



## Roosevelt Frank "Bones" Russell

August 17, 1949 - September 6, 2021

RUSSELL, Mr. Roosevelt Frank "Bones" – age 72, passed away, Monday, September 6, 2021 at McLaren Hospital Oakland. Family hour 10:00 AM Saturday, September 11, 2021 at Welcome Missionary Baptist Church, 143 Oneida Street, with funeral service commencing immediately at 11:00 AM. Pastor James H. Keys, Sr., Eulogist; Pastor Douglas P. Jones, Presiding. Interment Perry Mount Park Cemetery, 878 North Perry Street. Friends and Pallbearers will assemble at the church 10:00 AM Saturday. There will be No Public Viewing.

Mr. Russell leaves to cherish his memory; wife, Mary Russell; children, Rahim Russell, Medina Russell, Khalimah (Keedy) Grandberry, Kashif (Rennee) Russell and Nazir (Keirrah) Russell; a host of grandchildren and great grandchildren; siblings, Mary Elizabeth Anthony, Rachel Prestin, Campenella (Robin) Russell, Larry (Paulette) Russell, Deborah (Art) Winston and Walker D. (Holly) Russell and a host of nieces, nephews and other relatives and friends.

Mr. Russell was preceded in death by his parents, Jake and Mary Russell; brothers, Conus Russell, Aaron Russell and Theodrick Russell.

# Cemetery Details

## Perry Mount Park Cemetery

878 N. Perry St.  
Pontiac, MI

# Previous Events

## Family Hour

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

Welcome Missionary Baptist Church  
143 Oneida St.  
Pontiac, MI

## Funeral Service

SEP 11. 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM (ET)

Welcome Missionary Baptist Church  
143 Oneida St.  
Pontiac, MI

# Tribute Wall

KR

“Dad what I do to take so much you tried to ignore all yo life.  
Even when you've tried to find peace raise your kids and love yo wife.  
Son I tell you you haven't seen what I saw.  
I hardly missed in the nba and I'm not better than you are.  
I was too ruthless in there they didn't expect me to rise. U  
I had to reach towards a growing family look every man in their eyes.  
Be real the abuse is a enemy tact  
They suffering too look at em they just trying to act.  
It's kinda hard when the religion you taught was to love everybody.  
Making diverse community programs as a hobby.  
keeping conscious man outta the streets and a place to stay.  
Some got millions now and won't even send a invite delay.  
Wow the hate that bad that's some ungrateful crap  
people take what you do as extra weight like shoes that tap.  
Just keep doing yo thang success breed envy.  
Everybody won't like are family overachieving and we got plenty.  
Back in the day they told me I could only be a janitor.  
Now I own my newspaper company and made you a advertisement manager.  
From checks being held to family turning on me.  
That would turn a man off and start to get grimy.  
But that's the weak way criminals are made.  
Hold your own all people not against you get paid.  
Make sure the woman you with ain't a hoe.  
Read that well and make sure she can get her own doe.  
Stay out the way these scavengers are riding proud.  
Teach your sons about these birds and these bees so they can pull some honeys out loud.  
That's straight I'll take that in consideration to gain.  
I'll stay focus and sharp and stay away from people that won't me down like hurricane.

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Kashif Russell - June 06, 2023 at 11:46 PM



“ *Mary and children, I'm still shocked and saddened by the passing of my dear friend Frank. Please know that you are in my prayers and thoughts daily. I cannot imagine my life without Frank, academically, socially, athletically and as a mentor and friend. The legacy that Frank left is unforgettable! I will remember his always.*



*Love,*

*Terri Covington*

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**Terri Covington** - January 20, 2022 at 04:43 PM

RW

“ *Robert Williams lit a candle in memory of Roosevelt Frank "Bones" Russell*



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**Robert Williams** - October 09, 2021 at 08:30 PM

RA

“ *Richard Armstrong lit a candle in memory of Roosevelt Frank "Bones" Russell*



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**Richard Armstrong** - September 17, 2021 at 04:38 PM

JJ

“ *My prayers and Condolences to the entire Russell family. He touched and changed the narrative of a entire city that is saying a lot for a man and his family for making us so proud to say I know the Russell's.*

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**Jeff James** - September 16, 2021 at 06:07 PM

RW

“ *Robin White lit a candle in memory of Roosevelt Frank "Bones" Russell*



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**Robin White** - September 14, 2021 at 01:02 PM

BO

“ *Brenda Owens lit a candle in memory of Roosevelt Frank "Bones" Russell*



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**Brenda Owens** - September 14, 2021 at 08:48 AM

JD

“ *Joslyne Davis lit a candle in memory of Roosevelt Frank "Bones" Russell*



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**Joslyne Davis** - September 13, 2021 at 11:09 PM

CS

“ My condolences to Roosevelt's beloved family! I had the privilege to work with Roosevelt for 13 years at Oakland County. I always called him Roosevelt. He was a good man, worked hard, and I always admired his dedication to the residents of Oakland County. He would talk about his family with pride and love in his eyes. May God's love and your sweet memories bring you peace and comfort. Blessings, Connie Srogi

C. Srogi - September 13, 2021 at 05:00 PM

SC

“ A Great Man that did a lot of good work for this city. A great husband and father and a great friend. You will be missed. All my love and prayers to the family.



shelia carter - September 12, 2021 at 03:11 PM

MM

“ My condolence to the entire Russell family on your loss of Mr. Russell!!!! father ,brother, son nephew



Martha Magee - September 12, 2021 at 12:00 PM

FB

“ Mr. Russell I will never forget our talks and the wealth of knowledge you poured into me. You will be greatly missed.

Floyd Bobo - September 12, 2021 at 11:19 AM

MR

“ *Man, I was your paperboy, as well as your Letter Carrier. I will never forget how you helped me get a job working for Oakland County back in the day, and how much you have done for your community. Glad I got to see you up at Wisner Stadium back in April, and thankful for the convo we had! Rest well, my brother!*

Michael Rowls - September 12, 2021 at 03:00 AM

AA

*Mary my sincerest condolences go out to you and the entire Russell family. It was like every time I seen you I think Frank which I thought was so so beautiful Through The Years, through the years....never missing the class of 71 reunions, it was always a pleasure. May God keep you & your family giving you all the peace that surpasses all understanding*



Arletta Allen-Dilworth - September 15, 2021 at 07:48 AM

GP

“ *Gloria Proby lit a candle in memory of Roosevelt Frank "Bones" Russell*



Gloria Proby - September 11, 2021 at 10:09 PM

SW

“ *May God Bless you at this difficult time. Hold on to all the fond memories that you shared with Frank. Your family in NJ Sharon Woodard, Marcell & Katelyn Bennett*

Sharon Woodard - September 11, 2021 at 08:05 PM

KB

“ *Mary and Family,*

*May God comfort you all in Frank's love of family, legacy and endeavors of his Pontiac community. He served us well and continues to inspire. We love you and will keep all of you in prayers.*

*Cousin Karen Scott Barner Family*

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**Karen Barner** - September 11, 2021 at 05:03 PM



DC

“ *Donna Coit lit a candle in memory of Roosevelt Frank "Bones" Russell*

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**Donna Coit** - September 11, 2021 at 03:53 PM



TW

“ *Mary,*  
*Please accept our sincere condolences for the lost of Frank. Our thoughts and prayers are with your family at this time.*  
*With love,*  
*Anthony & Theresa White*

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**Theresa White** - September 11, 2021 at 03:44 PM



KD

“ *Kathy Dobbins*



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**Kathy Dobbins** - September 11, 2021 at 03:03 PM

MC

“ *Mary & family my prayers and blessings are sent to you to lift your spirits and give you a virtual hug anytime you need it. As part of your village, we raised our babies and shared school rides, chickenpox and twins. Call me anytime (248-895-1108). Because I am ill presently, I cannot get out, but was glad that my church (Welcome) and Pastor could lend support. Frank sent me a birthday wish (8/20) and I thank him and you.*

*Love Mattie/Lawrence Carter*

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**Mattie P. CARTER** - September 11, 2021 at 02:14 PM

SL

“ *Dear Russell Family: Please accept my sincere condolences for your loss. Your family are in my prayers. We had such good times when our children were at the Bloomfield Hills Montessori school. Those memories will stay with me forever.*

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**Shurle Northcross Lateef** - September 11, 2021 at 10:51 AM

BS

“ We celebrate the life of Frank “Bones” Russell on this day as we mourn his loss from our midst. Frank was such a great presence in his own family and amongst his extended family of cousins, friends, and community. His “dash” counted! So now, and in the difficult days ahead, allow your memories of your times together, to soothe the tender spaces of your heart. Much Love To You All, Cousin Brenda “Fay” Shaw Pirtle.

Brenda Fay Shaw-Pirtle - September 11, 2021 at 10:27 AM

ME

“ Sending our love and heartfelt condolences to the Russell family during this most difficult time .for the loss of our dear cousin Frank "Bones" Russell. May the Lord continue to bless the family with strength, guidance, and comfort and love .❤️❤️

Love you all,  
Your cousins, Lois, Marilyn, Gamal, Roy, Zakaiyah, Khalin

Marilyn Ellison - September 11, 2021 at 09:59 AM

DB

“ Sending love and prayers to the family...From the Baylor Family



DaQuetta Baylor Boothe - September 11, 2021 at 06:34 AM

CM

“ Our Deepest Sympathy to Mary Russell and Family. The McAdoo Family. Peace Be Unto You.

Catherine McAdoo - September 11, 2021 at 02:07 AM

CM

“ Catherine McAdoo lit a candle in memory of Roosevelt Frank "Bones" Russell



Catherine McAdoo - September 11, 2021 at 02:03 AM

PG

“ Pauline Baylor Rasheed, Albany, Ga. lit a candle in memory of Roosevelt Frank "Bones" Russell



Pauline Baylor Rasheed, Albany, Ga. - September 11, 2021 at 01:41 AM



“ Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Roosevelt Frank "Bones" Russell.



September 10, 2021 at 08:48 PM

MM

“ Marsha Milton lit a candle in memory of Roosevelt Frank "Bones" Russell



Marsha Milton - September 10, 2021 at 07:45 PM

B?

“ Beverly Walker Rollins/ Family 🧑🧒 lit a candle in memory of Roosevelt Frank "Bones" Russell



Beverly Walker Rollins/ Family 🧑🧒 - September 10, 2021 at 07:28 PM

DF

“ Deborah Wellons And Family lit a candle in memory of Roosevelt Frank "Bones" Russell



Deborah Wellons And family - September 10, 2021 at 07:09 PM

DF

Wellons family sending they condolence

Deborah Wellons And family - September 10, 2021 at 07:12 PM

TC

“ Dear Mary, Rahim, Medina, Khalimah, Kashif, Nazir, Mary Elizabeth, Rachel, Campy, Larry, Deborah, Walker D. Russell, Sr., and the entire Russell family. We ask our Heavenly Father, Thank You for (Roosevelt Frank Russell) life, and all the years we shared with him. We lift him to You today, in honour of the good we saw in him and the love we felt from him. Please give us the strength to leave him in your care, in the knowledge of eternal life through Your Son Jesus Christ.



Much Love,  
Your Cousins  
Dorothy, Nathan, Laverne, Willie, Ann, Thomas, Flora, Burhaan  
of Cleveland, Ohio

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**The Currie's** - September 10, 2021 at 06:17 PM

CF

“ Condolences to the Russell Family. Praying that God comforts you all during this difficult time.



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**Carla Mitchell-Carmouche and Family** - September 10, 2021 at 03:09 PM

HC

“ *To the Family of the late Roosevelt Frank Russell,*

*On behalf of the descendants of the Currie-Gray Family Clan, I would like to express our deepest sympathy to our beloved family. We are deeply saddened over the passing of (Frank). We ask that Almighty God send His blessings to you during this difficult time. We know that his passing will not only leave a void in your lives, but in the hearts of all those who knew him and grew up with him over the years. Please know that our thoughts, condolences, and prayers are with you. I extend our sincere sympathy to the family of our fallen warrior-soldier.*

*Peace & Blessings,*

*Homer F. Chatman, Jr. & Family  
Houston, Texas*



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**Homer Chatman** - September 10, 2021 at 02:53 PM

ET

“ *Ernestine Tolbert lit a candle in memory of Roosevelt Frank "Bones" Russell*



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**Ernestine Tolbert** - September 10, 2021 at 02:26 PM

MW

“ *Michael D. Williams lit a candle in memory of Roosevelt Frank "Bones" Russell*



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**Michael D. Williams** - September 10, 2021 at 01:38 PM

BR

“ *Barbara Rogers-landry lit a candle in memory of Roosevelt Frank "Bones" Russell*



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**barbara rogers-landry** - September 10, 2021 at 01:31 PM

HC

“ *our prayers go out to Mary and the entire Russell Family in the Loss of your beloved Frank Russell. I have known the Russell Family my entire life, as Rachel was my classmate up to my freshman year in high school. May God continue to Bless and Keep the family during this great loss of Frank. Attorney Hewitt & Dornell Chatman, Plant City, FL.*



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**Hewitt Chatman** - September 10, 2021 at 12:40 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Roosevelt Frank "Bones" Russell.*



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September 10, 2021 at 11:34 AM



“ *Patricia Jones & Byas Family ♡ sent a virtual gift in memory of Roosevelt Frank "Bones" Russell*



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**Patricia Jones & Byas family ♡** - September 10, 2021 at 11:27 AM



*Our deepest condolences to the family and may the creator bring you comfort at this most difficult time ♡ Jones and Byas family*

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**Patricia Jones & Byas family ♡** - September 10, 2021 at 11:33 AM



“ *Karen McFerrin lit a candle in memory of Roosevelt Frank "Bones" Russell*



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**Karen McFerrin** - September 10, 2021 at 11:22 AM



“ *Condolences goes out to the Russell family from the Ledsinger family he was a great person whom contributed to the quality of life to many he will be missed*



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**Gary Ledsinger** - September 10, 2021 at 10:52 AM



“ *My sincere condolences to the Russell family. Frank Russell my Southside friend My classmate. May you rest my friend in heavenly peace. Gone but never forgtten.*

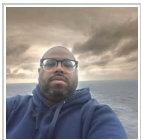


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**Alma Chris** - September 10, 2021 at 10:39 AM

BY

“ *My sincere condolences. I am praying for the entire Russell family and sending much love as we all grieve the loss of Frank. May God's loving arms surround you with His peace and comfort. 🙏🙏*  
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**Betty J Yancey** - September 10, 2021 at 09:31 AM



“ *Quincy Smith lit a candle in memory of Roosevelt Frank "Bones" Russell*



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**Quincy Smith** - September 10, 2021 at 08:11 AM

RS

“ *Rev. Tony & Sylvia Simpson lit a candle in memory of Roosevelt Frank "Bones" Russell*



Rev. Tony & Sylvia Simpson - September 10, 2021 at 08:09 AM

RP

“ *REV PJACKSON sent a virtual gift in memory of Roosevelt Frank "Bones" Russell*



REV PJACKSON - September 10, 2021 at 07:52 AM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Roosevelt Frank "Bones" Russell.*



September 10, 2021 at 02:41 AM

EB

“ *My Condolences to Mary and the family,so sorry for your loss.  
Praying for you and the family 🙏🙏🙏*



Edna Bass - September 09, 2021 at 10:52 PM

AH

“ Adele Hopkins lit a candle in memory of Roosevelt Frank "Bones" Russell



Adele Hopkins - September 09, 2021 at 09:39 PM

RJ

“ Rosie Jordan lit a candle in memory of Roosevelt Frank "Bones" Russell



Rosie Jordan - September 09, 2021 at 08:41 PM



“ JDenisejustbecuz Tillman lit a candle in memory of Roosevelt Frank "Bones" Russell



JDenisejustbecuz Tillman - September 09, 2021 at 08:41 PM

RE

“ Lit a candle in memory of Roosevelt Frank "Bones" Russell. RIP



Regina - September 09, 2021 at 05:47 PM

SM

“ Prayer 🙏 for Russell Family



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**Shirley Mason-Cooper** - September 09, 2021 at 04:33 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum* was purchased for the family of Roosevelt Frank "Bones" Russell.



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September 09, 2021 at 04:13 PM

PS

“ *Paul & Arline Simmons lit a candle in memory of Roosevelt Frank "Bones" Russell*



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**Paul & Arline Simmons** - September 09, 2021 at 04:05 PM

TJ

“ *Teresa Johnson lit a candle in memory of Roosevelt Frank "Bones" Russell*



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**Teresa Johnson** - September 09, 2021 at 03:25 PM

RD

*In returning from out of town I learned about the passing of Mr Russell. In my 25 years in Pontiac I valued our friendship. Frank's leadership in Pontiac was a valuable asset. His paper was very important in bringing news and opinions of the African-American community as was his work at the county. Simply said I raise a glass to toast a life well lived*

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**Rick David** - September 14, 2021 at 10:29 PM