



Mr. Leonard Tunstle Mathews

March 19, 1943 - April 15, 2020

On the morning of Wednesday, April 15, 2020 Heaven gained an angel as Earth lost one. Leonard Tunstle Mathews was born on March 19, 1943 to Leamon Mathews and Mattie Pearson-Mathews in Anniston, Alabama. He passed away at the age of 77 years.

In 1954, he moved to Saginaw, Michigan with his father and siblings. Leonard served in the United States Army for six years and obtained the Rank of E6, and also served in the Vietnam Conflict. He gained his mechanical skills upon completion at the Marathon Oil Company Management School. He was a foreman at General Motors Corporation.

From 1970 through 1975, Leonard and his brother Wilbur owned and operated a Shell and Marathon Gas Station. In 1975, the brothers opened their own auto shop; "Mathews Car Care Center," where Leonard worked until he retired in 2017. Leonard was a "Jack of all trades", as he could build and fix anything. He loved drag racing, fishing, doing scratch offs and playing the lottery. He enjoyed listening to Tupac and a good dance party where he could dance. He was always the life of the party and made sure that everyone enjoyed themselves. He could control any dance floor and was known to yell "1,2,3," FREEZE!"; as everyone would follow his command.

He was a member of Mt. Olive Institutional Missionary Baptist Church and St.

Luke C. M. E. Church. His greatest joy was seeing his family all together enjoying each other's company. During his lifetime he had three wives. Geraldine Lowery, Pamela Phillips and Barbara McMath.

Leonard leaves to mourn him, and cherish many memories, his wife, Barbara Mathews; his sister, Antoinette (Willie) Matthews; his brother, Wilbur (Mary) Mathews; 16 children, Veronica (Darrell) Stewart, Billy (Wendy) Phillips, Dione Colvin, Denise Mathews, Marquita Mathews-Hill, Tarea Haney, Leondra Mathews, Katrice Phillips-Humphrey, Yalona Haney, TraVanda Thomas, Sieconda (Tyrone) Babbitt, Leonard Burton, Tekorey (Jennifer) Whitson, Santonya (Leonard) Riley, Crystal (Eric) Hackney and Titus McMath; 39 grandchildren; three great-grandchildren; two god-children, Mi'Asia and Leonarr Buford; nieces, Chandra Howell, Robyn Mathews and Kecia Matthews; nephew, Brian Matthews, along with other nieces and nephews other relatives and friends, including special friends, Tempie Buford, John Smith, Howard Roby, Maxie Roby, Kenny Roby and Duane Jackson (Lil Man). Leonard was preceded in death by his parents, Leamon and Mattie Mathews; one sister, Gwendolyn Mathews; one daughter, Rayna Mathews; one son, Leonarr Moore; two grandsons, Kortnei Lee and Nino Hayes.

Funeral service will take place at 11:00 a.m. on Saturday, April 25, 2020 at the Evans & Browne's Funeral Home, 441 N. Jefferson Ave., Saginaw, MI 48607. Pastor Johnnie Jackson will officiate with interment in Forest Lawn Cemetery, Saginaw, MI 48601. Friends may call at the funeral home on Friday, from 2:00 until 6:00 p.m.

*****At Evans & Browne's Funeral Home, we value the safety and health of our customers, staff and the general public. Therefore, we will adhere to EXECUTIVE ORDER No. 2020-42 issued by our Governor Gretchen Whitmer, regarding assemblages in the wake of the unprecedented health challenge our state and nation is facing. The Executive Order is as follows: Acting under

the Michigan Constitution of 1963 and Michigan law, I order the following: 1. Beginning on April 10, 2020 at 4:00 pm, and continuing through May 1, 2020 at 5:00 pm, all assemblages of more than 10 people in a single indoor shared space and all events of more than 10 people are prohibited in this state. A single indoor shared space includes but is not limited to a room, hall, cafeteria, auditorium, theater, or gallery. The prohibition on assemblages set forth in this section does not apply to: The prohibition set forth in this section does not abridge protections guaranteed by the state or federal constitution under these emergency circumstances. We do understand that this may pose a challenge to you and your family, but our dedicated staff is here to help guide you towards making the best decisions in memorializing your loved one.*

Cemetery Details

Forest Lawn Cemetery

3210 S. Washington Avenue
Saginaw, MI

Previous Events

Funeral Service

APR 25. 11:00 AM - 12:30 PM (ET)

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Tribute Wall



“ Evans & Browne's Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Mr. Leonard Tunstle Mathews



Browne's Mortuary - April 25, 2020 at 11:25 AM

LW

Beautiful Rest up Leonard you will surely be missed

Larissa White - April 25, 2020 at 01:01 PM

TR

Beautiful.. rest up Leonard

theresa reed - April 25, 2020 at 07:20 PM



“ Evans & Browne's Funeral Home created a Webcast in memory of Mr. Leonard Tunstle Mathews



Browne's Mortuary - April 25, 2020 at 10:06 AM

BE

My dear friend, Veronica I am so sorry. I am praying for strength and comfort for you and your family. Love you so much! Bernice

Bernice Easley - April 25, 2020 at 11:17 AM

TB

Thank you for giving us all the opportunity to share in this heartfelt and memorable moment. Our family will forever cherish the time we had with Uncle Leonard. We will continue to live and love with his legacy forever being a part of our hearts. God bless you all!

Tanesia Belvin - April 25, 2020 at 12:04 PM

PF

Noone Could Ask for a more loyalty in a friend. My Family the Perkins Family loved Leonard and His Brother Wilbur so much . MY late father Best Friends. My dad could always get his car repaired money or no money. Condolences to the entire Family. Love you all. Sorry we didn't know right away.

Perkins Family - February 09, 2021 at 01:01 PM



“ *Ladi Mannan lit a candle in memory of Mr. Leonard Tunstle Mathews*



Ladi Mannan - November 13, 2024 at 10:28 AM

AK

“ *Alfred Kelly lit a candle in memory of Mr. Leonard Tunstle Mathews*



Alfred Kelly - May 09, 2020 at 02:33 PM

ML

“ I have do many great memories of the Mathews brothers being with my brother Lovell Jackson. My prayers are with each of you.



Michelle Livingston - April 28, 2020 at 02:03 PM

RT

“ To, Hubbard, Aunt, Chan, Robbie and the Matthews family, God bless you during this time and keep the family uplifted and blessed, love The Tucker's, Raymond and Brenda



Raymond and Brenda Tucker - April 26, 2020 at 09:47 AM

HB

“ Helena/Bill Badger lit a candle in memory of Mr. Leonard Tunstle Mathews



Helena/Bill Badger - April 25, 2020 at 12:27 PM

GJ

“ Gwendolyn And Corey Jones lit a candle in memory of Mr. Leonard Tunstle Mathews



Gwendolyn and Corey Jones - April 24, 2020 at 09:58 PM

AM

“ *Aileen Morris lit a candle in memory of Mr. Leonard Tunstle Mathews*



Aileen Morris - April 24, 2020 at 09:04 PM

DL

“ *Debra Lane lit a candle in memory of Mr. Leonard Tunstle Mathews*



Debra Lane - April 24, 2020 at 07:58 PM

WB

“ *Walsezetta Bennett lit a candle in memory of Mr. Leonard Tunstle Mathews*



Walsezetta Bennett - April 24, 2020 at 04:27 PM

CM

“ *Charlotte McMillan-Harper lit a candle in memory of Mr. Leonard Tunstle Mathews*



Charlotte McMillan-Harper - April 24, 2020 at 03:51 PM



“ *Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Mr. Leonard Tunstle Mathews.*



April 24, 2020 at 03:34 PM



“ *Rest In Peace Connie and Willie snow*

willie snow - April 24, 2020 at 12:01 PM



“ *OT And Lisa Tucker sent a virtual gift in memory of Mr. Leonard Tunstle Mathews*



OT and Lisa Tucker - April 23, 2020 at 09:29 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Mr. Leonard Tunstle Mathews.*



April 23, 2020 at 07:07 PM



“ *My prayers are with you Yalona Toki Haney. Marquitta and Tekorey. And the Famiy. Keep your head up. Love you all.*

Sharon Young - April 23, 2020 at 01:24 PM

DT

“ *Denecho Turner lit a candle in memory of Mr. Leonard Tunstle Mathews*



Denecho Turner - April 23, 2020 at 09:02 AM

SW

“ *Sandra Wright-Carpente lit a candle in memory of Mr. Leonard Tunstle Mathews*



Sandra Wright-Carpente - April 22, 2020 at 11:17 PM

CF

“ *Charles A. Sledge And Family sent a virtual gift in memory of Mr. Leonard Tunstle Mathews*



Charles A. Sledge and Family - April 22, 2020 at 10:26 PM

CA

“ *Clarence Abernathy lit a candle in memory of Mr. Leonard Tunstle Mathews*



Clarence Abernathy - April 22, 2020 at 07:10 PM

CH

“ *To Ronnie Our Childhood Friend, Keeping You and the Matthews Family in Our Prayers Sorry for Your Loss. Tricia, Cheryl & Ericka.*



Cheryl Hardy - April 22, 2020 at 04:53 PM

SW

“ *STEPHANIE WASHINGTON lit a candle in memory of Mr. Leonard Tunstle Mathews*



STEPHANIE WASHINGTON - April 22, 2020 at 10:54 AM

MF

“ *Martin,Bland& Goodman Family lit a candle in memory of Mr. Leonard Tunstle Mathews*



Martin,Bland& Goodman Family - April 22, 2020 at 10:51 AM

BE

“ *My condolences go out to the Mathews family. My dear friend, Veronica I am so sorry for your loss. May God continue to comfort you and your family. Love you always,*

Bernice Easley

Bernice Easley - April 22, 2020 at 10:29 AM

BP

Going to miss you Daddy fly high love your son Billy

Billy Phillips - April 24, 2020 at 01:36 PM

WR

“ *Wanda Faye Reynolds lit a candle in memory of Mr. Leonard Tunstle Mathews*



Wanda Faye Reynolds - April 22, 2020 at 09:18 AM

CJ

“ *Chris&Wayne Jernigan sent a virtual gift in memory of Mr. Leonard Tunstle Mathews*



Chris&Wayne Jernigan - April 22, 2020 at 02:31 AM



“ *Rachida Tucker lit a candle in memory of Mr. Leonard Tunstle Mathews*



Rachida Tucker - April 22, 2020 at 12:44 AM

CS

“ Colleen Smith lit a candle in memory of Mr. Leonard Tunstle Mathews



Colleen Smith - April 22, 2020 at 12:38 AM

DF

“ Doster Family sent a virtual gift in memory of Mr. Leonard Tunstle Mathews



Doster Family - April 21, 2020 at 11:01 PM

LK

“ Larry Kemp lit a candle in memory of Mr. Leonard Tunstle Mathews



Larry Kemp - April 21, 2020 at 10:54 PM

M?

“ Michelle Baker& Family 🙏❤️ lit a candle in memory of Mr. Leonard Tunstle Mathews



Michelle Baker& Family 🙏❤️ - April 21, 2020 at 06:45 PM

LM

“ *Larry Martin lit a candle in memory of Mr. Leonard Tunstle Mathews*



Larry Martin - April 21, 2020 at 12:47 PM

BR

“ *Bianca Randolph lit a candle in memory of Mr. Leonard Tunstle Mathews*



Bianca Randolph - April 21, 2020 at 12:03 PM

FJ

“ *Felicia Jones lit a candle in memory of Mr. Leonard Tunstle Mathews*



Felicia Jones - April 21, 2020 at 09:30 AM

TR

“ *Theresa Reed lit a candle in memory of Mr. Leonard Tunstle Mathews*



theresa reed - April 21, 2020 at 09:11 AM

DK

“ Deacon Bobby & Thelma Kelley lit a candle in memory of Mr. Leonard Tunstle Mathews



Deacon Bobby & Thelma Kelley - April 21, 2020 at 08:22 AM

ZB

“ Zada Bailey lit a candle in memory of Mr. Leonard Tunstle Mathews



zada Bailey - April 21, 2020 at 08:20 AM

D(

“ Darlene Perkins (LadyBug) sent a virtual gift in memory of Mr. Leonard Tunstle Mathews



Darlene Perkins (LadyBug) - April 21, 2020 at 01:35 AM

PR

“ Pastor Terry Randolph and the Gethsemane MBC would like to extend our sincere condolences to the family. I am thankful to God for the opportunity to meet Mr Matthews, May God bless each of you !!!

Pastor Randolph - April 20, 2020 at 09:41 PM

MM

“ *Mary McMath lit a candle in memory of Mr. Leonard Tunstle Mathews*



Mary McMath - April 20, 2020 at 01:18 PM

FA

“ *Faye lit a candle in memory of Mr. Leonard Tunstle Mathews*



Faye - April 20, 2020 at 11:39 AM



“ *Veronica Mathews-Stewart lit a candle in memory of Mr. Leonard Tunstle Mathews*



Veronica Mathews-Stewart - April 20, 2020 at 07:55 AM

RS

“ *To Robyn, Chan, Taneisha, Ann and the Mathew's family. We Pray your strength in the Lord as you mourn the loss of Mr. Leonard. God Bless you All*



Roy & Rosalind Stewart - April 20, 2020 at 12:55 AM

DT

“ *Condolences and Prayers going out to family of Mr. Leonard T. Mathews during your loss. Love from late Leonarr T. Moore family*❤❤❤❤



Denise Townsend - April 19, 2020 at 08:45 PM

EB

“ *Eugene Blair lit a candle in memory of Mr. Leonard Tunstle Mathews*



Eugene Blair - April 19, 2020 at 06:44 PM

TS

Prayers for his family, &friends,

Trish Scott - April 19, 2020 at 08:09 PM

DQ

“ *My prayers are with the entire Matthews family.*

Daveda Quinn - April 19, 2020 at 04:10 PM

PM

“ *Phyllis McDaniel lit a candle in memory of Mr. Leonard Tunstle Mathews*



Phyllis McDaniel - April 19, 2020 at 02:38 PM

AW

“ Prayers to the family. God is the Answer!!!



Alice Webster - April 19, 2020 at 10:18 AM

DL

“ Debra Hatfield - Lane sent a virtual gift in memory of Mr. Leonard Tunstle Mathews



Debra Hatfield - Lane - April 19, 2020 at 08:55 AM

AP

“ Condolences to the Mathews family.



Annamarie Phillips - April 19, 2020 at 06:07 AM

BW

“ Bernice Williams sent a virtual gift in memory of Mr. Leonard Tunstle Mathews



Bernice Williams - April 18, 2020 at 09:55 PM



“ *Frank Johnson lit a candle in memory of Mr. Leonard Tunstle Mathews*



Frank Johnson - April 18, 2020 at 09:42 PM

DB

“ *Deborah Bullock lit a candle in memory of Mr. Leonard Tunstle Mathews*



Deborah Bullock - April 18, 2020 at 09:20 PM

CG

“ *My prayers to my sister in law, dear mother, siblings and her entire family on the loss of the G.O.A.T. There is nothing like the guidance of a loving father. May God keep you.*

Charilyn/Conrad, To-To, Sean and the kids.

Charilyn Hackney Goolsbu - April 18, 2020 at 08:44 PM

DM

“ *Prayers to family, I learned a lot of mechanical skills from Leonard over the years. He is going to be missed.*

Dennis MORRISON - April 18, 2020 at 08:27 PM

NK

“ *Nikki Knox lit a candle in memory of Mr. Leonard Tunstle Mathews*



Nikki Knox - April 18, 2020 at 07:15 PM

TS

“ *Tasha Sears lit a candle in memory of Mr. Leonard Tunstle Mathews*



Tasha Sears - April 18, 2020 at 05:44 PM

JS

Sorry for your loss. May God be your comforter.

Jackie and Guy Strother - April 18, 2020 at 06:33 PM

LC

“ *Larry Campbell lit a candle in memory of Mr. Leonard Tunstle Mathews*



Larry Campbell - April 18, 2020 at 05:27 PM



“ *Lisa Burrell lit a candle in memory of Mr. Leonard Tunstle Mathews*



Lisa Burrell - April 18, 2020 at 05:04 PM



“ *This man was always nice to me, always. I'm forever grateful to have meet him, may God bless the Matthews family, and Phillips family love u all. ❤️❤️❤️*

Tomika Phillips - April 18, 2020 at 04:59 PM



“ *Lorraine Bond-Riley lit a candle in memory of Mr. Leonard Tunstle Mathews*



Lorraine Bond-Riley - April 18, 2020 at 04:32 PM



“ *Atosha Newsome lit a candle in memory of Mr. Leonard Tunstle Mathews*



Atosha Newsome - April 18, 2020 at 04:02 PM

AW

“ *Asia Walton lit a candle in memory of Mr. Leonard Tunstle Mathews*



Asia Walton - April 18, 2020 at 04:02 PM

RS

“ *Rosalind Smith lit a candle in memory of Mr. Leonard Tunstle Mathews*



Rosalind Smith - April 18, 2020 at 03:56 PM

SM

“ *Prayers of comfort, strength and love. Sheldon and Carla Matthews*



Sheldon and Carla Matthews - April 18, 2020 at 03:31 PM

LW

“ *Still in disbelief..... You we're always like an Uncle to me considering you and my dad grow up together as little tikes, although you had a few years on him y'all stayed the best of friends. It's going to be really strange not having you around. Especially for my dad(Calvin). Rest Easy Unc :(.....To the entire family my Condolences and prayers are with you*

Larissa White - April 18, 2020 at 03:31 PM

SG

“ Gosh! Ok...I'm screaming...please...whyyyy...my heart is hurting....you were so much fun to talk to...my many million promises to come to Michigan were never fulfilled...that nickname that you gave me, I can hear you ringing it out...I will never forget you...I truly hate that we never personally met...and wonder how could a cousin become such a great friend via the distance...this is not suppose to be...but I got to trust God in this...Love you Leonard and thank you for all the times you've made me laugh, and cry (tears of laughter)...RIP!

SONJA GEORGE - April 18, 2020 at 03:28 PM

JB

“ JAMES BROWN lit a candle in memory of Mr. Leonard Tunstle Mathews



JAMES BROWN - April 18, 2020 at 03:16 PM

HF

“ HERBERT FLOURNOY sent a virtual gift in memory of Mr. Leonard Tunstle Mathews



HERBERT FLOURNOY - April 18, 2020 at 11:32 AM

AF

“ Alice Fields lit a candle in memory of Mr. Leonard Tunstle Mathews



Alice Fields - April 18, 2020 at 11:08 AM

RB

“ Rosette Blakes sent a virtual gift in memory of Mr. Leonard Tunstle Mathews



Rosette Blakes - April 18, 2020 at 09:55 AM

PP

Thank you Rosette for being the true friend you're and always being there to support my nieces, nephews and the entire family.

Paula Phillips-Terrell - April 19, 2020 at 01:36 AM

LM

“ Loudean Moultrie lit a candle in memory of Mr. Leonard Tunstle Mathews



Loudean Moultrie - April 18, 2020 at 09:31 AM

DJ

“ Sending my condolences to the Matthews family



Develle Jones - April 18, 2020 at 04:46 AM



“ Doloris Mixon lit a candle in memory of Mr. Leonard Tunstle Mathews



Doloris Mixon - April 18, 2020 at 03:54 AM

VP

“ Vyethel Kemp Peterson lit a candle in memory of Mr. Leonard Tunstle Mathews



Vyethel Kemp Peterson - April 17, 2020 at 09:37 PM

CW

“ Carolyn Washington sent a virtual gift in memory of Mr. Leonard Tunstle Mathews



Carolyn Washington - April 17, 2020 at 07:18 PM

VW

“ R.I.P.



Vicki Whitson - April 17, 2020 at 06:03 PM

RV

“ Robert And Linda Veasley lit a candle in memory of Mr. Leonard Tunstle Mathews



Robert and Linda Veasley - April 17, 2020 at 05:57 PM

GM

“ Gary McClain lit a candle in memory of Mr. Leonard Tunstle Mathews



Gary McClain - April 17, 2020 at 05:38 PM



“ Cheryl Fentress-Nash lit a candle in memory of Mr. Leonard Tunstle Mathews



Cheryl Fentress-Nash - April 17, 2020 at 04:07 PM

RS

“ *RON & JUNE Swift lit a candle in memory of Mr. Leonard Tunstle Mathews*



RON & JUNE Swift - April 17, 2020 at 03:56 PM

TT

“ *TraVanda Thomas lit a candle in memory of Mr. Leonard Tunstle Mathews*



TraVanda Thomas - April 17, 2020 at 02:30 PM

TL

“ *T'Pring Liddell sent a virtual gift in memory of Mr. Leonard Tunstle Mathews*



T'Pring Liddell - April 17, 2020 at 02:27 PM

OK

“ *Olivia Kincaid sent a virtual gift in memory of Mr. Leonard Tunstle Mathews*



Olivia Kincaid - April 17, 2020 at 01:17 PM

JW

“ *Joanie Williams sent a virtual gift in memory of Mr. Leonard Tunstle Mathews*



Joanie Williams - April 17, 2020 at 11:29 AM

SS

“ *Shelva Scott-Veal lit a candle in memory of Mr. Leonard Tunstle Mathews*



Shelva Scott-Veal - April 17, 2020 at 10:42 AM



“ *Rest up, Leonard.*

~ A. Jordan and Me



Joselyn Jordan - April 17, 2020 at 10:33 AM

WF

“ *Wooten Family lit a candle in memory of Mr. Leonard Tunstle Mathews*



Wooten family - April 17, 2020 at 10:08 AM

MD

“ *Mr&Mrs William Doxie lit a candle in memory of Mr. Leonard Tunstle Mathews*



Mr&Mrs William Doxie - April 17, 2020 at 09:06 AM

SH

“ *Shantel Harris lit a candle in memory of Mr. Leonard Tunstle Mathews*



Shantel Harris - April 17, 2020 at 08:51 AM

GM

“ *Geraldine Meredith-Thorne sent a virtual gift in memory of Mr. Leonard Tunstle Mathews*



Geraldine Meredith-Thorne - April 17, 2020 at 07:53 AM

RF

“ *Renee (Moten) Curry & Family lit a candle in memory of Mr. Leonard Tunstle Mathews*



Renee (Moten) Curry & Family - April 17, 2020 at 02:23 AM

LR

“ *Lloyd Riley lit a candle in memory of Mr. Leonard Tunstle Mathews*



lloyd riley - April 16, 2020 at 07:23 PM

AN

“ *Anderson sent a virtual gift in memory of Mr. Leonard Tunstle Mathews*



Anderson - April 16, 2020 at 06:45 PM

DK

“ *Deacon Bobby &Thelma Kelley lit a candle in memory of Mr. Leonard Tunstle Mathews*



Deacon Bobby &Thelma Kelley - April 16, 2020 at 05:33 PM

GC

“ *Gloria Cormier lit a candle in memory of Mr. Leonard Tunstle Mathews*



Gloria Cormier - April 16, 2020 at 03:03 PM

RT

“ *RUSSELL & PAULA TERRELL sent a virtual gift in memory of Mr. Leonard Tunstle Mathews*



RUSSELL & PAULA TERRELL - April 16, 2020 at 03:02 PM

AP

We know how much you children loved your father and granddaddy. Peace to all the family in the "NAME OF JESUS. AMEN."

Aunt Paula - April 16, 2020 at 03:08 PM

RT

“ *RUSSELL & PAULA (Ashley) TERRELL lit a candle in memory of Mr. Leonard Tunstle Mathews*



RUSSELL & PAULA (Ashley) TERRELL - April 16, 2020 at 02:45 PM

AP

To my dear sweet nieces & nehews, Crystal, katrice, Ronnie, Kennedy, Kendal, Khloe, Billy Jr., Devon and Kobe. Auntie Paula, Uncle Russell and cousin Ashley love you all so much. We are here for you all and you're in our thoughts and prayer's. Remember "ALL THE LOVE."

Aunt Paula - April 16, 2020 at 02:55 PM

AP

To: Brother & Sister Wilbur & Ann. God Bless you and your family at this difficult time. You are in our thoughts and prayers as well.

Aunt Paula - April 16, 2020 at 03:01 PM

RT

“ *The Raymond Tucker family*



Raymond Tucker - April 16, 2020 at 02:41 PM