



Mr. Michael Duain Nelums, Sr.

February 16, 1956 - November 29, 2025

Mr. Michael Duain Nelums, Sr. passed away on November 29, 2025, in Bradenton, Florida, at the age of 69 years. He was born on February 16, 1956, in San Diego, California, to Clarence Nelums and Ann Brown.

Michael was a proud graduate of Saginaw High School, “Class of 1974”. Following graduation, he began his career with General Motors in 1976, where he dedicated 30 years of service before retiring in 2006. During his employment, Michael was a member of the UAW Local 699.

On August 16, 1980, Michael was united in marriage to Gwendolyn “Renee” Jeffries. From this union two children were born, Michael Jr. and Arika Nelums.

Michael had a deep love for sports and was well known for his gift of conversation. He could talk to anyone and believed there were no strangers—just friends he had not yet met. His outgoing personality and genuine spirit left a lasting impression on everyone he encountered.

Above all, Michael cherished time spent with his family, especially his children and grandchildren, who brought him great joy.

Michael’s memories will be cherished by his two children, Michael Jr and Arika

Nelums; three grandchildren, Mikel Nelums, Chartez Dillard, both of Saginaw and Mikya Nelums of Fort Worth, Texas; four great-grandchildren, Gary Webb III, Kylei Blair, Mya Flood and Kyra Dillard; stepfather, Albert Brown; five siblings, Viki Nelums of California, Laura Nelums of Phoenix, AZ, Kendal Brown of Manhattan, NY, Rick Nelums of Norwalk, CA and Gregory Poole of Saudi Arabia; mother-in-law, Lucille Wright; sisters-in-law, Debra Stuckey, Christine Wright and Marilyn (Wesley) Strickland; brothers-in-law, Lamar Jeffries, Robert (Michelle) Jeffries and Grant Wright (Robin); a host of other relatives and friends including special friends, William Brown, Edgar "Uncle Buster" Bradley and Edgar Anderson.

Mr. Nelums, Sr. was preceded in death by his parents Clarence Nelums and Ann Brown. Grandparents Taylor Nelums and Alberta Nelums

Michael Duain Nelums will be remembered for his warmth, laughter, dedication, and love for family. His memory will forever remain in the hearts of those who knew and loved him.

Funeral service will take place at 11:00 a.m. on Thursday, December 18, 2025, at Evans & Browne's Funeral Home, 441 N. Jefferson Ave., Saginaw, MI 48607. Minister Marilyn Strickland will officiate with interment in Forest Lawn Cemetery, 3210 S. Washington, Saginaw, MI 48601. Visitation will take place from 9:00 a.m. until the time of service.

Cemetery Details

Forest Lawn Cemetery

3210 S. Washington Avenue
Saginaw, MI

Previous Events

Visitation

DEC 18. 9:00 AM - 11:00 AM (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

DEC 18. 11:00 AM (ET)

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

Tribute Wall



“ *Evans & Browne's Funeral Home created a Webcast in memory of Mr. Michael Duain Nelums, Sr.*



Browne's Mortuary - December 18, 2025 at 10:47 AM

RJ

Mike was six days younger than I.. Great memories summers in Saginaw as kids. RIP cuz..

Robert Paul Jr - December 19, 2025 at 05:23 PM

VN

We should have tried harder, brother... We had a good childhood together as kids, thanks to Grandma. She would have wanted that... Be at peace...

Viki Nelums - December 19, 2025 at 11:15 PM

BW

“ *Michael may the light of the candle shine as bright as the light from which your spirit came. May you rest in peace... 🙏*



Brevda Eli Williams - December 31, 2025 at 10:48 PM

DM

“ Deon Mayes lit a candle in memory of Mr. Michael Duain Nelums, Sr.



Deon Mayes - December 20, 2025 at 04:18 PM

JM

“ Janet Mayes lit a candle in memory of Mr. Michael Duain Nelums, Sr.



Janet Mayes - December 18, 2025 at 04:53 PM



“ Mike, Rest in Peace surrounded by Love. As Nelums Cousins we were all brought together at early ages and I am Thankful for that. God is Love and your memories are with us Forever.



Ellen Brown - December 18, 2025 at 12:09 PM

PM

“ Phyllis Allen McDaniel lit a candle in memory of Mr. Michael Duain Nelums, Sr.



Phyllis Allen McDaniel - December 18, 2025 at 10:49 AM

PM

Rest on my old friend. Condolences and prayers are sent to the family.

Phyllis Allen McDaniel - December 18, 2025 at 10:51 AM



Peace is your Blessing and your Spirit is Forever...Cousin Wrae Nelums

Ellen Brown - December 18, 2025 at 12:13 PM

AN

“ *I will miss my big cuz. There are too many memories to even begin with. Visiting him over grandpa and grandmas house, he was a pleasure to be around. Until we meet again, with love April ❤️*

April S Nelums - December 18, 2025 at 10:42 AM

LN

“ *I will miss my big cousin. I still remember his big afro and black leather jacket when I was a child.*

LaWanda Nelums - December 18, 2025 at 10:32 AM

AL

“ *Michael will be miss to the Family Prayers and Condolences from Almira Little*

Almira Little - December 18, 2025 at 10:22 AM

AJ

“ *Almira L JONES lit a candle in memory of Mr. Michael Duain Nelums, Sr.*



Almira L JONES - December 18, 2025 at 10:17 AM

DM

“ Sincere Condolences. SHS Class of 74 🖤💛



Deborah Morris-Williams - December 17, 2025 at 11:36 PM

CS

“ Chris Snow-Jeter lit a candle in memory of Mr. Michael Duain Nelums, Sr.



Chris Snow-Jeter - December 17, 2025 at 10:21 PM

LW

“ Louis Weems sent a virtual gift in memory of Mr. Michael Duain Nelums, Sr.



Louis Weems - December 17, 2025 at 06:31 PM

FB

“ Fazilet Bond sent a virtual gift in memory of Mr. Michael Duain Nelums, Sr.



Fazilet Bond - December 17, 2025 at 04:07 PM

MJ

“Michelle Jeffries lit a candle in memory of Mr. Michael Duain Nelums, Sr.



Michelle Jeffries - December 17, 2025 at 01:51 PM

MR

“Marlyn Reeves lit a candle in memory of Mr. Michael Duain Nelums, Sr.



Marlyn Reeves - December 17, 2025 at 10:23 AM

RB

“Rochelle Brewer lit a candle in memory of Mr. Michael Duain Nelums, Sr.



rochelle brewer - December 17, 2025 at 09:06 AM

PM

“Pamela Monroe lit a candle in memory of Mr. Michael Duain Nelums, Sr.



Pamela Monroe - December 17, 2025 at 06:31 AM

L1

“ My condolences to Michael's family. He was always a friendly and charming guy. Prayers for his family.



Linda McClain Veasley SHS C/O 1074 - December 17, 2025 at 01:14 AM

AH

“ My prayers and condolences go out to the family 🙏 I will always remember your cool walk along with your Afro rest in peace 🙏
Classmate Alice Hatcher 74



Alice Hatcher - December 17, 2025 at 12:57 AM

LA

“ Lynne Adams-Blakely lit a candle in memory of Mr. Michael Duain Nelums, Sr.



Lynne Adams-Blakely - December 16, 2025 at 11:05 PM

GC

“ Gina Ford Copeland lit a candle in memory of Mr. Michael Duain Nelums, Sr.



Gina Ford Copeland - December 16, 2025 at 10:49 PM

GL

“ *Glendorah Lawrence lit a candle in memory of Mr. Michael Duain Nelums, Sr.*



Glendorah Lawrence - December 16, 2025 at 07:33 PM



“ *Mike was a great Guy we work at GM. Back in 1976 he loved Nice Cars and would talk about his Grand mother fondly ...he shall be missed I am glad I got to know him*



James Weston - December 16, 2025 at 06:38 PM

ES

“ *Ella Scott lit a candle in memory of Mr. Michael Duain Nelums, Sr.*



Ella Scott - December 16, 2025 at 03:42 PM

CL

“ *Condolences to the family.*

Calvin Little - December 16, 2025 at 12:33 PM

FM

“ *Fay McKinnie lit a candle in memory of Mr. Michael Duain Nelums, Sr.*



Fay McKinnie - December 16, 2025 at 10:55 AM

GV

“ *Glenda Richardson Vaughn lit a candle in memory of Mr. Michael Duain Nelums, Sr.*



Glenda Richardson Vaughn - December 16, 2025 at 09:03 AM

CS

“ *Colleen Smith lit a candle in memory of Mr. Michael Duain Nelums, Sr.*



Colleen Smith - December 16, 2025 at 08:50 AM

VP

“ *I will never forget riding on the Afro American Studies Club float for Homecoming Saginaw High School. We had the cool Red/Black/Green float. It was Michael Nelums in black; Rocky Smith in Green and myself in Red. I felt like a star! He had that perfect afro. He was so cool. I often wondered where life took him. I just wanted to share that memory. Vicky Nelums was our classmate. My condolences to his family. RIH Michael.*

Valerie M Packard - December 15, 2025 at 09:47 PM

VP

“ Valerie M Packard lit a candle in memory of Mr. Michael Duain Nelums, Sr.



Valerie M Packard - December 15, 2025 at 09:40 PM

JH

“ Jacqueline Hill-Hollins lit a candle in memory of Mr. Michael Duain Nelums, Sr.



Jacqueline Hill-Hollins - December 15, 2025 at 06:34 PM

DC

“ Deborah Champion lit a candle in memory of Mr. Michael Duain Nelums, Sr.



Deborah Champion - December 15, 2025 at 03:48 PM

VF

“ Valerie Foster lit a candle in memory of Mr. Michael Duain Nelums, Sr.



Valerie Foster - December 15, 2025 at 12:37 PM



“ *Sending my condolences and prayers*



Barbara Hickman - December 14, 2025 at 07:22 PM

MJ

“ *MR &MRS MARION W GRIFFITH JR. lit a candle in memory of Mr. Michael Duain Nelums, Sr.*



MR &MRS MARION W GRIFFITH JR. - December 13, 2025 at 07:35 PM

CW

“ *Mike was cool beyond belief. Cliff & Risa West & Family.*

CLIFFORD WEST - December 13, 2025 at 01:40 PM

CH

“ *Clifford Harris lit a candle in memory of Mr. Michael Duain Nelums, Sr.*



Clifford Harris - December 13, 2025 at 12:10 PM

BF

“ *Billy Curry And Family lit a candle in memory of Mr. Michael Duain Nelums, Sr.*



Billy Curry and Family - December 13, 2025 at 10:16 AM

PD

“ *Rest my brother*



Philip Drake - December 13, 2025 at 09:42 AM



“ *Joanie Williams sent a virtual gift in memory of Mr. Michael Duain Nelums, Sr.*



Joanie Williams - December 13, 2025 at 08:45 AM

JO

“ *JoyReeves lit a candle in memory of Mr. Michael Duain Nelums, Sr.*



JoyReeves - December 13, 2025 at 03:40 AM

BD

“ *Brittney Donald lit a candle in memory of Mr. Michael Duain Nelums, Sr.*



Brittney Donald - December 12, 2025 at 08:27 PM

BT

“ *Bobbie Turner lit a candle in memory of Mr. Michael Duain Nelums, Sr.*



Bobbie Turner - December 12, 2025 at 07:44 PM

RW

“ *My condolences to Mike entire family doing his time of transition.*

Rodney White - December 12, 2025 at 06:37 PM

AJ

“ *Angenella Jones lit a candle in memory of Mr. Michael Duain Nelums, Sr.*



Angenella Jones - December 12, 2025 at 10:08 AM

DD

“ *Debra Drake-Brown lit a candle in memory of Mr. Michael Duain Nelums, Sr.*



Debra Drake-Brown - December 12, 2025 at 09:04 AM

YW

“ *Yvonne Weathers lit a candle in memory of Mr. Michael Duain Nelums, Sr.*



Yvonne Weathers - December 11, 2025 at 10:48 PM



“ *Rest up big Mike*



Darlean Donald - December 11, 2025 at 10:28 PM