



Deacon James Luther "Jim" Edwards

September 8, 1941 - November 27, 2015

EDWARDS, Deacon James Luther "Jim" - age 74, passed away, Friday, November 27, 2015 at his residence. Family hour 10:30AM Saturday December 5, 2015 at Friendship Missionary Baptist Church, 599 Michigan, with funeral service commencing immediately at 11:00AM. Pastor Jerry Love, officiating. Interment Perry Mount Park Cemetery, 878 N. Perry St. Friends and pallbearers will assemble at the church 10:30AM. Deacon Edwards will lie in state in the Chapel of Lawrence E. Moon Funeral Home, 268 N. Perry St., and may be viewed from 1:00PM-8:00PM Friday.

Deacon James Luther Edwards was born September 8, 1941 in Lodi, Mississippi, the son of James Vardman K. Edwards and Alma Caffey Harris. James Edwards was a resident of Rochester Hills, since 1985. Deacon Edwards accepted Christ at a early age. James graduated from Carrie Dotson High School. After graduating from high school he received a four year scholarship for football to Mississippi Valley State University. After college, James would migrate north in search of a better future for himself and his growing family. Deacon Edwards sought out employment and later retired from General Motors Corporation, after working in Skill Trades for thirty-five years. While working at General Motors he worked also as a training supervisor. Most of all Deacon Edwards enjoyed teaching his son's good work ethics. He embraced the American Dream and owned and operated a Asphalt business for many years, a business in which he taught his sons all about.

Being retired James, enjoyed the quietness of his neighborhood and the animals that often visited his property. He enjoyed cooking outside when the weather was conducive; also he enjoyed spending time with his grandchildren, and his best friend and wife, Geneva. During the summer months he enjoyed traveling to various states. He especially enjoyed visiting his home state. James will truly be missed by his family and friends, but as a Christian family we truly believe in the letter that Paul wrote Timothy in 2 Timothy 4:7-8 which reads: I have fought a good fight, I have finished my course, I have kept the faith: Henceforth there is laid up for me a crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous judge, shall give me at that day: and not to me only, but unto all them also that love his appearing. Deacon Edwards has now been set free to the land of the no mores.

Deacon Edwards leaves to cherish his memory: wife, Geneva Edwards of Rochester Hills, MI; sons, Kenneth (Cassandra) Of Claremont, CA, Rodney (Joanne) of Stone Mountain, GA Reginald (Stephanie) Cedric (Felicia) all of Pontiac, MI, James (Nichole) of Auburn Hills, MI and Carlos (KaTanya) Edwards of Pontiac, MI; twenty grandchildren; twenty-five great grandchildren; sisters, Fannie McCain of Gore Spring, MS, Magnolia Campbell of Chicago, IL, Christine Edwards-Key, LeDoris Edwards, Patricia Edwards, Angela Darlene Edwards (Larry Scales), Carolyn Edwards and Janet Edwards-Fowler all of Milwaukee, WI; brothers, Gregory Harris of Grenada MS, J.D. Edwards, Larry Edwards, Dwayne (Donna) Edwards and Jerry (Mae) Edwards all of Milwaukee, WI; sister-in-law, Iola Denise Holmes; brothers-in-law, Dr. J. B. (Hattie) Flowers, Rev. Dr. Christopher (Bertha) Flowers, James Arthur (Dorothy) Flowers, Walter Lee Flowers; and a host of nieces, nephews and cousins and other relatives and friends.

Deacon Edwards was preceded in death by his son, Michael W. Edwards; parents, James Vardman K. Edwards and Alma Caffey Harris; brother, Sidney Harris; Father and Mother-in-law, J.B (Gladys) Flowers; sister-in-law, Mary

Massaquoi; brother-in-law, Johnny Flowers.

The family would like to express special thanks to Pastor Jerry Love and the Friendship Missionary Baptist Church Family, Pastor Derrick S. McDonald and Rev. Nathan Waters.

Cemetery Details

Perry Mount Park Cemetery

878 N. Perry St.
Pontiac, MI

Previous Events

Visitation

DEC 4. 1:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

Lawrence E. Moon Funeral Home Pontiac
268 North Perry Street
Pontiac, MI 48342
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Family Hour

DEC 5. 10:30 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

Friendship Missionary Baptist Church
599 Michigan Avenue
Pontiac, MI 48341

Funeral Service

DEC 5. 11:00 AM - 12:30 PM (ET)

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599 Michigan Avenue
Pontiac, MI 48341

Tribute Wall

RB

“ To: Mrs. Edwards, Ken, Rodney, Reggie, Cedric, James, and Carlos



I am sorry to hear about Mr. Edwards. He was so nice when he lived near me. I will always remember how he would call his boys home. Good man. God Bless you and always remember the fun times.

Renee Beckley - December 05, 2015 at 10:07 AM

RA

“ Geneva and family,
My thoughts and prayers are with each of you today. I was so saddened to learn of the passing of your beloved "Jimmy". As you know, Jim and I spent many years working side by side at Pontiac Motor Engineering. First as machinists, and then as Engineering's 1st Joint GM-UAW Training Coordinators. It was through Jim's efforts and passion that the UAW was convinced to allow many fellow tradesmen to be reclassified as Metal Model Makers. They and their families benefited greatly because of his efforts. But few knew of Jimmy's efforts behind the scenes. I know he loved his family tremendously, was a true gentle giant and a hard, hard worker. I trusted this man like a brother. He will be truly missed by many.

Jimmy, "Rest in piece my friend" until we meet again!

*Rod Allen
Clarkston, MI*

Rod Allen - December 04, 2015 at 08:29 PM

ST

“ *Shantay & Shontianna Triplett lit a candle in memory of Deacon James Luther "Jim" Edwards*



Shantay & Shontianna Triplett - December 04, 2015 at 04:13 PM

MH

“ *RIP MR.EDWARDS , POPS HE WAS A GOOD MAN GONNA BE TRULY MISS.*



Miss.M Hurner - December 04, 2015 at 10:02 AM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Deacon James Luther "Jim" Edwards.*



December 04, 2015 at 02:19 AM



“ 17 files added to the album Life Tributes



Lawrence E. Moon Funeral Home - December 03, 2015 at 10:12 PM

DW

“ To Geneva and the entire family of Deacon James Luther "Jim" Edwards

When sadness fills our hearts, sometimes we must believe what we can't see.

May God show you the way to new hope, peace, and happiness. I have fond memories of our school days at Carrie Dotson High School in Grenada that will never be forgotten.

Prayerfully,

*Dorothy Weir Williams
Calumet City, Illinois*

Dorothy Williams - December 03, 2015 at 10:03 PM



“ 30 files added to the album *Life Tributes*



Lawrence E. Moon Funeral Home - December 03, 2015 at 08:17 PM



“ Our thoughts and prayers are with the *Edward Family*, may God bless and keep you.

Lester and Ethel Whitt

Lester and Ethel Whitt - December 03, 2015 at 02:15 PM



My prayers are with the Edwards Family.

Rev Jake Wheatley - December 03, 2015 at 06:58 PM



“ *Lester And Ethel Whitt lit a candle in memory of Deacon James Luther "Jim" Edwards*



Lester and Ethel Whitt - December 03, 2015 at 02:13 PM

MH

“ Miss.M Hurner sent a virtual gift in memory of Deacon James Luther "Jim" Edwards



Miss.M Hurner - December 03, 2015 at 11:20 AM



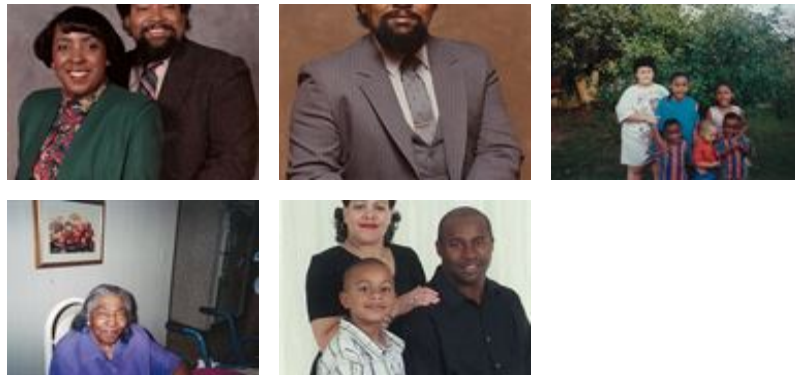
“ 3 files added to the album Life Tributes



Lawrence E. Moon Funeral Home - December 03, 2015 at 09:57 AM



“ 73 files added to the album Life Tributes



Lawrence E. Moon Funeral Home - December 02, 2015 at 01:34 PM

LS

“ May the lord give you the strength you need to go on.

latonial smith - December 02, 2015 at 09:30 AM

CL

“ *Cathy Hudson Littlejohn lit a candle in memory of Deacon James Luther "Jim" Edwards*



cathy hudson littlejohn - December 02, 2015 at 09:02 AM

DS

“ *My sincere condolences to the Edwards family. As I have already expressed, You all were extremely fortunate to have a great man in your lives. A great husband and father, grandfather and great grandfather and brother. I wish that I could alleviate that heavy feeling in your chest. All in time. Keep your heads up because he'll be forever in your hearts. May he rest in eternal peace.*

Donny Sanders - December 02, 2015 at 08:50 AM

LW

“ *My prayers are with the Edwards family. May God strengthen and comfort you at this time and always.*



Lillian Belinda Cleary -Washington

Lillian B. Washington - December 02, 2015 at 08:28 AM

MC

“ *Michael Chandler lit a candle in memory of Deacon James Luther "Jim" Edwards*



Michael Chandler - December 02, 2015 at 07:31 AM

PA

“ Prayers to the family and especially to my sister Naomi Edwards.



Paegge - December 02, 2015 at 07:16 AM

CD

“ Our family met at Friendship Missonary Baptist Church. A air of calming whenever i was in his presence. Love taken to share with more. The Lord i know has prepared a wonderful place for a nice person. Love you all Cassandra, Reginald Daniel and family RIP

Cassandra DanielBradford - December 02, 2015 at 07:13 AM

JC

“ Sending our deepest condolences to all of you. We love you all like family John considers them his brothers Mr Edwards will be deeply missed let us know if we can be of assistant we will keep you all in our prayers. Live John and Sue Carey

John and Sue Carey - December 02, 2015 at 07:05 AM

PM

“ Pamela Davis Mckoy lit a candle in memory of Deacon James Luther "Jim" Edwards



Pamela Davis Mckoy - December 02, 2015 at 03:46 AM

VH

“ *Vanessa Hargo lit a candle in memory of Deacon James Luther "Jim" Edwards*



Vanessa Hargo - December 02, 2015 at 03:23 AM

VH

Prayers are all around Mr Edwards and his LOVEING Family the Edwards amen

Vanessa Hargo - December 02, 2015 at 03:26 AM

AR

“ *Arva lit a candle in memory of Deacon James Luther "Jim" Edwards*



arva - December 01, 2015 at 09:23 PM

AR

“ *To know you was to love you. We will always cherish our memories of you. Sending prayers to the family*

(Arva Paege Lance) Fuller. Jackson, MS

arva - December 01, 2015 at 09:23 PM

N-

“ *I'm sorry to hear of your loss Mrs Edwards. Your family will be in my prayers. Nicole Stokes-Holt*

Nicole Stokes -Holt - December 01, 2015 at 08:01 PM

MG

“ Mrs. Kimberly Griffin lit a candle in memory of
Deacon James Luther "Jim" Edwards



Mrs. Kimberly Griffin - December 01, 2015 at 11:34 AM

VB

“ Mr. Edwards was an extraordinary, God-fearing man who cared
about those whom he encountered with. I will certainly miss him his
tough love attribute.

*Victor Andre' Bonds
Pontiac, Michigan*

Victor Bonds - December 01, 2015 at 10:52 AM

RS

“ Robert Smoot lit a candle in memory of
Deacon James Luther "Jim" Edwards



Robert Smoot - November 30, 2015 at 01:23 PM

RS

*Sending our prayers and condolences to the family.
Robert & Renee Smoot*

Robert Smoot - November 30, 2015 at 01:24 PM

GJ

“ *Genell Jones lit a candle in memory of
Deacon James Luther "Jim" Edwards*



Genell Jones - November 29, 2015 at 05:03 PM

JB

“ *Praying for your Strength and Understanding
during this time*



James & Graneta Broome - November 29, 2015 at 01:40 PM

JS

“ *Janice Stewart lit a candle in memory of
Deacon James Luther "Jim" Edwards*



Janice Stewart - November 29, 2015 at 01:02 PM