



## Mr. Vermont Finney Sr.

November 4, 1940 - July 8, 2014

FINNEY, Mr. Vermont Sr. - age 73, passed away Tuesday, July 8, 2014 at Hurley Medical Center. Family hour 11 a.m. Wednesday, July 16, 2014 at New Jerusalem Full Gospel Baptist Church, 1035 E. Carpenter Rd. with funeral service commencing at 12 p.m. Pastor Patrick W. Sanders, Sr. officiating. Interment Sunset Hills Association, G-4413 Flushing Rd. Friends and pallbearers will assemble at the church 11 a.m. Wednesday. Mr. Finney will lie in state in the Chapel of Lawrence E. Moon Funeral Home, 906 W. Flint Park Blvd. and may be viewed from 1 p.m.-8 p.m. Tuesday, with the family present from 5 p.m.-6:30 p.m. Mr. Finney was Honorably Discharged from the U.S. Army.

Mr. Vermont Finney, Sr. was born November 4, 1940 in St. Louis, Missouri, the son of Jobbie and Vera (Robinson) Finney. He came to Flint, Michigan at an early age where he graduated from Mt. Morris High School. Vermont served as a Staff Sargent in the United States Army until 1962 when he was Honorably Discharged. He landed a job at Chevrolet Metal Fabricating Plant, a division of General Motors and began attending Mott Community College while working his way up to becoming a Journeyman. He work as a Pipefitter in Chevrolet Metal Fab until his retirement in 1994, after 32 years of service. Vermont was active in the labor union and local politics, as well as being a great friend to all who knew him. You could never have a conversation with Vermont without him leaving you being just a little bit wiser. Vermont loved

fishing and boating before his health failed and he would often tell anyone he met not to smoke. He was a member of New Jerusalem Full Gospel Baptist Church, a founding member of the King's Men Choir and also served on the New Jerusalem Security Team greeting everyone at the door.

Mr. Vermont Finney, Sr. leaves to cherish his memory: wife of 51 years, Rosie Finney; daughter, Elizabeth Finney; son, Vuai Finney; 3 grandchildren, Quenton (Trina) Finney of Minneapolis, MN, Shatia Mister of Houston, TX and Bianca Mister of Flint; 2 great-grandchildren, Kaleb Finney and Kari Mister; 2 sisters, Verlon Buckwheat and Vanessa Scruggs of Flint; 3 sisters-in-law, Evelyn Echols of Irving, TX, Renell Echols of Flint and Pastor Janice (Fredrick) McHaney of Mt. Morris, MI; 2 brothers-in-law, William Angelo Echols, Sr. and Samuel Lee Smith, both of Flint; a host of nieces, nephews, cousins including favorite cousin, Norma Jean Robinson of Flint; a host of other relatives and friends.

Mr. Finney was preceded in death by his son, Vermont Finney, Jr.; granddaughter, Marquita Finney; mother, Vera Scruggs; sister, Venita Patrick; nephew, Devroe Bridges; father and mother-in-law, Robert and Gertrude Echols, Jr.; 2 brothers-in-law, Issiede and Willie Echols; sister-in-law, Pastor Brenda Echols-Smith; 3 aunts, 1 uncle and 1 cousin.

The family would like to express their special thanks to Pastor Patrick W. Sanders, Sr. and the New Jerusalem Full Gospel Baptist Church family, Dea. Ralph Pea, the King's Men Choir, special thanks to Tony Floyd, Nicole Lee-Mays and all caring family and friends.

# Cemetery Details

## Sunset Hills Association

G-4413 Flushing Rd.  
Flint, MI

# Previous Events

## Public Viewing

JUL 15. 1:00 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 Present

JUL 15. 5:00 PM - 6:30 PM (ET)

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## Family hour

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JUL 16. 11:00 AM (ET)

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

## Service

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JUL 16. 12:00 PM (ET)

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# Tribute Wall



“ *Mr. Vermont Finney Sr.*

October 09, 2023 at 07:02 AM



“ *I remember being a little girl, and getting my report card. I couldn't wait to take it to my aunt rosie and uncle vermont...He had this big jar full of half dollars and quarters. He called me goldmine (knowing he had all the money lol) If you got good grades you got to stick your hand in the jar and see how much you could get in one hand full. Boy oh boy sometimes I would ask for two lol and of course for those that remember he also had his candy stash. I loved the summers I had many memories, that I'm glad I shared at my aunt and uncles. (= I send my love all the way from Texas, rest easy uncle love you.*

**Angela Echols** - July 15, 2014 at 07:09 PM



“ *Jeannie Mayberry lit a candle in memory of Mr. Vermont Finney Sr.*



**Jeannie Mayberry** - July 15, 2014 at 10:36 AM

VF

“ Response no. 516

*(((Vermont )))*

*Pronounced just like the state*

*Paramount—*

*Manner able .....Graciousness, Hardworking,*

*Old soul ...(((innate)))!*

*The more compassion you show for others your blessing increases*

*(((Shop worker creases)))*

*Multi- colored Apple hats,*

*Wool/silk Fedoras ...with or without the feather!*

*Your skin / attitude...Stronger, than*

*Elephant skin.... leather*

*Your LOVE – (((Determined)))*

*Not by words but (Action)*

*Your Mind, body, & Soul ...the complete Faction*

*(((Belongs to God)))*

*---Furthermore never deferred---*

*Although, your words*

*Well worth ....their weight in MATTER.*

*Oh' how the fact.... of the days you suffered, made me sad~*

*And the fact, that you are no longer here... even sadder!*

*But my miniscule earthly emotions – vast underlying selfishness is  
[NO] matter...*

*For you are now blessed!*

*Among the most high---*

*Your skilled trade, most undoubtedly ...was in helping others!*

*Oddly enough, the brother's keeper ....surely kept his brothers....*

*Just imagine having a father*

*Pushing you ... till you go farther....*

*You said to read psalms.... so I did----*

*It spoke of the Lord's Decree----*

*\_\_\_And He said to me, "You are my son;  
today I have become your father" \_\_\_\_\_*

*If you can't see it ....you missed it!*

*(((Acceptance )))*

*I was that child with a smile...never ignored or blacklisted....*

*I always knew ...who you were and where you were!*

*There is power in (((knowing )))*

*It causes a reaction to life adjustments that manifest ...strength in  
(((Growing!)))*

*Heart renewed- profound*

*Never lost but still found.....*

*Heaven bound*

*(((It awaits you)))*

*And if I am ever ...to fall backwards .....I expect to hear your  
voice....*

*Embedded in my subconscious by default....-[no choice]...*

*And with your words.... my mind shall reflect & recall your face!*

*And with that .....Multiplied by God's grace*

*I shall (((rejoice))).*

*Written By Vuai Yorkoo Finney*

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**Vuai Finney** - July 14, 2014 at 02:11 AM

RJ

“ RUKIYA JONES lit a candle in memory of Mr.  
Vermont Finney Sr.



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**RUKIYA JONES** - July 13, 2014 at 08:23 AM

RJ

“ Rupiah Jones lit a candle in memory of Mr.  
Vermont Finney Sr.



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**Rupiah Jones** - July 13, 2014 at 08:20 AM

ME

“ *Mulondo Echols lit a candle in memory of Mr. Vermont Finney Sr.*



Mulondo Echols - July 12, 2014 at 08:18 PM

SB

“ *Sonia Breed lit a candle in memory of Mr. Vermont Finney Sr.*



Sonia Breed - July 12, 2014 at 12:17 PM

Vanessa Scruggs

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Vanessa Scruggs - July 12, 2014 at 08:09 AM

ML

“ *Marvin Logan*



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**marvin logan** - July 11, 2014 at 05:06 PM

LD

“ *Lady Di lit a candle in memory of Mr. Vermont Finney Sr.*



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**Lady Di** - July 09, 2014 at 08:07 AM