



Deacon Eugene Moten Jr.

October 13, 1939 - May 7, 2025

Deacon Eugene Moten Jr. our dearly beloved husband, father, grandfather, great-grandfather, great-great grandfather, brother, uncle, cousin and friend entered into the presence of the Lord on May 7, 2025, at the age of 85 years.

Eugene Jr., affectionately known as “Sonny” was born on October 13, 1939 to Eugene and Ernestine T. (Williams) Moten Sr. in Frairs Point, Mississippi. After securing work with General Motors, Eugene Sr. (FA) relocated his family to Saginaw in 1946.

Eugene Jr. was an ambitious and industrious young man beginning his early employment working at Smitty’s grocery store, a bowling alley and as a gas station service attendant.

Deacon Moten began his employment at General Motors Saginaw Parts Plant. He was recognized for consistently meeting production standards. He was an exemplary worker with a great work ethic, including attendance and timeliness. He was promoted to salaried Production Supervisor in 1971. Eugene Jr. transferred to GM Truck and Bus Flint after the parts plant closed in the early 80’s, later he transferred back to Saginaw Steering Gear. Eugene Jr. “Sonny” retired from General Motors Corporation in 1992 with 36.5 years of service. In 1996, he was called to return to General Motors as an interim supervisor at Bay City and Saginaw sites staying until 2004.

Deacon Moten was a devoted family man. He was married to the love of his life Arie Jackson Moten for 50 years. To this blessed union, three sons were born, Charles “Monte”, Curtis and Brian. Deacon Moten was the very proud dad of” his one and only daughter” Renee, sons Eugene III “Lil Sonny” and Craig. Deacon Moten enjoyed family time. He especially enjoyed family reunions’ the last reunion was held in 2024. He was looking forward to our next 2026 reunion.

He enjoyed coaching his son’s basketball teams when they were younger. He kept up with their pursuits. He enjoyed watching sports. He was an avid reader; especially on keeping up with current events and news.

Eugene Jr. “Sonny” grew up in the Mennonite Church. It was there that he learned to diligently read and study the Bible. He enjoyed spending time at Mennonite farms in northern Michigan during the summer. Eugene Jr. joined Tabernacle Missionary Baptist Church under the leadership of the late Pastor Thomas J. London. He was a joyful and active member participating in various ministries including the deacon board. Pastor London left in 2013. Deacon Moten took responsibility for keeping the pulpit filled with guest ministers and pastors for four years. Rev. Blake D. Strozier was installed as our new pastor in March of 2017.

Deacon Moten was a joyful and active member participating in various ministries including the deacon board. He was currently serving his 18th year as chairman of the Deacon Board. President of the Laymen, assistant Treasurer, served on the Finance committee, faithfully attended Worship services, Bible Study, Weekly Prayer Services. He was a supporter of the Total church.

Leaving a Legacy of Love, Deacon Moten leaves to cherish sweet and precious memories his loving wife of 50 years, Arie Moten; five loving and caring children, daughter Katherine Renee Curry, sons Craig A. (Amy) Moten, Charles "Monte" Moten, Curtis Eugene Moten and Brian Christopher Moten; 35 grandchildren, 62 great-grandchildren, four great-great-grandchildren, three sisters, Lottie B. Bonds, Thelma (Bobby) Kelley and Dorothy A. Haire; brother, Oscar Sr. "Buddy" (Evelyn) Moten; a very special niece, Ivy L. Whitehead of Los Angeles, CA; sisters-in-law Cathey (Alvaster) Fowlkes and Moncia Primm of TN; brothers-in-law Kenneth and Ben Jackson of Nashville, TN; and many loving nieces, nephews, cousins and friends who were all very special to him. Pastor Blake Strozier and 1st Lady Ashley Strozier blessed and favored Deacon Moten. He cared deeply for the Tabernacle Missionary Baptist Church family, Deacon and Christian friends..

He was preceded in death by his parents, Mr. Eugene and Mrs. Ernestine Moten; son Eugene Moten III; grandson, Equayvis Moten; great-great grandson, Idrease Moten; sisters, Adell Moten (infant), Florida B. McGowan and Katie L. Moten; brothers, Ernest (Dwandra) Moten Sr. and John Q. Moten; uncle, Deacon Andrew (Pearline) Williams; niece, Ernestine L. Whitehead; nephews, Derrick Hamilton, Gregory Moten, Jeffrey McGowan, Garlan Moten and Demond Moten; son-in-law, James Curry; father & mother-in-law, Pastor Charles & Arie Jackson; brothers-in-law Rev. George Bonds, James, Gary and Charles Jackson Jr.

Funeral service will take place at 11:00 a.m. on Saturday, May 17, 2025 at Tabernacle Missionary Baptist Church, 810 Cathay St., Saginaw, MI 48601. Pastor Blake Strozier will officiate with interment in Forest Lawn Cemetery, 3210 S. Washington, Saginaw, MI 48601. Visitation will take place on Friday at Evans & Browne's Funeral Home, 441 N. Jefferson Avenue, Saginaw, MI 48607 from 2:00 until 6:00 p.m.

Cemetery Details

Forest Lawn Cemetery

3210 S. Washington Avenue
Saginaw, MI

Previous Events

Visitation

MAY 16. 2:00 PM - 6:00 PM (ET)

Evans & Browne's Funeral Home
441 North Jefferson Avenue
Saginaw, MI 48607

Funeral Service

MAY 17. 11:00 AM (ET)

Tabernacle Baptist Church
810 Cathay Street
Saginaw, MI 48601

Tribute Wall

WF

“ Wanda Faye Reynolds And The Reynolds Fam lit a candle in memory of Deacon Eugene Moten Jr.



Wanda Faye Reynolds and the Reynolds fam - May 24, 2025 at 05:15 AM

MG

“ Marva Gordon lit a candle in memory of Deacon Eugene Moten Jr.



Marva Gordon - May 22, 2025 at 03:42 PM

EM

“ Estrella D McRae lit a candle in memory of Deacon Eugene Moten Jr.



Estrella D McRae - May 21, 2025 at 01:45 PM

BD

“ Brittney Donald lit a candle in memory of Deacon Eugene Moten Jr.



Brittney Donald - May 21, 2025 at 06:00 AM

JW

“ Jimmie And Beverly Westbrook lit a candle in memory of Deacon Eugene Moten Jr.



Jimmie and Beverly Westbrook - May 20, 2025 at 08:11 PM

GC

“ Gloria Cormier lit a candle in memory of Deacon Eugene Moten Jr.



Gloria Cormier - May 20, 2025 at 12:53 PM

CW

“ Carolyn Washington lit a candle in memory of Deacon Eugene Moten Jr.



Carolyn Washington - May 17, 2025 at 02:40 PM

SG

“ Shawn Gills sent a virtual gift in memory of Deacon Eugene Moten Jr.



Shawn Gills - May 16, 2025 at 11:00 PM

AH

“ Aretha Hairston sent a virtual gift in memory of Deacon Eugene Moten Jr.



Aretha Hairston - May 16, 2025 at 10:37 PM

LI

“ Lisa lit a candle in memory of Deacon Eugene Moten Jr.



Lisa - May 16, 2025 at 09:49 PM

SH

“ Sonny And Freddie Hodges sent a virtual gift in memory of Deacon Eugene Moten Jr.



Sonny and Freddie Hodges - May 16, 2025 at 05:55 PM

CF

“ Cynthia (Sledge) Adams& Family lit a candle in memory of Deacon Eugene Moten Jr.



Cynthia (Sledge) Adams& family - May 16, 2025 at 05:23 PM

LM

“ *Loudean Moultrie lit a candle in memory of Deacon Eugene Moten Jr.*



Loudean Moultrie - May 16, 2025 at 04:58 PM

IW

“ *Ivy Whitehead lit a candle in memory of Deacon Eugene Moten Jr.*



Ivy Whitehead - May 16, 2025 at 02:54 PM

IW

“ *Ivy Whitehead lit a candle in memory of Deacon Eugene Moten Jr.*



Ivy Whitehead - May 16, 2025 at 02:48 PM

IW

Love you uncle Sonny , thank for loving me over years 🙏

Ivy Whitehead - May 16, 2025 at 02:49 PM

IW

Love you , I will miss you so much , thank for loving me me , your niece Ivy

Ivy Whitehead - May 16, 2025 at 02:55 PM

GB

“ *Gwen White Bowman lit a candle in memory of Deacon Eugene Moten Jr.*



Gwen White Bowman - May 16, 2025 at 01:13 PM

HT

“ *Howard Turner lit a candle in memory of Deacon Eugene Moten Jr.*



Howard Turner - May 16, 2025 at 12:32 PM

MM

“ *Sending prayers for the Moten Family.*



Mary A Moten - May 16, 2025 at 06:40 AM

NT

“ *Nola And Charles Taylor lit a candle in memory of Deacon Eugene Moten Jr.*



Nola and Charles Taylor - May 15, 2025 at 11:08 PM

BK

“ *Barbara Kemp-Lauria lit a candle in memory of Deacon Eugene Moten Jr.*



Barbara Kemp-Lauria - May 15, 2025 at 08:55 PM

MA

“ *ARIE AND SONS,*

MY SINCERE SYMPATHY TO ALL OF YOU

ON THE LOSS OF YOUR HUSBAND AND FATHER.

I WILL ALWAYS REMEMBER MR. MOTEN

AS A KIND, CONSIDERATE, QUIET MAN WHO LIVED

NEXT DOOR.

A TIP OF THE HAT, BOW OF THE HEAD,

AND WAVE OF THE HAND --- GOD BE WITH YOU NEIGHBOR!

*YOUR NEXT DOOR NEIGHBOR, MARY ANN JERSEVIC (MISS J)
AND SISTER, RACHEL*

MARY ANN - May 15, 2025 at 08:21 PM

FS

“ I offer my sincerest condolences to the entire Moten family and all of the loved ones that Sonny leaves behind to cherish the memories that he gave to us all. More importantly i offer prayers to God on behalf of the family that God will comfort and strengthen you all as only He can.

Frank Hatter Sr - May 15, 2025 at 06:42 PM

AF

“ Anderson Family sent a virtual gift in memory of Deacon Eugene Moten Jr.



Anderson Family - May 15, 2025 at 06:17 PM

DB

“ Prayers and condolences to the Moten family.
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Denise Bryson - May 15, 2025 at 05:23 PM

KH

“ Kim Harrold lit a candle in memory of Deacon Eugene Moten Jr.



Kim Harrold - May 15, 2025 at 04:40 PM

JR

“ *Janice Ruffin sent a virtual gift in memory of Deacon Eugene Moten Jr.*



Janice Ruffin - May 15, 2025 at 04:38 PM

GC

“ *My sincere condolences goes out to the Moten Family. May God keep you uplifted in this time of the loss of your loved one.*

Gloria Carey - May 15, 2025 at 12:35 PM

AC

“ *Arwanda Conner lit a candle in memory of Deacon Eugene Moten Jr.*



Arwanda Conner - May 15, 2025 at 08:43 AM

CC

“ *Cheryl Cooper lit a candle in memory of Deacon Eugene Moten Jr.*



Cheryl Cooper - May 15, 2025 at 06:16 AM



“ *Frank Johnson lit a candle in memory of Deacon Eugene Moten Jr.*



Frank Johnson - May 14, 2025 at 09:48 PM

BH

“ *Bobby Haynes lit a candle in memory of Deacon Eugene Moten Jr.*



Bobby Haynes - May 14, 2025 at 07:21 PM

JT

“ *John And Lillian Thomas lit a candle in memory of Deacon Eugene Moten Jr.*



John and Lillian Thomas - May 14, 2025 at 06:52 PM

LO

“ *Linda Oden lit a candle in memory of Deacon Eugene Moten Jr.*



Linda Oden - May 14, 2025 at 05:14 PM

LO

*Uncle Sonny rest in Heaven in our Father's loving arms.
May His peace that surpasses all understanding rest with those you left behind.*

*Love your niece,
Linda*

Linda Oden - May 14, 2025 at 05:19 PM

VP

“ *Sending my Prayers and Condolences to the Eugene (Sonny) Moten family*



Vyethel Kemp Peterson - May 14, 2025 at 05:04 PM

IW

“ *1 file added to the tribute wall*



Ivy Whitehead - May 14, 2025 at 04:57 PM

IW

I love you Uncle Sonny and I am going to miss you. Thank you for the Ice cream memories when I was in Elementary school. I will always cherish those memories. Fly High.

*Love Always Your Niece,
Ivy*

Ivy Whitehead - May 14, 2025 at 05:03 PM

CF

“ Claudine Fife lit a candle in memory of Deacon Eugene Moten Jr.



Claudine Fife - May 14, 2025 at 11:25 AM

TF

“ Your family is in our family thoughts and prayers. Much Love!



The Hulett & Aldridge Family - May 14, 2025 at 09:51 AM

CF

“ Culpepper Family sent a virtual gift in memory of Deacon Eugene Moten Jr.



Culpepper Family - May 13, 2025 at 10:52 PM

IV

“ Ivy purchased the Red & White Standing Broken Heart for the family of Deacon Eugene Moten Jr..



Ivy - May 13, 2025 at 10:34 PM

BD

“ *Brittney Donald lit a candle in memory of Deacon Eugene Moten Jr.*



Brittney Donald - May 13, 2025 at 08:31 PM

TM

“ *I'll Never Forget You Uncle Sonny!! Rest In Peace*



Tara Moten(Niecy) - May 13, 2025 at 07:09 PM

DM

“ *Sending our Condolences, Prayers and Love. The Tillman Family*



Delphine Martin - May 13, 2025 at 06:32 PM

CT

“ *Cynthia Tate lit a candle in memory of Deacon Eugene Moten Jr.*



Cynthia Tate - May 13, 2025 at 06:04 PM

DB

“ Shirley Weathers



Doris Battle - May 13, 2025 at 05:30 PM

DB

“ Doris Battle sent a virtual gift in memory of Deacon Eugene Moten Jr.



Doris Battle - May 13, 2025 at 05:28 PM

JL

“ Jacqueline Land lit a candle in memory of Deacon Eugene Moten Jr.



Jacqueline Land - May 13, 2025 at 05:12 PM

AF

“ Annie Ruth Speight Fuller lit a candle in memory of Deacon Eugene Moten Jr.



Annie Ruth Speight Fuller - May 13, 2025 at 03:44 PM

DB

“ To the Family: Grace and Peace to you from God the Father and the Lord Jesus Christ, sending our condolences and prayers to you at this time. God Bless you. Dr. Carroll A. Beverly and family.



Dr. Carroll A. Beverly - May 13, 2025 at 02:43 PM



“ MB MB lit a candle in memory of Deacon Eugene Moten Jr.



MB MB - May 13, 2025 at 02:26 PM

RH

“ Praying for Renee and Family .



Renee Hawkins- Henderson - May 13, 2025 at 02:18 PM

CM

“ Cynthia Moten lit a candle in memory of Deacon Eugene Moten Jr.



Cynthia Moten - May 13, 2025 at 02:11 PM

CM

“ I remember certain phrases my Uncle Sonny would make, and his big smile. Prayers for his children, wife and my family.

Cynthia Moten - May 13, 2025 at 02:10 PM

IY

“ Isabel Yrlas-Wilson sent a virtual gift in memory of Deacon Eugene Moten Jr.



Isabel Yrlas-Wilson - May 13, 2025 at 11:27 AM

FH

“ Praying for Renee and family, keep the faith



Florence Hall - May 13, 2025 at 10:16 AM

JM

“ You will be missed great unc! You are forever in our hearts!!!!



Jasmin McClendon - May 13, 2025 at 07:38 AM



“ *Frank Johnson lit a candle in memory of Deacon Eugene Moten Jr.* ”



Frank Johnson - May 12, 2025 at 11:54 PM

PS

“ *Patricia Scott-Mason lit a candle in memory of Deacon Eugene Moten Jr.* ”



Patricia Scott-Mason - May 12, 2025 at 11:48 PM

EH

“ *You will be missed Uncle Sonny. Sending my prayers & condolences* ”



Eva Haire - May 12, 2025 at 10:44 PM

SH

“ *Shunda Haygood lit a candle in memory of Deacon Eugene Moten Jr.* ”



Shunda Haygood - May 12, 2025 at 09:35 PM

CW

“ God will heal your heavy heart. It'll take a minute but our God got each and every family member. Prayers goes out to my family. I've always called him Big Sonny. I love you guys and keep your head up. Joy will come one day. I thank God for having Big Sonny my cuz.



Cookey Williams - May 12, 2025 at 09:23 PM

FC

“ Faye Cole sent a virtual gift in memory of Deacon Eugene Moten Jr.



Faye Cole - May 12, 2025 at 08:37 PM

DJ

“ Prayers for the entire family 🍷

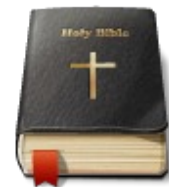
Darlene & Billy Jones



Darlene Billy Jones - May 12, 2025 at 07:52 PM

KC

“ Goodbyes are not forever,
Goodbyes are not the end.
They simply mean I'll miss you,
Until we meet again! I love you!
Love your one and only daughter,
K. Renee (Moten) Curry



K. Renee (Moten) Curry - May 12, 2025 at 06:52 PM

EB

Uncle Sonny I love you I miss you so much you were so humbled kind to me funny whenever I saw you at the store you were so cool Rest in Peace your never be forgotten you niece Elaine M Banks

Elaine Banks - May 13, 2025 at 01:39 PM

BJ

“ *Brenda Jones lit a candle in memory of Deacon Eugene Moten Jr.*



Brenda Jones - May 12, 2025 at 05:31 PM

A&

“ *Auther & ToniP lit a candle in memory of Deacon Eugene Moten Jr.*



Auther & ToniP - May 12, 2025 at 05:31 PM

WF

“ *Wicker Family lit a candle in memory of Deacon Eugene Moten Jr.*



Wicker Family - May 12, 2025 at 05:14 PM

MH

“ My heart is heavy.when I received the news of Deacon moten passing I couldn't believe what I was listening to.we often talked about different situations going on at Tabernacle.he always had faith that everything was going to be okay.I'm going to miss our conversation we had briefly.my condolences to the entire Moten families.Godi will see you through these difficult times.I'm going to keep praying for the entire family.(Ms.Mary Harvey)

Ms. Mary Harvey - May 12, 2025 at 04:54 PM

MH

“ Ms. Mary Harvey lit a candle in memory of Deacon Eugene Moten Jr.



Ms. Mary Harvey - May 12, 2025 at 04:41 PM

LM

“ Larry Martin lit a candle in memory of Deacon Eugene Moten Jr.



Larry Martin - May 12, 2025 at 03:21 PM

DH

“ Deidre Hunter sent a virtual gift in memory of Deacon Eugene Moten Jr.



Deidre Hunter - May 12, 2025 at 01:50 PM

IH

“ Inez Hinton-Summerall lit a candle in memory of Deacon Eugene Moten Jr.



Inez Hinton-Summerall - May 12, 2025 at 01:36 PM

AF

“ Anderson Family sent a virtual gift in memory of Deacon Eugene Moten Jr.



Anderson Family - May 12, 2025 at 12:57 PM

RG

“ Regina Grady sent a virtual gift in memory of Deacon Eugene Moten Jr.



Regina Grady - May 12, 2025 at 12:55 PM

VB

“ Vicki Bradley lit a candle in memory of Deacon Eugene Moten Jr.



Vicki Bradley - May 11, 2025 at 09:42 PM

TI

“ Gonna miss u Granddad. May u rest in God's arms.
Love, your oldest granddaughter ❤️



Tisha - May 11, 2025 at 02:58 PM

MR

“ Mary Roby lit a candle in memory of Deacon Eugene Moten Jr.



Mary Roby - May 11, 2025 at 06:35 AM

MH

“ Marie Hinton lit a candle in memory of Deacon Eugene Moten Jr.



Marie Hinton - May 10, 2025 at 10:50 PM

MS

“ My heartfelt sympathy and condolences to the Moten family.



Mary Ann Stewart - May 10, 2025 at 12:44 PM

PD

“ Deacon you will be truly missed. My uncle Richard shared so many stories of you all growing up on 17th street . You are truly a blessing to all you knew and loved you .now your sfe in God's arms. Praying for the family. 🙏💕💕



Patricia Davis - May 10, 2025 at 11:12 AM

RP

“ Russell & Paula Phillips-Terrell sent a virtual gift in memory of Deacon Eugene Moten Jr.



Russell & Paula Phillips-Terrell - May 09, 2025 at 10:33 PM

PP

“ Paula Phillips-Terrell sent a virtual gift in memory of Deacon Eugene Moten Jr.



Paula Phillips-Terrell - May 09, 2025 at 10:32 PM

BE

“ BettyPruitt-Daily sent a virtual gift in memory of Deacon Eugene Moten Jr.



BettyPruitt-Daily - May 09, 2025 at 08:28 PM



“ *Frank Johnson lit a candle in memory of Deacon Eugene Moten Jr.*



Frank Johnson - May 09, 2025 at 04:42 PM

RM

“ *Rachel Martinez lit a candle in memory of Deacon Eugene Moten Jr.*



Rachel Martinez - May 09, 2025 at 04:37 PM

TM

“ *I love you Uncle Sonny RIHP*



Tara Moten - May 09, 2025 at 01:45 PM

PD

“ *God please cover this family in your unfailing love, ease there pain. In Jesus name Amen*



Patricia Davis - May 09, 2025 at 10:19 AM

KC

“ I love you Dad! I will miss you dearly!💕💕💕



K. Renee (Moten) Curry - May 09, 2025 at 09:53 AM

LB

“ Lucinda R Bell lit a candle in memory of Deacon Eugene Moten Jr.



Lucinda R Bell - May 09, 2025 at 09:30 AM

CW

“ Sending love and condolences to my family. May God bless and comfort you. Love you guys



Cookey Williams - May 09, 2025 at 09:23 AM

EI

“ Eugene Moten IV lit a candle in memory of Deacon Eugene Moten Jr.



Eugene Moten IV - May 09, 2025 at 07:12 AM

AF

“ Anderson Family sent a virtual gift in memory of Deacon Eugene Moten Jr.



Anderson Family - May 09, 2025 at 06:44 AM

DM

“ Sending Our Condolences, Prayers and Love. To the Moten Family. From the Tillman Family



Delphine Martin - May 08, 2025 at 11:00 PM

TF

“ The Anderson Family sent a virtual gift in memory of Deacon Eugene Moten Jr.



The Anderson Family - May 08, 2025 at 08:22 PM

MS

“ Sending my sincere condolences to the Moten family.



Mary Ann Stewart - May 08, 2025 at 05:18 PM

DP

“ Dennis And Gail Porter sent a virtual gift in memory of Deacon Eugene Moten Jr.



Dennis and Gail Porter - May 08, 2025 at 02:29 PM

EI

“ Get your rest Grandad, 🙏 love you



Eugene Moten IV - May 08, 2025 at 06:17 AM



“ Joanie Williams sent a virtual gift in memory of Deacon Eugene Moten Jr.



Joanie Williams - May 08, 2025 at 12:23 AM

DJ

“ Doris J Jones sent a virtual gift in memory of Deacon Eugene Moten Jr.



Doris J Jones - May 07, 2025 at 09:45 PM

CW

“ *Cookey Williams sent a virtual gift in memory of Deacon Eugene Moten Jr.*



Cookey Williams - May 07, 2025 at 09:45 PM

JT

“ *Rest up Uncle Sonny.*



Jacqueline Richards Tiggs - May 07, 2025 at 07:40 PM

DH

“ *Deidre Hunter sent a virtual gift in memory of Deacon Eugene Moten Jr.*



Deidre Hunter - May 07, 2025 at 07:05 PM

TF

“ *Praying for the family!*



The Hulett Family - May 07, 2025 at 07:00 PM