



## Officer Virgil Alan Blanton

October 28, 1954 - February 14, 2019

BLANTON, Officer Virgil Alan - Age 64, passed away Thursday, February 14, 2019 at his residence. Family hour 10:00 Saturday, February 23, 2019 at House of Prayer Missionary Baptist Church, 1851 W. Carpenter Rd., with funeral service commencing at 11:00 AM Pastor Roderick Legardye officiating, Pastor Kenneth L. Stewart Host Pastor. Family and friends will assemble at the church 10:00 AM. Saturday. Officer Blanton 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 - 8:00 PM Friday.

Officer Virgil Alan Blanton was born October 28, 1954 in Richmond, Indiana, the son of Charles and Jeannie Blanton. He was a resident of Flushing, Michigan. Virgil was a Retired Officer of the Flint Police Department where he was the first black Union President. He completed several training sessions including ATF. Virgil later was contracted in Afghanistan and Sudan as a Trainer for their officers. He enjoyed running his construction company, Karate, completing his "honey-do-list" and taking trips to the casino.

Officer Virgil Alan Blanton leaves to cherish his memory: wife, Eugenia Blanton of Flushing, MI; 5 daughters and 5 sons, Andrea Blanton, Erick Blanton, Ina Blanton, all of Flint, Valencia Blanton of Bloomfield, MI, Katrina Blanton of Warren, MI, Terry (Staci) Settle of Alpharetta, GA, Sadé Blanton of

Flint, Wesley Jackson of Pontiac, MI, Michael Jackson of Flint and L'Purdis (Eshe) Dotson of Auburn Hills, MI; 25 grandchildren; 8 great-grandchildren; 4 sisters, Mildred of Clearwater, FL, Carolyn of Orlando, FL, Ardella of Springfield, MA and Denise (Kendall) of Orlando, FL; 4 brothers, Paul, Donald Ray (Judy), all of Springfield, MA, Larry of Orlando, FL and Kenny of Clio, MI; mother and father-in-law, Barbara and Harold Franklin; 11 sisters-in-law, Brenda (Lucious), Rosner (Danny), Miranda, Francine, all of Flint, Theresa of Indianapolis, IN, Karen F. of Phoenix, AZ, Karen J. of Indianapolis, IN, Sylvia (Henry), Romondra, all of Flint, Joyce of Dallas, TX and Paula of Flint; 2 brothers-in-law, Patrick of Minnesota and Greg of Indianapolis, IN; a host of nieces, nephews, cousins including special cousins, Lawrence and Clydell "Ed"; a host of other relatives and friends including special friends, Pastor Roderick LeGardye, Eugene Brown, Lester Dixon, Jimmy Troy, Patrick Redd and Harlon Green.

Officer Blanton was preceded in death by his parents, Charles and Jeannie Blanton; sister, Geraldine Hanford; brother, Charles Blanton Jr.; and 2 nephews, Jeffrey Blanton and Kevin Blanton.

The family would like to express special thanks to the Flint Police Department, Reverence Home Health & Hospice, and the neighbors of Grandview Drive.

# Previous Events

## Public Viewing

FEB **22**. 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

FEB **23**. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

House of Prayer Missionary Baptist Church  
1851 W. Carpenter Rd.  
Flint, MI

## Service

FEB **23**. 11:00 AM (ET)

House of Prayer Missionary Baptist Church  
1851 W. Carpenter Rd.  
Flint, MI

# Tribute Wall



“ *Officer Virgil Alan Blanton*

October 09, 2023 at 07:02 AM



“ *I am just finding out about the passing of Virgil...! He was a Great Man...! & Gone way too soon...! My Deepest Condolences to His Family.. Rest in Eternal Peace...& Thank You for all you done for Everyone in your community...🙏🙏🙏🙏*

**Shirley Jones** - January 20, 2020 at 11:26 PM



“ *SORRY FOR YOUR LOSS NICE NEIGHBOR MAY YOU REST IN PEACE AND MAY GOD CONTINUE TO BLESS YOUR FAMILY*

**Teresa Mosley** - February 23, 2019 at 05:25 PM



“ *He was always the nicest guy, he was responsible for introducing me to his sweet wife Genie for my first job at Church's Chicken in 1988! He and my Mom worked on the police force together ( Joan Evans Williams). So sorry for your lost praying for comfort and strength for families and friends.*



**Sharese Combs**

**Sharese Combs** - February 23, 2019 at 10:27 AM

SH

“ *A light gone too soon. Rest In Peace Virgil.*

*Saundra Houston*



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**Saundra Houston** - February 23, 2019 at 04:26 AM

VP

“ *Loving prayers from the Sparks family to the Blanton family!!*

*We send our sincere condolences for the loss of Officer Virgil, who was a very good friend and fellow officer of our beloved Sgt. Draike Sparks. We understand the pain and emptiness having gone through it, but I can honestly say that it was the Glory of the Lord that helped us and continues to help us every day. Virgil provided a great service to this community and loved his family. Those precious memories, the laughter and the love will forever be etched in your hearts and minds. I cherish the thought that Virgil and Draike would be united together again as brothers in the hands of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. May God's peace that surpasses all understanding be upon you now! We love you and are praying for you!*

*Venetia (Sparks) Petteway, the Sparks family and our mother Catherine Washington*

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**Venetia Petteway** - February 22, 2019 at 11:21 PM

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“ *NaRotha Ogden lit a candle in memory of Officer Virgil Alan Blanton*



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**NaRotha Ogden** - February 22, 2019 at 10:02 PM

KS

“ *My heart is broken but you are in a better place. Virgil was one of the kindest people I've ever known. Craig and I loved working with you. Sending prayers for the Blanton family in their time of loss. Craig and Kris Sepanak*

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**Kris Sepanak** - February 22, 2019 at 07:53 PM

VP

“ *Condolences to the Family. May God strengthen and comfort you.*

*Valerie Peterson-Fears*



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**Valerie Peterson-Fears** - February 22, 2019 at 02:06 PM

GG

“ Virgil was a very nice friend and inspiration to so many. He would always had comforting and encouraging words to my son. My son looked up to him. He was always willing to help anyone in need. He was a great representation of the Flint Police Department and his community. May God continue to watch over his family and grant them each comfort as they grieve this enormous loss to the family. He was truly one of the great ones and definitely be missed.



*Matthew 5:4 states: "Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted."*

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**Georgia Green** - February 22, 2019 at 11:23 AM

LA

“ Thanks for always making sure I was okay coming out of work at Baker College when you were there. My thoughts and prayers are with your family and friends. See you later my friend!

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**Laura** - February 22, 2019 at 09:38 AM

JF

“ Virgil was such a good guy - I had the pleasure of working with him in the Campus Safety Department at Baker College - he was one of my favorites...condolences to his family. Jeanne (Stocker) Featherston

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**Jeanne Featherston** - February 22, 2019 at 09:18 AM

DG

“ *David Angel Gilbert lit a candle in memory of Officer Virgil Alan Blanton*



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**David Angel Gilbert** - February 22, 2019 at 02:55 AM

BP

“ *Those we have truly loved, we will always love, and that which was deeply felt, we will always feel. Remember, death can take all things save one - Love remains, for love alone is real. May love surround you, comfort you, and touch your heart with hope. With Deepest Sympathy Leroy and Brenda Purifoy*

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**Brenda Purifoy** - February 21, 2019 at 11:35 PM

WJ

“ *Willie McKay Jr. sent a virtual gift in memory of Officer Virgil Alan Blanton*



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**Willie McKay Jr.** - February 21, 2019 at 11:02 PM

MH

“ *Mary Huddleston lit a candle in memory of Officer Virgil Alan Blanton*



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**Mary Huddleston** - February 21, 2019 at 07:19 PM

DM

“ Praying for the family, extended family & friends of Virgil. Virgil was a very nice person to work with during my tenure at the Flint Ombudsman's Office. He was always the same every time I would see him. Always smiling, always nice and polite. R.I.P. Virgil - Deborah Milling!



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**Deborah Milling** - February 21, 2019 at 05:42 PM

MJ

“ Michael James lit a candle in memory of Officer Virgil Alan Blanton



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**Michael James** - February 21, 2019 at 05:07 PM

OF

“ Ogden-Colston Family lit a candle in memory of Officer Virgil Alan Blanton

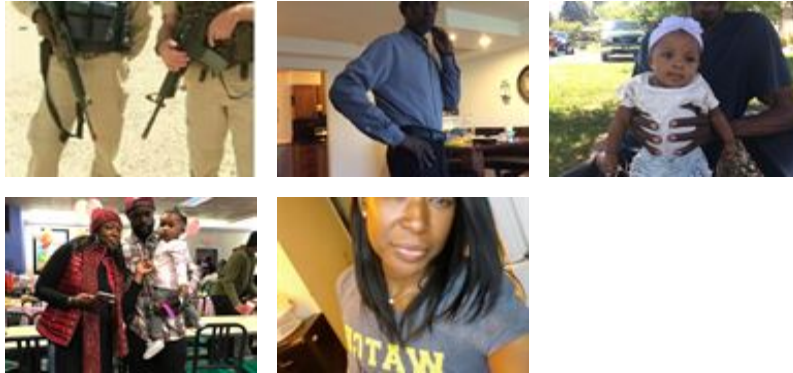


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**Ogden-Colston family** - February 21, 2019 at 04:45 PM



“ 57 files added to the album *Life Tributes*



**Lawrence E. Moon Funeral Home** - February 21, 2019 at 01:28 PM

MJ

*Sending Prayers to Eugenia Blanton and Family from Michael James and Family !! 🌺🌺🌺*

**Michael James** - February 21, 2019 at 05:02 PM



“ *Chavez Hawkins sent a virtual gift in memory of Officer Virgil Alan Blanton*



**Chavez Hawkins** - February 21, 2019 at 09:56 AM

DK

“ *Doris E. Keels lit a candle in memory of Officer Virgil Alan Blanton*



**Doris E. Keels** - February 20, 2019 at 11:38 PM

JC

“ *Josiah & Lawrencene Curry lit a candle in memory of Officer Virgil Alan Blanton*



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**Josiah & Lawrencene Curry** - February 20, 2019 at 11:31 PM

AC

“ *My prayers and condolences to the Blanton family.*

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**Amy Chiu** - February 20, 2019 at 07:47 PM

GR

“ *Greg Campbell/ Msp Retired On behalf of the Campbell Family you have our Love and prayers during your time of sorrow I will miss my brother from Flint Pd and Baker College*

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**Greg W Cqampbell MSP Retired** - February 20, 2019 at 03:29 PM

WN

“ *Walt And Terry Nickson lit a candle in memory of Officer Virgil Alan Blanton*



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**Walt and Terry Nickson** - February 20, 2019 at 03:21 PM

GD

“ Grace Davis lit a candle in memory of Officer Virgil Alan Blanton



Grace Davis - February 20, 2019 at 03:13 PM

SN

“ Sandy T Neal lit a candle in memory of Officer Virgil Alan Blanton



Sandy T Neal - February 20, 2019 at 11:36 AM

LC

“ We will forever be together in spirit, Because every time I think of you I Smile about all the Good Times We Had Together,My Brother.Virgil has gone the last miles of the way,And He Will Rest At The Close Of Every Day

Lester C.Dixon - February 20, 2019 at 07:53 AM

CC

I will miss the three of you talking loud , joking and you Lester being the but of the joke. I would laugh at y'all

Cabrina Clarke - February 20, 2019 at 11:46 AM



MY DEEPLY CONDOLENCES TO THE FAMILY. MAY GOD COMFORT AND GIVE YOU STRENGTH. IN JESUS AMEN

Johanna Houston - February 20, 2019 at 06:48 PM

AC

“ *Our sincere thoughts and condolences to the entire family!*

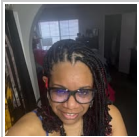


AC - February 20, 2019 at 03:42 AM

RL

“ *I'm sorry for the Lost of a good man and soilder of the law. I remember when we worked together on a side job he was such goof always clowning back in the day. Take care my friend you will always be in my heart.*

Robert Lindsey - February 19, 2019 at 07:05 PM



“ *My deepest condolences to the entire family. May Gos continue to provide comfort during this difficult time.*



Tara Issaqueen Whiteside - February 19, 2019 at 03:58 PM

PC

“ *Wishing you Blessings of Peace & Comfort. I pray that loving memories of Virgil will be carried forever in your hearts and give you courage to face the days ahead.*



Phyllis Childress - February 19, 2019 at 12:08 PM

JH

“ *Lawrence and Janet Durrett sending our sincere condolences and prayers to the family of Virgel Blanton you will truly be missed on Grandview Dr.*

janet hamilton - February 19, 2019 at 09:53 AM

SM

“ *My deepest condolences to the family. He was a dear friend*



Sandra Morris - February 18, 2019 at 11:30 PM

CC

“ *Cabrina Clarke sent a virtual gift in memory of Officer Virgil Alan Blanton*



Cabrina Clarke - February 18, 2019 at 08:32 PM

CC

*I am gonna miss that smile  
Love you Big Bro*

Cabrina Clarke - February 19, 2019 at 04:19 PM

JH

“ *To the family of this great man, may God give you strength, peace, and comfort in your time of sorrow. He will be truly missed.*

Judy Hollis - February 18, 2019 at 07:06 PM

DH

“ *DeWinter (Dee) Holloway lit a candle in memory of Officer Virgil Alan Blanton*



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**DeWinter (Dee) Holloway** - February 18, 2019 at 03:12 PM

NA

“ *Wishing the family well, we symathize with you and hope that your pain be bearable.*

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**narvella** - February 18, 2019 at 02:50 PM

EW

“ *Virgil was a very nice, caring neighbor. We will all miss him!!*



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**Eva White** - February 18, 2019 at 02:40 PM

TJ

“ *Theresa Jennings-Watson lit a candle in memory of Officer Virgil Alan Blanton*



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**Theresa Jennings-Watson** - February 18, 2019 at 11:51 AM

BC

“*Virgil was my idea of a true professional, even tempered, kind, well spoken and a great Police Officer. I’m honored to have known him and I truly feel his loss. Not many men like him come along in your lifetime. Capt. Bob Clark*

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**Bob Clark** - February 18, 2019 at 11:04 AM

FT

*I met Virgil in the police academy in 1985. He was a well spoken and fair man. I’m proud to have worked with him. Rest In Peace and you’ve lived a good life Virgil. I’m proud to have known you.*

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**FPD c/o 1985 Randolph Tolbert** - February 18, 2019 at 02:46 PM

PM

“*Sending our prayers and condolences to the family of our neighbor, brother, and good friend Virg. He will be sorely missed. Grandview Drive will never be the same without you.*



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**Paula and Michael McGlown** - February 18, 2019 at 12:08 AM



“*Sending our sincere condolences. Chris & Kim Miller*



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**Kimberly Hall-Miller** - February 17, 2019 at 11:27 PM

AL

“ Our condolences and sympathy to The Family of Virgel Blanton, a great great co-worker and friend.  
Alvern and Theresa Lock



Alvern and Theresa Lock - February 17, 2019 at 09:58 PM

DR

“ Darrell Robertson lit a candle in memory of Officer Virgil Alan Blanton



Darrell Robertson - February 17, 2019 at 07:34 PM

DW

“ Dandre' & Freda Williams sent a virtual gift in memory of Officer Virgil Alan Blanton



Dandre' & Freda Williams - February 17, 2019 at 08:59 AM

MT

“ Michelle D. Tucker sent a virtual gift in memory of Officer Virgil Alan Blanton



Michelle D. Tucker - February 16, 2019 at 07:08 PM

AS

“ *My condolences to the family. Virgil was one of the best neighbor and Friend a person could have. He will truly be missed on Grandview Drive. Love you, Alzora Stokes* ”



**Alzora Stokes** - February 16, 2019 at 03:10 PM

Katie Stewart

“ *Katie Stewart lit a candle in memory of Officer Virgil Alan Blanton* ”



**Katie Stewart** - February 16, 2019 at 03:17 AM

Katie Stewart

“ *Katie Stewart sent a virtual gift in memory of Officer Virgil Alan Blanton* ”



**Katie Stewart** - February 16, 2019 at 03:15 AM



“ *Alma Johnson lit a candle in memory of Officer Virgil Alan Blanton* ”



**Alma Johnson** - February 15, 2019 at 10:15 PM

LM

“ *Lit a candle in memory of Mr. Virgil Blanton!*  
*Linda Mayfield*



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**Linda Mayfield** - February 15, 2019 at 02:46 PM

LM

“ *Lit a candle in memory of Mr. Virgil Blanton! To the family sorry for your loss!* *Linda Mayfield*

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**Linda Mayfield** - February 15, 2019 at 02:42 PM

SP

“ *Sandra Payne lit a candle in memory of Officer Virgil Alan Blanton*



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**Sandra Payne** - February 15, 2019 at 02:28 PM



“ *Nancy Beecher sent a virtual gift in memory of Officer Virgil Alan Blanton*



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**Nancy Beecher** - February 15, 2019 at 01:35 PM



*Worked with Virgil when the COPS program was in effect.  
He was a very caring, kind officer.  
Loved his job and his family.*

**Nancy Beecher** - February 15, 2019 at 01:38 PM

LG

“ *Lee Grant sent a virtual gift in memory of  
Officer Virgil Alan Blanton*



**Lee Grant** - February 15, 2019 at 11:54 AM

SW

“ *Sending prayers to the family and friends of  
Virgil Blanton lots of love, kisses and hugs too  
Sorry For Your Loss! SHIRIE Wade and  
FAMILY*



**SHIRIE Wade** - February 15, 2019 at 11:25 AM

LW

“ *I am saddened to hear of the passing of Virgil. My condolences to  
his wonderful family that cared for him in his final days. Always  
remember that Virgil was always highly respected at the Flint PD.*

**Lou Weller** - February 15, 2019 at 07:53 AM

MP

“ *MINISTER PAM sent a virtual gift in memory of Officer Virgil Alan Blanton*



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**MINISTER PAM** - February 15, 2019 at 07:38 AM

MP

“ *MINISTER PAM lit a candle in memory of Officer Virgil Alan Blanton*



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**MINISTER PAM** - February 15, 2019 at 07:38 AM

RF

“ *Rose Fizer lit a candle in memory of Officer Virgil Alan Blanton*



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**Rose Fizer** - February 14, 2019 at 09:51 PM

CG

“ *Carol Gardner sent a virtual gift in memory of Officer Virgil Alan Blanton*



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**Carol Gardner** - February 14, 2019 at 08:52 PM

BG

“ To the Blanton family you have my sincere condolences and prayers that God will comfort you at this most difficult time.



Barbara Graham - February 14, 2019 at 07:28 PM

SF

“ Shirie Wade And Family sent a virtual gift in memory of Officer Virgil Alan Blanton



Shirie Wade and family - February 14, 2019 at 07:00 PM

SF

“ Shirie Wade And Family lit a candle in memory of Officer Virgil Alan Blanton



Shirie Wade and family - February 14, 2019 at 06:59 PM

LG

“ LEE GRANT sent a virtual gift in memory of Officer Virgil Alan Blanton



LEE GRANT - February 14, 2019 at 06:38 PM

JC

*May the Lord give you peace and strength during this time. Love and Blessings. Retired Sgt. J. Carrigan*

**J. Carrigan** - February 15, 2019 at 07:12 AM

KP

*RIP Virgil. Blessings to family and friends. You brothers and sisters in blue will miss you*

**Karen Pizzala** - February 16, 2019 at 06:23 AM

GG

*To the Blanton Family, with "Deepest Sympathy" extended to all of you in the loss of Virgil. I had known him for years. He always had a personality to get along with everyone he came in contact with. He definitely will be missed by a lot of us.*

**Greg Gibson** - February 19, 2019 at 10:52 PM