



Mr. Frederick Alexander Vallar

March 25, 1949 - April 30, 2025

***A FUNERAL SERVICE IN LOVING MEMORY FOR MR. FREDERICK ALEXANDER VALLAR WILL BE HELD ON THURSDAY, MAY 8, 2025 AT OUR FUNERAL HOME.

***PLEASE SEE VISITATION & SERVICE TIMES LISTED BELOW.

**MASKS AND HAND SANITIZER WILL BE PROVIDED BY REQUEST.

***NOTE: The Full Obituary & DVD Tribute will be available soon

Mr. Frederick Alexander Vallar, born to Juanita Keys-Wilson and Frederick Cartwright on March 25, 1949, in Kalamazoo, Michigan, was a proud and decorated veteran of the United States Marine Corps. He honorably served his country in the Vietnam War, earning numerous commendations including the National Defense Service Medal, Vietnam Campaign Medal with device, Vietnam Service Medal with three stars, Combat Action Ribbon, Rifle Marksman Badge, and the Purple Heart with one star.

Fred had an unwavering passion for music and a deep commitment to bringing joy to others. Known to many as DJ Sweetback, he made a lasting impression everywhere he went-whether cruising around town with music blasting or lighting up dance floors and events across Michigan, Illinois, Texas, Washington, and Missouri. His love for music wasn't just a hobby; it was a

lifelong mission to connect, uplift, and entertain.

Beyond his resilience and strength, Fred's true legacy lies in his capacity to love. He had a gift for making people feel seen, heard, and valued. No matter the circumstance, he made it a priority to share laughter, kindness, and warmth with those around him.

Fred is survived by his beloved children: Juanita, Sophia, Frederick, and Alexander. He also leaves behind 16 cherished grandchildren and 15 great-grandchildren, his siblings, Gertrude, Beverly, James, Willie, Larry, and Micheal, extended family, and a host of cousins and friends whose lives were brighter because of him. Fred is preceded in death by his wife, Ella Brown-Vallar; child, Lady; grandsons Quintrell and Quintrell Jr.; and his siblings: Robert and Annette; son Larry, Johnnie Mae, Robin Lynne, LaVelle, and Mildred.

A heartfelt thank you to his cousin and caregivers, James and Mary, for providing Fred with love during his transition of care.

He will be remembered for his service, his spirit, and the music he left in all of our hearts.

Cemetery Details

Ft. Custer National Cemetery

15501 Dickman Road
Augusta, MI 49012

Previous Events

Visitation For Family & Friends

MAY 8. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

Harper Funeral Home - Chapel
521 Douglas Avenue
Kalamazoo, MI

A Service in Loving Memory

MAY 8. 11:00 AM (ET)

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Tribute Wall



“ Harper Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Mr. Frederick Alexander Vallar



Harper Funeral Home - May 07, 2025 at 06:55 PM

LC

“ Leslie Cartwright lit a candle in memory of Mr. Frederick Alexander Vallar



Leslie Cartwright - March 13 at 02:26 AM

JD

“ JACK Dunigan sent a virtual gift in memory of Mr. Frederick Alexander Vallar



JACK Dunigan - May 07, 2025 at 09:28 PM

JD

“ *JACK Dunigan lit a candle in memory of Mr. Frederick Alexander Vallar*



JACK Dunigan - May 07, 2025 at 09:28 PM

MC

“ *As my cousin, we didn't see each other often, but Fred was always the jokester when we did see him, as an adult after being in the service Fred would bring me music disk he had put together, which i still have to this day. Fred loved his music, he always had a kind word for you. I thank God that Frd is at peace now. Love you cousin. Maxine*

Maxine Chambers-Ware - May 07, 2025 at 05:05 PM

LC

“ *Leslie Cartwright sent a virtual gift in memory of Mr. Frederick Alexander Vallar*



Leslie Cartwright - May 07, 2025 at 12:10 PM

GN

“ *Gertrude Nelson sent a virtual gift in memory of Mr. Frederick Alexander Vallar*



Gertrude Nelson - May 07, 2025 at 12:09 PM

GN

“ Gertrude Nelson lit a candle in memory of Mr. Frederick Alexander Vallar



Gertrude Nelson - May 07, 2025 at 12:08 PM

LC

“ Leslie Cartwright lit a candle in memory of Mr. Frederick Alexander Vallar



Leslie Cartwright - May 07, 2025 at 12:07 PM

LC

“ Leslie Cartwright sent a virtual gift in memory of Mr. Frederick Alexander Vallar



Leslie Cartwright - May 07, 2025 at 12:01 PM

LC

“ Leslie Cartwright lit a candle in memory of Mr. Frederick Alexander Vallar



Leslie Cartwright - May 07, 2025 at 11:57 AM

CO

“ Cynthia Owens-White lit a candle in memory of Mr. Frederick Alexander Vallar



Cynthia Owens-White - May 06, 2025 at 10:52 PM

DF

“ Daniel Family sent a virtual gift in memory of Mr. Frederick Alexander Vallar



Daniel Family - May 05, 2025 at 07:43 PM

MC

“ 2 files added to the tribute wall



Mary M Chambers - May 05, 2025 at 07:23 PM