



# Robert Lewis Bacon

MAR 23, 1943 - SEP 22, 2021



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## **Robert Lewis Bacon**

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**R**obert Lewis Bacon was born in Paducah, Kentucky on March 23, 1943. He was the third of Jennie Mae and Robert's ten children. He married Laverne in 1967 before being drafted into the Army and sent to serve in Vietnam. Upon his return home, Bobby as he was called by friends and family found rich and loving community amongst his fellow veterans at the American Legion Sauk Trail Post and could often be found DJ'ing parties and participating in all types of activities there. He was an integral part of "The Post" for over 35 years and is a lifetime member of the American Legion.

Bobby had a love and talent for all-things-music. He was a vocalist and performed in groups as an opener for many national acts across the United States. Singing was always a part of Bobby's life, and he discovered his talent early as young man growing up in Paducah. He and other family members would often tell stories of Bobby and his friends singing in Juke Joints around town, sneaking into the adult bars and hangouts to delight the folks with their crooning and tuning. Apparently, as legend would have it, these guys were so good that one night a woman forced Bobby and the group to continue performing at gun point!

Bobby also had a serious love of cars, including INDYCAR and NASCAR racing. His professional career indicates that he was also a skilled mechanic, working in automotive service and repair after returning from Vietnam. In fact, Bobby's first job upon returning was at his cousin's auto repair shop, Curtis' Garage here in Jackson, Michigan. Bobby had a knack for repairing and customizing cars. He was in possession of too many cars to count over the course of his life, as it was his practice to purchase cars and then "flip" them by adding after-market items and customization to them and then sell them. His son, Ronnie recalls days spent with his dad at Michigan International Speedway and other venues for local car races observing and understanding his father's passion for the automobile. If you were looking for him on the weekend, he was likely on his way to the casino, as he considered himself to have pretty good luck.



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Bobby was also an avid landscaper and was passionate about a well-manicured lawn. After retirement, he could be found tending to many front and backyards, including his own which was always pristine. Bobby knew just about all there was to know about how to keep one's yard beautiful and turned his knowledge and ability into yet another chapter of his life, creating a small lawncare business. And he was generous with his skill and knowledge, often tending to the lawns of those who could not do so themselves and would perform his services for free if his patrons could not pay.

Bobby was a part of that great epic and historical group of African-Americans who moved from the United States South to the North and Midwest during a great wave of migration from 1915 until 1970, known as The Great Migration. Born in Kentucky, Bobby moved first to Aurora, IL, staying with his sister Betty then to Detroit, Michigan in search of work and to join his aunts who had preceded him there. His brothers would follow and soon a vibrant family clan would take possession and bring culture, community, and richness to towns like Jackson, Michigan. Bobby and Laverne and their extended family members grew to a strong and enriching presence here in the Jackson area for over 50 years.

Once, here Bobby found work in his beloved automotive industry working first for his cousin Curtis at Curtis' Garage, and then for several years as the service manager for Brock Oldsmobile. He would also work over the course of his career for Yardman Manufacturing and at Clark Equipment Company. Bobby last worked and retired from the State of Michigan, Corrections Department after many years of service.

Bobby was preceded in death by his beloved wife of 51 years, Laverne, his parents Jennie Mae and Robert, and siblings Betty Shaw and Harold Bacon. He is survived by his son and daughter in law, Ronnie and Therese Bacon, granddaughter, Sasha Bacon, brothers Herbert, Del, Ray, and Ricky, and sisters Alice, Marva, and Donna. Along with many very special cousins, close in-laws and a host of friends spanning many generations.



# Events

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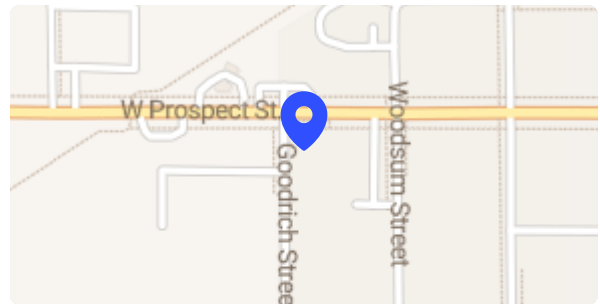
## Family Hour

 **Saturday**, October 2, 2021

 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM ET

 **The House of Johnson Funeral Home- Jackson Chapel**

235 West Prospect Street, Jackson MI 49203



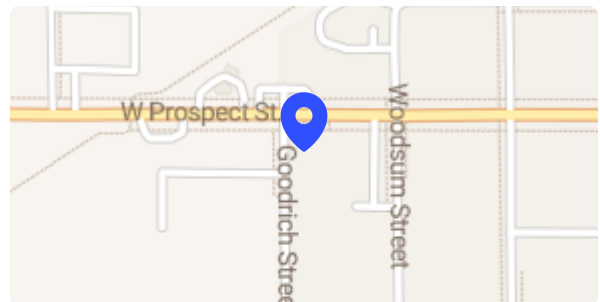
## Funeral Service

 **Saturday**, October 2, 2021


 12:00 PM - 1:30 PM ET

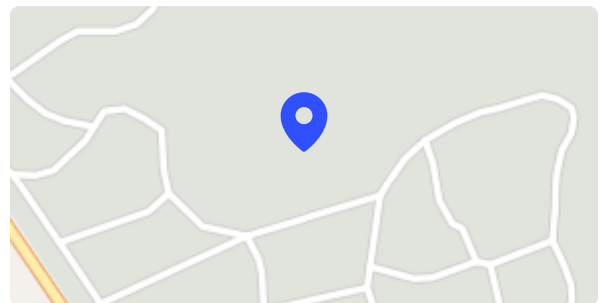
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## Cemetery Details

 **Woodland Cemetery**  
2615 Francis Street, Jackson MI 49203





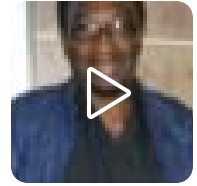
# Tribute Wall

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**The House Of Johnson Funeral Home** shared a **Webcast Video**.



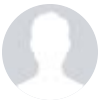
September 29 at 5:01 AM



**The House Of Johnson Funeral Home** shared an album called **Obituary**.



November 2 at 10:46 AM



**Shirley Massie** posted:

Robert and I are 1st cousins,my dad was his mother's big brother. Robert and I are both fresh tomato lovers. We love to eat them fresh out the garden.

October 2 at 7:44 AM



**Anonymous** sent a Peaceful White Lilies Basket to the Bacon family.



October 2 at 4:31 AM



**Terri Watson & Lena Long** lit a candle in honor of Robert.



October 1 at 11:34 PM



**Anonymous** sent a Beautiful in Blue to the Bacon family.



October 1 at 11:45 AM



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**Anonymous** sent a Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum to the Bacon family.

October 1 at 7:51 AM



**Anonymous** sent a Peaceful White Lilies Basket to the Bacon family.

October 1 at 6:58 AM



**Anonymous** sent a Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum to the Bacon family.

September 30 at 11:55 AM



**Sabrina Neves-Demps** lit a candle in honor of Robert.

My Condolences & Sympathy to my Cousin Ronnie & Fam. Uncle Bobby was a Multi-talented & Awesome Man. Wonderful Husband, Father, & Positive Example of a True Man. I know he & Aunt Lavern are reunited in Heaven. He will truly be missed.....

September 30 at 10:55 AM



**Michael Oliver & Family** lit a candle in honor of Robert.

September 30 at 1:13 AM



**Joyce Powell** lit a candle in honor of Robert.

To the family of Bobby Bacon, I am so sorry for your loss. My thoughts and prayers are with you all. God bless..R.I.P.

September 29 at 6:24 PM





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**Anonymous** sent a Glorious Grace Bouquet to the Bacon family.

September 28 at 9:33 AM



**Lezlie Bowles & Michael Gant** lit a candle in honor of Robert.

September 28 at 9:28 AM



**Anonymous** sent a Lovely One Spathiphyllum Plant to the Bacon family.

September 28 at 9:07 AM



**Anne Sutton** lit a candle in honor of Robert.

Ron and family-I am so sorry for the loss of your father! Please know that my thoughts and prayers are with you and yours. With heart felt condolences - Anne Sutton, Genentech Family

September 28 at 9:06 AM



**Davenport Family** posted:

Praying for the Bacon Family.

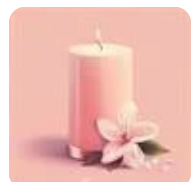
September 25 at 8:38 PM



**Watson- Davenport Family** lit a candle in honor of Robert.

Sending our condolences to the Family of Bobby Bacon. I'm sure your family & friends are waiting for you to sing the Blues.

September 25 at 8:34 PM





## Tribute Wall

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**Anonymous** sent a Beautiful Dreams to the Bacon family.



September 25 at 3:12 PM



**Rhonda Shaw** posted:

I will truly miss my Uncle Robert, my mother was his eldest sister and he and my Aunt Lavern use to come to our house when we were young and we would have the best time ever, I will always remember you dressed from head to toe matching he was cool too, I love you Uncle I will truly miss you, now you can rest say hello to my mom. Rest in Heaven!

September 25 at 2:46 PM



**Anonymous** sent a Beautiful in Blue to the Bacon family.



September 25 at 2:19 PM



# Media

**Robert Lewis Bacon**

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The House Of Johnson Funeral Home shared a **Webcast Video**.

September 29 at 5:01 AM



- SD** **Sabrina Neves-Demps** October 2 at 11:36 AM  
Unable to watch nor hear in the middle of theFlute Solo.
- SD** **Sabrina Neves-Demps** October 2 at 11:19 AM  
Unable to view, audio only after 10 minutes.
- IH** **Ida Heady** October 2 at 9:10 AM  
Was able to view.
- IH** **Ida Heady** October 2 at 7:14 AM  
Unable to see



The House Of Johnson Funeral Home shared 2 photos to the Obituary album.

November 2 at 10:46 AM

**HONORARY PALLBEARERS**  
 Herbert Bacon, Del Bacon, Rocky Bacon, Jeffrey Chism, Jimmy Stealy, Lawrence Wilcox

**FLOWER BEARERS**  
 Friends of the Family

**INTERMENT**  
 Western Cemetery  
 3400 Peach Street  
 Jackson, Michigan 49202

**REPAYMENT**  
 American Legion Post 1201  
 4141 Poppleton  
 Jackson, Michigan 49202

**ACKNOWLEDGMENT**  
 We extend our appreciation to the staff of The House of Johnson Funeral Home for their professional and caring service during this difficult time.

**ARRANGEMENTS ENTRUSTED TO**  
 The House of Johnson Funeral Home  
 315 West Grand Street  
 Jackson, Michigan 49202  
 (517) 753-4100 or (517) 850-6300

Sunrise: March 23, 1943 Sunset: September 22, 2021

*Celebrating The Life Of*

**Robert Lewis Bacon**  
 Born: March 23, 1943  
 Died: September 22, 2021  
 The House of Johnson Funeral Home  
 Jackson, Michigan 49202  
 Rev. Jimmy Stealy, officiating

**Obituary**

Robert Lewis Bacon was born in Foshok, Kentucky on March 23, 1943. He was the third of James Lee and Robert's six children. He married Lorene in 1967 before being drafted into the Army and sent to serve in Vietnam. Upon his return home, Bobby was well-received by friends and family, and he found work and living community amongst his fellow veterans of the American Legion Post 1201 and could often be found at the parties and participating in all types of activities there. He was an integral part of "The Post" for over 33 years and is a lifetime member of the American Legion.

Bobby had a love and talent for all things music. He was a vocalist and performed in groups on an amateur for many national gigs across the United States. Singing was always a part of Bobby's life, and he discovered his talent early as young man growing up in Foshok. He and other family members would often tell stories of Bobby and his friends singing in the back rooms around town, including into the adult bars and hangouts to delight the folks with their crooning and tuning. Apparently, an legend would have it, these guys were so good that one night a woman found Bobby and the group to continue performing at her place!

Bobby also had a serious love of cars, including FORD and NISSAN racing. His professional career indicates that he was quite a skilled mechanic, working in automotive service and repair after returning from Vietnam. In fact, Bobby's first job upon returning was at his cousin's auto repair shop, "Curtis Garage" here in Jackson, Michigan. Bobby had a knack for repairing and customizing cars. He was in possession of too many cars to count over the course of his life, as it was his hobby to purchase cars and then "fix" them by adding their own touch and customizations to them and then sell them. His son, Ronnie, recalls their great time with his dad at Michigan International Speedway and other venues for local car races, observing and understanding his father's passion for the automobile. If you were looking for him on the weekend, he was likely on his way to the races, as he considered himself to have pretty good luck.

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Bobby was a part of that great and historic group of African American who moved from the Cotton States South to the North and Midwest during a great wave of migration from 1915 until 1970, known as The Great Migration. Born in Kentucky, Bobby moved first to Kansas, then, along with his sister Betty, they moved to Detroit, Michigan in search of work and to join those who had preceded them there. His brothers would follow in time as vibrant family clan would take possession and build culture, community, and faith here to serve like Jackson, Michigan. Bobby and Lorene and their extended family members grew to a strong and loving presence here in the Jackson area for over 50 years.

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**Order of Service**

**Musical Prelude** ———— *Ministrants*

**Processional and Viewing** ———— *Clergy, Family & Friends*

**Opening Remarks** ———— *Kris McKinney*

**Scripture and Prayer** ———— *McCrinkley, Chairman*  
*"Old Testament and New Testament"*

**Song Selection** ———— *Bronson Marwood*

**Remembrances and Remarks** ———— *Herbert Bacon*  
*Ronnie Bacon*

**Acknowledgments, Cards, Telegrams** ———— *Angela Turner*

**Condolences and Obituary** ————

**Song Selection** ————

**Closing of the Casket: Immediate Family Only**

**Eulogy and Closing Prayer** ———— *Rev. Jimmy Stealy*

**Recessional** ———— *Clergy, Family and Friends*

**Musical Postlude** ———— *Ministrants*

*Directors of the funeral procession please take on your headlights for safety and stay one car length behind the car in front of you. Please do not allow large gaps between cars.*



# Memories only last if you share them

Join us in honoring Robert by contributing to a collection of shared memories.



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