

Mr. Talmadge E. Gough

October 15, 1939 - August 24, 2014

GOUGH, Mr. Talmadge E. - Age 74, passed away Sunday, August 24, 2014 at his residence. Family hour 10:30 a.m. Friday, August 29, 2014 at Vernon Chapel AME Church, 5802 Dupont St., with funeral service commencing at 11 a.m. Rev. Byron C. Moore, officiating. Interment Sunset Hills Cemetery, G-4413 Flushing Rd. Friends and pallbearers will assemble at the church 10:30 a.m. Friday. Mr. Gough will lie in state in the Chapel of Lawrence E. Moon Funeral Home, 906 W. Flint Park Blvd., and may be viewed from 12 noon-8 p.m. Thursday.

Mr. Talmadge "Tommy" Gough was born on October 15, 1939 in Sardis, Georgia, the son of Velena and Henry Gough. He was the 2nd son of 10 siblings. Talmadge moved to New York City, NY to live with his father in his early teens where he attended school. At the age of 16 he joined an R&B doo-wop group called the "Crest" where he sang 1st Tenor. Their most popular song "16 Candles" rose to number 2 on the Billboard Hot 100 chart in 1959, selling over one million copies, earning a Gold Disc. Later in his life, Talmadge located to Flint, where he met the love of his life, Christine Lee. They were united in Holy Matrimony in 1972 and were happily married for 33 years until her sudden death in May of 2005. Talmadge was a faithful member of Vernon Chapel African Episcopal (A.M.E.) Church until his death. He enjoyed singing in the Senior Choir and attending Sunday School. Talmadge was employed at Buick City, a division of General Motors for 30 years and received a certificate

for perfect attendance retiring in 1999. He loved to sing, dance, play the guitar and spend time with his family.

Mr. Talmadge "Tommy" Gough leaves to cherish his memory: 2 daughters, Gwinda B. Jefferson of Flint and Carrie K. Douglas of Mt. Morris, MI; James Jefferson (Keith Donan), James D. Jefferson, all of Flint, Jawann L. Jefferson of Grand Blanc, MI, Charles H. Douglas III and Cordraeia L. Douglas-Anthony, both of Mt. Morris, MI; great-grandchildren, Khalil K. Brown of Ypsilanti, MI, Camryn A. Anthony and Marianna Douglas Anthony; sister, Linda (Carl) Hopkins; brother, Rudolph Gough, all of New York City, NY; 2 nieces, Delphine Chaplain and Jeanise Chaplin; 2 sisters-in-law, Dorothy Ware and Cora McClanahan, both of Flint; 2 brothers-in-law, Samuel (Mary) Lee and Curtis (Mattie) Lee; a host of cousins, other relatives and friends including special friends, Marty Natchez and Paul.

Mr. Gough was preceded in death by his wife, Christine Gough; parents, Velena and Henry Gough; sister, Murdene Gough; brother, Franklin Gough; and 5 other siblings.

The family would like to express special thanks to Eric McBean and staff, the Vernon Chapel A.M.E. Church family.

Cemetery Details

Sunset Hills Cemetery

G-4413 Flushing Rd.
Flint, MI 48504

Previous Events

Public Viewing

AUG 28. 12:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

Lawrence E. Moon Funeral Home, Inc., Flint
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Flint, MI 48505
(810) 789-6666
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<https://lawrenceemoonfuneralhome.com>

Family hour

AUG 29. 10:30 AM (ET)

Vernon Chapel AME Church
5802 Dupont St.
Flint, MI

Service

AUG **29**. 11:00 AM (ET)

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Tribute Wall



“ *Mr. Talmadge E. Gough*

October 09, 2023 at 07:02 AM



“ *I am so sorry for your loss. Tommy was one of the nicest people that I ever worked with at Buick. Tommy always helping the time go by, by singing along with the tape of The Crests. I'll never forget the look on his face when I was able to find a CD and asked him to autograph it for me*

Lois Taylor

Lois Taylor - August 28, 2014 at 11:56 AM



“ *Sam & Lisa Lee lit a candle in memory of Mr. Talmadge E. Gough*



Sam & Lisa Lee - August 28, 2014 at 09:48 AM



“ *Talmy! As most people called him! A lot of people mistook it for Tommy! But Talmy and i got to be good friends, in his later years! He went into the hospital a few years ago, and i went to visit him a few times, he told the nurse i was his brother! I made sure to tell the nurse about her famous guest! I was proud of him for the things he had accomplished in his life! He loved to sing even after he contracted throat cancer! I always let him when I was doing DJing or Karaoke at the Local 599 Union Hall! He was a joy to be around, and I loved talking to him about his days as a singer with the Crests! He loved talking about those days! He and I would sing those songs together when no one was around, I really enjoyed Talmy's company and will MISS him Greatly!*

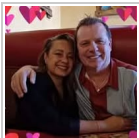
Ken Carlson - August 28, 2014 at 06:59 AM

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“ *Trece Davis lit a candle in memory of Mr. Talmadge E. Gough*



Trece Davis - August 27, 2014 at 01:04 AM



“ *RIP my brother thank you for the music & memories. May the Lord comfort his family & friends during this sad time. God bless whoever reads this God is Love. Rock on*



Michael Lynch - August 26, 2014 at 08:42 PM

PR

“ *To the Gough Family:*

I was sorry to hear about the loss of your loved one. Death is liken to a thief that comes and takes away our loved ones. Or due to old age and sickness we lose that precious gift of life that leads to death.

Many wonder why we grow old and die. Romans 5:12 answers that question . It says because of Adam sinning his punishment was death and sin and death was passed on to all of us. However, our loving God, Jehovah (1John 4:8) made a way out for us by sacrificing his only son (John 3:16). God promised us we will see our loved ones again (1John 5:28,29). For more information go to [ww.jw.org](http://www.jw.org) and you can find answers to any question you may have.

*Yours truly,
Patricia*

*CHRIS JESUS-JOHN 3:16
JEHOVAH-JOHN 17:3
LAST ENEMY-1COR 15:26*

Patricia Rison - August 26, 2014 at 12:34 PM



“ *I believe in the power of Music and Tommy had touched so many souls... There is a new voice added to God's choir and may we feel the music in our heart forever!*

Richard Karlsson - August 26, 2014 at 09:39 AM



“ I turned sixteen just as "16 Candles" began to be played on the radio in November 1958. The music of The Crests is a big part of my memories of my teenage years. I still listen to their songs almost every day. My condolences to Tommy's family and friends.

Lois Gollwitzer Dixon



Lois Dixon - August 26, 2014 at 09:37 AM



Great songs and memories. I remember dancing to these songs. AND singing along with the record.;-)

Dianne W Walsh - August 26, 2014 at 09:56 AM

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“ 1 file added to the tribute wall



Barry Newman - August 26, 2014 at 09:24 AM

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“ I did not know Tommy very well but I Joined JT Carter and have been with him for over 4 decades. JT spoke very kindly of Tommy all the time. I am glad to know that he was part of a history and legacy that will live forever. R.I. P. Tommy

Barry Newman - August 26, 2014 at 09:22 AM



“ *RIP - "Tommy" Talmadge Gough original member of The Crests who passed away yesterday. If it were not for you, I would have never been involved in music or The Crests!!! You are a true musical icon... Sing on with the stars in heaven my friend, you will be greatly missed! You are the one that created a rock-n-roll heaven!! Love you my friend!! Peace and love.... Don't cry for me, as I am gone.... but rejoice that I am free.....*

JT Carter, The Crests

J.t. Carter - August 26, 2014 at 09:16 AM

TB

“ *Tommy thank you for years of great music. Your voice will live on in our hearts and you will never be forgotten. There will be no Trouble in Paradise as The Angels Listened in and followed your life Step by Step and found you Guilty of only spreading happiness and harmony. God Bless you and condolences to your family and friends. - Tom Betts a lifelong fan of The Crests.*

Tom Betts - August 25, 2014 at 11:28 PM

LA

“ *I am very sorry for your loss but, this scripture found at Revelation 21:4 gives us sure hope and comfort. It says: "And he will wipe out every tear from their eyes and death will be no more. So in this scripture we see that Jehovah god will bring an end to death. You are also welcome to view the comforting publications at www.jw.org.*

Jlfoster02@gmail.com

laquinn - August 25, 2014 at 07:07 PM

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“ Please allow me to express my deepest sympathy for the loss of your loved one. During these difficult times we can turn to our heavenly father Jehovah God (Psalms 83:18) who is the "Father of tender mercies and the God of all comfort who comforts us in all our trials". (2 Corinthians 1:3&4) His word promises us that soon he will put an end to death and this thought is at Isaiah 25:8, "he will swallow up death forever and the Sovereign Lord Jehovah will wipe the tears away from all faces". I hope these words will be comforting to you and for more encouraging information go to JW.ORG

Selina - August 25, 2014 at 04:48 PM