### Pallbearers

Anthony Moffett, Sr. Patrick Addison Dwain Golden Lamar Royal Ronald Horsley Don C. Simons

Honorary Pallbearers

Frank Gladden Clifton Washington, Sr. Houston Washington Anthony Moffett, Jr.
Walter Harvey
Dr. Clyde A. Turner, Jr.

Custodian of Flowers
Friends and Family

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Interment

**Lincoln Memorial Park Cemetery** 

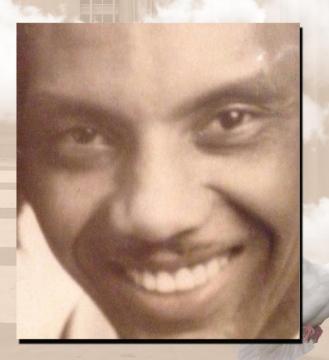
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Acknowledgment of Appreciation

The family of the late **Joe Nathan Laws** thanks everyone for the many comforting messages, floral tributes, prayers, and other expressions of kindness and concern. May God continue to bless you. A more personal acknowledgement will be made later.



## Celebrating The Life Of



# JOE PATHAN LAWS

Sunrise: August 13, 1929 - Sunset: August 31, 2019

Saturday, September 14, 2019

10:00 AM Family Time

10:30 AM Funeral Service

Word of Faith Int'l Christian Center

20000 W. Nine Mile Rd.

Southfield, Michigan 48075

Bishop Keith A. Butler, Founder and Senior Pastor Minister Stephen Bell, Officiating

### **OBITUARY**

For Joe, it was always a good day to fish! He loved to pull his boat out of the yard and tow it to Lake Erie, Elizabeth Lake, or any lake! He enjoyed the time he spent with his family and friends catching walleye and bass, and sharing moments joking and laughing.

As a matter of fact, Joe was born in Swan Lake, Arkansas, on August 13, 1929, to Edward and Arlener Laws. Joe sang in the choir of his church, at a young age, and traveled locally singing with a group of friends. He was educated in Arkansas schools.

Joe served his country faithfully. He was a Corporal in the United States Army during the Korean War. He was honorably discharged, received the Korean Service Medal, three Bronze Stars, and the U.N. Service Medal. This medal is an international decoration awarded by the United Nations (UN) for participation in joint international military operations that include humanitarian efforts and disaster relief.

Joe eventually met Lillie Washington in Pine Bluff, Arkansas. He couldn't imagine growing old with anyone else but her. He proposed and they were married August 24, 1957. Three daughters were born to this union: Jovita, Karyl, and Lichelle. Lillie and Joe enjoyed fifty-five years of marriage before she made her transition in March 2012.

Joe worked at General Motors for over thirty years and developed many lifelong friendships. He retired to a life of leisure puttering around the backyard and, of course, fishing too! He immensely enjoyed watching daily, his favorite TV shows, such as CNN, Rachel Maddow, and TED Talks when hosted by John Legend.

Joe was preceded in death by his loving wife, Lillie; daughter, Gwendolyn Crossley; parents, Edward and Arlener Laws; and three brothers, Arthur, Edward, and Samuel Laws.

He leaves to cherish his loving memory: his daughters, Jovita (Anthony) Moffett, Sr. of Southfield, Karyl (Patrick) Addison of Redford, and Lichelle Laws of Detroit; son, Larry Lawson of Chicago, IL; four grandchildren, Tiffany Crossley of Detroit, Anthony Moffett, Jr. of Manhattan, NY, Marisa Moffett of Chicago, IL, and Lamar Royal of Detroit; sisters-in-law and brothers-in-law, Vivial and Frank Gladden of Silver Spring, MD, Miriam and Samuel Adofo of Bowie, MD, Houston and Marie Washington of Detroit, Clifton and Ernestine Washington, Sr. of Detroit, and Delores Washington of Coral Springs, FL; numerous nieces, nephews, and beloved friends.

### ORDER OF SERVICE

Prelude	
Processional	
Song	WOFICC Music Dept.
Scripture	Minister Stephen Bell
Prayer	Minister Stephen Bell
Acknowledgment of Cards and Condolences	Gail Morrow
Poem	Karyl Addison
Obituary	Sharon Seaward
Remarks2 minutes please	Family and Friends
Song	WOFICC Music Dept.
Eulogy	Minister Stephen Bell
Recessional	
Postlude	

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The LORD is my shepherd; I shall not want. He maketh me to lie down in green pastures: he leadeth me beside the still waters. He restoreth my soul: he leadeth me in the paths of righteousness for his name's sake. Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil: for thou art with me; thy rod and thy staff they comfort me. Thou preparest a table before me in the presence of mine enemies: thou anointest my head with oil; my cup runneth over. Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life: and I will dwell in the house of the LORD for ever.