



Deacon Nathaniel "The Skate" Terrell

May 10, 1939 - December 25, 2024

TERRELL, Deacon Nathaniel "The Skate" - Age 85, passed away Wednesday December 25, 2024 at Henry Ford Hospital - West Bloomfield. Family hour 10:00AM Friday, January 3, 2025 at St. Stephen Missionary Baptist Church, 69 S. Astor Street, with funeral service commencing immediately at 11:00AM. Pastor Al James Terrell, officiating. Interment Great Lakes National Cemetery, 4200 North Belford Rd. Holly, Michigan. Mr. Terrell will lie in state in the Chapel of Lawrence E. Moon Funeral Home, 268 North Perry Street, and may be viewed from 12:00PM-6:00PM Thursday.

Nathaniel Terrell was born on Wednesday, May 10, 1939, in Hoy, Mississippi. His life is a testament to hard work and dedication. Nathaniel was the youngest of six siblings born to his late parents, Rev. Joseph Nebraska Terrell and Janie Stewart-Terrell. He built a beautiful life with his beloved wife, Barbara Jean Hill-Terrell, who passed away after 60 years of marriage.

Nathaniel valued education and embraced opportunities throughout his life. He proudly served as a U.S. Army veteran and was a lifelong charter member of St. Stephen Missionary Baptist Church, where he served as a deacon and was actively involved in the male chorus. For three decades, Nathaniel was a respected supervisor at General Motors Company, demonstrating strong leadership and commitment to his work.

Nathaniel leaves behind a cherished legacy through his loving family, including his children: Faye Vaughn, Tammara "Tammy" Terrell, Sandra (James) Johnson, and Nathan (Avril) Terrell. He is also survived by his grandchildren: Antoine, Jeremiah, Nia, Zechariah, Zoria, Zachary, Ethan, and Sanaa, as well as his great-grandchild, Catalaya, and many more grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

Additionally, he is survived by his brother, Rev. Al James (Tina) Terrell of Pontiac, MI, his beloved goddaughter Leah Buggs, and a wide circle of relatives and friends who will forever carry his memory in their hearts.

Nathaniel was preceded in death by his siblings: Rev. Theodis Terrell, Dora Lee Bonds, Nezzie Lee Weems, and Herman Terrell. His impact on the lives of his loved ones will never be forgotten.

Cemetery Details

Great Lakes National Cemetery

G-4200 Belford Rd.
Holly, MI

Previous Events

Visitation

JAN 2. 12:00 PM - 6:00 PM (ET)

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

Family Hour

JAN 3. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

St. Stephen Missionary Baptist Church
69 South Astor Street
Pontiac, MI 48342

Funeral Service

JAN 3. 11:00 AM (ET)

St. Stephen Missionary Baptist Church
69 South Astor Street
Pontiac, MI 48342

Tribute Wall

JG

“ *Judy And Mel Green lit a candle in memory of Deacon Nathaniel "The Skate" Terrell*



Judy and Mel Green - January 13, 2025 at 05:29 PM

MD

“ *Monique Daniel lit a candle in memory of Deacon Nathaniel "The Skate" Terrell*



Monique Daniel - January 04, 2025 at 09:14 AM



“ *Michael Williams lit a candle in memory of Deacon Nathaniel "The Skate" Terrell*



Michael Williams - January 02, 2025 at 01:26 PM

CF

“ *Carolyn Smith & Family purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Deacon Nathaniel "The Skate" Terrell.*



Carolyn Smith & Family - January 02, 2025 at 09:39 AM

RS

“ *Rev. Tony & Sylvia Simpson lit a candle in memory of Deacon Nathaniel "The Skate" Terrell*



Rev. Tony & Sylvia Simpson - January 01, 2025 at 10:25 AM

SW

“ *Shavonne Washington sent a virtual gift in memory of Deacon Nathaniel "The Skate" Terrell*



Shavonne Washington - January 01, 2025 at 01:36 AM

LA

“ *Lanae Allen lit a candle in memory of Deacon Nathaniel "The Skate" Terrell*



Lanae Allen - December 30, 2024 at 09:27 PM

MJ

“ *Mr and Mrs. Earl Johnson purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Deacon Nathaniel "The Skate" Terrell.*



Mr and Mrs. Earl Johnson - December 30, 2024 at 05:25 PM



“ *Beautiful Dreams was purchased for the family of Deacon Nathaniel "The Skate" Terrell.*



December 30, 2024 at 11:58 AM



“ *Lelah, Beth, Denise & James P. purchased the Arrive in Style for the family of Deacon Nathaniel "The Skate" Terrell.*



Lelah, Beth, Denise & James P. - December 30, 2024 at 11:37 AM



“ *Rosie Jordan lit a candle in memory of Deacon Nathaniel "The Skate" Terrell*



Rosie Jordan - December 28, 2024 at 11:04 AM



“ *Beverly Rollins lit a candle in memory of Deacon Nathaniel "The Skate" Terrell*



Beverly Rollins - December 28, 2024 at 10:01 AM

RS

“ *Rev. Tony & Sylvia Simpson lit a candle in memory of Deacon Nathaniel "The Skate" Terrell*



Rev. Tony & Sylvia Simpson - December 27, 2024 at 03:38 PM