



Mr. Rufus Gates Jr.

November 13, 1957 - August 8, 2018

GATES, Mr. Rufus Jr. - Age 60, passed away Wednesday, August 8, 2018 at McLaren-Flint. Family hour 1:30 PM Friday, August 17, 2018 from the Chapel of Lawrence E. Moon Funeral Home, 906 W. Flint Park Blvd., with funeral service commencing at 2:00 PM Pastor Latrelle Holmes officiating. Interment Sunset Hills Cemetery, G-4413 Flushing Rd. Friends and pallbearers will assemble at the funeral home 1:30 PM Friday. Mr. Gates will lie in state in the Chapel of Lawrence E. Moon Funeral Home and may be viewed from 12:00 PM - 8:00 PM Thursday.

Mr. Rufus Rodney "Hollywood" Gates Jr. was born November 13, 1957 in Flint, Michigan, the son of Rufus Sr. and Sylvia Gates. He was affectionately called by his middle name Rodney because of being named after his Father. Rodney attended Flint Public Schools and graduated from Flint Northwestern High School, "Class of 1975." He was employed at Detroit Street Senior Citizens Center as a Van Driver right after high school. At that time he adopted the name "Hollywood", a name that will remain with him in memories we will all cherish forever. Mr. Gates went on to work at various jobs including General Motors. He accepted Jesus Christ at an early age and fellowshiped with numerous churches upon returning to Flint. Rodney enjoyed cars, bowling, singing and spending time with family. He loved his daughters, but his grandchildren were the joy in his life. Rodney was proud to have the name "PawPaw" and enjoyed hearing the grands call him. He also loved working on

cars and keeping his vehicle super clean. In his life he had owned numerous Cadillacs and at one time he owned two at the same time. He would tell everyone he was “Two Caddy Daddy the Brown Eyed Cutie Pie.” Rodney was a comedian and all he met had a friend.” Mr. Gates found true love and married Judy (Davis) Gates. Their union lasted 20 plus years until God called Judy home in 2014.

Mr. Rufus Rodney “Hollywood” Gates Jr. leaves in God’s care: 2 devoted daughters, Joi Gates and Rachele Gates-Blair, both of Flint; 2 loving step-daughters, Stephanie (Deshon) Dixon and Tamala (Antonio) Johnson, all of Jackson, MS; 9 adoring grandchildren, Ashanni Dukes, DaShari Bedenfield, Sequoyia Jones, Alexander Givens II, all of Flint, Antwan Dixon, Zenais, Antonio Jr., Olivia and Bryce Johnson, all of Jackson, MS; 3 sisters, Dr. Ernestine Riggs of Chicago, IL, Germaine (Gilbert) Davis of Warrior, AL and Linda (Claude) Williams of Grand Blanc, MI; 1 sister-in-law; 4 brothers-in-law; numerous nieces, nephews, great-nieces, great-nephews, a host of cousins including special cousins, Paula Burton, Carlos Elbert and David Michael Lattimore; a host of friends including lifelong friends, Jessie Mays, Kenneth Bratcher and Maurice Dyson.

Mr. Rufus Rodney Gates Jr. was welcomed in heaven by his wife, Judy; stepson, Alexander Givens Sr.; and parents, Rufus Sr. and Sylvia Gates.

Cemetery Details

Sunset Hills Cemetery

G-4413 Flushing Rd.
Flint, MI 48504

Previous Events

Public Viewing

AUG 16. 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 hour

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Tribute Wall



“ *Mr. Rufus Gates Jr.*

October 09, 2023 at 07:02 AM



“ *Rest peacefully Rodney. You'll be missed so much.*



Stephanie Dixon - August 16, 2018 at 04:10 PM



“ *RIP cousin.*



Terry Gates - August 16, 2018 at 01:04 PM



“ *Sending Prayers From The Bailey Family R.I.H My friend*

Ulysses Bailey - August 16, 2018 at 11:25 AM



“ Tammy Johnson lit a candle in memory of Mr. Rufus Gates Jr.



Tammy Johnson - August 16, 2018 at 10:28 AM



“ We had some good times unc rest up!

Thomas Chaney - August 16, 2018 at 09:32 AM



“ Sending Our Thoughts An Prayers

Jay B & Shika



JB - August 16, 2018 at 08:15 AM



“ Kermit & Genell (Crain) Reeves lit a candle in memory of Mr. Rufus Gates Jr.



Kermit & Genell (Crain) Reeves - August 15, 2018 at 06:55 PM

NP

“Rodney, Gates you know you will truly be missed!!” Wow!! “The Vet’s” Good Times back in the Day!!!!



Nikki W. Parham - August 15, 2018 at 05:04 PM

LL

“ Lee Lattimore lit a candle in memory of Mr. Rufus Gates Jr.



Lee Lattimore - August 14, 2018 at 12:16 AM

MM

“ I will miss you, my Brother, and your drive by visits - rest in peace.

Maxine Murray - August 13, 2018 at 11:56 PM

MM

“ Maxine Murray lit a candle in memory of Mr. Rufus Gates Jr.



Maxine Murray - August 13, 2018 at 11:51 PM



Lamessia
Dunkins

“ *Praying and Sending the deepest condolences to the family. May the Lord strengthen and give you peace and comfort during the days to come.*



Lamessia Dunkins - August 13, 2018 at 08:42 PM

B-

“ *Brenda Duckett -Greer lit a candle in memory of Mr. Rufus Gates Jr.*



Brenda Duckett -Greer - August 13, 2018 at 07:34 PM

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“ *Brenda Duckett -Greer lit a candle in memory of Mr. Rufus Gates Jr.*



Brenda Duckett -Greer - August 13, 2018 at 07:32 PM

BG

“ *So sorry for your loss. Praying for your family.*



Brenda Duckett Greer - August 13, 2018 at 07:30 PM



“ Wesley Davis sent a virtual gift in memory of Mr. Rufus Gates Jr.



Wesley Davis - August 13, 2018 at 05:44 PM



“ Sorry for your loss, I will keep the family in my prayers.



Wesley Davis - August 13, 2018 at 05:42 PM



“ Fred Anthony Jr lit a candle in memory of Mr. Rufus Gates Jr.



Fred Anthony Jr - August 13, 2018 at 05:16 PM



“ So sorry for y'all loss u have my condolences RIP baby so sad I love you



Dawna mcdaMcDa - August 13, 2018 at 04:07 PM

DC

“ *Denise Clay lit a candle in memory of Mr. Rufus Gates Jr.*



Denise Clay - August 13, 2018 at 01:05 PM

JM

“ *Rest in heaven uncle Rodney. Continue to watch over the family ❤️ ❤️ you are truly missed.*

Jamia Murray - August 13, 2018 at 07:30 AM

CG

“ *Corliss Annette Dunn Gaines lit a candle in memory of Mr. Rufus Gates Jr.*



Corliss Annette Dunn Gaines - August 11, 2018 at 11:10 AM



“ *Rest in Peace Rodney*

Mildred Green-Larkin - August 10, 2018 at 11:45 PM



“ *Mildred Green-Larkin lit a candle in memory of Mr. Rufus Gates Jr.*



Mildred Green-Larkin - August 10, 2018 at 11:44 PM

WD

“ Sorry for your lost. I will keep the family in my prayers.



Wesley Davis - August 10, 2018 at 07:12 PM

WD

“ Wesley Davis sent a virtual gift in memory of Mr. Rufus Gates Jr.



Wesley Davis - August 10, 2018 at 06:56 PM

PF

“ Pamela Duckett Koutouzos And Family lit a candle in memory of Mr. Rufus Gates Jr.



Pamela Duckett Koutouzos and Family - August 10, 2018 at 05:59 PM

AP

“ Rufus you were a good brotha back in the day coming in as well as leaving out. May GOD bless the rest of your family. Aubrey Porter

Aubrey Porter - August 10, 2018 at 04:46 PM

SF

“ Sharon Fleming lit a candle in memory of Mr. Rufus Gates Jr.



Sharon Fleming - August 10, 2018 at 03:28 PM

MP

“ MINISTER PAM sent a virtual gift in memory of Mr. Rufus Gates Jr.



MINISTER PAM - August 10, 2018 at 08:26 AM

MP

“ Mrs. Carmen Patterson lit a candle in memory of Mr. Rufus Gates Jr.



Mrs. Carmen Patterson - August 10, 2018 at 07:45 AM

NG

“ RIH Unc continue to watch over us as you have always done. Love
❤️ you

Nashaunda Gates - August 09, 2018 at 07:25 PM

KL

“ Praying for our Family love and Prayers. May God comfort and keep you all. Your Cousin. Kymberly Owens Lucas

Kymberly Owens Lucas - August 09, 2018 at 06:33 PM

OL

Rest In Peace "Tommy Hearn"

oldman - August 15, 2018 at 10:44 AM