

Honorary Pallbearers

Anthony Matthews
Melvin Morris
Dwight Hargrove Jr.
Onious Hargrove



Acknowledgment

The family wishes to acknowledge with deep appreciation the many expressions of love, concern and kindness shown to them during the hour of bereavement.

May God Bless and Keep You!
The Family

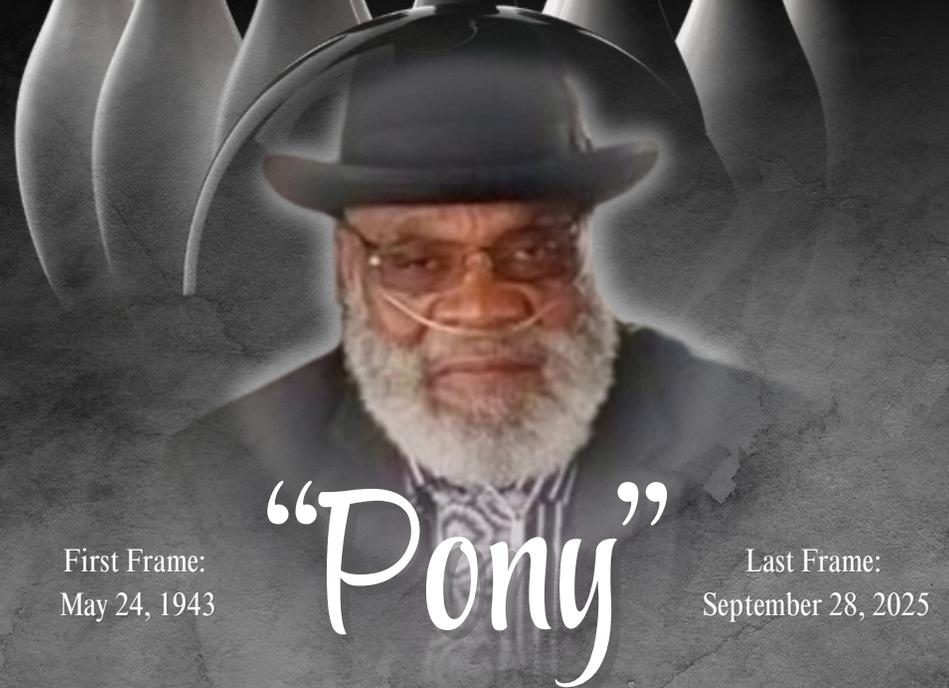


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In Loving Memory



First Frame:
May 24, 1943

Last Frame:
September 28, 2025

Mr. Onious Matthews, Jr.

Sunday, October 5, 2025
2:30 P.M.

Paradise Funeral Chapel
3100 South Washington Avenue
Saginaw, Michigan 48601

Pastor Sammy Nelson Sr., Officiating



Mr. Onious Matthews, Jr.

Mr. Onious "Pony" Matthews Jr. of Saginaw, Michigan, passed away peacefully on September 28, 2025, at the age of 82, at Henry Ford Hospital. Onious was born on May 24, 1943, in Osceola, AR, the son of Onious Matthews Sr. and Shirt Etta Kelly.

Onious lived a long and fulfilling life, marked not only by his strong work ethic but also by the many milestones, achievements, and awards that celebrated his commitment and contributions. He loved spending time with family and friends and expressed his gratitude for his long life. Onious also enjoyed bowling and talking on the CB radio. As an avid bowler, Onious was proud of his five 300 games. With bowling and talking on the CB radio, Onious was able to develop many lifelong relationships that he cherished. Onious retired from Saginaw Malleable Iron in 1984.

He leaves behind his loving wife, Ada Faye Matthews, with whom he shared 58 years of marriage. Onious swept Ada off her feet in Osceola, Arkansas, eventually bringing her to Saginaw, where they raised their two children together. Ada was dedicated to caring for Onious until the end.

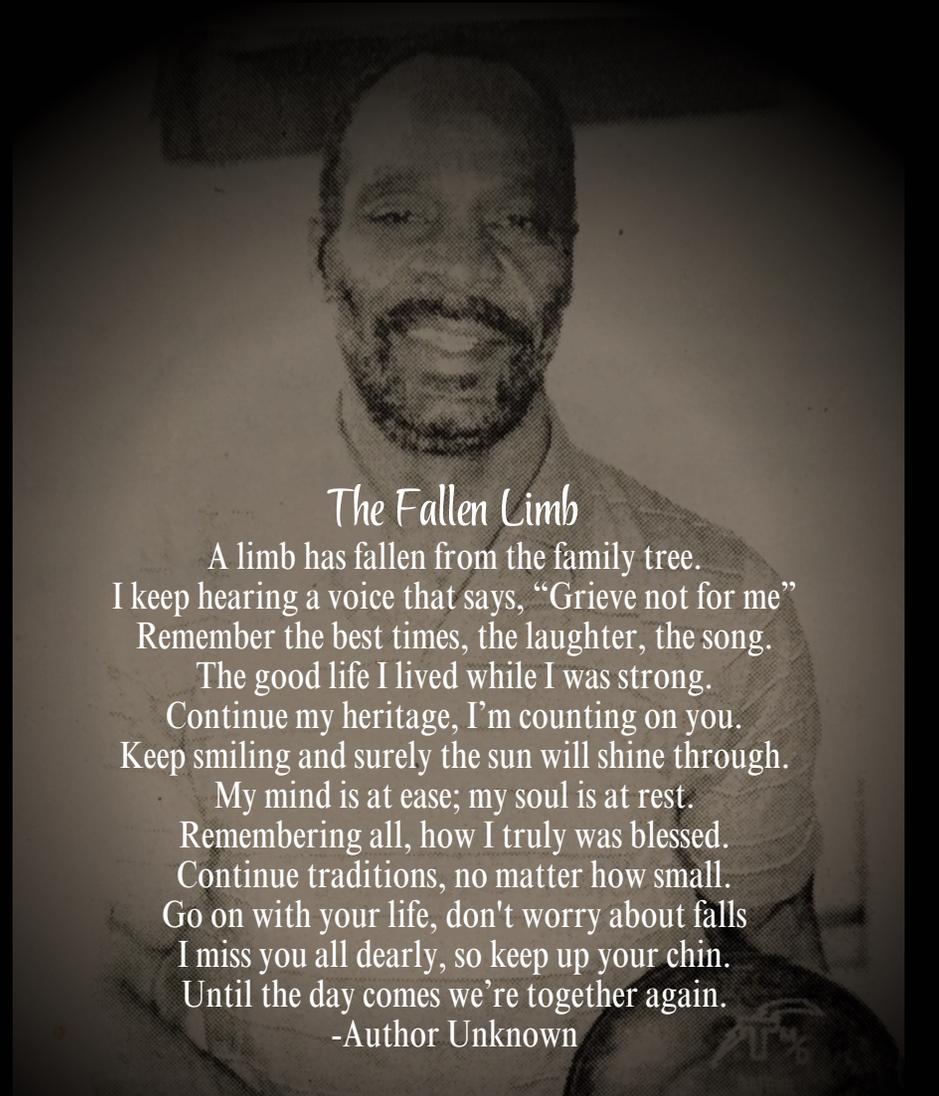
He is survived by his five children, who will carry on his memory: Anthony (Angela) Matthews of Watertown, NY; Sharon (Marvell) Eggleston of Detroit, MI; Connie Matthews; Meshell (Benjamin) Mathis; and Melvin Morris, all of Saginaw, MI. He also helped raise three grandchildren: Asheley (Carlos) McMath, Dwight Hargrove Jr., and Onious Hargrove. In addition, he leaves behind a host of other grandchildren, great-grandchildren, great-great-grandchildren, brothers and sisters, sisters-in-law, nieces, nephews, cousins, and many other relatives and friends.

Onious was preceded in death by his parents; two sisters; two brothers; four brothers-in-law; and other relatives and friends.

The family would like to extend a special thank you to the staff of Covenant Hospital, the staff of Henry Ford Hospital, Paradise Funeral Home, and the many family members and friends for their love and support.

Order of Service

Scripture Reading Eddie Bragg
 Prayer Eddie Bragg
 Selection Mary Wynn
 Obituary (Read Silently)
 Expressions (Please limit to two minutes) ... Family & Friends
 Eulogy Pastor Sammy Nelson Sr.
 Committal
 Recessional



The Fallen Limb

A limb has fallen from the family tree.
 I keep hearing a voice that says, "Grieve not for me"
 Remember the best times, the laughter, the song.
 The good life I lived while I was strong.
 Continue my heritage, I'm counting on you.
 Keep smiling and surely the sun will shine through.
 My mind is at ease; my soul is at rest.
 Remembering all, how I truly was blessed.
 Continue traditions, no matter how small.
 Go on with your life, don't worry about falls
 I miss you all dearly, so keep up your chin.
 Until the day comes we're together again.

-Author Unknown