



Mrs. Yvonne Joyce Buford

October 2, 1932 - March 24, 2024

BUFORD, Mrs. Yvonne - Age 91, passed away Sunday, March 24, 2024, at her residence. The Flint Area (MI) Chapter of the Links Incorporated Service Saturday, March 30, 2024 at 10:00 AM with Family hour immediately following at Christ Fellowship Missionary Baptist Church, 317 E. Hamilton Ave., with funeral service commencing at 11:00 AM, Pastor Allen C. Overton Sr., Host Pastor, Associate Minister Anthony Cox, officiating. Interment Sunset Hills Association, G-4413 Flushing Rd. Friends and pallbearers will assemble at the Church 10:30 AM Saturday. Mrs. Buford will lie in state in the Chapel of Lawrence E. Moon Funeral Home, 906 W. Flint Park Blvd, Public Viewing will be held only during the family hour. Yvonne Joyce Smith Buford was born October 2, 1932 in Flint Michigan the youngest of 5 children. She was the Daughter of the late Reverend Henry C. and Willie L. Smith. She attended the Flint Public Schools and received an Associate Degree from Flint Junior College, a Bachelor's Degree from Eastern Michigan University and double Master Degrees from the University of Michigan, Ann Arbor. She did 38 ½ years in the field of Education for the Flint Public Schools and did 23 years at C. S. Mott College as a Counselor/Instructor. Yvonne became a member of Canaan Baptist Church/Christ Fellowship Missionary Baptist Church in 1953 and served there in various capacities until death. She was a member of the Young Matrons, on the Usher Board and was a member of The Voices for several years. Yvonne initiated the construction of several quilts, a Cook-Book, a Picture History of Members, helped promote several Dinner

Theaters/Plays, she led the church on a Mystery Trip and was most proud of the pocket sized member telephone directory. She loved traveling, sending various cards to family and friends and she played Bridge for 50 plus years with the same ladies. Yvonne was a Charter member of the National Sorority of Phi Delta Kappa, Flint Area Chapter of Links, Inc. and had memberships with the Urban League, NAACP and Big Brothers/Big Sisters. Needless to say, she had a love for clothes. Yvonne Joyce Buford leaves to cherish precious memories: son, Minister Anthony J. Cox of Flint, MI; daughter, Gina P. (Alvie) Crank of Columbus, OH; step-sister, Czerny (Emerson) Wade of St. Louis, MO; sister-in-law, Lota Guterize Smith of San Francisco, CA; step-daughter, Kitrin J. Buford of Flint, MI; grandsons, Antoine J. Cox, Flint, MI, Ta'Quon Buford of Dallas, TX and Tyrone Cox Jr. of Flint, MI; granddaughters, Alexandria G. Eck (Matthew) and Justice A. Crank, all of Columbus, OH; great-grandson, Antoine J. Cox Jr. "A.J." of Flint, MI; nephew, Clinton R. (Linda) Scott of Long Beach, CA; special in her heart, god-child, Karen McQueary Davis and Tiara Bingham; a special student, Charles McFadden, who never forgot her Birthday; her church sisters, Mother Bessie Steward and Della Tucker; special family, Rosalind and Ossie Smith; and her saving grace, Mrs. Janice Miller. Yvonne was preceded in death by Parents Reverend Henry C. and Willie L. Smith; Samuel J. Cox (Father of Children); husband, Robert S. Buford; sisters, Rebecca and Pauline; brothers, Mitchell and Henry; grandson, Brandon C. Scales; nieces, Ruth Hatcher, Joyce E. Scott Travis; and a host of relatives and friends.

Previous Events

The Links, Inc. Ceremony

MAR 30. 10:00 AM - 10:30 AM (ET)

Christ Fellowship Missionary Baptist Church
317 E. Hamilton Ave.
Flint, MI 48505

Family hour & viewing

MAR 30. 10:30 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

Christ Fellowship Missionary Baptist Church
317 E. Hamilton Ave.
Flint, MI 48505

Funeral Service

MAR 30. 11:00 AM (ET)

Christ Fellowship Missionary Baptist Church
317 E. Hamilton Ave.
Flint, MI 48505

Tribute Wall

KC

“ *Kathy Cleveland lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Yvonne Joyce Buford*



Kathy Cleveland - April 07, 2024 at 01:50 PM

JG

“ *Jeanette Grady sent a virtual gift in memory of Yvonne Buford*



Jeanette Grady - April 04, 2024 at 11:49 PM

DN

“ *DeJanee (DJ) Evans & Family - NCO10 purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Mrs. Yvonne Joyce Buford.*



DeJanee (DJ) Evans & Family - NCO10 - April 03, 2024 at 08:31 AM

CB

“ Carolyn Buckley lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Yvonne Joyce Buford



Carolyn Buckley - April 02, 2024 at 02:12 AM

J)

“ James & Sharon Owensby (Arizona) lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Yvonne Joyce Buford



James & Sharon Owensby (Arizona) - April 01, 2024 at 11:13 AM

J)

“ James & Sharon Owensby (Arizona) lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Yvonne Joyce Buford



James & Sharon Owensby (Arizona) - April 01, 2024 at 10:35 AM

IG

“ Ira Gilbert lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Yvonne Joyce Buford



Ira Gilbert - April 01, 2024 at 10:14 AM

SJ

“ A Extend Family member Miss Yvonne was like an anti-for me all my life where are my mother grew up together forward for over 91 years we shared many wonderful moments together, and she would be sadly missed My condolences to the family and my sister Gina, her daughter□



Steven Jones - March 30, 2024 at 09:09 PM

VW

“ Sending prayers and heartfelt condolences to the Cox and Buford families. Mrs.Cox -Buford was an Outstanding and loving teacher. Whenever I would run into her she would always give you that beautiful mmile and a big hug. NW for life.



Valerie (Anthony) Williams - March 30, 2024 at 05:15 PM

TA

“ Prayers and Condolences from the Arnold/Finklea Family.



Terry Arnold - March 30, 2024 at 10:26 AM

TK

“ I am sending prayers to the Buford family. God is with you.



TONYA L KEENER - March 30, 2024 at 08:26 AM

LP

“ Larry (Virlyn) Poe and Angela Allen send heartfelt condolences especially to Anthony and Gina and the entire family. We will keep you lifted in prayer 🙏

TLUM 💕🦋

Larry & Virlyn Poe - March 30, 2024 at 08:26 AM

JH

“ To the Family of Mrs Buford. May you know that she loved you unconditionally and how she touched so many lives in the church and the community. Look forward with the grace and dignity that she would have expected from you.

JoAnn Harris and Family

JoAnn Harris - March 30, 2024 at 07:49 AM



MA

“ Mary Avant lit a candle in memory of Yvonne Buford

Mary Avant - March 30, 2024 at 07:43 AM



MS

“ Our sincere condolences to Yvonne family and friends.

We All loved Yvonne. Enjoyed talking with each other.

We will keep you in our PRAYERS. 🙏

Benny & Mae Vern Spence

April Harris

Katina Woods & Monty Jr.

Marietta GA.



Mae Vern Spence - March 29, 2024 at 11:41 PM

ST

“ TO TONY, GINA AND THE FAM:

TO KNOW AUNT YVONNE BUFORD IS TO TRULY TO LOVE HER, SHE TRULY NEVER MEET A STRANGER!! SHE WILL TRULY BE MISSED. SHE WILL FOREVER LIVE IN OUR HEARTS.



Sheila A Thomas - March 29, 2024 at 11:24 PM

TC

“ Tabitha Cain



Tabitha Cain - March 29, 2024 at 09:05 PM

KJ

“ *Sending my deepest condolences to the family* ”



Krystal Johnson - March 29, 2024 at 09:01 PM

KG

“ *Keisha Gates lit a candle in memory of Yvonne Buford* ”



Keisha Gates - March 29, 2024 at 07:05 PM

PF

“ *Pauline and Family lit a candle in memory of Yvonne Buford* ”



Pauline Jones and Family - March 29, 2024 at 12:01 PM

GS

“ *Condolences to the Brooks Family.* ”



Gloria Shavers - March 29, 2024 at 10:40 AM

AJ

“ Andrew L Gayden Jr lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Yvonne Joyce Buford



Andrew L Gayden Jr - March 29, 2024 at 06:44 AM

LJ

Yvonne "Cox" Buford was a very special person in my life. She was my 8th grade teacher at Bryant Jr. High School and was such an inspiration to me. She made me feel very special because she treated me like a friend. I will always remember the picnic we went on at Forrest Park. We were fooling around and she pushed me into the bushes while both of us laughed about it. She found special ways to motivate me. My grade in her class was good and that was a miracle because I really was a pill in junior high school. I worked in the school system and years later and had many interactions with Yvonne. She still remains in my memory as an outstanding teacher/Counselor.

Leslee Jakeway - March 29, 2024 at 12:39 PM

JG

“ Sending my condolences and prayers 🙏❤️ to the family

Jeanette Grady - March 29, 2024 at 01:13 AM

JD

“ Jean Durrett lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Yvonne Joyce Buford



Jean Durrett - March 28, 2024 at 11:27 PM

CW

“ *Camelia Williamson lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Yvonne Joyce Buford*



Camelia Williamson - March 28, 2024 at 09:54 PM

SE

“ *Deepest Condolences and Abundant Prayers. Selena Elzy*

Selena Elzy - March 28, 2024 at 09:03 PM

JH

“ *Cousins Dolores & Jerry Harris Send out deepest condolences*



Jeremiah & Dolores Harris - March 28, 2024 at 09:02 PM

EP

“ *EARNEST/NANCY POUNCY lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Yvonne Joyce Buford*



EARNEST/NANCY POUNCY - March 28, 2024 at 05:56 PM

DS

“ Deidre Spight-Woodson lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Yvonne Joyce Buford



Deidre Spight-Woodson - March 28, 2024 at 05:08 PM

LE

“ Linda, Kevin, Kyle, Kami and Asher Eck purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Mrs. Yvonne Joyce Buford.



Linda, Kevin, Kyle, Kami and Asher Eck - March 28, 2024 at 03:35 PM

LE

“ Linda, Kevin, Kyle, Kami and Asher Eck planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Mrs. Yvonne Joyce Buford.

Linda, Kevin, Kyle, Kami and Asher Eck - March 28, 2024 at 03:35 PM

SW

“ Sadie Williams lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Yvonne Joyce Buford



Sadie Williams - March 28, 2024 at 02:50 PM

SW

“ Our deepest sympathy to the family, Yvonne always supported the Travel Club. She was a very nice person. Our love from Moses & Sadie Williams Family.

Sadie Williams - March 28, 2024 at 02:45 PM

SI

“ Mrs. Buford always kept me on the straight & narrow. She caught me flying paper airplanes in my 7th grade math class at Flint Academy. Instead of detention, she decided to challenge me more. She had my counselor place me in advanced math classes where I excelled greatly. I will forever remember & appreciate the time & effort she took to aid in my success in & out of school. You have my condolences & are in my prayers!



Sonceria Ingram-Ford - March 28, 2024 at 12:34 PM

JB

“ Sending Prayers of Comfort to the Buford & Cox family. Her beautiful smile and great conversations will be missed. May the many Memories bring you peace.



Betty Bell & Family

Jennifer Ballard - March 28, 2024 at 11:25 AM

VH

“ *Velver Jean Henry lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Yvonne Joyce Buford*



Velver Jean Henry - March 28, 2024 at 10:18 AM

JH

“ *Our sincere condolences to the Buford and Cox Families. We will cherish our fond memories of the wonderful times we shared in our Flint Leisure Club and the Flint Community Schools!!
James and Yvonne Hall*

James W Hall - March 28, 2024 at 10:11 AM

CA

“ *Cheryl Adkins lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Yvonne Joyce Buford*



Cheryl Adkins - March 28, 2024 at 07:52 AM

JW

“ *Janice Williams lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Yvonne Joyce Buford*



Janice Williams - March 28, 2024 at 03:59 AM

AS

“ *Alma Starks-Butler lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Yvonne Joyce Buford*



Alma Starks-Butler - March 27, 2024 at 10:34 PM

TM

“ *Theresa McQuiddy lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Yvonne Joyce Buford*



Theresa McQuiddy - March 27, 2024 at 10:28 PM

BD

“ *Betty Deloach lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Yvonne Joyce Buford*



Betty Deloach - March 27, 2024 at 09:48 PM

LE

“ *Linda English lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Yvonne Joyce Buford*



Linda English - March 27, 2024 at 08:35 PM

NB

“ *Nellie Bacon lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Yvonne Joyce Buford*



Nellie Bacon - March 27, 2024 at 08:21 PM

PP

“ *Sorry to hear about Ms Yvonne. She was always so nice. She will be missed. You have my sincere condolences 🌸. Mary Parks Deason*

Pat Parks-Deason - March 27, 2024 at 05:53 PM

PP

“ *Pat Parks-Deason lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Yvonne Joyce Buford*



Pat Parks-Deason - March 27, 2024 at 05:51 PM

JB

“ *I was just thinking about Sister Yvonne the other day...
JB & Cynt Buford!
RIH, Sister...*



JB - March 27, 2024 at 05:38 PM

VT

“ Valerie Toles lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Yvonne Joyce Buford



Valerie toles - March 27, 2024 at 05:03 PM



“ Hope Veasley lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Yvonne Joyce Buford



Hope Veasley - March 27, 2024 at 03:07 PM

SF

“ Sarah Hunter-Tucker & Family lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Yvonne Joyce Buford



Sarah Hunter-Tucker & Family - March 27, 2024 at 01:43 PM

TC

“ Tucker And Ward Family Club lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Yvonne Joyce Buford



Tucker and Ward Family Club - March 27, 2024 at 11:27 AM



“ Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Mrs. Yvonne Joyce Buford.



March 27, 2024 at 10:32 AM



“ Marie Smith & NCO 10 Contracting. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Mrs. Yvonne Joyce Buford.

Marie Smith & NCO 10 Contracting. - March 27, 2024 at 10:32 AM



“ Elegant christian, educated, professional, and phenomenal woman who opened doors for so many others. Rev. Cox we are praying for you and the family during your time of need. Dr. Avon, Paula and Jacqueline Burns family of CFMBC.



Avon Burns - March 27, 2024 at 09:49 AM



“ Donielle Patterson lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Yvonne Joyce Buford



Donielle Patterson - March 27, 2024 at 06:47 AM

CW

“ *Craig Williams lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Yvonne Joyce Buford*



Craig Williams - March 27, 2024 at 06:46 AM

FC

“ *Farrah Cunningham sent a virtual gift in memory of Mrs. Yvonne Joyce Buford*



Farrah Cunningham - March 27, 2024 at 02:18 AM

FC

“ *Farrah Cunningham lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Yvonne Joyce Buford*



Farrah Cunningham - March 27, 2024 at 02:14 AM

ET

“ *May the angels welcome her to Paradise 🙏*



Ernelle Taylor - March 26, 2024 at 08:10 PM

CM

“ *Sending condolences to the family.*



Charles & Debroah Metcalfe - March 26, 2024 at 07:44 PM

YF

“ *Yvonne Tucker And Family lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Yvonne Joyce Buford*



Yvonne Tucker and family - March 26, 2024 at 06:32 PM

BR

“ *Bob Russell lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Yvonne Joyce Buford*



Bob Russell - March 26, 2024 at 05:36 PM

SE

“ *Stuart J. Elzy lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Yvonne Joyce Buford*



Stuart J. Elzy - March 26, 2024 at 05:11 PM

IJ

“ *Ida Johnson lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Yvonne Joyce Buford*



Ida Johnson - March 26, 2024 at 04:50 PM

TN

“ *Timothy And Colette Nunn lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Yvonne Joyce Buford*



Timothy and Colette Nunn - March 26, 2024 at 03:33 PM



“ *Our sincere condolences to the family of Mrs. Buford. She was a wonderful humorous person, and a strong advocate for students in the Flint Schools. Our children were blessed to know her at Flint Academy. When I think of her, the word phenomenal comes to mind. She was that and so much more. She was a blessing to many families. Rest in peace Mrs. Buford. We love you ☐
The Ross Family*



Kimberly Ross - March 26, 2024 at 02:01 PM

DS

“ *DEBRA SIMMONS lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Yvonne Joyce Buford*



DEBRA SIMMONS - March 26, 2024 at 01:41 PM

BB

“ *Barbara McFarland Brown lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Yvonne Joyce Buford*



Barbara McFarland Brown - March 26, 2024 at 01:25 PM

GK

“ *My condolences on the passing of Yvonne Buford. I have fond memories of working with her at Mott Community College.*

Gloria Kelly - March 26, 2024 at 12:39 PM

RM

“ *Lit a candle for Ms Yvonne J. Buford, my condolences to the family.*



Rudolph Wheaton, DDS, MPA - March 26, 2024 at 12:31 PM

RD

“ *Lit a candle for Ms. Yvonne J. Burford, my condolences to the family.*



Rudolph Wheaton, DDS - March 26, 2024 at 12:29 PM

RD

“ *Lit a candle for Ms. Yvonne J. Burford, my condolences to the family.*



Rudolph Wheaton, DDS - March 26, 2024 at 12:27 PM

SP

“ *Sheila Phillips lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Yvonne Joyce Buford*



Sheila Phillips - March 26, 2024 at 11:17 AM

DK

“ *Dorothy Kendall-Dickerson lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Yvonne Joyce Buford*



Dorothy Kendall-Dickerson - March 26, 2024 at 11:09 AM

JK

“ *Jake&Bernice Kendall sent a virtual gift in memory of Mrs. Yvonne Joyce Buford*



Jake&Bernice Kendall - March 26, 2024 at 11:03 AM

BK

“ *Brenda Kimble lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Yvonne Joyce Buford*



Brenda Kimble - March 26, 2024 at 11:03 AM

MA

“ *Melinda Mosley Anderson sent a virtual gift in memory of Mrs. Yvonne Joyce Buford*



Melinda Mosley Anderson - March 26, 2024 at 10:59 AM

NW

“ *Nana Williams lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Yvonne Joyce Buford*



nana williams - March 26, 2024 at 10:51 AM

DB

“ *DeNise Blake lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Yvonne Joyce Buford*



DeNise Blake - March 26, 2024 at 10:44 AM

AS

“ *Deepest condolences to the family, please know Mrs Cox-Buford was a very dear friend and we shared some great times together* ❤️



Alesia Summers-Peaks - March 26, 2024 at 10:22 AM

TB

“ *Terry Boone-Love lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Yvonne Joyce Buford*



Terry Boone-Love - March 26, 2024 at 10:13 AM

JB

“ *James And Lisa Blakley sent a virtual gift in memory of Mrs. Yvonne Joyce Buford*



James and Lisa Blakley - March 26, 2024 at 09:34 AM

EL

“ Sending our love and condolences to The Buford and Cox Family. Tony you done a wonderful job caring for Cousin Yvonne. Praying for you all God bless



Elder Michael & Phyllis Leslie - March 26, 2024 at 12:37 AM

SB

“ Our deepest condolences to you and your family during this time. Mother Buford was an amazing woman, and she will truly be missed.
Love,
The Berry-Patton Family

Sandra Berry-Patton - March 25, 2024 at 11:50 PM

RB

“ Rosa Burnett lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Yvonne Joyce Buford



Rosa Burnett - March 25, 2024 at 11:35 PM

RS

“ Rosalind Smith sent a virtual gift in memory of Mrs. Yvonne Joyce Buford



Rosalind Smith - March 25, 2024 at 09:51 PM

MT

“ To the Buford family you are in my thoughts and prayers during this time of bereavement.

God Bless you!

Marcia Teer



Marcia Teer - March 25, 2024 at 09:33 PM

BL

“ Barbara Lakes lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Yvonne Joyce Buford



Barbara Lakes - March 25, 2024 at 08:37 PM

DB

“ David & Dana Bush lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Yvonne Joyce Buford



David & Dana Bush - March 25, 2024 at 07:54 PM

MD

“ Mary Dantzler-Grace lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Yvonne Joyce Buford



Mary Dantzler-Grace - March 25, 2024 at 07:15 PM

CH

“ *My sweet neighbor who I will miss deeply. I loved making banana bread for her. She would always call me if she hadn't heard from me in a while to check on my husband and I. Never wanted to talk long, but always we ended our conversation with I love you. I will miss talking to you. Carolyn Hysell*

Carolyn Hysell - March 25, 2024 at 06:46 PM

VB

“ *Vickie Broome lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Yvonne Joyce Buford*



Vickie Broome - March 25, 2024 at 05:58 PM

AP

“ *Arnenia Peoples-Odum lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Yvonne Joyce Buford*



Arnenia Peoples-Odum - March 25, 2024 at 05:47 PM

JT

“ *Jesse M. Thompson lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Yvonne Joyce Buford*



Jesse M. Thompson - March 25, 2024 at 05:40 PM

KC

“ *Kim E. Carpenter lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Yvonne Joyce Buford*



Kim E. Carpenter - March 25, 2024 at 04:40 PM

AP

“ *Arnenia Peoples-Odum lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Yvonne Joyce Buford*



Arnenia Peoples-Odum - March 25, 2024 at 03:42 PM

 Larry Simpson

“ *Beautiful beautiful woman who cared for the students in Flint! Rest in Heaven!*

Larry Simpson - March 25, 2024 at 02:31 PM

CP

“ *Clifford & Sandra Payne sent a virtual gift in memory of Mrs. Yvonne Joyce Buford*



Clifford & Sandra Payne - March 25, 2024 at 01:58 PM

RW

“ Rudy And Geneva Ward lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Yvonne Joyce Buford



Rudy and Geneva Ward - March 25, 2024 at 01:16 PM

DW

“ Dennetta D. Waters sent a virtual gift in memory of Mrs. Yvonne Joyce Buford



Dennetta D. Waters - March 25, 2024 at 10:43 AM