



Mrs. Velvet Lee Flucker

May 4, 1940 - April 17, 2023

Mrs. Velvet Lee Flucker, beloved wife, mother, grandmother and Matriarch of the Flucker family, passed into eternity on April 17, 2023 in Detroit, Michigan. Her passing is mourned and her transition into glory is celebrated by her family and by countless individuals whose lives she touched in her earthly sojourn of 82 years.

Velvet was born to the union of Mr. Earnest Smith and Miss. Laura Chattman in Church Hill, Mississippi on May 4, 1940. She is preceded in glory by her husband of 49 years, Elder Willie Flucker Sr., her eldest daughter, Mrs. LaTonda (Roosevelt) Crawford and her brother, Mr. Sonny Chattman. She is survived by her daughter, Mrs. LaShond (Keith) Morrison; two sons, Colonel Willie (Benita) Flucker Jr. and Mr. Erik (Sonya) Flucker; two sisters, Mrs. Bobbie Hollins and Ms. Viola Smith; twelve grandchildren, four great grandchildren and a host of godchildren, nieces, nephews, other relatives and friends.

As a child and direct descendant of French African-American and Choctaw Native-American farmers in the south, Velvet and her younger brother, Sonny, were raised by various family elders in Mississippi. Her family later moved to Detroit, Michigan as part of the great African-American migration. Beginning at a very young age, Velvet had visions that transcended her present circumstances and pointed to the potential in her life and the lives of those

around her. She was encouraged by her grandmother, Viola Smith, her great, great grandmother, Mrs. Roseanna Anderson, and Mrs. Bessie Chattman (who she affectionately called "Lil' Ma") to embrace these visions as prophetic guidance helping her navigate an era of racial and gender discrimination to become the person God meant her to be. Determined to reach her prophesied potential, Velvet excelled in academics at Detroit Cass Technical High School and the nursing program at Wayne State University; overcoming myriad disadvantages and surpassing the expectations of a society biased against African-American academic achievement. Velvet married Willie Flucker Sr., the king worthy of the queen she saw in herself, and together they raised a family of four children with whom she shared her knowledge and faith in Jesus Christ and her confidence in their ability to become the best version of themselves.

A lifelong student and teacher of the Bible, Velvet believed strongly that God blesses His believers so they may be a blessing to others. She taught that words inspire, but hard work transforms. Accordingly, she was a founding member of the neighborhood beautification committee, encouraging self-initiated improvements in neighborhood homes and businesses often forgotten by municipal renovation projects. She spearheaded the effort to improve Detroit Public School facilities and resources by convincing local businesses that education is a sound business and community investment - a forerunner of today's nationally recognized Adopt-A-School programs. Most importantly, Mother Flucker was a powerful prayer warrior. Every day for more than a generation she turned her home in Northwest Detroit into a temple of the Holy Spirit, going to God on behalf of hundreds who needed to experience God's truth, power and comfort in their lives.

Throughout her life, Velvet Flucker was a light in her family and her community; a source of spiritual guidance and unfiltered truth tempered with unconditional love and generosity. This remarkable woman of vision

encouraged, and assisted hundreds of people, young and old, to pursue their maximum potential earning, in word and deed, the titles of Matriarch and Mother of Many.

"In memory of a remarkable woman, Mrs. Velvet Lee Flucker. Your legacy will always live on, however your presence will be missed. God said, daughter well done."

Cemetery Details

Woodlawn Cemetery

19975 Woodward Ave.
Detroit, MI 48203

Previous Events

Visitation

Thursday, Apr. **27**. 5:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

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

Family Hour

Friday, Apr. **28**. 9:30 AM - 10:00 AM (ET)

O. H. Pye, III Funeral Home
17600 Plymouth Road
Detroit, MI 48227
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Celebration of Life

Friday, Apr. **28**. 10:00 AM (ET)

O. H. Pye, III Funeral Home
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Tribute Wall



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Mrs. Velvet Lee Flucker.* ”



April 27, 2023 at 11:21 AM



“ *Strength & Solace Spray was purchased for the family of Mrs. Velvet Lee Flucker.* ”



April 27, 2023 at 08:23 AM



“ *We love you so much, Granny. We miss you.* ”



Danita Darby - April 26, 2023 at 06:01 PM

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“ *Uncle Robert and Aunt Minnie. With Love. purchased the Country Basket Blooms for the family of Mrs. Velvet Lee Flucker.*



Uncle Robert and Aunt Minnie. With Love. - April 26, 2023 at 05:51 PM

UC

“ *On behalf of the UAW-Local 600-Steel Unit Membership & Committee we are saddened to hear of the loss of your loved one. We offer our heartfelt condolences to the family. We wish you peace to bring you comfort, courage to face the days ahead, and loving memories to hold in your heart.*

UAW Steel Unit Membership & Committee - April 26, 2023 at 12:01 PM



“ *Your Light Shines was purchased for the family of Mrs. Velvet Lee Flucker.*



April 26, 2023 at 10:01 AM

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“ God Bless You Mom 🙏❤️



Benita Flucker - April 25, 2023 at 07:32 PM



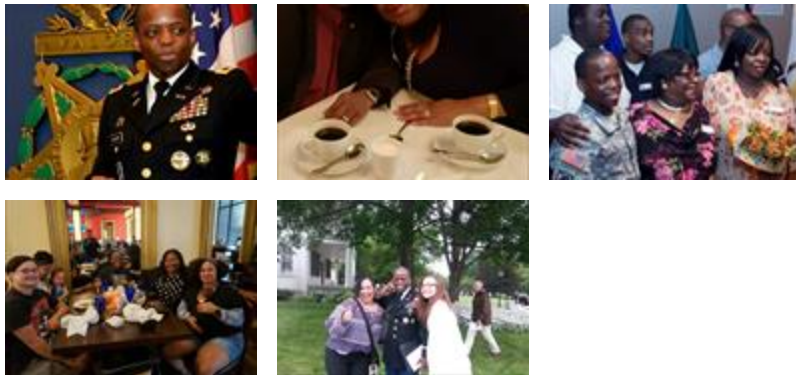
“ Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Mrs. Velvet Lee Flucker.



April 25, 2023 at 05:53 PM



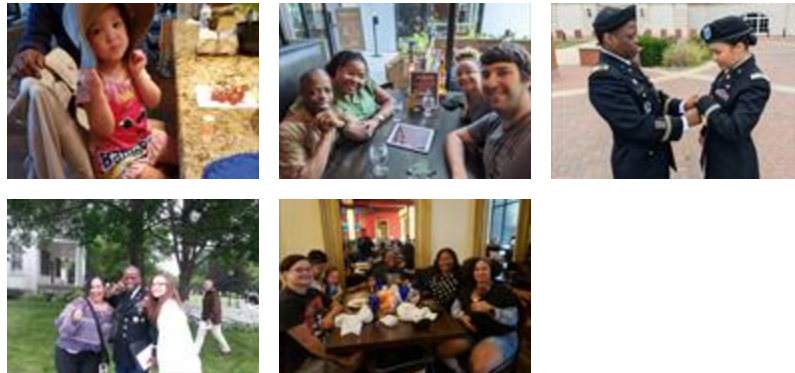
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O.H. Pye III Funeral Home - April 25, 2023 at 04:40 PM

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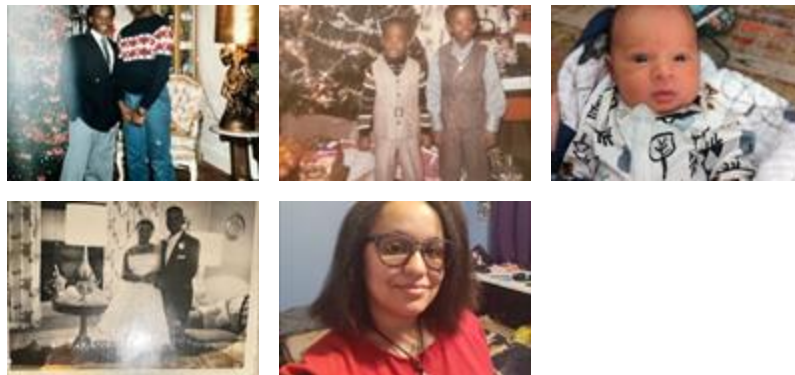
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Benita Flucker - April 25, 2023 at 04:16 PM



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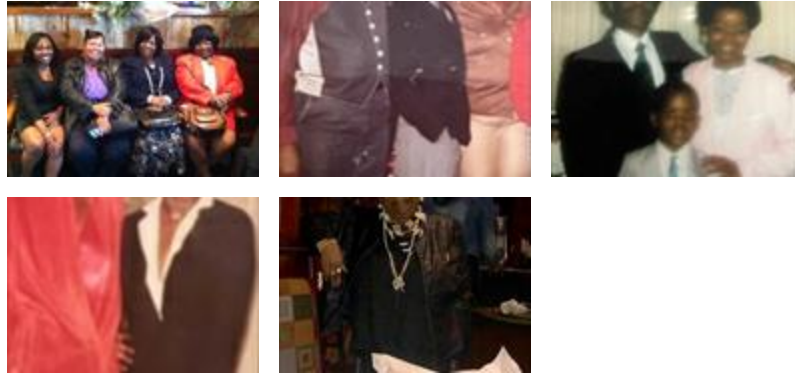
“ Elaine Perry lit a candle in memory of Velvet Flucker



Elaine Perry - April 25, 2023 at 12:01 PM



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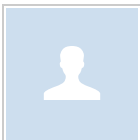
O.H. Pye III Funeral Home - April 24, 2023 at 04:23 PM



“ Crystal Cross Bouquet was purchased for the family of Mrs. Velvet Lee Flucker.



April 23, 2023 at 12:24 PM



“ Medium Dish Garden was purchased for the family of Mrs. Velvet Lee Flucker.



April 22, 2023 at 03:14 PM



“ *Pink Tribute Spray was purchased for the family of Mrs. Velvet Lee Flucker.*



April 21, 2023 at 03:47 PM



“ *Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Mrs. Velvet Lee Flucker.*



April 21, 2023 at 03:39 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Mrs. Velvet Lee Flucker.*



April 21, 2023 at 03:01 PM