

Deacon Michael "Mike" Benford, Sr.

February 1, 1959 - September 24, 2019

BENFORD, Deacon Michael "Mike" Sr. – age 60, passed away, Tuesday, September 24, 2019 at Ascension Providence Hospital – Southfield Campus. Family hour 10:30 AM Monday, September 30, 2019 at Friendship Missionary Baptist Church, 599 Michigan Ave., with Funeral Service commencing immediately at 11:00 AM. Interment Perry Mount Park Cemetery, 878 N. Perry St. Pastor Derrick S. McDonald, Eulogist. Pastor Jerry Love, Officiating; Friends and Pallbearers will assemble at the church 10:30 AM Monday. Deacon Benford will lie in state in the Chapel of Lawrence E. Moon Funeral Home and may be viewed from 10:00 AM – 4:00 PM Sunday.

Deacon Benford leaves to cherish his memory: children, Michael L. Benford, Jr. and Latanya C. Herring; siblings, George W. Benford, Jr., Anthony Benford, Joseph Benford, Patricia Benford and Sheila (J. T.) French; a host of nieces, nephews, cousins and other relatives and friends.

Deacon Benford was preceded in death by his parents, Florine and George W. Benford, Sr. and brother, Raymond Benford.

Cemetery Details

Perry Mount Park Cemetery

878 N. Perry St.
Pontiac, MI

Previous Events

Visitation

SEP **29**. 10:00 AM - 4:00 PM (ET)

Lawrence E. Moon Funeral Home Pontiac
268 North Perry Street
Pontiac, MI 48342
(248) 758-1913
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Family Hour

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

Friendship Missionary Baptist Church
599 Michigan Avenue
Pontiac, MI 48341

Funeral Service

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Tribute Wall

JR

“ *Michael, you always had a calm demeanor and sweet disposition. You did things in your own way and own time. I was proud when you became a deacon. You were loyal to family and friends. Thanks for being an example of God's love. Condolences to the Benfords, Frenchs, Mcdonalds, Herrings and Friendship M. B. Church, etc.*
June F. Rice



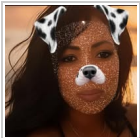
June F. Rice - October 11, 2019 at 03:21 AM

CH

“ *Sending my condolences to the Benford family*



Chewanna Harvey - September 29, 2019 at 11:26 AM



“ *Nett Graves lit a candle in memory of Deacon Michael "Mike" Benford, Sr.*



Nett Graves - September 29, 2019 at 09:49 AM

MM

“ *Mavis McNair lit a candle in memory of Deacon Michael "Mike" Benford, Sr.*



Mavis McNair - September 29, 2019 at 06:45 AM

JA

“ *With deepest sympathy. Jimmy and Linda Askew*



Jimmy Askew - September 28, 2019 at 10:48 PM

MY

“ *Myra sent a virtual gift in memory of Deacon Michael "Mike" Benford, Sr.*



Myra - September 28, 2019 at 07:11 AM



“ Our prayers love and heartfelt condolences go out to the family my family. E. Wilson, Ferry, Jessie, basketball in the Arnold backyard, football and street hockey on Ferry, softball next to the church hitting Anthony's store like it was Fenway park. Mr. Benford taking us to the bus stop at Wilson during the winter, the Ojays Love train every morning. Friendship Missionary Baptist, the crew, Derrick, Freddie, Nathan. All smiles. The best of the best. Rest easy my brother. Well done. Love ya'll

James Searcy - September 28, 2019 at 01:41 AM

MM

“ Marsha Milton lit a candle in memory of Deacon Michael "Mike" Benford, Sr.



Marsha Milton - September 27, 2019 at 09:04 PM

DL

“ Dayle Luke lit a candle in memory of Deacon Michael "Mike" Benford, Sr.



Dayle Luke - September 27, 2019 at 08:53 PM

DL

“ Will miss your smile, soft spokeness and quite demeanor, rest on faithfull soldier.

John & Dayle Luke

Dayle Luke - September 27, 2019 at 08:51 PM

RF

“ *Ronald Ferrell lit a candle in memory of Deacon Michael "Mike" Benford, Sr.*



Ronald Ferrell - September 27, 2019 at 04:49 PM

CC

“ *Mike aka Deacon Mike Benford I will truly miss your kind smile. Your devotion to your church family will never be forgotten. Rest on my dear brother in Christ. Siblings know that you are in my prayers. Cornelia Carter.*



Cornelia Carter - September 27, 2019 at 04:17 PM

MC

“ *My sincere condolences to the Benford family. I'm praying for the Peace of God to console and comfort at this time and the days to come.*

Michael Chandler

Michael Chandler - September 27, 2019 at 10:06 AM

SM

“ Mike,

Your smile will never be forgotten. Quiet and gentle spirited guy. You were one of the long time members of Friendship Missionary Baptist Church and I will never forget the great memories of being at church to see the "Crusaders" sing, or you singing in the Male Chorus and doing your dad's song "Lord I know you been so good" and also to see you be ordained as a Deacon. Rest in Peace Mike

Sabrina Muscovalley-Roberts - September 26, 2019 at 09:13 AM

EC

“ Erica Carter-Johnson lit a candle in memory of Deacon Michael "Mike" Benford, Sr.



Erica Carter-Johnson - September 26, 2019 at 07:30 AM

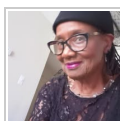
SC

“ Deacon Benford, you will truly be missed. Praying for the family.

Love Sis. Cooper



Sis Cooper - September 25, 2019 at 09:06 AM



My condolences to the Benford family, I will always remember the days when Dea Michael and I were members of the Usher, 's ministry, he served the ministry well, will miss our friendship

Arretta Hardy-Allen - September 25, 2019 at 04:18 PM

MS

My condolences to the Benford family. You will be continually in my prayers. My fellow Crusader is, "Sailing on the Sea of the Love of Jesus!"

Maurice Stimage - September 30, 2019 at 06:27 AM