



Mr. Leonard "Bat Man" Batts

November 22, 1938 - April 14, 2018

Leonard Batts, affectionately known to most as "Batman", passed away on Saturday, April 14, 2018 at The Laurels in Mt. Pleasant, MI at the age of 79 years. He was born the sixth of ten children to McElroy and Mary (Pollock) Batts in Philadelphia, Mississippi.

Leonard joined the United States Airforce in 1955 at the age of 17 years old, just days after graduating from Hopewell High School. And, for those who may have wondered, it was his fellow serve men that immediately started to call him "Batman", a name that would go before him throughout his life. Leonard was honorably discharged in 1959 after faithfully serving his country as part of the newly desegregated military, first united on the eve of the Korean War. In 1959 Leonard stopped in Saginaw, MI to visit his sister, Lessie Lyons on his way to start his civilian life in California. Upon taking her advice to look for work in Saginaw, he started working for General Motors Malleable Iron Plant where he quickly rose to the rank of Foreman and later retired in 1988 after 30 years of service and leadership.

"Batman" was an avid sportsman. He loved fishing, golfing and especially bowling. He excelled at each sport that he loved and he was part of Saginaw's bowling elite having played the game at its highest level for decades. Batman rolled nine (9) perfect 300 games by the time he was inducted into the Saginaw Bowling Hall of Fame in 2010. Leonard walked through life with stature, kindness and a quick wit that garnered many friends that he shared a

life-long love of the game of bowling and most important, the game of life. Leonard married Irene Matthews in 1971 and the union continued for 46 years until the time of his passing.

Mr. Batts leaves to cherish his memory his wife, Irene Batts; two daughters and two sons, Helen Michelle Thomas, Saginaw, MI, DeLesslyn Singleton, Muskegon, MI, Jeremiah Batts, Nashville, TN and Leonard R. (Shonda) Batts, Indianapolis, MI; six grandchildren, Elijah D. (Lakeisha) Thomas, Saginaw, MI, Shaunta M. (Lorman) Heilig, Westland, MI, De'Mar Jovan Singleton, Los Angeles, CA, Kamarion, Rhyan and Zayadrian Batts all of Saginaw; six great-grandchildren, Stephon Davis, Christopher (Charnece) Harris, Kevonte Moore, Enijah and Elijah Thomas and Christopher M. Harris all of Saginaw, MI; one sister, Lessie M. Batts-Lyons, Saginaw; three brothers, Bennie R. (Betty) and William Batts both of Saginaw, MI and Norman W. (Rita) Batts, Philadelphia, MS; brothers-and sisters-in-law, Onius (Ada) Matthews, Bernice (Joe) Brooks, Velvia (Charlie) Monroe, Selvia Holmes, Joe, Eugene (Glenda), Maurice (Faye) Bobby (Rose) and Zebedee (Tammy) and Allen Kelly and a host of nieces, nephews, other relatives and friends including special friends, Clinzo O'Daniels, Clarence "Snow" Frazier and Teal Curry.

Leonard was preceded in death by his father, McElroy Batts; mother, Mary Inez (Pollock) Batts; two sisters, Ruby Drake and Maxine Moore; three brothers, Lee D., Billy W. and James C. Batts; two sisters-in-law, Geneva Rutherford and Myra Robinson; brother-in-law, Myron Kelly, brother-in-law and special friend, Virgil Lyons.

Funeral service will take place 11:00 a.m. on Tuesday, April 24, 2018 at World Outreach Campus, 2405 Bay Road. Pastor Hurley J. Coleman, Jr., Host Pastor. Pastor Roy L. Manning will officiate with interment in Forest Lawn Cemetery, 3210 South Washington Avenue, Saginaw, MI 48601. Friends may call at the Evans & Browne's Funeral Home, 441 North Jefferson Avenue,

Saginaw, MI 48607 on Monday from 2:00 until 8:00 p.m. Family will be present to greet friends from 6:00-8:00 p.m.

Cemetery Details

Forest Lawn Cemetery

3210 S. Washington Avenue
Saginaw, MI

Previous Events

Visitation

APR **23**. 2:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

Evans & Browne's Funeral Home
441 N. Jefferson Avenue
Saginaw, MI 48607
(989) 754-0481
evansbrownes@gmail.com
<https://www.evansbrownesfuneralhome.com>

Funeral Service

APR **24**. 11:00 AM (ET)

World Outreach Campus
2405 Bay Road
Saginaw, MI

Tribute Wall



“ *Evans & Browne's Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Mr. Leonard "Bat Man" Batts*



Browne's Mortuary - April 24, 2018 at 11:35 AM

SA

“ *He was married to my aunt in the 1960's. They had a rocky marriage, and he was sometimes mean to my cousin, but he was never unkind to me. RIP "Uncle".*

Sandra - July 08, 2022 at 09:29 PM

CM

“ *Charlie Mac lit a candle in memory of Mr. Leonard "Bat Man" Batts*



Charlie Mac - May 20, 2018 at 10:35 PM

BB

“ To the one and only "Batman". You were a cool and laid back uncle. You were one of the few that never stopped calling me "Brown Baby". I love you, and you will definitely be missed dearly. I am going to miss seeing you wearing your white socks :)

R.I.P Uncle Batman

Brown Baby - April 28, 2018 at 05:20 PM

DE

“ Batman, our community is a better place because you were in it. You were a mountain of a man but a gentle giant. Your presence in the room bought a certain positive energy. From growing up, watching your interactions with my father Aaron Williams, Big O, Virgil, Jim Dye, G.B., your beloved wife Irene too many others to name here. It was always full of laughter and good times between friends. From all of the bowling outings, golf tournaments to the pinochle games at our house. Me and my brother always enjoyed this group of life long friends whenever the group was together and your laugh was always the loudest. It gives me joy just to reflect back on those times, a simpler day. To know that you are in a better place to rest gives us not only sadness but comfort. Everyone knows that there is only one Batman, who can never be replaced. Say hello to my father, Aaron Williams who is already at rest. You lived and you were loved. On behalf of the Williams family, myself Dexter, my mother Blanche and my brother Aaron, farewell...

Dexter - April 25, 2018 at 04:42 PM

DM

“ *Deborah Morris-Williams lit a candle in memory of Mr. Leonard "Bat Man" Batts*



Deborah Morris-Williams - April 24, 2018 at 10:53 AM

JC

“ *Joan Crawford lit a candle in memory of Mr. Leonard "Bat Man" Batts*



Joan Crawford - April 24, 2018 at 10:07 AM

Jacqueline
Holmes-
Irvin

“ *Jacqueline Holmes-Irvin lit a candle in memory of Mr. Leonard "Bat Man" Batts*



Jacqueline Holmes-Irvin - April 24, 2018 at 08:05 AM

WJ

“ *I will always remember making you a cup of coffee as a kid when you came over. A true coffee drinker you were. Always in our hearts. Rest easy Uncle.*



Willie & Regina Johnson - April 23, 2018 at 11:12 PM

SL

“ Sam& Jimmie Logan lit a candle in memory of Mr. Leonard "Bat Man" Batts



Sam& Jimmie Logan - April 23, 2018 at 09:28 PM

SL

“ Sam& Jimmie Logan lit a candle in memory of Mr. Leonard "Bat Man" Batts



Sam& Jimmie Logan - April 23, 2018 at 09:26 PM

TB

“ Tyretha Baston lit a candle in memory of Mr. Leonard "Bat Man" Batts



Tyretha Baston - April 23, 2018 at 06:40 PM

DH

“ Dorothy Holmes-Redeemer lit a candle in memory of Mr. Leonard "Bat Man" Batts



Dorothy Holmes-Redeemer - April 23, 2018 at 05:57 PM

SC

“ Sonda (Johnson) Childress lit a candle in memory of Mr. Leonard "Bat Man" Batts



Sonda (Johnson) Childress - April 23, 2018 at 03:11 PM

MW

“ I first met Batman at ball park. His brither billy and my Robert were great friends. Once I started bowling I realize what a wonderful person he was. He use to cal me pretty lil girl. Never Marcia just pretty lil girl. He will be missed 😞

marcia weems - April 23, 2018 at 01:05 PM

JB

“ JoNita Byrd-Reeves lit a candle in memory of Mr. Leonard "Bat Man" Batts



JoNita Byrd-Reeves - April 23, 2018 at 10:28 AM



“ Vonda Cook lit a candle in memory of Mr. Leonard "Bat Man" Batts



Vonda Cook - April 23, 2018 at 08:49 AM

KL

“ That "special band of brothers" relationship between you, my dad, Mr. Clinzo O'Daniels, Mr. Teal, Aaron Williams, General Bailey and perhaps one or two others, was something special to witness and few things made me happier than to see you walking toward the house for that daily game of pinochle in the basement with dad. Our special bond continues. Rest well Uncle.

Kimberly Lyons-Butler - April 22, 2018 at 11:48 PM

MH

“ To the Batts family my thoughts and prayers are with you as I send my condolences . Mary Hunter



Mary Hunter - April 22, 2018 at 10:01 PM



“ Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of Mr. Leonard "Bat Man" Batts.



April 22, 2018 at 09:22 AM

YS

“ Yvonne Sanders lit a candle in memory of Mr. Leonard "Bat Man" Batts



Yvonne Sanders - April 21, 2018 at 03:55 PM

FB

“ *Floyd&Beverly Buchanan lit a candle in memory of Mr. Leonard "Bat Man" Batts*



Floyd&Beverly Buchanan - April 21, 2018 at 01:43 PM

EP

“ *Elverna Ponder lit a candle in memory of Mr. Leonard "Bat Man" Batts*



Elverna Ponder - April 20, 2018 at 07:23 PM

DM

“ *Deborah Mack lit a candle in memory of Mr. Leonard "Bat Man" Batts*



Deborah Mack - April 20, 2018 at 12:28 PM

VE

“ *Venice purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Mr. Leonard "Bat Man" Batts.*



Venice - April 20, 2018 at 08:36 AM

VH

“ Venice Holmes lit a candle in memory of Mr. Leonard "Bat Man" Batts



Venice Holmes - April 20, 2018 at 08:32 AM

JS

“ To the Batts and Lyons family my thoughts and prayers are with you as I send my condolences.



Janie Surles-Cork - April 20, 2018 at 08:11 AM

SB

“ I will miss you. My prayers are always with the family. I am a better person for knowing you.



Sam Bowman - April 20, 2018 at 07:20 AM

HS

“ Herman And Cathy Sims lit a candle in memory of Mr. Leonard "Bat Man" Batts



Herman and Cathy Sims - April 19, 2018 at 09:20 PM

VR

“ Veronica Roby lit a candle in memory of Mr. Leonard "Bat Man" Batts



Veronica Roby - April 19, 2018 at 08:56 PM

HD

“ I first meet Batt Man playing golf at Twin Oaks in the late 60"s. He got me to play in the saginaw amateur golf club and also we bowled in some of the same leagues.
I would stop by his house once in a while to say hi, he would be working in that beautiful garden of his. What a outstanding person. I will miss that big smile he had for everyone. God bless you Irene and all your family.

HAL DISE - April 19, 2018 at 01:55 PM

DC

“ Debra Coleman lit a candle in memory of Mr. Leonard "Bat Man" Batts



Debra Coleman - April 19, 2018 at 12:41 PM

JL

“ I remember you coming over when daddy was sick to play pinochle all night long with him. I would make you black coffee and pop you popcorn. Rest well Uncle Leonard.

Judy



Judy Lyons-Moore - April 19, 2018 at 11:27 AM

DS

“ Deidre Steward lit a candle in memory of Mr. Leonard "Bat Man" Batts



Deidre Steward - April 19, 2018 at 07:36 AM

JF

“ Jenny Flunder lit a candle in memory of Mr. Leonard "Bat Man" Batts



Jenny Flunder - April 18, 2018 at 04:04 PM

GB

“ Greg Berry lit a candle in memory of Mr. Leonard "Bat Man" Batts



Greg Berry - April 18, 2018 at 03:25 PM

MB

“ To the entire Batts family: you have my deepest and sincere condolences. Sorry to hear of my cousin passing. He was one of our cousin that could make you laugh. He was an avid bowler that would always encourage me to keep bowling when I wanted to give up. Batman you are truly already missed by everyone. But we shall never forget you. RIH cousin.



Mildred Bailey - April 18, 2018 at 02:09 PM

CG

“ Carolyn Griffin lit a candle in memory of Mr. Leonard "Bat Man" Batts



Carolyn Griffin - April 18, 2018 at 11:36 AM

DG

“ Delphine Greene lit a candle in memory of Mr. Leonard "Bat Man" Batts



Delphine Greene - April 18, 2018 at 11:10 AM

MM

“ *Moty & Geraldine McKinney lit a candle in memory of Mr. Leonard "Bat Man" Batts*



Moty & Geraldine McKinney - April 18, 2018 at 10:19 AM

VG

“ *Valerie Gatson lit a candle in memory of Mr. Leonard "Bat Man" Batts*



Valerie Gatson - April 18, 2018 at 10:01 AM

CM

“ *Calvin P Mcfarland lit a candle in memory of Mr. Leonard "Bat Man" Batts*



calvin p mcfarland - April 18, 2018 at 09:40 AM

JB

“ *JAMES BROWN lit a candle in memory of Mr. Leonard "Bat Man" Batts*



JAMES BROWN - April 18, 2018 at 08:26 AM

ML

“ *Mr. Batts favorite saying when he would Visit Quest Diagnostics, I am just doing the best I can.*



Ms. Edith Delphine Lewis - April 17, 2018 at 06:29 PM

JO

“ *Peace be with the family at this time love Dorothy Ruth Brown 🙏🙏*



JoEllen - April 17, 2018 at 05:48 PM

KC

“ *To the Batts Family, we are sorry for your loss and you know we are praying for you during a most difficult time. The Tarkington, Cork, Johnson & Straw Families (Cedar Street Strong!)*

Karen Cork - April 17, 2018 at 03:41 PM

JB

“ *Unc you will be missed!! I will definitely miss you calling me Betty!! Love you!!*



Jackie Batts - April 17, 2018 at 01:47 PM

CP

“ Cheryl Payton lit a candle in memory of Mr. Leonard "Bat Man" Batts



Cheryl Payton - April 17, 2018 at 12:52 PM

OJ

“ Orlando Jones lit a candle in memory of Mr. Leonard "Bat Man" Batts



Orlando Jones - April 17, 2018 at 11:34 AM

MS

“ Mr. & Mrs. William H. Doxie Sr. lit a candle in memory of Mr. Leonard "Bat Man" Batts



Mr. & Mrs. William H. Doxie Sr. - April 17, 2018 at 09:44 AM

VH

“ Vanessa Humes-Johnson lit a candle in memory of Mr. Leonard "Bat Man" Batts



Vanessa Humes-Johnson - April 17, 2018 at 07:42 AM

SC

“ Love you Leonard. You helped me to become a good GM Supervisor. I couldn't have done it without you. Will miss you. May God bless your family. Steve and Karen Coleman.

Steve Coleman - April 16, 2018 at 10:10 PM

SH

“ You are in our prayers. Love Steve and Sherry Hannah



Sherry Hannah - April 16, 2018 at 07:32 PM

DB

“ DEACON LARRY AND MARILYN BOWMAN lit a candle in memory of Mr. Leonard "Bat Man" Batts



DEACON LARRY AND MARILYN BOWMAN - April 16, 2018 at 07:19 PM

LJ

“ Lela And Wilson Jones lit a candle in memory of Mr. Leonard "Bat Man" Batts



Lela and Wilson Jones - April 16, 2018 at 06:54 PM

JW

“ *Joanie Williams lit a candle in memory of Mr. Leonard "Bat Man" Batts*



Joanie Williams - April 16, 2018 at 04:41 PM

EJ

“ *Emmitt And Patricia Jones lit a candle in memory of Mr. Leonard "Bat Man" Batts*



Emmitt and Patricia Jones - April 16, 2018 at 02:42 PM

SO

“ *To the Batts family we were saddened to hear of your brother passing on just know that he is in a better place for to be absent from this earth is to be in the prescence of our Lord so just be thankful for the times that you had with him.....Fred Washington Dena and Sona Carruth*



sonacarruth - April 16, 2018 at 02:39 PM

HF

“ *MY CONDOLENCES AND PRAYERS TO THE FAMILIES, MAY GOD GIVE YOU COMFORT DOING THIS TIME OF SADNESS.*



HERBERT FLOURNOY - April 16, 2018 at 12:50 PM

LJ

“ LEON JACKSON sent a virtual gift in memory of Mr. Leonard "Bat Man" Batts



LEON JACKSON - April 16, 2018 at 12:25 PM

AF

“ Athen & Margery Flournoy lit a candle in memory of Mr. Leonard "Bat Man" Batts



Athen & Margery Flournoy - April 16, 2018 at 11:34 AM

TS

As the owner of Twin Oaks Golf Club, I have many fond memories of " Bat Man " . He was always quick with a smile or a laugh,and was very popular with all of our staff as well as the other league members. It was always fun to be around him,and I enjoyed the good natured kidding between us .

My condolences to his family . Rest In Peace Bat Man .

Thomas Sieggreen - April 21, 2018 at 08:17 PM