



## Mr. Sylvester "Papa Vest" Valley

January 24, 1940 - January 30, 2020

Sylvester was born January 24, 1940 to Edmo, Sr. and Viola (Byrd) Valley in Colfax, Louisiana. Mr. Valley passed away on Thursday, January 30, 2020 at the age of 80 years.

He moved to Michigan at a young age where he met the love of his life Daisy Howard-Riche. They were married 49 years. They raised seven children together before he retired from Grey Iron Plant General Motors Corp. with 25 years of service. He was a member of UAW Local 668. Sylvester was a family man who enjoyed music, fishing, playing cards and traveling, especially to Louisiana where he spent time with family there.

Mr. Valley leaves to cherish his memory his children, Rodney Howard, Marsha (Lemuel) Riddick, both of Tampa, FL, Cynthia (James) Williams of Virginia Beach, VA, Frankie Riche of Saginaw, MI, Demetrius (Kelisha) Valley of Grand Blanc, MI and DeShone (Kenda) Valley of Hudson, OH; a host of grandchildren and great-grandchildren; three sisters, Mary Valley Ellis of Saginaw, MI, Rev. Betty Valley Ryan, and Merlene Williams, both of Colfax, LA; three brothers, Edmo Valley, Jr. of Colfax, LA, Morris (Mildred) Valley and Overton Valley, both of Saginaw, MI; god-children, Tony Lee and Terry Samuel; a host of nieces, nephews other relatives and friends including special family friend, Leonia Lowe-Valley and a special friend, Bertha Bell.

Sylvester was preceded in death by his wife, Daisy M. Valley; parents, Edmo, Sr. and Viola Valley; a son, Ricky Riche; three grandchildren, Adonnis Mitchner, MiAngel Riche, and Devon Holmes; three sisters, Lillie Bell Valley, Viola Valley and Martha Lawrence; two brothers, James and Herbert Valley.

Family Hour will take place at 10:00 a.m. with funeral service commencing at 11:00 a.m. on Saturday, February 8, 2020 at Mt. Olive Institutional Missionary Baptist Church, 1114 N. 6th Street, Saginaw, MI 48601. Dr. Marvin T. Smith host pastor. Rev. Henry Wilbur Thomas will officiate with interment in Forest Lawn Cemetery, 3210 S. Washington Avenue, Saginaw, MI 48601. Visitation will take place from 10:00 a.m. until time of service.

# Cemetery Details

## Forest Lawn Cemetery

3210 S. Washington Avenue  
Saginaw, MI

# Previous Events

## Family Hour

FEB 8. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

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

## Visitation

FEB 8. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

Mt. Olive Missionary Baptist Church  
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Saginaw, MI 48601

## Funeral Service

FEB 8. 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. Sylvester "Papa Vest" Valley*



**Browne's Mortuary** - February 11, 2020 at 01:47 PM

CR

*Miss you pop's this so so hard you and mom together once again as I board this flight my teats & heart in so much pain I know you n a better place until we meet again love you and mom dearly your daughter  
Cindy* ❤️💔❤️😭😭

**Cynthia Riche-Williams** - February 15, 2020 at 08:26 PM



*This was a very nice tribute much luv to the Valley Family* ❤️

**Johnathan Lowe** - April 04, 2020 at 06:37 PM

CW

*Hey pop's this me sit here looking at you and mom pictures and have a moment I know mom always said I was the strong one of her girls but as you say "babygirl" you going to be are right at times I second guess myself as I wipe away my tears I always ask why why mom and now why you I know y'all in a better place and together again love and missing my Queen and King til we meet again I'm going to hold my brothers and sister up as we always say see you later* ❤️💔❤️

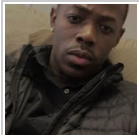
**Cynthia Williams** - July 10, 2020 at 07:59 AM

CW

“ Well my dear just here checking in on you we are in the month of January now guess who's BD coming up first BD without pop's we got through the holiday it was hard but we did it... you know we all hold you, momma and all are family's member in ours heart missing you the tear's ever stop but I can hear you " baby girl stop that I'm at peace" yea you right a job well done and I thank you... well a lot being going on since you left well I'm still here in VA slowly making my way to Fla mommy E coming to join you and momma at the Golden Gates soon my brothers and sister all doing well u know how you started out with sad news know here's some good, great news you have more grandkids until next time pop's will talk to you later Love and Missing you all Tell my Queen continues resting have to get back to work by the way Marta say hello pavest haha



Cynthia Riche Williams - January 16, 2021 at 08:29 AM



“ Awww man ... Papa Vest , u finally got them wings and I know u and gma daisy are looking over all over us wondering what the heck .. You were filled with some many grandkids life it's crazy u but u have enjoyed your life and u live a good one In remembrance of both of ya i had to get a pair of glasses that I know for a fact both of ya would ware ... love and miss ya so much and it was even hard to even write this without even crying 😭

Love ya, Mankie



Ari Carter - May 24, 2020 at 03:22 PM

DW

“ Hey Papa Vest! Took me some time to finally write but here we go lol. I don't like change, and I'm still coming to terms with it all. Change has always been a struggle to adjust to especially when it affects my mother. She's strong and always has been.. It's difficult, because I know my mom is hurting with your departure. She was hurt (and still hurting) with grandma's departure and currently coping with your departure. It's hard, because I hate to see my mom hurting like this, but what makes me happy is that you're no longer suffering. My only regret is not keeping in contact with you as much as I should have and I am so sorry Papa Vest. All we have left are memories too look back on and reminiscing on the good times we've all shared as a family. I hope you and grandma are having a great time up there. Although we miss you down here, you two are no longer suffering at peace.

*We love! Hug and kiss grandma for us :)*

*With love,*

*Nicia :)*

*\*\*P.S My mom found a picture of she, grandma, you, and TT while she was cleaning her room lol\*\**

*Lookin' sharp as always!*



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**Dominicia Williams** - May 23, 2020 at 05:19 PM

LA

“ To Frankie Riche and family; We send our deepest condolences to you all, and may God's amazing grace comfort you during this difficult time of loss.

*Larry/Linda Adams*



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**Larry/Linda** - March 02, 2020 at 10:26 AM

CM

“ Christel Martin lit a candle in memory of Mr. Sylvester "Papa Vest" Valley



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**Christel Martin** - February 08, 2020 at 08:18 PM

PU

“ Pumpkin lit a candle in memory of Mr. Sylvester "Papa Vest" Valley



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**Pumpkin** - February 08, 2020 at 11:45 AM

RR

“ Earth has no sorrow that heaven cannot heal



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**Rev.Ernest L, Reed** - February 08, 2020 at 10:18 AM

VR

“ *Demetrius and Frankie I am so sorry about your dad he was a nice person my prayers go out to your family your cuz Valerie*

Valerie D Robinson - February 08, 2020 at 01:24 AM

NB

“ *Narvel & Felicia Badger lit a candle in memory of Mr. Sylvester "Papa Vest" Valley*



Narvel & Felicia Badger - February 07, 2020 at 02:03 PM

DF

“ *DeBardelaben Family sent a virtual gift in memory of Mr. Sylvester "Papa Vest" Valley*



DeBardelaben Family - February 07, 2020 at 11:48 AM



“ *Guiding Light Bouquet was purchased for the family of Mr. Sylvester "Papa Vest" Valley.*



February 07, 2020 at 10:55 AM



“ *Beautiful Dreams was purchased for the family of Mr. Sylvester "Papa Vest" Valley.*



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February 07, 2020 at 09:59 AM



“ *Schandra Coates & Family lit a candle in memory of Mr. Sylvester "Papa Vest" Valley*



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**Schandra Coates & Family** - February 06, 2020 at 11:54 PM



“ *MARSHA FRANKIE CINDY AND FAMILY.. THE CHOYCE FAMILY!!! SEND OUR LOVE AND CONDOLENCE..MR VALLEY WAS ALWAYS..A NICE KIND GUY..*



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**CHOYCE FAMILY** - February 06, 2020 at 06:32 PM



“ *Janie M Surles-Cork sent a virtual gift in memory of Mr. Sylvester "Papa Vest" Valley*



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**Janie M Surles-Cork** - February 06, 2020 at 06:31 PM

DW

“ Denise Jackie Sandra Stephaine Lil Man W lit a candle in memory of Mr. Sylvester "Papa Vest" Valley



Denise Jackie Sandra Stephaine lil man w - February 06, 2020 at 05:45 PM

DW

“ Denise Jackie Sandra Stephaine Lil Man W lit a candle in memory of Mr. Sylvester "Papa Vest" Valley



Denise Jackie Sandra Stephaine lil man w - February 06, 2020 at 05:43 PM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Mr. Sylvester "Papa Vest" Valley.



February 06, 2020 at 03:17 PM

VF

“ Vera Clark And Family lit a candle in memory of Mr. Sylvester "Papa Vest" Valley



Vera Clark and Family - February 06, 2020 at 01:27 PM

VF

“ Vera Clark And Family sent a virtual gift in memory of Mr. Sylvester "Papa Vest" Valley



Vera Clark and Family - February 06, 2020 at 01:27 PM

LW

“ Laticia Whitehead lit a candle in memory of Mr. Sylvester "Papa Vest" Valley



Laticia Whitehead - February 05, 2020 at 03:27 PM

DF

“ DCF / Adult Protective Services, Tampa, FL purchased the Heavenly Light for the family of Mr. Sylvester "Papa Vest" Valley.



DCF / Adult Protective Services, Tampa, FL - February 05, 2020 at 12:47 PM

CM

“ Charlotte McMillan-Harper lit a candle in memory of Mr. Sylvester "Papa Vest" Valley



Charlotte McMillan-Harper - February 05, 2020 at 12:32 PM

JY

“ Jeanine Young sent a virtual gift in memory of Mr. Sylvester "Papa Vest" Valley



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**Jeanine Young** - February 05, 2020 at 11:03 AM



“ Estrella McRae lit a candle in memory of Mr. Sylvester "Papa Vest" Valley



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**Estrella McRae** - February 04, 2020 at 10:16 PM

WB

“ Walsezetta Bennett lit a candle in memory of Mr. Sylvester "Papa Vest" Valley



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**Walsezetta Bennett** - February 04, 2020 at 05:53 PM

IR

“ Irnah Reed sent a virtual gift in memory of Mr. Sylvester "Papa Vest" Valley



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**Irnah Reed** - February 04, 2020 at 11:36 AM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Mr. Sylvester "Papa Vest" Valley.



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February 04, 2020 at 09:14 AM



“ Stephanie Hall sent a virtual gift in memory of Mr. Sylvester "Papa Vest" Valley



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**Stephanie Hall** - February 04, 2020 at 05:43 AM



“ Lorraine Bond-Riley sent a virtual gift in memory of Mr. Sylvester "Papa Vest" Valley



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**Lorraine Bond-Riley** - February 04, 2020 at 12:55 AM



“ My condolences to the family much love.

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**Raecille Brooks** - February 03, 2020 at 09:35 PM

KV

“ I love you Papa V!! You will be sadly missed I know your in a better place but it doesn't stop the pain in our hearts I will always cherish our wonderful funny times together & will continuously be there for your son & help OUR baby through this

Kelisha Valley - February 03, 2020 at 09:12 PM

EF

“ Eugene And Michelle Blair & Family sent a virtual gift in memory of Mr. Sylvester "Papa Vest" Valley



Eugene and Michelle Blair & Family - February 03, 2020 at 06:28 PM

JB

“ JoNita Byrd-Reeves sent a virtual gift in memory of Mr. Sylvester "Papa Vest" Valley



JoNita Byrd-Reeves - February 03, 2020 at 03:36 PM

TF

“ The Roby Family lit a candle in memory of Mr. Sylvester "Papa Vest" Valley



The Roby Family - February 03, 2020 at 02:16 PM

GD

“ Gregory Daniel lit a candle in memory of Mr. Sylvester "Papa Vest" Valley



Gregory Daniel - February 03, 2020 at 11:00 AM

DP

“ Dec. Charles & Share' Patrick




Dec. Charles & Share' Patrick - February 03, 2020 at 10:59 AM

NW

“ Nicole Welch lit a candle in memory of Mr. Sylvester "Papa Vest" Valley



Nicole Welch - February 03, 2020 at 09:53 AM

 Kari Richardson

“ Kari Richardson purchased the Simply Elegant S pathiphyllum for the family of Mr. Sylvester "Papa Vest" Valley.



Kari Richardson - February 03, 2020 at 09:10 AM

TH

“ Tee-Ar Hines lit a candle in memory of Mr. Sylvester "Papa Vest" Valley



Tee-Ar Hines - February 03, 2020 at 08:58 AM

KS

“ Kathy Shaw lit a candle in memory of Mr. Sylvester "Papa Vest" Valley



Kathy Shaw - February 02, 2020 at 11:01 PM



“ The Coleman Family



Annie Coleman - February 02, 2020 at 03:24 PM

BF

“ Brownie And Family lit a candle in memory of Mr. Sylvester "Papa Vest" Valley



Brownie and family - February 01, 2020 at 07:43 PM

MF

“ *Mosella Reed And Family sent a virtual gift in memory of Mr. Sylvester "Papa Vest" Valley*



**Mosella Reed and Family** - February 01, 2020 at 05:59 PM

SD

“ *Sandra Dillard lit a candle in memory of Mr. Sylvester "Papa Vest" Valley*



**Sandra Dillard** - February 01, 2020 at 04:33 PM

RC

“ *Rhonda Clark sent a virtual gift in memory of Mr. Sylvester "Papa Vest" Valley*



**Rhonda Clark** - February 01, 2020 at 03:05 PM



“ *Jacqueline Thomas lit a candle in memory of Mr. Sylvester "Papa Vest" Valley*



**Jacqueline Thomas** - February 01, 2020 at 01:04 PM



“ *Jacqueline Thomas lit a candle in memory of Mr. Sylvester "Papa Vest" Valley*



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**Jacqueline Thomas** - February 01, 2020 at 01:04 PM

GP

“ *Geraldine Parris lit a candle in memory of Mr. Sylvester "Papa Vest" Valley*



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**Geraldine Parris** - February 01, 2020 at 10:23 AM

RT

“ *RUSSELL TERRELL sent a virtual gift in memory of Mr. Sylvester "Papa Vest" Valley*



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**RUSSELL TERRELL** - February 01, 2020 at 09:15 AM

RT

*My home boy, Sylvester Valley was one of the nicest guys I ever met. You will be greatly missed. Sending love & prayers to the entire Valley family. THE TERRELL FAMILY.*

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**RUSSELL TERRELL** - February 01, 2020 at 09:19 AM

LT

“ *Lakisha Thomas lit a candle in memory of Mr. Sylvester "Papa Vest" Valley*



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**Lakisha Thomas** - February 01, 2020 at 08:46 AM

Kari Richardson

“ *Kari Richardson lit a candle in memory of Mr. Sylvester "Papa Vest" Valley*



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**Kari Richardson** - January 31, 2020 at 09:04 PM

Kari Richardson

“ *I send my deepest condolences to Demetrius and the entire Valley and Riche family. Mr. Valley (Vess) was a pleasure to have known. Excitedly, we'd talked about Louisiana, gumbo, fishing, old school cars and music. I even got the honor of hearing him play his harmonica a few times. You are loved by many, and I'll never forget you. Rest on Mr. Valley, you will be missed !*

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**Kari Richardson** - January 31, 2020 at 09:03 PM

VM

“ *Veronica McClain lit a candle in memory of Mr. Sylvester "Papa Vest" Valley*



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**Veronica McClain** - January 31, 2020 at 05:55 PM

RB

“ *Rosette Blakes sent a virtual gift in memory of Mr. Sylvester "Papa Vest" Valley*



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**Rosette Blakes** - January 31, 2020 at 04:45 PM

JP

“ *JAMES RAY PEARSON lit a candle in memory of Mr. Sylvester "Papa Vest" Valley*



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**JAMES RAY PEARSON** - January 31, 2020 at 11:38 AM