



Mr. Theoplis Motley

August 3, 1936 - August 16, 2021

MOTLEY, Mr. Theoplis - Age 85, passed away Monday, August 16, 2021 at his residence. Family hour 10:00 AM Tuesday, August 24, 2021 at Mt. Calvary Missionary Baptist Church, 4805 N. Saginaw St., with funeral service commencing at 11:00 AM Rev. Dr. Henry L. Fuller, Jr. officiating. Interment Sunset Hills Association, G-4413 Flushing Rd. Friends and pallbearers will assemble at the church 10:00 AM Tuesday. Mr. Motley 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 - 6:00 PM Monday.

Deacon Theoplis Motley began life's journey on August 3, 1936 in Billingsley, Alabama to parents of John Motley, Sr., and Arlela Motley, the fifth of thirteen children. He accepted Christ at early age. After graduating from high school he moved to Flint, Michigan in 1954. Theoplis, affectionately known as "Bubber," met the love of his life, Geraldine White, they were united in holy matrimony on December 22, 1956. They were married 64 years and to this union was blessed with five children.

Theoplis was employed at Chevrolet V-8, a Division of General Motors, and was retired as a skilled tradesman after 44 years of service.

Bubber united with the Mt. Calvary Missionary Baptist Church when it was located on Industrial and McClellan. He served God through several ministries, including the Deacon Ministry, Church School as a Teacher and the Music Ministry. He enjoyed spending time with the family, fishing, bowling, where he participated in tournaments and bowled a record series score of

833. Most of all he enjoyed singing praises to the Lord, "There is Something About God's Grace."

Deacon Motley leaves to cherish loving memories: wife, Geraldine Motley; two sons, Michael A. (Janice) Motley of Flushing, Michigan and Theoplis, Jr of Ypsilanti, Michigan; three daughters, Stephanie K. Johnson of Wixom, Michigan, Jacqueline S. Hicks and Rosheila Motley of Lansing, Michigan; four brothers, Deacon Samuel Motley of Flint, Michigan, Benny (Daisy) Motley of Burton, Michigan, Walter Motley of Clanton, Alabama and Dennis (Gwenda) Motley of Hopkinsville, Kentucky; four sisters, Annie Jean (Wilbur) Banks of DeSoto, Texas, Margie Young, Gwendolyn Gibbons, both of Milbrook, Alabama and Lola Wilson of Clanton, Alabama; sister in-law, Barbara Motley of Westland, Michigan; ten grandchildren, Michael (Jacquelyn) Motley, Jr., Tamika Hicks, Marques Hicks, Jessica Motley, Jennifer Johnson, Maurice (Nyesha) Motley, Marvin Motley, Ashley Motley, Michelle (Jonathan) Matthews and Staci (Preston) Tinsley; eight great-grandchildren; a host of nieces, nephews, relatives and friends, including the Rosedale Avenue and Mt. Calvary Church families.

Theoplis was preceded in death by his parents, John, Sr., and Arlela Motley; three brothers, Charlie, Colonel and John Jr. Motley; and sister, Lela Koger. The Family would like to express special thanks to Rev. Dr. Henry L. Fuller, Jr., and the Mt. Calvary Missionary Baptist Church family.

Cemetery Details

Sunset Hills Association

G-4413 Flushing Rd.
Flint, MI

Previous Events

Public Visitation

AUG 23. 12:00 PM - 6:00 PM (ET)

Lawrence E. Moon Funeral Home, Inc., Flint
906 W. Flint Park Blvd.
Flint, MI 48505
(810) 789-6666
lemoonfhflint@gmail.com
<https://lawrenceemoonfuneralhome.com>

Family hour

AUG 24. 10:00 AM (ET)

Mt. Calvary Missionary Baptist Church
4805 N. Saginaw Street
Flint, MI 48505

Service

AUG **24**. 11:00 AM (ET)

Mt. Calvary Missionary Baptist Church
4805 N. Saginaw Street
Flint, MI 48505

Tribute Wall



“ *Mr. Theoplis Motley*

October 09, 2023 at 07:02 AM



“ *Freddie McCoy lit a candle in memory of Mr. Theoplis Motley*



Freddie McCoy - August 25, 2021 at 09:15 PM



“ *Esther Gentry-Thompson lit a candle in memory of Mr. Theoplis Motley*



Esther Gentry-Thompson - August 25, 2021 at 08:48 PM



“ *Gwendolyn Rosborough-Goodrum lit a candle in memory of Mr. Theoplis Motley*



Gwendolyn Rosborough-Goodrum - August 25, 2021 at 01:08 PM

DC

“ *Dr. Carolyn Davis & Children lit a candle in memory of Mr. Theoplis Motley*



Dr. Carolyn Davis & Children - August 24, 2021 at 05:53 PM

CW

“ *Clyde & Janice Williams lit a candle in memory of Mr. Theoplis Motley*



Clyde & Janice Williams - August 24, 2021 at 02:35 PM

DW

“ *My deepest heartfelt condolences and prayers.*



Denise Weatherspoon - August 24, 2021 at 12:15 PM

RB

“ *Redonna Banks lit a candle in memory of Mr. Theoplis Motley*



Redonna Banks - August 24, 2021 at 10:24 AM

BF

“ Praying that God will comfort you all



Birtie Brown Forster - August 24, 2021 at 09:35 AM

JP

“ Jasmyn Phillips lit a candle in memory of Mr. Theoplis Motley



Jasmyn Phillips - August 24, 2021 at 12:16 AM

CP

“ Crystal Phillips lit a candle in memory of Mr. Theoplis Motley



Crystal Phillips - August 24, 2021 at 12:15 AM

CP

“ Please accept our sincerest condolences. The Motley family remains in our prayers.
Charlie and Deloris Phillips

Charlie and Deloris Phillips - August 24, 2021 at 12:13 AM

RP

“ Thank God for the opportunity to have known you Bubba. You were one of the nicest persons I have known.
Your friend,
Robert Poole

Robert Poole - August 23, 2021 at 08:01 PM

HJ

“ Harlan Jackson lit a candle in memory of Mr. Theoplis Motley



Harlan Jackson - August 23, 2021 at 07:38 PM

VJ

“ Virdean James Johnson lit a candle in memory of Mr. Theoplis Motley



Virdean James Johnson - August 23, 2021 at 07:35 PM

TG

“ Thinking of a great friendship with my friend over the past 30 or more years (Bubble) was a v-8 co-worker and our kids shared going to school together . my God give you peace at this time. Ted Gillespie (Nashville TN)

TED GILLESPIE - August 23, 2021 at 07:27 PM

AR

“ *My condolences to the Motley family. My prayers are with the family. God bless and Bubba will truly be missed. Love Arthur Ragsdale*

Arthur Ragsdale - August 23, 2021 at 07:06 PM

MB

“ *Sending prayers of comfort in the Almighty name of Jesus.*



Melita Bowman-Murphy - August 23, 2021 at 06:56 PM

MT

“ *WORDS OF ENCOURAGEMENT for:
The Motley Family,
You Are
BRAVER than you believe
STRONGER than you seem
SMARTER than you think
LOVED more than you know
Never, Never Give Up!*

*From: Mattie Truss
Chanel Truss
Angéle (Truss) Johnson
Brittany Truss
Ronald Tapplin
Kha' Nyira Jones*

Mattie Truss - August 23, 2021 at 05:18 PM

JR

“ Thinking of you with sympathy and hoping you find comfort in your special memories. Praying for your family



Jo Richmond - August 23, 2021 at 03:56 PM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Mr. Theoplis Motley.

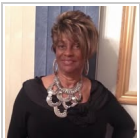


August 23, 2021 at 03:41 PM

JM

“ I am praying that the Lord will grant you strength to the entire Motley Family in the "home going celebration" of Brother Theoplis "Bubba" Motley. He was a great soul with such a gentle spirit. His spiritual gift of singing was a joy to me and many others. He will definite be missed. The Lord is definitely able!!!!

Joyce E McCain - August 23, 2021 at 01:31 PM



“ Lula Lewis sent a virtual gift in memory of Mr. Theoplis Motley



Lula Lewis - August 23, 2021 at 12:05 PM

PG

“ Pamela Garrett lit a candle in memory of Mr. Theoplis Motley



Pamela Garrett - August 23, 2021 at 11:27 AM

ML

“ Marvin And Deborah Logan lit a candle in memory of Mr. Theoplis Motley



Marvin and Deborah Logan - August 23, 2021 at 09:48 AM

DS

“ Debora Stitt lit a candle in memory of Mr. Theoplis Motley



Debora Stitt - August 22, 2021 at 10:26 PM



“ Patricia Warner lit a candle in memory of Mr. Theoplis Motley



Patricia Warner - August 22, 2021 at 10:13 PM

EB

“ Eddie And Linda Booth lit a candle in memory of Mr. Theoplis Motley



Eddie and Linda Booth - August 22, 2021 at 08:53 PM

RG

“ Rosemary Davis Griggs lit a candle in memory of Mr. Theoplis Motley



Rosemary Davis Griggs - August 22, 2021 at 07:51 PM

PS

“ Peggy Stribling lit a candle in memory of Mr. Theoplis Motley



Peggy Stribling - August 22, 2021 at 06:24 PM

DB

“ We are so sorry to hear about Uncle Bubba's passing but we know he lived a full and fruitful life here on earth and we know he will now be singing in the Lord's personal choir in heaven.



Rest assured family that Uncle Bubba has completed his earthly mission and is now on to his heavenly journey with God...

We are praying for you all during this sad time...

your cousins from Illinois.... Deacon Dwayne and Deaconess Julie Bell

Dwayne Bell - August 22, 2021 at 05:09 PM

BM

“ *Barbara Motley lit a candle in memory of Mr. Theoplis Motley*



Barbara motley - August 22, 2021 at 01:38 PM



“ *Jimmye Maxwell lit a candle in memory of Mr. Theoplis Motley*



Jimmye Maxwell - August 22, 2021 at 12:57 PM



“ *Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Mr. Theoplis Motley.*



August 22, 2021 at 08:34 AM



“ *Cheryl Johnson lit a candle in memory of Mr. Theoplis Motley*



Cheryl Johnson - August 22, 2021 at 08:26 AM



“ *Cheryl Johnson lit a candle in memory of Mr. Theoplis Motley*



Cheryl Johnson - August 22, 2021 at 08:25 AM



“ *Phyllis And Harold Reid lit a candle in memory of Mr. Theoplis Motley*



Phyllis and Harold Reid - August 22, 2021 at 08:02 AM


NJ

“ *Nancine Jackson lit a candle in memory of Mr. Theoplis Motley*



Nancine Jackson - August 22, 2021 at 04:22 AM

SY

“ *Rest in peace Bubba, I know you're singing in the Heavenly Choir*


Stephanie Young and Family

Stephanie Young - August 21, 2021 at 09:44 PM

TM

“ *Theresa McQuiddy sent a virtual gift in memory of Mr. Theoplis Motley*



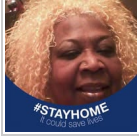
Theresa McQuiddy - August 21, 2021 at 08:10 PM

BH

“ *Barbara Hudson-McKeown lit a candle in memory of Mr. Theoplis Motley*



Barbara Hudson-McKeown - August 21, 2021 at 08:09 PM



“ *Dora Daniels lit a candle in memory of Mr. Theoplis Motley*



Dora Daniels - August 21, 2021 at 07:39 PM

DS

“ *David Wayne Spight purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Mr. Theoplis Motley.*



David Wayne Spight - August 21, 2021 at 05:47 PM

VF

“ *May the great memories of your loved one Mr. Theoplis Motley comfort you during this time of bereavement. We are praying for the family. He was an awesome singer.*



Violet Warner-Eldridge & Family - August 21, 2021 at 05:06 PM

MT

“ *3 files added to the tribute wall*



Marshall & Bev Tolbert - August 21, 2021 at 04:09 PM

MT

“ May the memories held inside your hearts help to comfort you during this difficult time. You're in our prayers, with our deepest sympathy.

Marshall & Bev Tolbert



Marshall Tolbert - August 21, 2021 at 03:49 PM

SJ

“ May the comfort of knowing he is in Heaven n no more pains, bring a lil joy peace n happiness to the souls of Mr Theoplis Motley family.... Remember the beautiful memories of him... May God blesss yo'll !!! The Haney-White-Jenkins-N Brown families of Mt Calvary... !!!



Shirley Jones - August 21, 2021 at 01:51 PM

DK

“ Your family has my deepest sympathy in the passing of Mr. Motley. May he rest in Heaven.



Delores Keith - August 21, 2021 at 08:19 AM

CG

“ *Connie Spight Graham lit a candle in memory of Mr. Theoplis Motley*



Connie Spight Graham - August 20, 2021 at 09:48 PM

MM

“ *Mary McGee lit a candle in memory of Mr. Theoplis Motley*



Mary McGee - August 20, 2021 at 05:50 PM

SB

“ *The Brown Family*



Sandra Brown - August 20, 2021 at 04:10 PM

QB

“ *My deepest sympathies and prayers go out to the family.*
Quentela Bryant



Quentela Bryant - August 20, 2021 at 02:44 PM

ST

“ With Sympathy and prayers. God bless

Shirley Tolbert



Shirley Tolbert - August 20, 2021 at 01:22 PM

TI

“ So thankful for Uncle Bubber's life. He was a true soldier for Christ. Personally, he meant so much to myself, Anthony, Antonio, and Antwone. He always spoke to you with that smile that made everyone feel good. His golden voice will be missed so so much. With Uncle Bubber's arrival to Heaven, that choir is so much more richer because he is there. He will never be forgotten in our hearts. Love to Aunt Geraldine, Michael, Stephanie, Theoplis (Buddy), Jacqueline (Jackie), and Rosheila (Nuxie).

Trina Isaac - August 20, 2021 at 10:09 AM

MF

“ Mackey-Smith Family lit a candle in memory of Mr. Theoplis Motley



Mackey-Smith Family - August 20, 2021 at 09:51 AM

JK

“ *Condolences and prayers for the Motley Family. May God comfort your hearts and give you peace.*



Julie (Taylor) Koger - August 20, 2021 at 08:27 AM

BW

“ *To Geraldine and the entire Motley family. My heart was deeply sadden when I heard Uncle Bubba went home to Glory. He surely knew the Lord. He was very faithful and a good role model. His legacy will live on. I loved to hear him sing. God gave him a gift he used and shared with many. I can just hear him now singing in the angelic choir (one of many of my favorites) ".Something about God Grace" . Oh yes,.... He truly will be missed. I pray the Lord gives you peace,strength and comfort during these trying hours. Rest up Uncle Bubba...rest up.*



Betty Wesley - August 19, 2021 at 11:45 PM

EC

“ *Our love, prayers and condolences to the family of Deacon Theoplis (Bubba) Motley. Such a wonderful and kind gentleman with a huge smile. How blessed we and so many others have been by his God-given gift of gospel singing through the years; truly a wonderfully distinct voice--one like no other. May God's love and promises comfort you during this period of bereavement as only He can. Lift up your eyes to the hills, from where all your help comes. Your help comes from the Lord, who made heaven and earth.*



Earl and Diane Crowder - August 19, 2021 at 11:16 PM

TF

“ *The Steele Family lit a candle in memory of Mr. Theoplis Motley*



The Steele Family - August 19, 2021 at 10:17 PM

TR

“ *Terry And Patricia “Bird” Rawls lit a candle in memory of Mr. Theoplis Motley*



Terry and Patricia “Bird” Rawls - August 19, 2021 at 10:16 PM

HM

“ *Helen McBride lit a candle in memory of Mr. Theoplis Motley*



Helen McBride - August 19, 2021 at 09:53 PM

PW

“ *Pamela L. White-Hightower sent a virtual gift in memory of Mr. Theoplis Motley*



Pamela L. White-Hightower - August 19, 2021 at 08:10 PM

LP

“ Keeping the Motley family in my thoughts and prayers. I will never forget his angelic harmonies on Sunday morning. God bless!



LaJuan Pringle - August 19, 2021 at 05:55 PM

JP

“ Praying for the Motley family



James and Tiny Presnall - August 19, 2021 at 05:27 PM

TP

“ James and Tiny Presnall



tiny presnall - August 19, 2021 at 05:25 PM

CG

“ My condolences to the entire family of Mr. Bubba Motley.



Carol Gardner - August 19, 2021 at 04:49 PM

FS

“ *Faye Starling sent a virtual gift in memory of Mr. Theoplis Motley*



Faye starling - August 19, 2021 at 04:47 PM

HW

“ *Herbert And Linda Winfrey lit a candle in memory of Mr. Theoplis Motley*



Herbert and Linda Winfrey - August 19, 2021 at 04:42 PM

MN

“ *My deepest sympathies to Theoplis (Bubba) 's family. He had a gregarious personality and big smile. My friendship with he and Geraldine go back to the 60's. Blessings to the entire Motley family.*



Mary Bell Arter & Family (Charlotte, NC) - August 19, 2021 at 03:34 PM

TD

“ *Tracy Davis lit a candle in memory of Mr. Theoplis Motley*



Tracy Davis - August 19, 2021 at 12:58 PM

TD

“ I'm really going to miss my uncle bubba so much Rest In Heaven.



Tracy Davis - August 19, 2021 at 12:56 PM



“ Pandoretta Jackson sent a virtual gift in memory of Mr. Theoplis Motley



Pandoretta Jackson - August 19, 2021 at 09:54 AM

DS

“ Our Uncle Bubba. A Golden voice has been silenced. I'm deeply saddened that his presence is no longer on the earth. He will remain our hearts as long as we love. In the words of my Mom, “singers come and go, but there ain't but one Brother Bubba.” Thank you to the Motley Family for sharing him with us. You did so unselfishly. Praying GOD'S comfort and peace to the Family. Love The Spightt/Woodson/Graham Families.



Deidre Spight-Woodson - August 19, 2021 at 08:36 AM

DF

“ To the Motley know that a good Man is now sitting on the right hand of the throne singing with the Angels - yes he will be missed but like the Saints of God “He has fought the good fight, finished the race and kept the faith”. Like the song he song so magnificently he has “Touched the hem of His garment and is now whole”. Praying for Mrs. Motley and the entire Family in this sad hour.

Debra Jones-McConnell and Family - August 19, 2021 at 04:19 AM

TD

“ I'm really going to miss my uncle dearly. Rest in Heaven.



Tracy Davis - August 18, 2021 at 11:32 PM

CW

“ To the Motley family, I will keep you in my prayers. Weepin endurth for a night, but joy cometh in the morning...Connie Taylor Williams.

Connie Taylor Williams - August 18, 2021 at 09:22 PM

CW

“ Connie Taylor Williams lit a candle in memory of Mr. Theoplis Motley



Connie Taylor Williams - August 18, 2021 at 09:17 PM



Bubba will be truly missed My sympathy goes out to my cousins the Motley family . The Love Family

Theresa Love - August 22, 2021 at 11:17 PM