



## Lee (Leon) Arland "Coach" Conley

February 24, 1950 - April 7, 2016

CONLEY, Mr. Lee (Leon) Arland "Coach" - age 66, passed away, Thursday, April 7, 2016 at McLaren Hospital Oakland. Family hour 10:30AM Thursday, April 14, 2016 at Antioch Missionary Baptist Church, 318 Auburn Avenue, with funeral service commencing at 11:00 AM. Pastor Timothy Lawrence, Officiating. Interment Perry Mount Park Cemetery, 878 N. Perry St. Friends and pallbearers will assemble at the church 10:30AM Thursday. Mr. Conley will lie in state in the Chapel of Lawrence E. Moon Funeral Home 268 N. Perry St., and may be viewed from 12Noon - 8:00 PM Wednesday.

Lee "Leon" Arland Conley was born February 24, 1950 in Granada, Mississippi to the late James F. and Agnes Conley. Lee was the oldest of nine children. He rested from labor to reward on April 7, 2016 at the age of 66.

Lee A. Conley accepted Christ at an early age in Granada, Mississippi and moved to Michigan when he was seven years old. He was a member of Antioch Missionary Baptist Church under the leadership of Reverend Timothy Lawrence.

Lee was a devoted husband, father, grandfather, brother and uncle. He raised his children to be hardworking, confident, to know the importance of education and to know not only world history but family and cultural history. He loved his family and friends never hesitating be there for those in need.

He was a product of the Pontiac School District graduating as a Pontiac Northern Huskie in 1969. In high school, Lee was very active. He even sang a little, but was mostly known for being an All American Football Player. He received many awards and trophies for football and wrestling. He was united in Holy Matrimony to the love of his life, Tereatha J. Branner on March 31, 1973. To this union, three children were born.

Lee was very active in his community, assisting various political leaders during their campaigns and working with them to implement programs to uplift and move the city of Pontiac forward. He served as a football coach for many years, coaching for the Pontiac Athletic League (P.A.L.). From 1988 to 1990 he served as an assistance football coach with the Pontiac Northern Varsity Team. He spent many hours not only “coaching” these young men but serving as mentor and father figure to many of them and others in the community. Well after graduation, these young men continued to visit and call, expressing their love, gratitude and respect.

He took on the task of family historian. Spending years tracing his family history, researching and tracking his family back several generations. Family was very important to him and he loved spending time talking about black history then and now. If there was anything to know regarding the “movement,” he could tell you and possibly had a binder with notes. He would often say “come to basement,” which could lead to hours of discussion and debating on various topics ending with a session of Jazz music from his archive collection.

Lee worked for General Motors Corporation for thirty-one years, retiring in 2008. In his spare time, Lee was an avid player of the game of Chess. He loved to plant a garden each year which always included Zucchini for Tereatha’s famous Zucchini Bread. Let us not forget what he was truly known

for, being a sharp dresser and wearing killer hats!

Lee leaves to cherish his memory: his loving wife of forty-three years, Tereatha J. Conley; children, Donitisha (LaThawn) Bursey, DeTiya Conley of Pontiac, MI and Daleisha (Derek) Goins of Charlotte, NC; grandchildren, LaThawn Bursey Jr., Chazity Conley, Khalilah McKinney and Brooke Bursey; eight siblings that he loved dearly, Willie (Vertice) Conley of Auburn Hills, MI, Frank Starks of Pasadena, CA, James (Robin) Conley of Kokomo, IN, Shirley Conley of Pontiac, MI, Mike (Charlene) Conley of Auburn Hills, MI, Mary Conley of Kokomo, IN, Ronnie (Chiquita) Conley of Auburn Hills, MI and Sonya Conley of Kokomo, IN; and a host of nieces, nephews, cousins and numerous other relatives and friends.

Mr. Conley was preceded in death by his parents, Agnes and James Conley.

# Cemetery Details

## Perry Mount Park Cemetery

878 N. Perry St.  
Pontiac, MI

# Previous Events

## Visitation

APR **13**. 12:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

Lawrence E. Moon Funeral Home Pontiac  
268 North Perry Street  
Pontiac, MI 48342  
(248) 758-1913  
lemoonfhpontiac@gmail.com  
<https://www.lawrenceemoonfuneralhomepontiac.com>

## Family Hour

APR **14**. 10:30 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

Antioch Missionary Baptist Church  
318 Auburn Ave.  
Pontiac, MI

## Funeral Service

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APR 14. 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM (ET)

Antioch Missionary Baptist Church  
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Pontiac, MI

# Tribute Wall

SP

“ *Sharina Petway lit a candle in memory of Lee  
(Leon) Arland "Coach" Conley*



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**Sharina Petway** - April 14, 2016 at 08:28 AM



Bernice  
Thomas

“ *Bernice Thomas lit a candle in memory of Lee  
(Leon) Arland "Coach" Conley*



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**Bernice Thomas** - April 14, 2016 at 05:45 AM

CH

“ I remember Moore Street, Shanky, Agnes and all of the children. I especially recall Ronnie, Shirley, Mary and "baby" Sonya since they were close in age to my son Jeff. My husband and I would occasionally attend your family cookouts. Agnes and I loved to dance and she was "up" on all the latest.

May GOD give you peace and continued love as you grieve the loss of Leon, your precious husband, father and brother.

Remember Moore Street and smile with wonderful thoughts, as I do now.

In HIS love,

Callie Barge-Holloway

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Callie Holloway - April 14, 2016 at 01:01 AM

GE

“ RIParadise Leon! My Prayers & Condolences To Theratha & Your Family! 🙏🙏🙏🙏🙏🙏  
God Is Faithful!



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Gwendolyn Ellis - April 13, 2016 at 11:29 PM

KP

“ Karen Price purchased the Simply Elegant Spathi phyllum for the family of Lee (Leon) Arland "Coach" Conley.



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Karen Price - April 13, 2016 at 07:41 PM

SC

“ A SCHOOL FRIEND, CHILDHOOD FRIEND, SKATING PARTNER...A GOOD FRIEND , FATHER, ALL RAPPED IN ONE MAN,,,, LEON...REST IN THE FATHER'S ARMS...YOU WILL BE MISSED...SHELIA E.FREEMAN-CARTER.



SHELIA CARTER - April 13, 2016 at 04:59 PM

DC

“ Deepest sympathy to the family.



Deaundra Carter - April 13, 2016 at 04:28 PM

PH

“ Sorry to hear Leon passed. Prayers for your family from the Hill's. Love always Patsi Hill

Patsi Hill - April 13, 2016 at 01:11 PM

RN

“ Sending much love from miles away. The Newman's are in constant prayer for all of our family there and we celebrate you Mr. Conley for being the most amazing father, coach, friend, and teacher to many of us. Love, The Newmans - Rita (Lucio), Mike, Emma, Andrew, and Maria

Rita Newman - April 13, 2016 at 12:47 PM

AD

“ Arletta Dilworth sent a virtual gift in memory of Lee (Leon) Arland "Coach" Conley



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**Arletta Dilworth** - April 13, 2016 at 10:58 AM

SA

“ SO HARD TO LET GO OF A VERY DEAR FRIEND. TRUELY! A MAN OF WISDOM. MY PRAYERS ARE WITH THE ENTIRE FAMILY.

SANDRA TYMES

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**SANDRA** - April 13, 2016 at 08:33 AM



“ Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Lee (Leon) Arland "Coach" Conley.



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April 13, 2016 at 12:40 AM

GP

“ Gennifer Pace lit a candle in memory of Lee (Leon) Arland "Coach" Conley



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**Gennifer Pace** - April 12, 2016 at 11:46 PM

VK

“ VerNeita&Lou Kemp lit a candle in memory of Lee (Leon) Arland "Coach" Conley



VerNeita&Lou Kemp - April 12, 2016 at 08:51 PM



“ Lovely One Spathiphyllum Plant was purchased for the family of Lee (Leon) Arland "Coach" Conley.



April 12, 2016 at 04:42 PM

AG

“ Our thoughts and Prayers are with you during this sad time. I will always remember LEON fondly and have wonderful memories of many times spent with you all during the younger years! He leaves behind a wonderful family and I know you will all be a great source of comfort and support to one another..... GODS BLESSINGS BE WITH YOU.  
Anthony & (Shirley) Graham & Marcia, Angela, Marilyn The Graham Family.



Anthony Graham - April 12, 2016 at 04:33 PM

DD

*My condolences to all of the Conley family. I new the con leys as a youngster and only hold fond memories . Ou upward bound member . God bless all during this transition. Sincerely Denice-Varco Dixson*

Denice Varco Dixson - April 13, 2016 at 09:43 PM

ED

“ *Evang. Frances Davis lit a candle in memory of Lee (Leon) Arland "Coach" Conley*

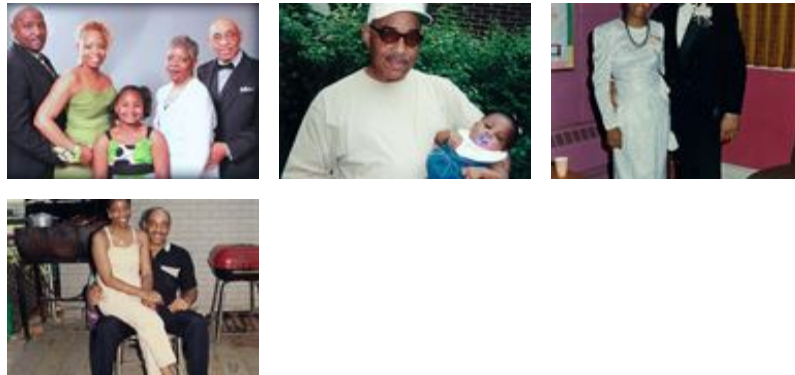


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**Evang. Frances Davis** - April 12, 2016 at 04:19 PM



“ *4 files added to the album Life Tributes*



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**Lawrence E. Moon Funeral Home** - April 12, 2016 at 03:40 PM

WE

“ *Wanda Ellison lit a candle in memory of Lee (Leon) Arland "Coach" Conley*



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**Wanda ellison** - April 12, 2016 at 03:40 PM

RT

“ Rita Transou lit a candle in memory of Lee  
(Leon) Arland "Coach" Conley



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Rita Transou - April 12, 2016 at 01:00 PM

AS

“ Arline Simmons lit a candle in memory of Lee  
(Leon) Arland "Coach" Conley



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Arline Simmons - April 12, 2016 at 08:56 AM

PH

“ I worked with Lee. What a great guy. He will be missed. I'm sorry for  
your loss.

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Phil Hankins - April 11, 2016 at 03:55 PM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for  
the family of Lee (Leon) Arland "Coach" Conley.



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April 11, 2016 at 03:14 PM

MF

“ *Maquiba Flanders lit a candle in memory of Lee (Leon) Arland "Coach" Conley*



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**Maquiba Flanders** - April 11, 2016 at 01:27 PM



“ *To my other Herrington Hills family..I send you hugs of condolences and pray your strength of endurance during this difficult time. You are all loved by the Friend family always...Vee*

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**Veneta Friend-Williams** - April 11, 2016 at 12:15 PM



“ *We salute a true solider. RIP sir!*



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**Kurt James** - April 11, 2016 at 11:29 AM

DS

“ Leon, Master of the Game of Chess...as I saw him..

*He was a good teacher of chess. His words to me was, "the second factor of what makes a good chess player is to play the game YOU know...BUT, it is based on knowledge and theory of the game but most important is sportsmanship". Funny, because when I made the wrong move (more than once of course) I had to remind him of the "sportsmanship", lol. He kept me laughing and he always had some knowledge to share with you - He will be truly missed.*

*To the Family, you are in my prayers, God Bless and I love you ALL!*

*Dorothy LL Scott.*

*April 11, 2016*

*"I am the resurrection and the life. He who believes in me will live, even though he dies; and whoever lives and believes in me will never die."*

*John 11:25,26*



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**Dorothy LL Scott** - April 11, 2016 at 11:23 AM

JA

*I will always love you my Big brother. You had a good and full life. You produced and added bright and beautiful children into our existence. God bless your Wife and my sister. I miss you immensely. I'm grateful for the time we have (not had) because this is eternal. I love you and miss you Leon.*

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**James A. Conley. His brother and admirer** - August 26, 2023 at 08:02 PM

CH

“ Just Want To Take Time Out Say We Are So Hurt ByvThe Passing Of Mr.Conley.Such A Loveable And Humble Man Since The First Time We Met Him At My Nephew Derek Wedding To His Daughter.Him And Mrs.Conley And The Rest Of Their Family Never Showed Us Nothing But Love From The Minute We Met Them And Their Family.So Glad My Nephew Derek Married Into This Family.GOD Be With The Family At This Time Of Saddness.Heaven Gained Anothet Angel .RIP Gone But Never Forgotten

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**Carol Hill** - April 11, 2016 at 10:54 AM

VS

“ Vera Streeter lit a candle in memory of Lee (Leon) Arland "Coach" Conley



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**Vera streeter** - April 11, 2016 at 10:52 AM

CW

“ I did not personally know Mr. Conley but I have very fond memories of working with his daughter Daleisha. She is the most beautiful person inside and out and I'm sure it's because of all that he has instilled in her!! Daleisha I am very sorry for you loss. Love you!! Prayers to you and your family!!

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**Chineita Williams** - April 11, 2016 at 10:02 AM

AJ

“ Amelia Jones sent a virtual gift in memory of Lee (Leon) Arland "Coach" Conley



Amelia Jones - April 11, 2016 at 08:55 AM

AJ

RIP cousin

Amelia Jones - April 11, 2016 at 08:56 AM



“ As kids growing up we looked out for one another. We remain friends down through the years and always glad to see each other. Always a smile and a hug! Leon will truly be missed! I'm so sorry for your loss and will keep you all I'm my prayers. Love Phyllis and Family

Phyllis Taylor - April 10, 2016 at 11:09 PM

VG

“ 1 file added to the tribute wall



Valard Gross - April 10, 2016 at 10:33 PM

VG

“ You will be missed my friend. May God bless.

*Valard*

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**Valard Gross** - April 10, 2016 at 10:30 PM

AH

“ Adele Hopkins lit a candle in memory of Lee  
(Leon) Arland "Coach" Conley



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**Adele Hopkins** - April 10, 2016 at 06:34 PM

JK

“ Jean Kennedy lit a candle in memory of Lee  
(Leon) Arland "Coach" Conley



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**jean kennedy** - April 10, 2016 at 04:56 PM

JK

*Tereatha, I am praying that God will give you everything you and your family need to help you through this difficult time in your life. May the precious memories that you all shared comfort you. We cannot see Leon physically but his spirit will always be with you, your family and friends knowing he is with the Lord. AMEM*

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**Jean kennedy** - April 10, 2016 at 05:23 PM

BA

*To the family, so very sorry for your loss. Mike I know that you all are in pain. He has gone over the rainbow, and be welcomed by many. Peace to your family. Your classmate Brenda Alexander-Lissone*

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**Brenda Alexander-Liissone** - April 10, 2016 at 11:17 PM

DC

*Leon will truly be missed, he was always there in my families hour of need! He was my Brother Waynes best friend back in the early days on the Southside of Pontiac. A good Friend and Even Better Man! Dallas Coleman and Family Love and Support to the Family!*

**Dallas Coleman** - April 13, 2016 at 01:39 PM

DB

“ *Diane Barnard lit a candle in memory of Lee (Leon) Arland "Coach" Conley*



**Diane Barnard** - April 10, 2016 at 03:00 PM

DB

*The Barnard Family sent Our Condolence to the family*

**Diane Barnard** - April 10, 2016 at 03:02 PM

HC

*my condolences ,had nothing but good times growing up with the Conley family ,a many memories. Love you all. Herm.*

**herman combs** - April 11, 2016 at 09:48 AM

RJ

“ *Robert & Joyce Siggall send condolence to the Conley family,May God give you comfort in this time of loss,be blessed & look to the hills from which come your help,.*

**Robert Siggall Jr.** - April 10, 2016 at 02:20 PM

WL

*Oh how precious the memories. The God of all peace and mercy grant comfort to my Hills family. I shall always cherish our times together.*

**Wyman Lewis** - April 11, 2016 at 12:35 PM



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



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**Michele Smoot** - April 10, 2016 at 07:20 AM



“ *Michele Smoot lit a candle in memory of Lee (Leon) Arland "Coach" Conley*



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**Michele Smoot** - April 10, 2016 at 06:13 AM



“ *Denise Tillman lit a candle in memory of Lee (Leon) Arland "Coach" Conley*



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**Denise Tillman** - April 09, 2016 at 11:01 PM



“ *Mr&Mrs Anthony Cooper sent a virtual gift in memory of Lee (Leon) Arland "Coach" Conley*



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**Mr&Mrs Anthony Cooper** - April 09, 2016 at 09:18 PM

FC

“ *Felicia Conley sent a virtual gift in memory of Lee (Leon) Arland "Coach" Conley*



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**felicia conley** - April 09, 2016 at 03:04 PM

AD

*Terethia & family, May God continue to keep His loving ARMS around you all at this most difficult time. Praying for you in this time of need. Arletta Dilworth & The Allen Family*

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**Arletta Dilworth** - April 13, 2016 at 10:43 AM

BB

“ *To the family of Lee Arnald "Coach" Conley, we are sending positive knowing thoughts of Love to the entire Conley family in the transition of Mr. Conley, from earth to heaven may the Lord GOD bless you all real good RIP.*



*Betty G. Fowler Brown/The St. James M.B Church family  
Bible Study/Sunday School*

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**Betty G. Brown** - April 09, 2016 at 01:51 AM

HC

“ Herman Combs sent a virtual gift in memory of Lee (Leon) Arland "Coach" Conley



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**herman combs** - April 08, 2016 at 01:50 PM

MH

“ Miss. M Hurner sent a virtual gift in memory of Lee (Leon) Arland "Coach" Conley



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**Miss. M Hurner** - April 08, 2016 at 09:47 AM