

Pallbearers  
Willie Houston  
Demetrius Houston  
Jalen Houston  
Joshua Prince  
Donte Woods  
Malik Houston

Honorary Pallbearers  
Torrey Clark  
Donnell Sample  
Omarion Youngblood  
Reginald Prince  
Jeremy Prince  
Wade Houston

Flower Bearers  
Friends of the family

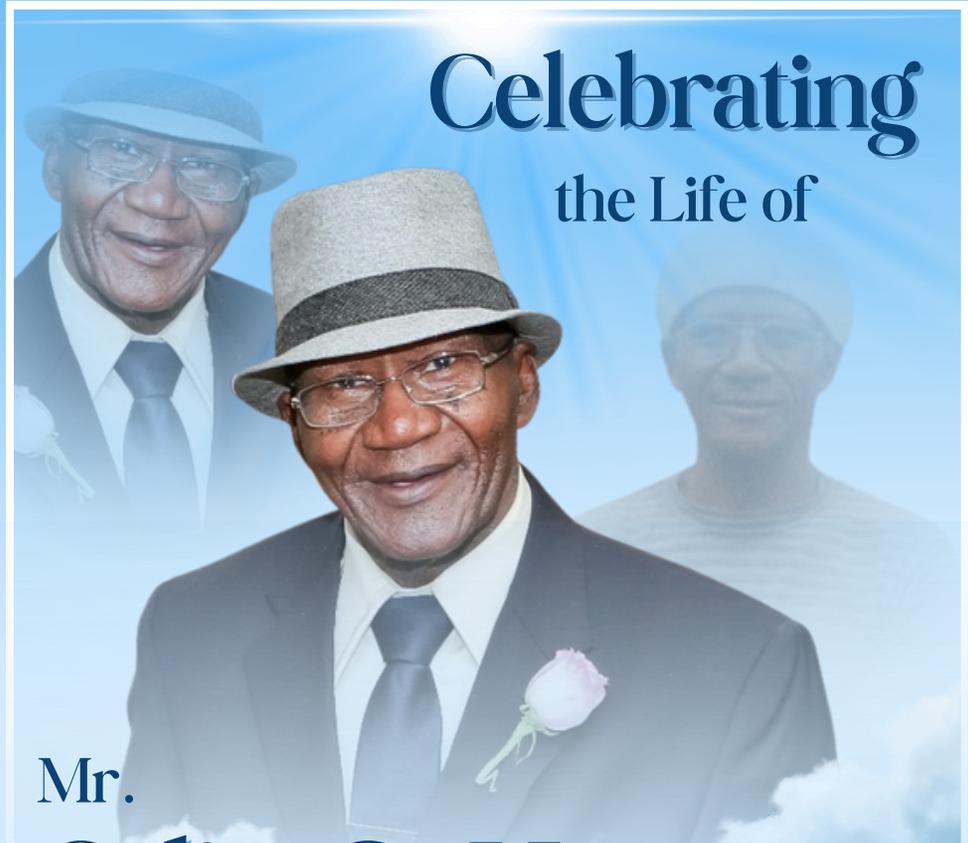
Interment  
Forest Lawn Cemetery  
3210 South Washington  
Saginaw, Michigan 48601

#### Acknowledgement

The family wishes to express their sincere gratitude to all of you for your prayers, presence, love, telephone calls and all other expressions of concern that you have shown during our time of bereavement. Never more than now was your kindness needed and more appreciated.



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# Celebrating the Life of

Mr.

# Odie C. Houston

Sunrise: March 9, 1936 - Sunset: December 16, 2025

Monday, January 5, 2026  
11:00 A.M.

Paradise Funeral Chapel  
3100 South Washington Avenue  
Saginaw, Michigan 48601

Pastor Hurley Coleman, Jr., Officiating



# The Lasting Legacy of O.C.

Mr. Odie Cole "O.C." Houston, our beloved father, brother, uncle, and grandfather, peacefully went home to be with the Lord on Tuesday, December 16, 2025, at his residence, with family by his side. He was 89 years old.

Odie was born March 9, 1936, to Ersular Jennings and John Henry Cole in DeKalb, Mississippi. He moved to Saginaw, Michigan, in 1956 and began working for General Motors. In his free time, he enjoyed gardening, fishing, and solving crossword puzzles. After he retired from the Grey Iron foundry, he selflessly stepped into the role of family caretaker. He was a man of strength and integrity who took great pride in protecting and providing for his children and loved ones. Odie, who was affectionately known as "Daddy" to his children and grandchildren, will be deeply missed by all who knew and loved him.

Odie leaves to cherish his memory his children from his marriage to the late Ora Houston: Alma (Rickey) Clark, Eileen (Larry) Jackson, Willie (Elaine) Houston, James Houston, Lavonne Houston, and Tanya Houston. He is also survived by his sister Katherine Simmons, sister-in-law Levater Houston, and many beloved grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

Odie was preceded in death by his parents: sisters, Alma Hughes, Callie Johnson and Jennine Jennings; brothers, Leroy Houston, J.T. Houston, Eugene Houston, and Albert Jennings; granddaughter, Tangela Houston, and great granddaughter, Imani Houston.

The family would like to extend a special acknowledgement to Willie and Elaine for the loving and compassionate care they provided Daddy.

The family wishes to express special thanks to Pastor Hurley Coleman, Jr. and the World Outreach Campus Church, Pastor Johnie Edwards and the Mt. Moriah Baptist Church, Family and Friends.

## Order of Service

Presider - Elder John Rhodes

- Prelude ----- Musician
- Processional ----- Family
- Scripture Reading  
Old & New Testament ----- Pastor Johnie Edwards
- Prayer ----- Minister
- Selection ----- Anthony Hill
- Acknowledgements & Obituary ----- Kia Patterson
- Expressions  
(Please Limit to 2 Minutes) ----- (6) Family & Friends
- Selection ----- Elder John Rhodes
- Eulogy ----- Pastor Hurley Coleman, Jr.
- Committal ----- Benediction ----- Recessional



### God Saw the Road

God saw the road was getting rough,  
The hill was hard to climb.  
He gently closed those loving eyes  
And whispered, "Peace Be Thine."

The weary hours, the days of pain,  
The sleepless nights have passed.  
The ever-patient worn-out frame  
Has found sweet rest at last.

God saw that you were weary  
So He did what He knows best.  
He came and stood beside you,  
And whispered, "Come and rest."

You bid no one a last farewell,  
Not even a goodbye.  
You were gone before we knew it,  
And only God knows why.

