



## Mr. William Lee "Bill Lee" Durrett

May 13, 1925 - September 13, 2014

DURRETT, Mr. William Lee "Bill Lee" - age 89, passed away Saturday, September 13, 2014 at his residence. Family hour 10 a.m. Saturday, September 20, 2014 at St. John Vianney Catholic Church, 2415 Bagley St. with funeral service commencing at 11 a.m. Father Tom Firestone officiating. Interment Lovedale Memorial Cemetery, 5175 E. Bristol Rd., Burton, MI. Friends and pallbearers will assemble at the church 10 a.m. Saturday. Mr. Durrett will lie in state in the Chapel of Lawrence E. Moon Funeral Home, 906 W. Flint Park Blvd. and may be viewed from 11 a.m.-8 p.m. Friday. Mr. William Durrett was Honorably Discharged from the U.S. Air Force.

Mr. William "Bill" Lee Durrett, 89 years old, affectionately known as "Bill Lee" departed this life on September 13, 2014 in Flint, Michigan. He was the son of Lou Eva Durrett (Parrott) and Mack Durrett. William was the eldest sibling of his family. He attended Rosenwald High School in Lebanon, Kentucky and also served in the U. S. Air Force. He was preceded in death by his wife Anna E. (Sickles) Durrett in which they were married for 60 years. They were the proud parents of seven children, three girls and four boys. William worked on the farm in Kentucky in his younger years, raising tobacco, and worked for General Electric in Louisville, KY prior to moving to Flint Michigan in 1953. Upon arriving in Michigan, he was employed by General Motors for 33.5 years, and he loved his position as a Crane Operator which he held for many years. He worked in plant 8 "down in the hole" and was honored with a

Certificate of Perfect Attendance. He also held concurrently two other jobs for many years, at Central Wholesale, and jointly with his cousin, having a dump truck service to provide for his family. He joined Christ the King Catholic Church under the late Father Norman Dukette which was the first predominately Black Catholic Church in Flint. Later he transferred his memberships to Sacred Heart Catholic Church where he also served as an usher until it's closing. Currently his membership is at St. John Vianney Catholic Church. William's greatest love was keeping his lawn manicured in which he received a Neighborhood Pride Certificate Award from the City of Flint. His other pastime was watching wrestling which was the highlight of his life. He also enjoyed listening to the Blues on 98.9 FM and gospel music on Sundays. He had superb work ethics, and when there was no more work to be done, he would find work to fix almost anything. He was very frugal making sure to use all resources. Any leftover food was feed to his pet squirrel and the birds. He loved his children and grandchildren, nicknaming many of them. He so loved his yearly visit of attending his family reunion "The Porters Picnic", spending time with his brother, sisters and family. He was one that never complained, and his motto was: "Keep A Living You'll Learn" and "Work it off."

Mr. William "Bill" Lee Durrett leaves to cherish his memory three daughters, Eva White of Flushing, MI, Monica Byrd and Florence (Gary) Nichols, all of Houston, TX, 5 sons, Dennis (Gwendolyn Jean) Durrett, Lawrence (Janet) Durrett, Robert Durrett and Donald (Shirley) Durrett all of Flint and eldest son, Thomas Edelen (Linda) resides in Lebanon, KY; grandchildren, Necol (Derrice) Alexander, Kiva (Terry) McCrady, Katrina (Jimmy) Campbell, Keisha (Chris) Gates, Lawrence Durrett Jr., Audrica (Micheal) Beene, Eugene (Terrilisa) McBride, Janetta and Laquetta Durrett, Lai Langston, Tamera Horton, Willie Taharqa (Litiesha) Blue, Diarra (Jessica) Blue, Nawara Blue, Alisha Durrett, Onja (Adrian) Brunswick, Gary Nichols II and Santina Edelen; a host of great-grandchildren; 3 sisters, Emma Edelen, Jean Grady and Justine

(Barry) Allen; a host nephews and nieces, the Porter and Clements families, relatives and friends including a special friends, Ms. Hattie Hunter and Leon Miller; special cousin Joseph Porter.

Mr. Durrett was preceded in death by his wife, Anna Elizabeth (Sickles) Durrett; sisters, Annabelle Johnson, Katherine White, and Rita Brown; brother, James Edward Parrott (Mary Jean); daughter- in-law, Jana Durrett; son-in-law, Minister Stephen Byrd.

The family of the late William Lee Durrett wishes to acknowledge with deep appreciation, the many comforting messages, floral tributes, prayers and many other expressions of kindness and concern evidenced at this time in thought and deed. Also, a special thank you to Heartland Hospice, Nurse Sherry Thompson, granddaughter, Keisha Gates, Rufus and Francis Duncan, Bishop Urundi Knox and the Ebenezer Church family, Deacon Anthony Verdun and Father Firestone from St. John Vianney Church. A more personal acknowledgement will be made at a later date.

Thank You .... The Family of William L. Durrett

# Cemetery Details

## Lovedale Memorial Cemetery

G-5175 E. Bristol Rd.  
Burton, MI

# Previous Events

## Public Viewing

SEP **19**. 11:00 AM - 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

SEP **20**. 10:00 AM (ET)

St. John Vianney Catholic Church  
2415 Bagley St.  
Flint, MI 48504  
(810) 235-1812

## Service

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# Tribute Wall



“ *Mr. William Lee "Bill Lee" Durrett*

October 09, 2023 at 07:02 AM



“ *Stanley & Shirley Brown lit a candle in memory of Mr. William Lee "Bill Lee" Durrett*



**Stanley & Shirley Brown** - September 24, 2014 at 11:32 AM



“ *My prayers go out to the Durrett family.*



**Janice Braswell- McKenzie** - September 21, 2014 at 12:41 AM



*Janice Braswell - McKenzie*

**Janice Braswell** - September 21, 2014 at 12:43 AM



“ *Sorry for lost.*

**Earlene Elliott** - September 20, 2014 at 01:29 AM

EE

“ *Earlene Elliott lit a candle in memory of Mr. William Lee "Bill Lee" Durrett*



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**Earlene Elliott** - September 20, 2014 at 01:27 AM

JD

“ *Condolences to the Durrett family*

*Jean Robertson and Debra LaCour*



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**Jean and Deb** - September 19, 2014 at 08:56 PM

PR

“ *Patricia Rouser lit a candle in memory of Mr. William Lee "Bill Lee" Durrett*



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**Patricia Rouser** - September 19, 2014 at 08:54 PM

PR

“ *Patricia Rouser lit a candle in memory of Mr. William Lee "Bill Lee" Durrett*



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**Patricia Rouser** - September 19, 2014 at 08:53 PM

RM

“ *Our heart felt prayers go out to the family. Rev David & Regina Mrs.. Martin*

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**Rev. David M. Martin** - September 19, 2014 at 08:21 PM

YJ

“ *Yvonne & Hardy Wafford Jr. lit a candle in memory of Mr. William Lee "Bill Lee" Durrett*



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**Yvonne & Hardy Wafford jr.** - September 19, 2014 at 01:30 PM

ST

“ *May God continue to be with you at this time and strengthen each of you in the days to come. Sis. Stephanie*

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**Stephanie** - September 18, 2014 at 07:50 PM

CK

“ *Dear Eva, Monica and the entire Family of Mr. William Lee Durrett. Charles and I send our thoughts and prayers to you during this most difficult time. Isa. 40:31 says, "They that wait on the Lord shall renew their strength; they shall mount up with wings as eagles; they shall run, and not be weary; and they shall walk, and not faint. May God bless and keep you. Charles & Brenda Kennedy*



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**Charles & Brenda Kennedy** - September 18, 2014 at 07:04 PM

JK

“ Jesse @ Dorothy Kirksey lit a candle in memory of Mr. William Lee "Bill Lee" Durrett



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**Jesse @ Dorothy Kirksey** - September 18, 2014 at 06:48 PM

AJ

“ to Eva, Monica, and all the Durrett family. my prayers are with you always and more so during this diffucult time..Stay strong and I know God will see you through.

Love  
Aggie Johnson

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**Aggie Johnson** - September 18, 2014 at 02:56 PM

TR

“ I send my heart felt condolences to my extended family the Durrett's. Mr Durrett, affectionately referred to as "Papa Du" by me, never forgot when he gave my sista, friend since childhood, Frenchie a ride to "that yellow house" on McClellan Street many years ago. You will be missed. R.I.P.

Love,  
Tracey

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**Tracey** - September 18, 2014 at 12:09 PM

LH

“ Condolences from the C.L.Hodges II Family of Flint Mi.

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**Larry Hodges** - September 18, 2014 at 03:29 AM

LA

“ Dear Eva, Dennis, and the entire family, you have my deepest sympathy in the loss of your loved one. May God give you all the strength you need to accept His will. Don't tell him bye, only tell him "See you later." After all, we are all just passing thru this place and he has only gone home to the Father.



LaVerne Arther - September 17, 2014 at 09:41 PM

YJ

“ Our condolences and heartfelt sympathy go out to the family. He always was a mentor and good friend. He truly will be missed. May the peace of God that passeth all understanding be with you.  
Rest In Heaven, "Uncle Bill"  
Forman & Yvonne Jones

y. Jones - September 17, 2014 at 03:03 PM

RD

“ Rudy D.Ward lit a candle in memory of Mr. William Lee "Bill Lee" Durrett



Rudy D.Ward - September 17, 2014 at 02:16 PM

TF

“ The Joseph & Tina Smalley Family lit a candle in memory of Mr. William Lee "Bill Lee" Durrett



The Joseph & Tina Smalley Family - September 17, 2014 at 01:58 PM

NS

“ *Nancy Sickles Railey & Sons lit a candle in memory of Mr. William Lee "Bill Lee" Durrett*



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**Nancy Sickles Railey & Sons** - September 17, 2014 at 01:52 PM

WR

“ *William Railey lit a candle in memory of Mr. William Lee "Bill Lee" Durrett*



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**William Railey** - September 17, 2014 at 01:48 PM

JM

“ *Jean Montgomery lit a candle in memory of Mr. William Lee "Bill Lee" Durrett*



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**Jean Montgomery** - September 17, 2014 at 12:56 PM

KV

“ *To Flo and Family,  
Clarence and I were so saddened to hear about the passing of your beloved father. Find joy and peace in all the joyous memories you have of him. We will be praying strength and God Grace for you all.  
Love you  
Clarence and Karen Vaughn  
Richmond, Tx*

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**Karen Vaughn** - September 17, 2014 at 11:51 AM

MW

“ *Mr & Mrs Roderick Watkins lit a candle in memory of Mr. William Lee "Bill Lee" Durrett*



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**Mr & Mrs Roderick Watkins** - September 17, 2014 at 11:10 AM

SJ

“ *Steven R. Jones lit a candle in memory of Mr. William Lee "Bill Lee" Durrett*



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**Steven R. Jones** - September 16, 2014 at 09:41 PM

AM

“ *To Eva And Monica and your familys no that our God is a good God he will take care of you all during this difficult time we are so sorry to hear of the passing of your Dad keeping the family in prayer even in the days to come.*

*Warren & Annette Marks*

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**Annette Marks** - September 16, 2014 at 08:21 PM

DB

“ *Dana Bush lit a candle in memory of Mr. William Lee "Bill Lee" Durrett*



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**Dana Bush** - September 16, 2014 at 02:00 PM

TF

“ *The McKay Family lit a candle in memory of Mr. William Lee "Bill Lee" Durrett*



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**The McKay Family** - September 16, 2014 at 10:33 AM

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“ *The Jackson Family lit a candle in memory of Mr. William Lee "Bill Lee" Durrett*



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**The Jackson Family** - September 16, 2014 at 09:11 AM

TF

*On behalf of the Jackson family (Delano, Monica & D'Artagnan) in Las Vegas...we extend our sincerest condolences to the Durrett family. We are so happy to have known Mr. Durrett. We are especially grateful that he stopped by to see us...courtesy of Monica...upon his visit to Vegas just a couple yrs ago. We'll always remember him as a kind, funny and very inviting person. Our hearts go out to the family and we pray that God's grace will cover you as you push through this very difficult time.*  
*Sincerely,*  
*The Jackson Family*  
*(Las Vegas)*

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**The Jackson Family** - September 16, 2014 at 09:40 AM

MB

*Much love thanks and blessings,*  
**THE DURRETT FAMILY**

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**monica byrd** - September 17, 2014 at 10:29 PM



“ *Sentiments of Serenity Spray was purchased for the family of Mr. William Lee "Bill Lee" Durrett.*



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September 16, 2014 at 08:39 AM



“ *Veronica Aaron lit a candle in memory of Mr. William Lee "Bill Lee" Durrett*



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**veronica aaron** - September 16, 2014 at 07:43 AM



“ *Eddie&Shirlene(White)Simmons lit a candle in memory of Mr. William Lee "Bill Lee" Durrett*



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**Eddie&Shirlene(White)Simmons** - September 15, 2014 at 10:44 PM



“ *Linda PRESSLEY lit a candle in memory of Mr. William Lee "Bill Lee" Durrett*



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**linda PRESSLEY** - September 15, 2014 at 07:14 PM

SH

“ *Sondra Huddleston lit a candle in memory of Mr. William Lee "Bill Lee" Durrett*



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**Sondra Huddleston** - September 15, 2014 at 03:25 PM

AH

“ *Anthony And Carol Hill lit a candle in memory of Mr. William Lee "Bill Lee" Durrett*



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**Anthony and Carol Hill** - September 15, 2014 at 02:37 PM

KR

“ *Kermit And Genell Reeves lit a candle in memory of Mr. William Lee "Bill Lee" Durrett*



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**Kermit and Genell Reeves** - September 15, 2014 at 02:32 PM

MW

“ *Mary & Diane Williams lit a candle in memory of Mr. William Lee "Bill Lee" Durrett*



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**Mary & Diane Williams** - September 15, 2014 at 10:46 AM



Barbara  
Doggett

“ *My deepest condolences to the Durrett family. You are in my prayers.* ”

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**Barbara Doggett** - September 14, 2014 at 06:39 PM