



## Mrs. Velma Modistine Townsend

July 13, 1938 - July 4, 2025

TOWNSEND, Mrs. Velma Modistine - Age 86, passed away Friday, July 4, 2025 at Majestic Care - Flushing. Family hour 12:00 PM Tuesday, July 15, 2025 at New Jerusalem Full Gospel Baptist Church, 1035 E. Carpenter Rd., with funeral service commencing at 1:00 PM. Elder Veotis Jones, officiating. Pastor Alfred Harris Jr., Host Pastor. Interment Gracelawn Cemetery, 5710 N. Saginaw St. Friends and pallbearers will assemble at church 12:00 PM Tuesday. Mrs. Townsend 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. Elder Velma (Modistine) Townsend received her heavenly wings on July 4, 2025. Elder Townsend was born on July 13, 1938, in New Albany, Mississippi, the daughter of Wesley and Alzadie (Ware) Howard. She was an anointed woman of God that searched and studied the word of God with a vengeance along with her husband, Deacon Edward Townsend. Elder Townsend migrated from Wisconsin, MS to Flint, Michigan in 1967. She was a faithful member of New Jerusalem Full Gospel Baptist Church for over 52 years until her health declined. Elder Townsend served faithfully for over 10 years as President of the Nurses Ministry. The Lord directed her to the Prayer and Evangelism Ministry where she was a dynamic disciple. Elder Townsend worked in the street ministries for several years and brought the word to Gardenview Senior Home for years. She was a seamstress until her sight failed her. Elder Townsend volunteered for Channel 49 in Saginaw, MI for call in Prayer Requests. She loved people, shopping, cooking, sewing and crafts.

Elder Townend made an awesome homemade coconut cake. Elder Velma Townsend leaves to mourn in her passing: husband of 49 years, Deacon Edward Townsend; daughters, Valynthia Harris and Annie Townsend; sons, Steven Harris of De Pere, WI and Antonio (Crystal) Townsend of Indianapolis, IN; sister, Luevetra Crawley of Chicago, IL; step-children, Delisa Townsend of Grand Blanc, MI and Edward Townsend of Virginia Beach, VA; sisters-in-law, Ruth Bryant and Gwendolyn Howard, both of Flint; brother-in-law, Leonard Townsend of St. Louis, MO; granddaughters, Earnest (Whitney) Harris, Ian (Morgan) Armstrong, Ariele Harris, Adrianna, Ariele, Amari, Ta'Jana, Daquandra and Daysha; grandsons, David Harris II, Jalen, and Elijah; great-grandchildren, Khaner, Khamren, Khyer, Iris and David III; god-son, Corey Pierce; special best friends, Judy Miller, and Elder Earlene McKay; daughter-in-love, Cametrice "Peaches" Page Manning; a host of nieces, nephews, other relatives and friends. Elder Velma Townsend was preceded in death by her parents, Welsey and Alzadie Howard; brothers, Willim and Huey Howard; daughter, Carol Brown, Kimberly Ellen and Linda Harris; son, David Harris Sr.; sisters, Eutria Stubbs, Loyce Johnson, Maxine Black, and Edoye Bobo; and granddaughter, Toi Dau'lene Blanks. The family would like to express special thanks to Majestic Manor, New Jerusalem Full Gospel Baptist Church family, Judy Miller and Betty Peery.

# Cemetery Details

## Gracelawn Cemetery

5710 N. Saginaw St.  
Flint, MI 48505

# Previous Events

## Viewing

JUL 14. 12:00 PM - 6:00 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

JUL 15. 12:00 PM - 1:00 PM (ET)

New Jerusalem Full Gospel Baptist Church  
1035 E. Carpenter Rd.  
Flint, MI 48505

## Funeral Service

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JUL 15. 1:00 PM (ET)

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# Tribute Wall

AH

“ *Ava Howard lit a candle in memory of Velma Townsend* ”



Ava Howard - July 19, 2025 at 07:12 AM

AD

“ *Andrew & Adrian ( Turnipseed) Duke* ”



Adrian Duke - July 14, 2025 at 08:23 PM

DH

“ *Darryl Marcellus Howard sent a virtual gift in memory of Mrs. Velma Modistine Townsend* ”



Darryl Marcellus Howard - July 14, 2025 at 05:11 PM

TT

“ *My deepest condolences.* ”



Tamika T - July 14, 2025 at 04:14 PM

RP

“ My deepest sympathy to you and the family.  
May God give you all strength. 🙏🏻 Regina  
Peery



Regina D Peery - July 14, 2025 at 11:08 AM

RP

“ My deepest condolences to the family. My  
prayers are with you all . Sincerely Betty  
Peery



Regina D Peery - July 14, 2025 at 11:06 AM

VT

“ Victor Turnipseed lit a candle in memory of  
Velma Townsend



Victor Turnipseed - July 14, 2025 at 08:50 AM

MM

“ Margo McQuiddy lit a candle in memory of  
Mrs. Velma Modistine Townsend



Margo McQuiddy - July 13, 2025 at 08:46 PM

LP

“ *Louis And Dee Perry lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Velma Modistine Townsend*



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**Louis and Dee Perry** - July 13, 2025 at 06:23 PM

CP

“ *COREY PIERCE lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Velma Modistine Townsend*



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**COREY PIERCE** - July 13, 2025 at 01:53 PM

TW

“ *Tammy Webb-Blount sent a virtual gift in memory of Velma Townsend*



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**Tammy Webb-Blount** - July 12, 2025 at 06:11 PM



“ *Kimberly Hall-Miller sent a virtual gift in memory of Mrs. Velma Modistine Townsend*



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**Kimberly Hall-Miller** - July 12, 2025 at 12:24 PM

HD

“ *Helen Davis lit a candle in memory of Velma Townsend*



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**Helen Davis** - July 12, 2025 at 09:55 AM

JP

“ *Joan Pointer lit a candle in memory of Velma Townsend*



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**Joan Pointer** - July 12, 2025 at 07:33 AM

RB

“ *Rosa Burnett lit a candle in memory of Velma Townsend*



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**Rosa Burnett** - July 11, 2025 at 11:06 PM

RB

“ *Rosa Burnett sent a virtual gift in memory of Velma Townsend*



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**Rosa Burnett** - July 11, 2025 at 11:05 PM

MB

“ *Maria Hopkins - Brown sent a virtual gift in memory of Mrs. Velma Modistine Townsend*



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**maria Hopkins - Brown** - July 11, 2025 at 08:19 PM

RC

“ *Rahsheem J Covington lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Velma Modistine Townsend*



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**Rahsheem J Covington** - July 11, 2025 at 08:00 PM

JP

“ *James and Diana Pope purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Mrs. Velma Modistine Townsend.*



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**James and Diana Pope** - July 11, 2025 at 06:05 PM

DM

“ *DeLano Mills lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Velma Modistine Townsend*



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**DeLano Mills** - July 11, 2025 at 11:22 AM

AJ

“ *Abby Johnson lit a candle in memory of  
Velma Townsend*



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**Abby Johnson** - July 11, 2025 at 08:59 AM

TA

“ *Toni K. Adams lit a candle in memory of  
Velma Townsend*



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**Toni K. Adams** - July 10, 2025 at 09:27 PM

WK

“ *Willie Kirby lit a candle in memory of Mrs.  
Velma Modistine Townsend*



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**Willie Kirby** - July 10, 2025 at 09:08 AM

PP

“ *PJ & Glenda Pointer lit a candle in memory of  
Mrs. Velma Modistine Townsend*



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**PJ & Glenda Pointer** - July 09, 2025 at 06:32 PM

WJ

“ *Willie McKay Jr lit a candle in memory of  
Velma Townsend*



Willie McKay Jr - July 09, 2025 at 01:56 PM

VJ

“ *Valerie Jackson sent a virtual gift in memory of  
Mrs. Velma Modistine Townsend*



Valerie Jackson - July 09, 2025 at 11:28 AM

RR

“ *Rodney Richardson lit a candle in memory of  
Mrs. Velma Modistine Townsend*



Rodney Richardson - July 09, 2025 at 11:22 AM

LB

“ *Lois Bell lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Velma  
Modistine Townsend*



Lois Bell - July 09, 2025 at 10:18 AM

JM

“ Jeannie Mayberry lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Velma Modistine Townsend



Jeannie Mayberry - July 08, 2025 at 06:45 PM

SW

“ Shirie Wade lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Velma Modistine Townsend



Shirie Wade - July 08, 2025 at 06:02 PM

BL

“ Barbara Lakes lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Velma Modistine Townsend



Barbara Lakes - July 08, 2025 at 04:46 PM

VL

“ Vincent Lipford lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Velma Modistine Townsend



Vincent Lipford - July 08, 2025 at 03:20 PM

SL

“ SHEILA LOMAX lit a candle in memory of  
Velma Townsend



SHEILA LOMAX - July 08, 2025 at 12:48 PM

CH

“ Calvin & Pamela Hightower lit a candle in  
memory of Velma Townsend



Calvin & Pamela Hightower - July 08, 2025 at 09:02 AM

TC

“ Tommie Chaney lit a candle in memory of  
Velma Townsend



Tommie Chaney - July 08, 2025 at 08:28 AM

E&

“ Our Condolences to her family. I knew her for  
many years. She was a very Kind Spirited,  
Woman of God. May she RIH 🙏💙



Elder-Dr. Carolyn D. Davis & Children - July 07, 2025 at 10:33 PM

MM

“ *Mayrene C McGruder lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Velma Modistine Townsend*



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**Mayrene C McGruder** - July 07, 2025 at 09:33 PM

WK

“ *Willie Kirby lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Velma Modistine Townsend*



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**Willie Kirby** - July 07, 2025 at 06:30 PM

SP

“ *Sandra Payne sent a virtual gift in memory of Mrs. Velma Modistine Townsend*



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**Sandra Payne** - July 07, 2025 at 04:45 PM

SC

“ *A BEAUTIFUL WOMAN, ALWAYS NICE AND KIND*



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**Shirlene Clark** - July 07, 2025 at 03:27 PM

MW

“ Mary & Diane Williams sent a virtual gift in memory of Velma Townsend



Mary & Diane Williams - July 07, 2025 at 01:06 PM

GM

“ Modistine has always been a person with a kind and loving heart. I know Mom has already started missing you. You were the sister she never had. I know you are up in heaven praising the Lord. Rest well.



Gwen, Mckay-Barton - July 07, 2025 at 01:05 PM

DP

“ Praying 🙏 for Deacon Townsend and the family that The Lord will continue to hold them up during the time of sorrow



Dewayne Payton - July 07, 2025 at 11:45 AM

JP

“ Joan Pointer lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Velma Modistine Townsend



Joan Pointer - July 07, 2025 at 10:26 AM

BP

*I am praying for Deacon Townsend and the rest of the family may she rest in heaven*

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**Belinda Patrick** - July 11, 2025 at 07:20 PM