



Deacon Will Edwards

February 10, 1923 - December 7, 2021

EDWARDS, Deacon Will - Age 98, passed away Tuesday, December 7, 2021 at his residence. Family hour 10:30 AM Wednesday, December 15, 2021 at Spirit of Victory Outreach, 2920 W. Court St., with funeral service commencing at 11:00 AM, Pastor Janard Lakes, Host Pastor, Pastor Robert Smith Jr., officiating. Interment River Rest Cemetery, G-4413 Flushing Rd. Friends and pallbearers will assemble at the Church 10:30 AM Wednesday. Deacon Edwards will lie in state in the Chapel of Lawrence E. Moon Funeral Home, 906 W. Flint Park Blvd., and may be viewed from 1:00 PM-6:00 PM Tuesday.

Deacon Will Edwards was born on February 10, 1923 in Pine Bluff, Arkansas to Will and Beulah (Jackson) Edwards. He was the last surviving of 10 children.

Deacon Edwards received his education through the U.S. Army, where he served our country. He was a Corporal in World War II. Due to lack of work after his honorable discharge, he relocated to Michigan where he was employed until he retired by General Motors. He married the love of his life Mother Rosa Lee Lakes in 1948. God blessed their union with three children. They were happily married for 61 years before she went home to the Lord in 2010.

Deacon Edwards enjoyed fishing, hunting, and most of all gardening. He even won an award for his garden through Edible Flint. He was a faithful member of New St. James C.O.G.I.C. in Flint, Michigan. Deacon Edwards loved the Lord

and love to serve in the church. He was the church janitor, handy man, security, Sunday School Teacher, Sunday School Superintendent, Deacon, Chairman, and Trustee. If you ever attended a service with him, you knew the Spirit was high when he lifted his hands. Even as his health declined, he ensured that Sunday School books were ordered and delivered in time for service. Lastly, his most pride and joy was his family.

He leaves to cherish in his memory and legacy; a son, Leonard Edwards Sr., a daughter, Rita (Ozell) Waters; 1 adoptive daughter, Anita Joshua, all of Flint, MI; 14 grandchildren, numerous great-grandchildren, and step grandchildren; 2 god children, Wesley (Chantel) Patton of Lansing, MI and Rochelle Wilson of Flint, MI; a host of nieces, nephews, and other friends and dear relatives, including the New St. James Church family.

Deacon Will Edwards was preceded in death by, parents, Will and Beulah Edwards, siblings, son, Victor Edwards, and lovely wife Mother Rosa Lee Edwards.

Cemetery Details

River Rest Cemetery

G-4413 Flushing Rd.
Flint, MI 48504

Previous Events

Public Viewing

DEC **14**. 1:00 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

DEC **15**. 10:30 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

Spirit of Victory Outreach Ministries
3397 Windland Dr.
Flint, MI 48504

Service

DEC **15**. 11:00 AM (ET)

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Tribute Wall



“ *Deacon Will Edwards*

October 09, 2023 at 07:02 AM



“ *Jimmye Maxwell lit a candle in memory of Deacon Will Edwards*



Jimmye Maxwell - December 31, 2021 at 11:06 AM



“ *Leonard, Rita and family our condolence to all of you. Mr. Edwards was a true neighbor and friend to our parents that knew him for many years living on Alma Street. Our prayers are with you, may his loving memory be a blessing.*



The Alford Family - December 15, 2021 at 12:40 AM



“ *Brenda Calhoun lit a candle in memory of Deacon Will Edwards*



Brenda Calhoun - December 14, 2021 at 09:27 PM



“ Teresa Claxton Williams sent a virtual gift in memory of Deacon Will Edwards



Teresa Claxton Williams - December 14, 2021 at 04:14 PM



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Teresa Claxton Williams - December 14, 2021 at 04:14 PM



“ Alma Dent-Phillips lit a candle in memory of Deacon Will Edwards



Alma Dent-Phillips - December 14, 2021 at 02:03 PM



“ Lydia Coleman lit a candle in memory of Deacon Will Edwards



Lydia Coleman - December 13, 2021 at 05:56 PM



“ *Sending love and condolences to the entire family of my wonderful neighbor. Such a strong, but soft spoken man, who was good friends with my dad on Alma Street. He will be missed.* ”



Tina Moreland - December 13, 2021 at 05:46 PM



“ *Terese Carter lit a candle in memory of Deacon Will Edwards* ”



Terese Carter - December 13, 2021 at 05:21 AM



“ *So grateful that we had the opportunity to visit with and interview my Uncle Will and capture his memories of the Edwards family during his youth in Arkansas. Rest in peace, Uncle Will. We will treasure your memory always.* ”

Faye & Sekou Coleman, and Carol Edwards



Faye Coleman - December 12, 2021 at 10:51 PM



Leonard I am sooo sad to hear of your father's passing. Condolences for you and your family. Love Dessieree Stewart

Dessieree Stewart - December 13, 2021 at 12:55 PM



“ Teresa Claxton Williams sent a virtual gift in memory of Deacon Will Edwards



Teresa Claxton Williams - December 12, 2021 at 05:17 PM



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Teresa Claxton Williams - December 12, 2021 at 05:17 PM



“ Scott & Priscilla Jenkins lit a candle in memory of Deacon Will Edwards



Scott & Priscilla Jenkins - December 12, 2021 at 12:22 PM



“ Larry Williams Sr lit a candle in memory of Deacon Will Edwards



Larry Williams Sr - December 12, 2021 at 10:23 AM

SJ

“ Leonard, condolences to you, Rita and your entire family; we are Blessed with great memories of your Dad. May God keep you in His care!

Scott & Priscilla (Jean) Jenkins



Scott & Priscilla Jenkins - December 11, 2021 at 07:04 PM

MG

“ Milton And Pam Gibson lit a candle in memory of Deacon Will Edwards



Milton and Pam Gibson - December 11, 2021 at 04:55 PM

VL

“ Praying for the family of Deacon Will Edwards! May the peace of God guard your hearts during this time of transition and mourning. May the memories you shared provide comfort and peace in the days ahead!



Valerie Leslie - December 11, 2021 at 04:08 PM

LG

“ Praying for the Edwards family, you all have my condolences.



LaDedra Graham - December 11, 2021 at 03:07 PM

PJ

“ To the family of Deacon Will Edwards, My husband and I are praying for you in the loss of your loved one. Deacon Edwards was always nice and kind to us, giving encouraging words and words of Godly Wisdom. He will surely be missed. Praying and believing for God's peace, comfort and strength for his family, loved ones and friends.

Pastor Harold & Mrs. Althea Jones - December 11, 2021 at 02:00 PM

MW

“ Monique Williams sent a virtual gift in memory of Deacon Will Edwards



Monique Williams - December 11, 2021 at 06:01 AM

IMPEACH TRUMP

“ Sending prayers to the entire family, Mr Edwards was an amazing man and will be greatly missed

Terasa Joseph - December 10, 2021 at 09:41 AM

IMPEACH TRUMP

“ Terasa Joseph lit a candle in memory of Deacon Will Edwards



Terasa Joseph - December 10, 2021 at 09:40 AM

DB

“ *Darline Baker lit a candle in memory of Deacon Will Edwards*



Darline Baker - December 10, 2021 at 09:38 AM

DB

“ *Darline Baker sent a virtual gift in memory of Deacon Will Edwards*



Darline Baker - December 10, 2021 at 09:36 AM

CW

“ *Cathy Williams lit a candle in memory of Deacon Will Edwards*



Cathy Williams - December 09, 2021 at 10:44 PM

TL

“ *Toni K. Adams @ Mary Lyle lit a candle in memory of Deacon Will Edwards*



Toni K. Adams @ Mary Lyle - December 09, 2021 at 08:46 PM

EH

“ *My sincere condolences to the family! Praying for tpu*

Ernest & Sheri Hodgers - December 09, 2021 at 03:12 PM

MM

“ *Sending Prayers and my condolences to Lennard/Reta/ family 🙏❤️❤️*



marva mcdaniel - December 09, 2021 at 01:16 PM



“ *Teresa Claxton Williams sent a virtual gift in memory of Deacon Will Edwards*



Teresa Claxton Williams - December 09, 2021 at 10:58 AM



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Teresa Claxton Williams - December 09, 2021 at 10:58 AM

SW

“ *Sonia Walker lit a candle in memory of Deacon Will Edwards*



Sonia Walker - December 08, 2021 at 09:15 PM

TS

“ *Trina Stewart lit a candle in memory of Deacon Will Edwards*



Trina Stewart - December 08, 2021 at 08:23 PM

DP

“ *Praying for the family*



Dorothy Parrish - December 08, 2021 at 05:19 PM

CE

“ *Carletta Evans lit a candle in memory of Deacon Will Edwards*



Carletta Evans - December 08, 2021 at 04:36 PM



“ Teresa Claxton Williams sent a virtual gift in memory of Deacon Will Edwards



Teresa Claxton Williams - December 08, 2021 at 03:38 PM



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Teresa Claxton Williams - December 08, 2021 at 03:37 PM



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Teresa Claxton Williams - December 08, 2021 at 03:37 PM

BL

“ *Barbara Lakes lit a candle in memory of Deacon Will Edwards*



Barbara Lakes - December 07, 2021 at 07:38 PM

LS

“ *Larry Williams Sr lit a candle in memory of Deacon Will Edwards*



Larry Williams Sr - December 07, 2021 at 03:33 PM

JM

Praying for you in a time like this

joedean macklin - December 09, 2021 at 07:59 AM