



Mr. Arthur L. Blanks Sr.

September 16, 1934 - January 31, 2018

****NOTE: FUNERAL ARRANGEMENTS ARE LISTED BELOW

Arthur Lee Blanks, Sr. passed away on Wednesday, January 31, 2018 at his home. A place where he felt comfort, he could work on his cars, and he could be independent. Arthur was born September 16, 1934 in Meridian, MS, the son of Josephine Blanks. He was child number seven out of 13. He was baptized as a boy and lived his life fully. He believed in goodness towards mankind.

In 1967, he married Betty Barbee who continued to be his friend throughout the years. Art loved spending time with his children, grandchildren, and attending family reunions where he made us all laugh with his greetings, dance moves, and playful gestures.

As a young man, Art was a veteran of the U.S. Army. He then traveled and learned some handy skills doing a variety of jobs. He worked at Eckrich for over 30 years as a professional truck driver and meat handler. Arthur was an avid golfer, bowler, hunter, billiards, and fisherman. He also loved working on cars in his free time, and he was great at it. He could fix or build anything!

Awaiting his arrival in Heaven is his mother, Josephine; his brothers Carthonia, Leroy, Edward, Percy, Howard, Herbert, Clifton, and his loving

sister Evelyn.

Arthur is survived by Betty Blanks; his three loving sisters, Vera Harris of Chicago, IL, Velma Bloodworth of Inkster, MI, and Murel Wallace of Kalamazoo, MI; his surviving children are: Kathy Morris of Covert, MI, Allen White of Benton Harbor, MI, LaDonna LaBostrie of North Carolina, Linda (and her husband, Kenneth) Thompson of Chicago, IL, Talia Witt-Garcia of Atlanta, Andrea Paige of Kalamazoo, MI and Arthur L. Blanks, Jr. of Coral Springs, Florida. He also leaves to cherish his memory his special sister-in-law, Dorothy Blanks and his niece Sabrina Blanks-Rogers. His bundle of grandchildren, nieces, nephews, cousins, and friends will greatly miss him!

Arthur Lee Blanks, Sr. was a fun-loving man and those who knew him understood his heart. Those who just met him loved his vibe. He was a man of many actions, strong will, and had a love for life.

Previous Events

Visitation & Memorial Services

MAR 17. 3:00 PM - 5:00 PM (ET)

Julianna's Restaurant
2105 Lake Street
Kalamazoo, MI 49001

Tribute Wall



“ *Mr. Arthur L. Blanks Sr.*

October 23, 2023 at 06:06 AM



“ *Mr. Arthur L. Blanks Sr.*

October 06, 2023 at 10:42 AM



“ *DORTHY BOWDEN lit a candle in memory of Mr. Arthur L. Blanks Sr.*



DORTHY BOWDEN - February 27, 2018 at 12:18 PM



“ *The Daniel Family lit a candle in memory of Mr. Arthur L. Blanks Sr.*



The Daniel Family - February 27, 2018 at 08:50 AM

MR

“ *Maxine McMillon Roberts lit a candle in memory of Mr. Arthur L. Blanks Sr.*



Maxine McMillon Roberts - February 25, 2018 at 07:19 PM

AW

“ *Andrew Wilkerson lit a candle in memory of Mr. Arthur L. Blanks Sr.*



Andrew Wilkerson - February 25, 2018 at 01:51 AM

DW

“ *Deborah White(Ash) lit a candle in memory of Mr. Arthur L. Blanks Sr.*



Deborah White(Ash) - February 23, 2018 at 06:30 PM

SL

“ *SHIRLEY Lee lit a candle in memory of Mr. Arthur L. Blanks Sr.*



SHIRLEY Lee - February 23, 2018 at 10:35 AM

SG

“ Shirley Gordon lit a candle in memory of Mr. Arthur L. Blanks Sr.



Shirley Gordon - February 22, 2018 at 12:41 AM

MM

“ Mozella Mosley lit a candle in memory of Mr. Arthur L. Blanks Sr.



Mozella Mosley - February 11, 2018 at 01:32 PM

EW

“ My condolences go out to the family am sorry for your loss. Mr Earl Word your friend



Earl word - February 10, 2018 at 12:52 AM

HS

“ Hilda Snell lit a candle in memory of Mr. Arthur L. Blanks Sr.



hilda snell - February 09, 2018 at 11:25 AM

AR

“ Abdul-R Rashid lit a candle in memory of Mr. Arthur L. Blanks Sr.



Abdul-R Rashid - February 08, 2018 at 11:09 AM

MR

“ Modean And Hubert Reeves lit a candle in memory of Mr. Arthur L. Blanks Sr.



Modean and Hubert Reeves - February 07, 2018 at 04:16 PM

MM

“ Mozella Mosley lit a candle in memory of Mr. Arthur L. Blanks Sr.



Mozella Mosley - February 07, 2018 at 01:50 PM

AS

“ Alma Snell lit a candle in memory of Mr. Arthur L. Blanks Sr.



Alma Snell - February 07, 2018 at 12:26 PM

VO

“ *Vivian Ollie-O'Neal lit a candle in memory of Mr. Arthur L. Blanks Sr.*



Vivian Ollie-O'Neal - February 07, 2018 at 10:14 AM

VA

“ *Victor & Margo Anderson lit a candle in memory of Mr. Arthur L. Blanks Sr.*



Victor & Margo Anderson - February 07, 2018 at 10:09 AM

TF

“ *The Daniel Family lit a candle in memory of Mr. Arthur L. Blanks Sr.*



The Daniel Family - February 07, 2018 at 08:38 AM

HB

“ *Hal & Janet Buchanan lit a candle in memory of Mr. Arthur L. Blanks Sr.*



Hal & Janet Buchanan - February 07, 2018 at 08:37 AM

TF

“ *The Daniel Family lit a candle in memory of Mr. Arthur L. Blanks Sr.*



The Daniel Family - February 07, 2018 at 08:36 AM

TF

“ *The Daniel Family lit a candle in memory of Mr. Arthur L. Blanks Sr.*



The Daniel Family - February 07, 2018 at 08:34 AM

EF

“ *Earline Fields sent a virtual gift in memory of Mr. Arthur L. Blanks Sr.*



Earline Fields - February 06, 2018 at 05:39 PM

SC

“ *Condolences to the Family*

Sharon Clark - February 06, 2018 at 02:07 PM

CS

“ Curtis & Michelle Snell lit a candle in memory of Mr. Arthur L. Blanks Sr.



Curtis & Michelle Snell - February 06, 2018 at 11:54 AM

PM

“ Phyllistine (Phyllis) McDowell lit a candle in memory of Mr. Arthur L. Blanks Sr.



Phyllistine (Phyllis) McDowell - February 06, 2018 at 08:50 AM

KB

“ Karen Brown lit a candle in memory of Mr. Arthur L. Blanks Sr.



Karen Brown - February 05, 2018 at 11:14 PM

AP

“ Angela Payne lit a candle in memory of Mr. Arthur L. Blanks Sr.



Angela Payne - February 05, 2018 at 08:06 PM

TP

“ Theresa L. Powell lit a candle in memory of Mr. Arthur L. Blanks Sr.



Theresa L. Powell - February 05, 2018 at 05:12 PM

TO

“ Toni sent a virtual gift in memory of Mr. Arthur L. Blanks Sr.



Toni - February 05, 2018 at 04:57 PM

PF

“ PATTERSON FAMILY lit a candle in memory of Mr. Arthur L. Blanks Sr.



PATTERSON FAMILY - February 05, 2018 at 04:45 PM

CB

R.I P. ART. GOD BE WITH YOU. I WILL ALWAYS REMEMBER YOUR LAUGHTER. THE BLAIR FAMILY.

CARROL T BLAIR - February 06, 2018 at 07:48 AM



“ *My Condolences To The Blanks Family Willie B. Ford*



Areatha Ford - February 05, 2018 at 12:43 PM



“ *Pamela Ampey-Lyles sent a virtual gift in memory of Mr. Arthur L. Blanks Sr.*



Pamela Ampey-Lyles - February 05, 2018 at 11:42 AM



“ *Mr. Blanks you will be missed rest in peace*

John Wesley Johnson - February 05, 2018 at 10:18 AM



“ *Pauline Gardner lit a candle in memory of Mr. Arthur L. Blanks Sr.*



Pauline Gardner - February 05, 2018 at 09:27 AM

JE

“ *Jo Ann Embrey lit a candle in memory of Mr. Arthur L. Blanks Sr.*



Jo Ann Embrey - February 04, 2018 at 09:01 PM

AS

“ *Anthony And Gwen Smith lit a candle in memory of Mr. Arthur L. Blanks Sr.*



Anthony and Gwen Smith - February 04, 2018 at 02:18 PM

RL

“ *Ramona Lumpkin sent a virtual gift in memory of Mr. Arthur L. Blanks Sr.*



Ramona Lumpkin - February 04, 2018 at 02:08 PM

KS

“ *Karen Sheppard-Gray lit a candle in memory of Mr. Arthur L. Blanks Sr.*



Karen Sheppard-Gray - February 04, 2018 at 01:54 PM

HB

“ *Artie and family you have our deepest condolences. The Lord is your strength and comforter. Aunt Helen and your cousins.* ”



Helen Brooks - February 04, 2018 at 12:19 PM

CG

“ *Cordell & Brenda Gardner our condolences go out to the family.* ”

Cordell/Brenda Gardner - February 04, 2018 at 11:49 AM

RW

“ *R J & Anita Wilkerson lit a candle in memory of Mr. Arthur L. Blanks Sr.* ”



R J & Anita Wilkerson - February 04, 2018 at 07:40 AM

RW

R.J. & Anita Wilkerson

R. J. & Anita Wilkerson - February 04, 2018 at 07:44 AM

AW

“ *Andrew J Wilkerson lit a candle in memory of Mr. Arthur L. Blanks Sr.* ”



Andrew J Wilkerson - February 03, 2018 at 10:46 PM

TC

“ Tracy Carter lit a candle in memory of Mr. Arthur L. Blanks Sr.



Tracy Carter - February 03, 2018 at 07:08 PM

DF

“ Dallas Boards And Family lit a candle in memory of Mr. Arthur L. Blanks Sr.



Dallas Boards and family - February 03, 2018 at 02:29 PM

KF

“ Kevin And Patricia Ford lit a candle in memory of Mr. Arthur L. Blanks Sr.



Kevin and Patricia Ford - February 03, 2018 at 12:02 PM