

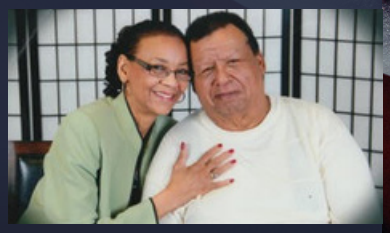
# ROBERT BARRY CRAWFORD SR.

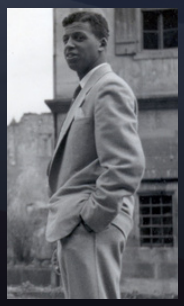
Memorial Service
Monday, November 9, 2026

Visitation: 11:00AM - 11:45AM
Honor Guards: 11:45AM - 12:00Pm
Celebration of Life: 12:00Pm

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# Homegoing Celebration Of The Life Of

Celebrating the Life of

# Robert Barry Crawford Sr.

A Life of Leadership, Love, and Legacy



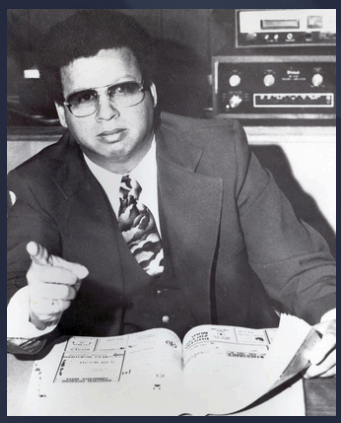
**Sunrise**
**December 16, 1932**

**Sunset**
**November 2, 2026**

















## Robert Barry Crawford Sr.

# Order of Service

Processional.....

Welcome & Opening Remarks.....Rev. Joe Jones

Reading of Obituary.....Aminah Johnson

Soloist.....Aaron Eddy

Reflections.....Bob Murphy, Dave Crawford, Joe Jones

Video Tribute - A Life Well Lived.....Dawn Eddy & Troy Erby

Tribute to Bob's Life.....Stephen Drew

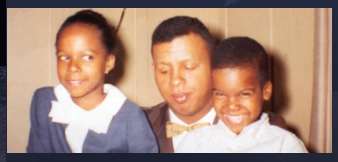
SOLOIST.....Aaron Eddy

A Granddaughter's tribute.....Bobbi Foster

Musician.....Danny Richardson

Closing Remarks.....Rev. Joe Jones

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# Order of Service

# Obituary

Robert Barry Crawford Sr., affectionately known as Bob, passed away peacefully on November 2, 2026, at the age of 93. A devoted husband, father, grandfather, businessman, mentor, and friend, Bob leaves a lasting legacy of leadership, perseverance, service, and love for family.

Born December 16, 1932, in Grand Rapids, Michigan, to Malvern L. Crawford Sr. and Theresa Brown Crawford, Bob was one of twelve children. Raised in a modest home, he learned early the importance of hard work, responsibility, and determination. He graduated from Central High School, attended Grand Rapids Community College, and proudly served in the United States Army.

Bob shared 50 years of marriage with the love of his life, Gwendolyn L. Crawford. Together, they built a family grounded in love, loyalty, strength, and commitment.

A successful entrepreneur, jazz producer, and community leader, Bob owned and operated numerous businesses, including restaurants, retail stores, a health clinic, and an advertising agency and jazz producer. Having experienced racial inequality firsthand, he became a strong advocate for equal opportunity, African American business ownership, and economic independence. He believed success meant not only achieving personal goals but also creating opportunities for others.

Through his leadership of the Over the Hill Gang, Bob connected established business owners with aspiring young entrepreneurs, providing mentorship, encouragement, and opportunities for growth. He took great pride in helping others succeed.

He was preceded in death by his beloved wife, Gwendolyn; his children, Terri L. Crawford and Robert Crawford Jr.; his grandson, Barry Crawford Jr.; his parents; and his siblings, Malvern Crawford, Alan Crawford, Arvis Crawford, Marilyn Sue Cummings, Theresa Kay Murphy, Joan McIntosh, And Jackie Crawford.

Bob is survived by his children, Barry Crawford, David Crawford, and Saraya (Willie) Rice; his grandchildren; Damon Crawford, Steven Crawford, Latoya (Lionel) Towns, David Crawford Jr., Deonna Crawford, Khalil Crawford, Bobbi Foster, Khahari Crawford, Kiera Trotter, Jessica Smith, and Morgan Smith; his great-grandchildren; extended family; and countless friends and mentees.

Bob will be remembered as a devoted family man, visionary entrepreneur, passionate golfer, and dedicated mentor whose determination and generosity inspired generations.

His greatest legacy is not simply what he accomplished, but the opportunities he created, the lives he touched, and the values he instilled in those who follow him.

Obituary



# Acknowledgment & Appreciation

The family of Robert B. Crawford Sr. extends heartfelt gratitude to everyone who has offered prayers, love, comfort, kindness, and support during this time of bereavement. Your presence, calls, visits, and expressions of sympathy have strengthened and comforted the family. May God bless each of you for your kindness and compassion.

*Forever Loved. Forever Remembered. Forever in Our Hearts.*

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