



## Mr. Rufus Luther Williams

April 30, 1934 - March 24, 2014

### Life Story of Rufus Luther Williams:

Rufus Luther Williams, lovingly known to some as “Sonny”, “Luther” or as “Mr. Rufus”, was born in LaGrange, Georgia on April 30, 1934 to the late Luther Williams and Earnestine Hill. Rufus was an only child born from this union. At age seven, he moved to Detroit where he joined his mother and stepfather, the late John Tompkins, one step brother and three step-sisters.

Rufus was educated in the Detroit Public Schools and obtained his GED after enlisting in the U.S. Air Force and becoming a certified electrician working on F50 fighter planes. In 1956 he was honorably discharged from the Air Force and in 1957 joined the Air Force Reserves and served until 1974. After his military service, Rufus was employed as a Clerk with the United States Postal Service where he retired on October 31, 1990 after 39 years of dedicated service. He was also a member of the Detroit Eagles, a group of Harley Davidson motorcycle enthusiasts that traveled across the United States. Rufus was a man with simple taste. He loved plaid shirts, blue jeans, baseball caps and old western movies.

After retiring, Rufus did not just sit at home. He began a new career as an independent electrician and landscaper. Another passion of his was video recording special events for family and friends.

Rufus married the late Mable Mills and to this union were born three children; Marcus, Rodney and Earnistine. He later married the late Laverne Singleterry. After her passing, Rufus found love one last time and married Johnetta Curry. They married in June, 2004 and shared a loving, passionate and devoted relationship until the day of his passing.

Rufus Williams departed this earthly life on Monday, March 24, 2014 at Henry Ford Hospital surrounded by his loved ones.

# Previous Events

## Visitation

Sunday, Mar. **30**. 10:00 AM - 8:00 PM (ET)

O. H. Pye, III Funeral Home  
17600 Plymouth Road  
Detroit, MI 48227  
(313) 838-9770  
info@pyefuneralhome.com

## Family Hour

Monday, Mar. **31**. 2:30 PM - 3:00 PM (ET)

O. H. Pye, III Funeral Home  
17600 Plymouth Road  
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## Funeral Service

Monday, Mar. **31**. 3:00 PM (ET)

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# Tribute Wall



“ *Mr. Rufus Luther Williams*

January 21, 2023 at 09:34 PM



“ *Toni King-Pittman lit a candle in memory of Mr. Rufus Luther Williams*



**Toni King-Pittman** - March 31, 2014 at 01:04 PM



“ *Our prayers are extended to the family of Rufus Williams. May God give you comfort & strength during this time of your loss and may God continue to uplift each and everyone of you and restore healing power inside of you. Toni King-Pittman & Family*

**Toni King-Pittman** - March 31, 2014 at 01:02 PM



“ *Jonette, the Moss family, your former neighbors on Anglin street and cousin to rufus, are very sorry for your loss. Rufus was a wonderful man who loved his family and will be missed by all. Our prayers are with you at this time and always.*

**The Moss Family** - March 30, 2014 at 05:51 PM

CE

“ We only met Mr. Rufus once but he made us feel like family. Our prayers go out to his loved ones especially Marcus and Earnistine for the loss of their father. Love always CeCelia & Ceion.

CeCelia - March 29, 2014 at 09:55 PM

TG

“ Our prayers are with Sonny's wife and family. He was such a thoughtful cousin remembering his long distance relatives by sending cards on our birthday and at Christmas. We will remember all of his acts of kindness and yes the family video tapes. Rest in peace...we will miss you.

Troy and Sharon Simmons (Atlanta, Ga.) - March 27, 2014 at 07:25 PM

SF

“ I am so very sorry to read of your loss. When we suffer a loss we often feel helpless and alone, I know I did. What I found comforting was encouraging words from Jehovah found at Revelation 21: 3, 4. For more information on the scriptural hope, please visit: [www.jw.org](http://www.jw.org).  
S. Frierson

S. Frierson - March 27, 2014 at 10:43 AM

AD

Rufus (Sonny) Williams was the patriarch of the Hill family. He deeply loved his family, especially his cousins. He always remembered our birthdays and organized cousin birthday dinners at various restaurants. He also made and gave us precious family videos to treasure. He will be truly missed by his family and all his cousins. Rest in peace, cousin Sonny. We will always love you.

Cousins; Augustine, Alonzo, Booker, Eloise (Love), Marion and Roy

Augustine Dunson - March 27, 2014 at 03:19 PM