



## Deacon William Earl Chatman

June 26, 1954 - June 25, 2024

CHATMAN, Dea. William Earl - Age 69, passed away Tuesday, June 25, 2024, at Hurley Medical Center. Family hour 10:00 AM Monday, July 8, 2024, at Metropolitan Baptist Tabernacle, 930 E. Myrtle Avenue, with funeral service commencing at 11:00 AM, Pastor Stephan Murphy, officiating. Interment Flint Memorial Park Cemetery, G-9506 N. Dort Hwy. Friends and pallbearers will assemble at the Church 10:00 AM Monday. Deacon Chatman will lie in state in the Chapel of Lawrence E. Moon Funeral Home, 906 W. Flint Park Blvd., and may be viewed from 10:00 AM-4:00 PM Sunday, July 7, 2024, with family present to receive friends from 1:30 PM-3:30 PM. William Earl Chatman was born June 26, 1954, in Ozark, Alabama, to parents, John and Annie Chatman. The family relocated to Flint, Michigan in the 1960's where William attended Flint Community Schools and graduated from Flint Central High School in 1973. He participated in basketball and track, winning many awards and trophies. In 1974, William married the love of his life, Brenda Nichols. William accepted Christ at an early age and was later baptized at Metropolitan Baptist Tabernacle by the late Dr. Arthur J. Pointer. William was a dedicated and faithful member of Metropolitan, where he served as Chairman of the Deacon Board, member of the Trustee Board, Finance Board, Male Chorus, Sunday School, Bible Study and Teacher's Council. William loved to serve and could be found participating in many auxiliaries within the church. He was attentive to the needs of the pastor, the church and its members. William was employed at Delphi/General Motors as a Skilled Trades Model Maker and retired in 2006

after 33 years of dedicated service. His hobbies included listening to “oldies but goodies”, riding his motorcycle, and attending events for his grandchildren. He took great pride in maintaining his yard and would often be heard singing loudly while mowing. He enjoyed vacationing and traveling with his family, especially with his grandchildren. William leaves to cherish his memory: wife of 49 years, Brenda Chatman of Flint, MI; two children, Earl (Trina) Chatman of Wimauma, FL, Deondra (Gabriel) Burton of Belleville, MI; great-nephew, who William raised, Michael (Shakisha) Ogburn of Flint, MI; four grandchildren, Will and Jaleel Chatman of Wimauma, FL and Gabriel Jr. and Brielle Burton of Belleville, MI; brother, Lazarick (Erica) Chatman of Columbus, OH; two sisters, Tamekyo Garner of Grand Rapids, MI and Rhonda Chatman; sister-in-law, Patricia (Wiley) Stocker all of Flint, MI; many beloved uncles and aunts; nieces and nephews, including Tamara (Anton), Monique, GaQuilla (Ralph), Latrice, Karintha, Laquieta, Lataesha (Howard), Takeysha, Tevin, Caleb, John and Elijah and a host of other relatives and friends, too numerous to name. William was preceded in death by his parents, John and Annie Chatman; loving in-laws; grandson, Joshua Burton and nephew, Trayvon Chatman.

# Cemetery Details

## Flint Memorial Park Cemetery

G-9506 N. Dort Hwy.  
Mt. Morris, MI 48458

# Previous Events

## Public Viewing

JUL 7. 10:00 AM - 4:00 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

JUL 8. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

Metropolitan Baptist Tabernacle  
930 E. Myrtle Ave.  
Flint, MI 48505

## Funeral Service

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JUL 8. 11:00 AM (ET)

Metropolitan Baptist Tabernacle  
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Flint, MI 48505

# Tribute Wall

PF

“ Pearl Coney and Family send their condolences to The Chatman Family. 🙏🙏



Pearl Coney And Family. - April 01, 2025 at 07:27 AM

BD

“ May God wrap his loving arms around each one of you during this difficult time. Prayers for May God wrap his loving arms around each one of you during this difficult time. Prayers for all of the family and friends. of the family and friends.

Bernard Dyck - July 09, 2024 at 04:28 AM

RB

“ Rose Buggs lit a candle in memory of Deacon William Earl Chatman



Rose Buggs - July 08, 2024 at 04:11 PM

JM

“ Jason Marks lit a candle in memory of Deacon William Earl Chatman



Jason Marks - July 08, 2024 at 10:03 AM

RR

“ Rozlyn & George Roman purchased the Medium Dish Garden for the family of Deacon William Earl Chatman.



Rozlyn & George Roman - July 08, 2024 at 08:19 AM

VF

“ Vivian(Stocker) Hawkes family purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Deacon William Earl Chatman.



Vivian(Stocker) Hawkes family - July 07, 2024 at 01:07 PM

VF

“ Vivian(Stocker) Hawkes family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Deacon William Earl Chatman.

Vivian(Stocker) Hawkes family - July 07, 2024 at 01:07 PM

YC

“ You will be truly missed cousin Love you and family dearly!! Love Yolanda Chatman, and family



Yolanda Coney - July 07, 2024 at 06:51 AM

DM

“ Dale E McGhee lit a candle in memory of William Chatman



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Dale E McGhee - July 06, 2024 at 05:54 PM

DS

“ Deacon Chatman, Thank you for being a great man of God; Foss Avenue Baptist Church.

Love and appreciate you,our Condolences to the Chatman and Metropolitan Family.

Deacon Dale E. McGhee, Sr.

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Deacon Dale E. McGhee, Sr. - July 06, 2024 at 05:51 PM

JF

“ Maurice & Jackie Fielder



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Jacquelin Fielder - July 06, 2024 at 11:20 AM

AH

“ Andrew “Sherlock “ and LaVerne Holmes lit a candle in memory of William Chatman



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Andrew “Sherlock “ and LaVerne Holmes - July 06, 2024 at 07:02 AM

CL

“ Deacon Chatman, always had a warm welcoming smile everytime I saw him. He and his smile will truly be missed. I am praying for Sister Brenda and the family.



Carolyn Lewis - July 05, 2024 at 08:08 AM

JD

“ Jean Durrett lit a candle in memory of Deacon William Earl Chatman



Jean Durrett - July 05, 2024 at 02:59 AM

NI

“ Neighbors Cathy Garrett and Barb Imber purchased the Blue Caribbean Bouquet for the family of Deacon William Earl Chatman.



Neighbors Cathy Garrett and Barb Imber - July 04, 2024 at 12:32 PM

BH

“ My heartfelt condolences to the family of Deacon William Chatman. Praying for you and with you.



Bob Howard - July 04, 2024 at 11:34 AM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Deacon William Earl Chatman.



July 04, 2024 at 09:44 AM



“ Bill and Becky Eblin planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Deacon William Earl Chatman.

Bill and Becky Eblin - July 04, 2024 at 09:44 AM



“ We hereby offer our Prayers, Condolences, and Well Wishes to Brenda, Deondra, William Earl Jr., The Grandchildren, and the entire family of Deacon William Earl Chatman, Sr. I know we all loved him, but God Loved him more, so he called him home. I have known him almost his entire life, and always found him to be a wonderful Nephew to be around. We pray that God take care and minister to the entire family during this period of bereavement. Hewitt & Dornell Chatman, Plant City, FL.



Hewitt Chatman - July 03, 2024 at 01:52 PM

OH

“ God has called home another soldier. Rest in peace Deacon Chapman. You will be missed. Love and prayers for Brenda and her family. May God give each of you comfort and peace. William is surely in the hands of God.  
🙏🌹❤️



Odessa Hearn - July 02, 2024 at 11:22 PM

RU

“ RUTH HARPER LOVE YOU MOBILE ALABAMA (DIANE)

RUTHHARPER36@YAHOO.COM - July 02, 2024 at 08:33 PM

RU

“ RUTHHARPER36@YAHOO.COM lit a candle in memory of Deacon William Earl Chatman



RUTHHARPER36@YAHOO.COM - July 02, 2024 at 08:32 PM

DH

“ Our love, prayers and condolences for Brenda and family. William was our brother, friend and encourager especially when he and Frank talked about leadership and guidance spiritually. Love you all. We will miss him dearly!  
Frank & De'Borah Hartfield



DeBorah Hartfield - July 02, 2024 at 08:12 PM

JR

“ John/Lessie Rhymes lit a candle in memory of Deacon William Earl Chatman



John/Lessie Rhymes - July 02, 2024 at 01:33 PM

CT

“ Our sincere condolences to the family of Deacon Chatman since 1994 that I met him mom and I he has always been the same and always always had our security ministry's back RIH DEACON CHATMAN WELL DONE 🙏❤️



Cynthia Turner - July 02, 2024 at 01:03 PM

CT

“ Prayers and Condolences To Brenda and Family in the Passing Of Deacon Chatman. I remember our Sunday School days and his always loving Spirit.



Carol J Foster Live Oak, Tx - July 02, 2024 at 12:45 PM



“ 3 files added to the album Central Class of 1973



Duane Hill - July 01, 2024 at 07:31 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Deacon William Earl Chatman.*



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July 01, 2024 at 04:05 PM



“ *Mr & Mrs Alvin And Doretha Phillips lit a candle in memory of Deacon William Earl Chatman*



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**Mr & Mrs Alvin and Doretha Phillips** - June 30, 2024 at 07:29 PM



“ *Many fond memories from Doyle, Elementary school, love you man!! From Keith Johnson*

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**Keith Johnson** - June 30, 2024 at 09:31 AM



“ *Elder Charles And Linda Woods lit a candle in memory of Deacon William Earl Chatman*



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**Elder Charles and Linda Woods** - June 29, 2024 at 06:38 PM



“ Prayers and Condolences to the William Chatman family! William and I were classmates and teammates beginning at Doyle Elementary School, at Whittier Junior High School and at Flint Central. We began playing basketball at Doyle and finished running track at Central. We were both sprinters and ran on the relay teams for Central. Chatman was always that calm, kind and steady voice on our teams. He was a true gentleman always. Glad I had to connect with him and his wife last July at our 50th High School Reunion. Brother Chat you have run your race well and it now time for you to rest with the Lord!



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**Duane Hill** - June 29, 2024 at 12:41 PM

SM

“ Shari Miller lit a candle in memory of Deacon William Earl Chatman



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**Shari Miller** - June 29, 2024 at 09:34 AM

SI

“ Sending our love & condolences as we continue praying for & with your family! From the entire Ingram family. Lifelong bonds between our families were made at Our Savior Lutheran School, my brother Chris, & your son Earl were the best of friends.



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**Sonceria Ingram-Ford** - June 29, 2024 at 04:36 AM

IR

“ Iris lit a candle in memory of Deacon William Earl Chatman



Iris - June 28, 2024 at 10:58 PM

RC

“ Rahsheem J Covington lit a candle in memory of Deacon William Earl Chatman



Rahsheem J Covington - June 28, 2024 at 10:37 PM

RM

“ Ronnie Martin lit a candle in memory of Deacon William Earl Chatman



Ronnie Martin - June 28, 2024 at 09:25 PM

MF

“ Maurice & Jackie Fielder



Maurice & Jackie Fielder - June 28, 2024 at 09:07 PM

ER

“ Elvia Roberson sent a virtual gift in memory of Deacon William Earl Chatman



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**Elvia Roberson** - June 28, 2024 at 06:40 PM

EM

“ Eddie McLeod planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Deacon William Earl Chatman.

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**Eddie McLeod** - June 28, 2024 at 06:38 PM

EM

“ Eddie McLeod purchased the Divine Peace Bouquet for the family of Deacon William Earl Chatman.



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**Eddie McLeod** - June 28, 2024 at 06:38 PM

SE

“ Stacie Ellison lit a candle in memory of Deacon William Earl Chatman



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**Stacie Ellison** - June 28, 2024 at 05:54 PM

WM

“ Warren And Annette Marks lit a candle in memory of Deacon William Earl Chatman



Warren and Annette Marks - June 28, 2024 at 05:52 PM

JT

“ Jereline Thomas lit a candle in memory of William Chatman



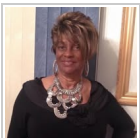
Jereline Thomas - June 28, 2024 at 03:43 PM

ME

“ Margie Edmonds lit a candle in memory of William Chatman



Margie Edmonds - June 28, 2024 at 03:15 PM



“ Lula Lewis lit a candle in memory of Deacon William Earl Chatman



Lula Lewis - June 28, 2024 at 02:34 PM



“ Cynthia Threlkeld-Jordan lit a candle in memory of Deacon William Earl Chatman



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Cynthia Threlkeld-Jordan - June 28, 2024 at 01:38 PM

BL

“ My sincere prayers and condolences 🌸 to Brenda the children , and entire family. Deacon Chatman , was always the same he never changed , he was always uplifting and kind to everyone . God truly had an Angel in our Metropolitan Baptist Church . Fly on Deacon Chatman , Eternal Rest .



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Barbara Leake - June 28, 2024 at 01:35 PM

JS

“ God has called one of his angels home. Brenda, Earl, Dee, Michael and the rest of the family, our prayers are with you. Dea. Chatman was a good man.



Love you all. The Scott Family

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Jacqueline Scott - June 28, 2024 at 01:16 PM

P&

“ Pj &. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Deacon William Earl Chatman.

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Pj &. - June 28, 2024 at 12:54 PM

PP

“ PJ & Glenda Pointer lit a candle in memory of Deacon William Earl Chatman



PJ & Glenda Pointer - June 28, 2024 at 12:51 PM

DM

“ Debra Miller lit a candle in memory of Deacon William Earl Chatman



Debra Miller - June 28, 2024 at 11:33 AM

EP

“ Prays and Condolences to the Chapman Family. Deacon Chapman was a friend of mine in the elementary school, we lived across the street on Elizabeth St, back in the day. He was a kind, gentle loving . William smile light up the room. We are praying for his Wife and Children. Absent from the body present with God. See you later. In Jesus name! 🙏🏻🙏🏻

Evangelist Erma Poindexter - June 28, 2024 at 10:42 AM

AP

“ AI, Michele & Caleb Parker lit a candle in memory of Deacon William Earl Chatman



AI, Michele & Caleb Parker - June 28, 2024 at 09:38 AM

CG

“ Chris And Keisha Gates sent a virtual gift in memory of Deacon William Earl Chatman



Chris and Keisha Gates - June 28, 2024 at 07:22 AM

JP

“ So sorry to hear of my friend passing. Brenda praying for you. He was a beautiful sound inside out. Will miss that smile when saw each other.



Jacqueline- Lark Porter - June 28, 2024 at 06:39 AM

CB

“ My deepest condolences to Deaconess Brenda & Entire Family in these difficult hours & days. Continue to be strong & hold to God & the awesome memories. Deac. was our "Precious Super Deacon & Soldier" on the battlefield for our Lord! God Bless & keep you. Sis. Cherry Brown & Family



Cherry L. Brown - June 28, 2024 at 12:17 AM

RK

“ Russell Kirksey lit a candle in memory of Deacon William Earl Chatman



Russell Kirksey - June 27, 2024 at 06:52 PM

JK

“ Jesse Kirksey lit a candle in memory of Deacon William Earl Chatman



Jesse Kirksey - June 27, 2024 at 05:10 PM

JP

“ Prayers and condolences to Brenda and the Chatman family. Deacon William Chatman was a very devoted caring leader and will truly be missed.💕🙏💕



Joan Pointer - June 27, 2024 at 04:28 PM

MM

“ Marva McDaniel lit a candle in memory of Deacon William Earl Chatman



Marva McDaniel - June 27, 2024 at 03:46 PM

SR

“ Sandra Rawls-Payne sent a virtual gift in memory of Deacon William Earl Chatman



Sandra Rawls-Payne - June 27, 2024 at 03:29 PM

JC

“ *Jerry Chaney lit a candle in memory of  
Deacon William Earl Chatman*



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**Jerry Chaney** - June 27, 2024 at 02:38 PM

TF

“ *Prayers are with the entire Chatmon family!*



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**Tammie Golidy and family** - June 27, 2024 at 02:31 PM

JC

“ *Janis Conerly sent a virtual gift in memory of  
Deacon William Earl Chatman*



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**Janis Conerly** - June 27, 2024 at 10:24 AM

JA

“ *With Heartfelt Sympathy  
Wishing you hope in the midst of sorrow,  
Comfort in the midst or pain.  
My prayers are with you.*



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**Jerome & Sheila Adams** - June 27, 2024 at 10:15 AM

BW

“ Betty Wiggins lit a candle in memory of  
Deacon William Earl Chatman



Betty Wiggins - June 27, 2024 at 07:37 AM

BF

“ BIGGS FAMILY lit a candle in memory of  
Deacon William Earl Chatman



BIGGS FAMILY - June 27, 2024 at 07:30 AM

EB

“ Eddie And Linda Booth lit a candle in memory  
of Deacon William Earl Chatman



Eddie and Linda Booth - June 27, 2024 at 02:47 AM

CT

“ Cynthia Tipton lit a candle in memory of  
Deacon William Earl Chatman



Cynthia Tipton - June 26, 2024 at 11:01 PM

JW

“ *Janice Williams lit a candle in memory of Deacon William Earl Chatman*



Janice Williams - June 26, 2024 at 10:16 PM



“ *Sheri & Timothy Kirkland*



Sheri Kirkland - June 26, 2024 at 08:56 PM

LP

“ *Dec you will be missed. I'm praying for the entire family for strength and comfort during this difficult time. Andre and Leola Page*



Leola Page - June 26, 2024 at 07:45 PM

CC

“ *To Brenda, Earl and Dee, we are very sorry for the loss of your beloved husband and father. William was a wonderful person and will be sorely missed.*



Clarence and Bettina Campbell - June 26, 2024 at 07:21 PM

PS

“ *Peggy Stribling lit a candle in memory of Deacon William Earl Chatman*



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**Peggy Stribling** - June 26, 2024 at 06:54 PM

MP

“ *Mr & Mrs Alvin And Doretha Phillips lit a candle in memory of Deacon William Earl Chatman*



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**Mr & Mrs Alvin and Doretha Phillips** - June 26, 2024 at 06:16 PM

ST

“ *Stephanie Tipton lit a candle in memory of Deacon William Earl Chatman*



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**Stephanie tipton** - June 26, 2024 at 06:07 PM

WS

“ *Wanda Stitt lit a candle in memory of Deacon William Earl Chatman*



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**Wanda Stitt** - June 26, 2024 at 05:15 PM

MT

“ *Ms.Cleo Thompson sent a virtual gift in memory of Deacon William Earl Chatman*



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**Ms.Cleo Thompson** - June 26, 2024 at 04:33 PM

CH

“ *Rest King Chatman. I remember u doing everything at the church always a smile and always helpful. Thank You Chatman family for sharing Mr Chatman. Hartfield family will pray for u*



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**Cheryl Hartfield** - June 26, 2024 at 04:15 PM

GL

“ *Gina Lee lit a candle in memory of Deacon William Earl Chatman*



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**Gina Lee** - June 26, 2024 at 03:50 PM

AH

“ *Anita Harris sent a virtual gift in memory of Deacon William Earl Chatman*



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**Anita Harris** - June 26, 2024 at 03:36 PM

WK

“ *Willie Kirby lit a candle in memory of William Chatman*



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**Willie Kirby** - June 26, 2024 at 01:27 PM

DH

“ *Deotis & Sarah Hunter-Tucker lit a candle in memory of William Chatman*



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**Deotis & Sarah Hunter-Tucker** - June 26, 2024 at 12:55 PM

DS

“ *DELPHI AND ENGINEERING MODEL SHOP sent a virtual gift in memory of William Chatman*



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**DELPHI AND ENGINEERING MODEL SHOP** - June 26, 2024 at 12:18 PM

KB

“ *Kim Buckner sent a virtual gift in memory of William Chatman*



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**Kim Buckner** - June 26, 2024 at 12:15 PM

JT

“ *jerome and Tonedia Threlkeld lit a candle in memory of William Chatman*



jerome and Tonedia Threlkeld - June 26, 2024 at 12:06 PM

LS

“ *Larry Williams Sr lit a candle in memory of William Chatman*



Larry Williams Sr - June 26, 2024 at 11:20 AM

SB

“ *Sherelle Brown lit a candle in memory of William Chatman*



Sherelle Brown - June 26, 2024 at 11:05 AM

WH

“ *Wanda Harrison sent a virtual gift in memory of William Chatman*



Wanda Harrison - June 26, 2024 at 10:38 AM

BW

“ *Barbara Morris Wright lit a candle in memory  
of Deacon William Earl Chatman*



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**Barbara Morris Wright** - June 26, 2024 at 09:03 AM