



## Mr. Archie L. Hemphill

January 17, 1937 - October 14, 2019

\*\*\*\*NOTE: Visitation, Service Times, Location & Interment information Listed Below

Mr. Archie Lee Hemphill (also known as “Cool Breeze”) departed this life peacefully on Monday, October 14, 2019 at Upjohn Care & Rehabilitation Center in Kalamazoo, Michigan. He was born January 17, 1937 in Inverness, Mississippi the son of the late Walter Sr. and Elizabeth (Bush) Hemphill. The family moved to Kalamazoo, Michigan in 1956. He accepted Christ early in his life.

He united with Friendship Missionary Baptist Church in the summer of 1958 along with his family where he remained under the leadership of three Pastors. He sung in the choir, was a member of the Usher Board he was in good standings and faithfully served until his health began to fail.

Archie married the love of his life, Freddie Mae Whitfield of Kalamazoo, Michigan on April 7, 1979 at Friendship Baptist Church located on George Street. To this union joined one child, Sherry Whitfield.

Archie loved singing in quartet groups. You could always find him sitting next to a boom box eating Twinkies and drinking an ice cold Pepsi. He also enjoyed talking on the phone as he would call and check on his family daily. If

you knew Archie, then you know he LOVED him some white Wonder Bread and bologna.

He was known for having a very smart mouth and could be very stubborn at times. If you needed him to straighten up, just say, "I'm calling Doris" and his response would be "Call her because she is the only person I will listen to." Archie will be greatly missed by his family and friends.

He leaves to cherish his memories: One daughter, Sherry Whitfield, one grandchild and two great grandchildren all of Kalamazoo, MI; three sisters-in-law, Freddie Mae Hemphill of Chicago, IL; Jackie Hemphill of Gary, IN and Doris Hemphill of Kalamazoo, MI. He also leaves behind a host of nieces, nephews, cousins and friends for he will be truly missed by all.

# Cemetery Details

## Riverside Cemetery

1015 Gull Rd  
Kalamazoo, MI 49048-1733  
(269) 337-8227

# Previous Events

## Visitation

OCT **20**. 4:30 PM - 6:00 PM (ET)

Harper Funeral Home - Chapel  
521 Douglas Avenue  
Kalamazoo, MI

## Visitation

OCT **21**. 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM (ET)

First United Baptist Church  
821 S Burdick St  
Kalamazoo, MI 49001  
(269) 381-3996

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OCT **21**. 12:00 PM (ET)

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# Tribute Wall



“ Harper Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Mr. Archie L. Hemphill



Harper Funeral Home - October 18, 2019 at 10:31 PM



“ Mr. Archie L. Hemphill

October 23, 2023 at 06:06 AM



“ Mr. Archie L. Hemphill

October 06, 2023 at 10:42 AM



“ Jean Young-Baidy lit a candle in memory of Mr. Archie L. Hemphill



Jean Young-Baidy - November 08, 2019 at 01:44 PM

TF

“ *The WALKER Family sent a virtual gift in memory of Mr. Archie L. Hemphill*



The WALKER Family - October 21, 2019 at 03:03 AM

DF

“ *Dallas Boards And Family lit a candle in memory of Mr. Archie L. Hemphill*



Dallas Boards and family - October 20, 2019 at 08:30 PM



“ *1 file added to the album Life Tributes*



Harper Funeral Home - October 20, 2019 at 07:36 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Mr. Archie L. Hemphill.*



October 20, 2019 at 04:45 PM

KD

“ *Kevin Dunigan lit a candle in memory of Mr. Archie L. Hemphill*



Kevin Dunigan - October 20, 2019 at 04:12 AM

MV

“ *Mignon A Vincent lit a candle in memory of Mr. Archie L. Hemphill*



Mignon A Vincent - October 20, 2019 at 03:32 AM

RW

“ *RJ & Anita Wilkerson lit a candle in memory of Mr. Archie L. Hemphill*



RJ & Anita Wilkerson - October 19, 2019 at 07:32 PM

LP

“ *LYNORA PATTERSON sent a virtual gift in memory of Mr. Archie L. Hemphill*



LYNORA PATTERSON - October 18, 2019 at 02:59 PM

NH

“ *Nanette Hickman lit a candle in memory of Mr. Archie L. Hemphill*



Nanette Hickman - October 18, 2019 at 01:56 PM

PG

“ *Pauline Gardner lit a candle in memory of Mr. Archie L. Hemphill*



Pauline Gardner - October 18, 2019 at 01:14 PM

HB

“ *Hal & Janet Buchanan lit a candle in memory of Mr. Archie L. Hemphill*



Hal & Janet Buchanan - October 17, 2019 at 07:22 PM

TF

“ *The Daniel Family lit a candle in memory of Mr. Archie L. Hemphill*



The Daniel Family - October 17, 2019 at 07:19 PM