson; mother of his children, Alicia Powell; aunts, Katie Powell Palmer and Pearlie (Floyd) Powell Nolen; uncle, Davis (Bertha) Johnson; brother-at-heart, William Wesley Palmer



# Cemetery Details

## Great Lakes National Cemetery

G-4200 Belford Rd.  
Holly, MI 48442

# Previous Events

## Public Viewing

NOV 27. 12:00 PM - 6:00 PM (ET)

Lawrence E. Moon Funeral Home Chapel, Flint  
906 W. Flint Park Blvd.  
Flint, MI 48505  
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[lemoonfhflint@gmail.com](mailto:lemoonfhflint@gmail.com)  
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# Tribute Wall



“ *Mr. Roy Leon Powell*

October 09, 2023 at 07:02 AM



“ *Teresa Claxton Williams lit a candle in memory of Mr. Roy Leon Powell*



**Teresa Claxton Williams** - December 04, 2020 at 04:47 PM



“ *Joan Pointer lit a candle in memory of Mr. Roy Leon Powell*



**Joan Pointer** - November 29, 2020 at 03:04 AM



“ *Wanda Overton lit a candle in memory of Mr. Roy Leon Powell*



**wanda overton** - November 28, 2020 at 08:08 PM

BS

“ Rest in peace Leon. May the lord God himself wrap his loving arms around his children and comfort them. May you rest at the feet of our precious savior. Until we meet again on the other side. Rest well we will miss you and your love will live in our hearts.

Love

Betty Sue weaver and Jermaine Squire

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**Betty Sue Weaver and Jermaine Squire** - November 28, 2020 at 03:00 PM

MR

“ We looked forward to seeing Leon when we would come to Metropolitan or to a City Wide Choir concert. He will truly be missed. Praying for Strength and Comfort for the Powell Family!

Ronnie and Mikki (Threlkeld) Russell



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**Mikki Russell** - November 28, 2020 at 12:29 PM

RJ

“ Rev. & Mrs. Freelon Threlkeld Jr. sent a virtual gift in memory of Mr. Roy Leon Powell



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**Rev. & Mrs. Freelon Threlkeld Jr.** - November 28, 2020 at 12:25 PM

DP

“ *The memories that I have will never be forgotten from the true love you have shared with me! I love you!!*



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**DeAndre Penn** - November 28, 2020 at 10:32 AM

CH

“ *Carolyn J High lit a candle in memory of Mr. Roy Leon Powell*



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**Carolyn J High** - November 27, 2020 at 11:35 PM

ER

“ *Elvia Jean Roberson sent a virtual gift in memory of Mr. Roy Leon Powell*



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**Elvia Jean Roberson** - November 26, 2020 at 06:06 PM

MT

“ *Our sincere condolences to the Powell Family. Please know that you are in our thoughts and prayers during this difficult time.*

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**Marshall & Bev Tolbert** - November 25, 2020 at 09:00 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Mr. Roy Leon Powell.*



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November 25, 2020 at 03:08 PM



“ *From Deotis & Sarah Tucker*



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**Deotis & Sarah Tucker** - November 24, 2020 at 11:55 PM



“ *Roy and I work together for several year in the case dept factory 36 my condolences goes out to the family Roy will be missed don farmer*

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**Don carmer** - November 24, 2020 at 05:50 PM



“ *My prayers and condolences to the family , may God give you peace knowing Leon isn't suffering anymore. Mike , Toy , Mr. and Mrs. Rhymes , I know it's hard. We had some wonderful times with Leon , choir trips , our socials , just worshiping at Church and choir rehearsals. May God Bless y'all . Fly on Angel , you'll be missed. Love babygirl* ❤️🙏❤️



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**Barbara Leake** - November 24, 2020 at 01:05 PM

JS

“ *Jacqueline Scott lit a candle in memory of Mr. Roy Leon Powell*



Jacqueline Scott - November 24, 2020 at 10:34 AM

CT

“ *Lee always was a strong person didn't matter if it took him 15 min to get in the choir stand he was there in town and out gonna miss my tenor section guy* 💙💙💙 *RIH LEE*



cynthia turner - November 24, 2020 at 09:26 AM



“ *Bertha Moses sent a virtual gift in memory of Mr. Roy Leon Powell*



Bertha Moses - November 24, 2020 at 02:48 AM

BW

“ *Betty Wesley sent a virtual gift in memory of Mr. Roy Leon Powell*



Betty Wesley - November 24, 2020 at 12:18 AM



“ Teresa Claxton Williams sent a virtual gift in memory of Mr. Roy Leon Powell



Teresa Claxton Williams - November 23, 2020 at 10:12 PM



“ Sentiments of Serenity Spray was purchased for the family of Mr. Roy Leon Powell.



November 23, 2020 at 07:23 PM



“ Basket of Memories was purchased for the family of Mr. Roy Leon Powell.



November 23, 2020 at 01:40 PM



“ Cynthia Threlkeld-Jordan lit a candle in memory of Mr. Roy Leon Powell



Cynthia Threlkeld-Jordan - November 23, 2020 at 12:56 AM

LB

“ *Linda & Eddie Booth lit a candle in memory of Mr. Roy Leon Powell*



**Linda & Eddie Booth** - November 22, 2020 at 10:15 PM



“ *May your heart continue to be filled with fond memories. They will get you through the hard times. I love you and I'm praying for you.*

*Robin and the Johnson-Lee Pittsburgh Chapter*

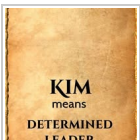
**Robin Oliver** - November 22, 2020 at 07:54 PM

EY

“ *Praise God for the life of my nephew Leon. I am so grateful for his example of endurance and yes, his independence. I will miss his periodic phone calls and his show of love to family. Thank God for our loving family!*

*Ernestine Yarbough and household.*

**Ernestine Yarbough** - November 22, 2020 at 07:38 PM



“ *Kim Turner lit a candle in memory of Mr. Roy Leon Powell*



**Kim Turner** - November 22, 2020 at 05:03 PM

PM

“ *Paula & Ruby Mcwilliams lit a candle in memory of Mr. Roy Leon Powell*



Paula & ruby mcwilliams - November 22, 2020 at 01:09 PM

EC

“ *Sending our heartfelt condolences to everyone that knew Leon and PRAYing our Father strengthens each and everyone of you during this most difficult and sad time. Love always, Elly&Willis C. 🙏*



Elly (Jones) Chapman - November 22, 2020 at 11:21 AM

EY

*Praise God for the life of my nephew Leon. I will miss his periodic phone calls. Thank God for the strong bond in our family. Let us continue to pray for each other.  
Aunt Ernestine & Household.*

Ernestine Yarbough - November 22, 2020 at 12:12 PM

LE

“ *Prayers and condolences for the family. I Loved Leon and I love all of you.  
Lucy Edwards and family.*

Lucy Edwards - November 22, 2020 at 08:42 AM

LA

“ *Alvin and Linda Anderson*



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**Linda Anderson** - November 22, 2020 at 08:06 AM

HI

“ *Harriet F Ingram lit a candle in memory of Mr. Roy Leon Powell*



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**Harriet F Ingram** - November 21, 2020 at 11:29 PM

PC

“ *Peggy Rooks Crossen lit a candle in memory of Mr. Roy Leon Powell*



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**Peggy Rooks Crossen** - November 21, 2020 at 09:23 PM

DG

“ *My deepest and heartfelt sympathy to the Powell family. You are definitely in my thoughts, my heart and my prayers. Weeping may endure for a night, but joy cometh in the morning. God Bless.* 🌹🌸🌹



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**Doris V. Garner** - November 21, 2020 at 08:23 PM

PP

“ *PJ Pointer lit a candle in memory of Mr. Roy Leon Powell*



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**PJ Pointer** - November 21, 2020 at 06:18 PM

CD

“ *Carmen Drake sent a virtual gift in memory of Mr. Roy Leon Powell*



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**Carmen Drake** - November 21, 2020 at 06:13 PM

AL

“ *My condolences and prayers to the family.*



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**A. Jeffrey LaValley** - November 21, 2020 at 05:14 PM

SW

“ *To the Family of Leon Powell, my family. I was sadden to learn of the passing of Leon. He was a cousin that everyone knew. He was the reason the Johnson-Lee Family reunion was formed and was the first secretary of that Family Reunion. Earth has no sorrow that heaven can not heal.*

*Sandy Wormley-Scales, New Orleans, LA*

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**Sandy Wormley-Scales** - November 21, 2020 at 03:18 PM

PS

“ *Peggy Stribling lit a candle in memory of Mr. Roy Leon Powell*



Peggy Stribling - November 21, 2020 at 12:33 PM

LA

“ *Cousin Leon was one of the most determined men I know. I guess he got that trait honestly from the Johnsons. He always tried to stay in good spirits despite the circumstance even when he could have complained or easily given up. May your soul rest in perfect peace cuz.*

LaVita Johnson Adetunji - November 21, 2020 at 09:07 AM

BW

“ *Betty Wiggins lit a candle in memory of Mr. Roy Leon Powell*



Betty Wiggins - November 21, 2020 at 08:13 AM

VK

“ *Vicky Kilgore sent a virtual gift in memory of Mr. Roy Leon Powell*



vicky kilgore - November 21, 2020 at 04:37 AM

CB

“ *Cherry L. Brown lit a candle in memory of Mr. Roy Leon Powell*



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**Cherry L. Brown** - November 20, 2020 at 08:15 PM

RG

“ *Leon (as we affectionately called him) and I were classmates all through high school in NC. He was well known by his classmates as having the "Most Pleasing Personality". Leon will be missed at our school reunions but his memories will live on forever. With sincere condolences, Ruby Vincent Garner, Gumberry High School Class of 1963*

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**Ruby Vincent Garner** - November 20, 2020 at 07:49 PM

JW

“ *Janice Williams lit a candle in memory of Mr. Roy Leon Powell*



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**Janice Williams** - November 20, 2020 at 06:08 PM

GW

“ To the Family of Roy Powell,

*I am sorry to hear of Roy's passing. Roy was my supervisor years ago at GM.*

*My prayers are with the family.*

*Sincerely,  
Gary Wilson*

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**Gary Wilson** - November 20, 2020 at 04:03 PM

RC

“ *Rest in Power Roy!*

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**Rahsheem Covington** - November 20, 2020 at 03:48 PM

CT

“ *Cynthia Tipton lit a candle in memory of Mr. Roy Leon Powell*



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**Cynthia Tipton** - November 20, 2020 at 01:29 PM



“ *Pandoretta Jackson lit a candle in memory of Mr. Roy Leon Powell*



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**Pandoretta Jackson** - November 20, 2020 at 09:16 AM

AH

“ Anita Harris lit a candle in memory of Mr. Roy Leon Powell



Anita Harris - November 19, 2020 at 08:25 PM

SH

“ Shirley Hill lit a candle in memory of Mr. Roy Leon Powell



Shirley Hill - November 19, 2020 at 07:53 PM

ML

“ Ms. Gina Lee sent a virtual gift in memory of Mr. Roy Leon Powell



Ms. Gina Lee - November 19, 2020 at 06:27 PM

WH

“ Wanda Harrison lit a candle in memory of Mr. Roy Leon Powell



Wanda Harrison - November 19, 2020 at 05:51 PM

IH

“ Iris J. Hare lit a candle in memory of Mr. Roy Leon Powell



Iris J. Hare - November 19, 2020 at 04:54 PM

JG

“ James, Ondria Gillespie lit a candle in memory of Mr. Roy Leon Powell



James, Ondria Gillespie - November 19, 2020 at 04:09 PM

DP

“ Doretha Phillips lit a candle in memory of Mr. Roy Leon Powell



Doretha Phillips - November 19, 2020 at 02:18 PM

MP

“ Michele Parker lit a candle in memory of Mr. Roy Leon Powell



Michele Parker - November 19, 2020 at 01:00 PM

BW

“ *Barbara Morris Wright lit a candle in memory of Mr. Roy Leon Powell*



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**Barbara Morris Wright** - November 19, 2020 at 11:39 AM

TT

“ *Tonedia Threlkeld lit a candle in memory of Mr. Roy Leon Powell*



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**Tonedia Threlkeld** - November 19, 2020 at 11:20 AM