



## Mr. M. C. Tarkington

May 21, 1931 - May 28, 2019

Our beloved husband, father, grandfather, great-grandfather went home to be with the Lord on Tuesday, May 28, 2019. Mr. M.C. Tarkington age 88, was born May 21, 1931 in Hugo, Oklahoma to Roosevelt and Vernice Tarkington.

Mr. Tarkington married the love of his life, Vivian Johnson on February 10, 1973. He was a proud United States Army Korean War Veteran. He was a faithful member of the Mt. Olive Institutional Missionary Baptist Church.

He was previously employed by Brown Brothers Construction of Lansing, MI. Later he became self-employed starting his own business, Tarkington Remodeling. He mentored several young men in the family and community teaching them the value of good work ethic. They were all proud that they received their first paying job through his apprenticeship.

His hobbies included fishing and boating. Most importantly, when you went to his home, you had to visit the infamous movie room where he had a collection of over 2,000 movies. He had a real sense of humor, enjoyed life and always would tell you stories from days past with much pride.

Mr. Tarkington leaves to cherish his memory, his loving and devoted wife of forty-six years, Vivian Tarkington; two sons, Randy (Delois) Copeland of Long Beach, CA, Cyrus (Mary) Johnson of Portage, MI; four daughters, Bernadine

Riggins of California, Karen (Billy) Cork and Tina (Orlando) Straw of Saginaw, Cassandra Johnson of Silver Spring, MD; grandchildren, Brandon (Danielle) Cork and Brent Cork of Saginaw, Andrea Dorsey of Hazel Township, PA, Brittany Dorsey of Washington, D.C.; aunt, Doretha Brewer of Grand Rapids, MI; sisters-in-law, Peggy Tarkington of Fresno, CA, Alberta Austin, Gladys Humes and Tena (Willie) Bond of Saginaw and Pinkie Sanders of Chicago, IL; brothers-in-law, L.H. Lee and Davis Lee of Saginaw; god-children, Karen Sangster of Detroit, MI, Kardal Sangster of Nashville, TN, Stephan Clay of Saginaw, a host of other relatives and friends especially the "Cedar Street Crew".

He was preceded in death by his parents, Roosevelt (Vernice) Tarkington; brother, Morden Tarkington; sisters, Roxie Morris and Glanner Mae Pickens.

The family wishes to express special thanks to SICU 7th Floor staff of Covenant Health Systems-Cooper Campus, A & D Home Health Care and the Mt. Olive Institutional Missionary Baptist Church Family.

Funeral service will take place at 11:00 a.m. on Wednesday, June 5, 2019 at Mt. Olive Missionary Baptist Church, 1114 North 6th Street, Saginaw, MI 48601. Dr. Marvin T. Smith will officiate with interment in Forest Lawn Cemetery, 3210 S. Washington Ave., Saginaw, MI 48601. Friends may call at the Evans & Browne's Funeral Home, 441 N. Jefferson Ave., Saginaw, MI 48607 on Tuesday 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

**JUN 4.** 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

**JUN 5.** 11:00 AM (ET)

Mt. Olive Missionary Baptist Church  
1114 North 6th Street  
Saginaw, MI 48601

# Tribute Wall



“ *Evans & Browne's Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Mr. M. C. Tarkington*



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**Browne's Mortuary** - June 04, 2019 at 03:57 PM

YN

“ *My condolences to the family. I am the great granddaughter of Lola Monroe who married Robert Tarkington (Ridley). Yelois Nicholson (562) 244-5712*



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**Yelois Nicholson** - March 26, 2025 at 02:17 AM

JM

“ *From your California family that miss you so dearly. Wish we had shared had more time to create more memories with you. It was always a fun and laughter in your presence. You could make anyone laugh. Lol.... Love you Uncle MC  
Thank you Aunt Vivian for love and care.*

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**JMoorw** - December 23, 2022 at 12:19 AM

AM

“ So sorry to hear about M.C he was a very nice man and always smiling he used to call my daughter Taco Taco and her name was Toya Mrs. Vivian I know you loved him dearly but God loved him more I wish you and your family peace

Alma Miller - June 08, 2019 at 12:54 AM

SB

“ Cassandra, I am so very sorry for your loss, I literally just found out today June 6, 2019 please know that you have my continual prayers for all of you. I would have been there had I known and most certainly would have reached out before now. May God's peace be known beyond what man can ever do. I love you all and have you in my prayers.



Smith Beverly - June 06, 2019 at 12:48 PM

GJ

“ Gloria & Allen Peake Jr. lit a candle in memory of Mr. M. C. Tarkington



Gloria & Allen Peake Jr. - June 05, 2019 at 12:42 PM

TW

“ So sorry for you loss. Praying God's peace over your family.

Tawanna Wilkerson - June 05, 2019 at 12:04 PM

TW

“ *Tawanna Wilkerson lit a candle in memory of Mr. M. C. Tarkington*



Tawanna Wilkerson - June 05, 2019 at 12:03 PM

AM

“ *Antoine Mitchell lit a candle in memory of Mr. M. C. Tarkington*



Antoine Mitchell - June 05, 2019 at 10:16 AM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Mr. M. C. Tarkington.*



June 04, 2019 at 10:19 PM

CW

“ *Calvin & Delores Williams lit a candle in memory of Mr. M. C. Tarkington*



Calvin & Delores Williams - June 04, 2019 at 03:41 PM

LR

“ *Lorraine Bond Riley sent a virtual gift in memory of Mr. M. C. Tarkington*



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**Lorraine Bond Riley** - June 04, 2019 at 03:22 PM

CJ

“ *Chris & Wayne Jernigan sent a virtual gift in memory of Mr. M. C. Tarkington*



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**Chris & Wayne Jernigan** - June 04, 2019 at 01:34 PM

DD

“ *Debra Dillard sent a virtual gift in memory of Mr. M. C. Tarkington*



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**Debra Dillard** - June 04, 2019 at 11:21 AM

PM

“ *Pamela Monroe lit a candle in memory of Mr. M. C. Tarkington*



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**Pamela Monroe** - June 04, 2019 at 09:18 AM

BS

“ *BASF Corporation, Battle Creek Site purchased the Large Basket Garden for the family of Mr. M. C. Tarkington.*



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**BASF Corporation, Battle Creek Site** - June 03, 2019 at 04:05 PM



“ *Cassandra,  
I'm so sorry for your earthly loss. A father is precious to have around especially in these days. I know that God will see you through these days of sorrow, but remember earth had no sorrow that Heaven cannot cure.  
I'm praying for God's peace and comfort upon you and your entire family, Church family and friends.  
Love you,  
Evg. E. Carol Burns*

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**E Burns** - June 03, 2019 at 02:20 PM



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I'm so sorry for your earthly loss. A father is precious to have around especially in these days. I know that God will see you through these days of sorrow, but remember earth had no sorrow that Heaven cannot cure.  
I'm praying for God's peace and comfort upon you and your entire family, Church family and friends.  
Love you,  
Evg. E. Carol Burns*

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**E Burns** - June 03, 2019 at 02:19 PM

SL

“ Vivian,  
You have our prayers and condolence.

*Edwin and Sandra Lewis*



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**Sandra Lewis** - June 03, 2019 at 09:52 AM

AS

“ I'm so sadden to hear this. I've had the pleasure of meeting and working with Mr. Tarkington for over an year. He will truly be missed. My prayers to the entire family.

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**Antwinette Snow** - June 03, 2019 at 09:19 AM

KO

“ KarenOneal



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**Karen O'neal** - June 02, 2019 at 09:07 PM

KM

“ So Sorry to hear of your loss may GOD comfort you and strengthen you and your family through these difficult times



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**Karen O'neal and Marthell** - June 02, 2019 at 09:01 PM

VS

“ *Vermell Sangster lit a candle in memory of Mr. M. C. Tarkington*



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**Vermell Sangster** - June 02, 2019 at 01:30 PM

JW

“ *Joanie Williams lit a candle in memory of Mr. M. C. Tarkington*



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**Joanie Williams** - June 01, 2019 at 05:00 PM

GP

“ *Geraldine Parris lit a candle in memory of Mr. M. C. Tarkington*



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**Geraldine Parris** - June 01, 2019 at 01:17 PM

CD

“ *Corliss Dawkins lit a candle in memory of Mr. M. C. Tarkington*



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**Corliss Dawkins** - June 01, 2019 at 11:55 AM

RJ

“ To the family,,,,,,my heart was saddened to hear of Mr. MC's passing. Over the years he was always been kind to me. Praying that GOD will give you all peace and strength during this time of transition. Blessed are they that mourn, for they shall be comforted.

Rosa

Rosa Jones - June 01, 2019 at 11:09 AM



“ Blessing Cassandra and Family. Please Know his great legacy lives in you! The world is blessed!  
- Michelle G-I Gardner-Ince  
Dept. Of VA Office of Small Business

Andrea Gardner-Ince - June 01, 2019 at 09:00 AM



“ Majestic Heart was purchased for the family of Mr. M. C. Tarkington.



June 01, 2019 at 08:54 AM

LV

“ Linda (McClain) Veasley sent a virtual gift in memory of Mr. M. C. Tarkington



Linda (McClain) Veasley - May 31, 2019 at 08:26 PM

HS

“ *Helen Scott lit a candle in memory of Mr. M. C. Tarkington*



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**Helen Scott** - May 31, 2019 at 08:22 AM

CW

“ *Cynthia Haggerty Watson lit a candle in memory of Mr. M. C. Tarkington*



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**Cynthia Haggerty Watson** - May 30, 2019 at 09:17 PM



“ *Mrs. Vivian, Karen, Cy, Tina, and Sandy*

*We are truly sorry about the passing of Mr. MC. No words can fill up for the sorrow, that you all are facing right now. MC was and will remain eternal in our hearts. Praying that God gives you all the strength and comfort throughout your time of grieving. May MC eternal soul Rest In Peace.*



*Love,  
Bennie, Bettye, Sallie, Brownie, Benjie, Tish, and Bj*❤️

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**Velissa Batts** - May 30, 2019 at 07:44 PM



“ Mrs. Vivian, Karen, Cy, Tina, and Sandy Cedar Street crew will ALWAYS think of Mr. MC (MO) as living in our hearts of those he touched...for nothing LOVED is ever lost and Mr. MC was loved so much❤️



Velissa Batts - May 30, 2019 at 07:31 PM



We lost a GREAT GREAT GREAT Man !!!💔  
- Rodney Williams (Cedar St.)

Rodney Williams - May 31, 2019 at 07:57 PM



“ Ida Helton lit a candle in memory of Mr. M. C. Tarkington



Ida Helton - May 30, 2019 at 06:48 PM



“ To Sis. Vivian, Momma Karen, Sis. Tina and the rest of the family, I just wanted to offer my sincere condolences to you and your family. I will definitely be praying for you all. - Reggie Cameron



Reginald Cameron - May 30, 2019 at 01:37 PM

VF

“ Valerie Foster-Baker lit a candle in memory of Mr. M. C. Tarkington



Valerie Foster-Baker - May 30, 2019 at 10:30 AM

DA

“ Dona Austin-Bigby lit a candle in memory of Mr. M. C. Tarkington



Dona Austin-Bigby - May 30, 2019 at 08:21 AM

CG

“ Cassen Gates lit a candle in memory of Mr. M. C. Tarkington



Cassen Gates - May 30, 2019 at 08:02 AM

VH

“ Vanessa Humes-Johnson sent a virtual gift in memory of Mr. M. C. Tarkington



Vanessa Humes-Johnson - May 30, 2019 at 07:56 AM



“ *Geneva Meadows lit a candle in memory of Mr. M. C. Tarkington*



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**Geneva Meadows** - May 30, 2019 at 06:40 AM

KS

“ *Kathy Shaw lit a candle in memory of Mr. M. C. Tarkington*



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**Kathy Shaw** - May 30, 2019 at 12:08 AM

AJ

“ *To Vivian and the family of M.C. Went rented our Apartment for you both on Lapeer street back in the days, MC was a great man, will be Praying for you all during this difficult time. Apostles Edward & Mattie Davis/Jackson.*

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**Apostle Edward & Mattie Jackson** - May 29, 2019 at 11:43 PM

CM

“ *Charlotte McMillan-Harper sent a virtual gift in memory of Mr. M. C. Tarkington*



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**Charlotte McMillan-Harper** - May 29, 2019 at 10:20 PM



“ *What a nice man he was. R.I.H.P., Mr. M.C. I lift my longtime friend Sandy, her siblings and their mother in prayer. Peace unto you.*

*God can. Will. Is.*

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**Joselyn Jordan** - May 29, 2019 at 06:28 PM



“ *Mary Anm Stewart lit a candle in memory of Mr. M. C. Tarkington*

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**Mary Anm Stewart** - May 29, 2019 at 04:43 PM



“ *Walsezetta Bennett sent a virtual gift in memory of Mr. M. C. Tarkington*

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**Walsezetta Bennett** - May 29, 2019 at 03:06 PM



“ *Edith Lewis/Quest Diagnostics lit a candle in memory of Mr. M. C. Tarkington*

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**Edith Lewis/Quest Diagnostics** - May 29, 2019 at 01:52 PM



MT

“ *Mary Thomas lit a candle in memory of Mr. M. C. Tarkington*



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**Mary Thomas** - May 29, 2019 at 09:41 AM

MT

“ *To Vivian and the family,we are so very sorry for the loss of MC.I found him to be a very kind and quiet man with a keen sense of humor.Always had a story to tell.From the family at Carrollton Village,we share in your grief over the loss of MC.We will continue to pray for the family as a whole.Vivian,we love you and you have many shoulders to lean on whenever you feel like you are falling.With love in our hearts,Mary and Tommy Thomas-Carrollton Village Apartments.*

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**Mary Thomas** - May 29, 2019 at 09:38 AM