



## Mr. Aubrey Austin Lipsey

July 30, 1957 - October 23, 2023

\*\*\*A SERVICE IN LOVING MEMORY FOR MR. AUBREY AUSTIN LIPSEY, WILL BE HELD TUESDAY, OCTOBER 31, 2023, AT ALLEN CHAPEL A.M.E. CHURCH

\*\*\*\*NOTE: PLEASE SEE VISITATION & SERVICE TIMES LISTED BELOW\*\*\*\*

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ATTENTION FAMILY & FRIENDS----TO VIEW SERVICES ONLINE:

Go to church's website link at:

<https://www.facebook.com/allenchapelmichigan?mibextid=LQQJ4d>

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\*\*\*\*PLEASE NOTE: MASKS ARE AVAILABLE UPON REQUEST. HAND SANITIZER WILL BE PROVIDED WHEN ENTERING THE BUILDING.

If you have any questions, please contact us at: (269) 342-1000

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### Obituary

Aubrey Austin Lipsey, the beloved son of Dezzie (Enious) and Aughtery Lipsey, entered this world in Kalamazoo, Michigan, on July 30, 1957. After graduating from Loy Norrix High School and completing an Associate of Applied Science degree at Kalamazoo Valley Community College, he attended Grand Valley State College, receiving a Bachelor of Business Administration degree in 1980 with an emphasis on accounting and

marketing. Though he earned a business degree, Aubrey lived his life following his passions which included music, tennis, volleyball, love of his sisters, and service to his Lord and church.

Aubrey started playing the saxophone in elementary school and continued playing in school bands, the Kalamazoo Jazz Band, and, when called for, in orchestras, including a concert with the Kalamazoo Junior Symphony. With his three sisters, cousin Michael Crawford, Jeannie and Michael Gonder, and a variety of musical friends, the Musicales was created, performing for church services and local community events. In addition to playing the saxophone, Aubrey was a self-taught flute player.

During his high school years at Loy Norrix, Aubrey played on the varsity tennis team and received a tennis scholarship to attend Grand Valley. After graduation, he served as a Junior and Varsity Men's Head Tennis Coach in the Kalamazoo Public Schools for over 25 years. He also worked as a Tennis Pro at the Kalamazoo YMCA.

Aubrey was an avid beach volleyball player, competing in tournaments around the country. He coached the Loy Norrix Women's Volleyball Teams (including cousin Margaret Lipsey) for twelve years in the 1980s and 90s. While coaching, he had the opportunity in 1995 to travel with his team to China on a Friendship Tour. Of his teams, Aubrey said, "The only limitations we have are the ones we allow to hinder us."

He was always very protective of his sisters. Don't mess with Aurelia. If you did, you had better run! As adults, Aubrey and Aurelia had a standing date to see a movie every Sunday. In middle school, people thought Augusta and Aubrey were twins because they waited for each other after school, and one would not get on the bus without the other. And though Audrey is several years older, Aubrey had to approve of every man she dated. Not everyone

made the cut!

Aubrey grew up in Allen Chapel African Methodist Episcopal Church, accepting Christ at an early age. As an adult, he was a member of Christian Life Center (Stone's Church). He served his church by working as a security officer and assisting in the nursery. Aubrey could never pass a baby or young child without talking to them. Even as his health declined, he continued to ask for and participate in daily devotions with his sister Augusta.

Aubrey is now with his Father God, his parents, and his cherished younger brother, Auburn Aaron. His life will be celebrated by sisters Audrey Ailene Lipsey Wilkerson, Augusta Arlene and Aurelia Annette Lipsey, a special cousin, Michael Kevin Crawford, who helped care for him during his last years, and a host of cousins, students, and friends.

Rest in peace, my brother.

# Cemetery Details

## Mount Ever-Rest Memorial Park

3941 S. Westnedge Avenue  
Kalamazoo, MI 49008

# Previous Events

## Public Viewing For Family & Friends

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

Harper Funeral Home - Chapel  
521 Douglas Avenue  
Kalamazoo, MI

## Visitation For Family & Friends

OCT **31**. 10:30 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

Allen Chapel A.M.E. Church  
804 W. North Street  
Kalamazoo, MI

## A Service in Loving Memory

OCT **31**. 11:00 AM (ET)

Allen Chapel A.M.E. Church  
804 W. North Street  
Kalamazoo, MI



# Tribute Wall



“ Harper Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Mr. Aubrey Austin Lipsey



Harper Funeral Home - October 29, 2023 at 09:38 PM

EL

“ Sending my prayers to the Lipsey Family From Edwina Jackson Lipsey.

Edwina Jackson Lipsey - November 07, 2023 at 05:30 PM

TS

“ tamila stafford lit a candle in memory of Aubrey Lipsey



tamila k stafford - November 03, 2023 at 08:00 PM

AT

“ My condolences to his family



Alice Taylor - November 01, 2023 at 06:32 PM

MS

“ *Extending my sincere condolences to the Lipsey family.*

Michael Smith - November 01, 2023 at 11:42 AM

HT

“ *Hazel Tellis lit a candle in memory of Aubrey Lipsey*



Hazel Tellis - November 01, 2023 at 11:31 AM

CB

“ *To Augusta and the entire Lipsey family. So sorry about Aubrey. He was my friend, and I could always make Aubrey laugh at Bible study. I will forever remember his smile. God bless and keep you always. Love, Carrol T. Blair.*

Carrol T. Blair - November 01, 2023 at 10:54 AM

MG

“ *Michael Gonder lit a candle in memory of Aubrey Lipsey*



Michael Gonder - October 31, 2023 at 02:53 PM

KD

“ *Kevin Dunigan lit a candle in memory of Aubrey Lipsey*



Kevin Dunigan - October 31, 2023 at 11:28 AM

PG

“ *Pauline Gardner lit a candle in memory of Aubrey Lipsey*



Pauline (Mills) Gardner - October 31, 2023 at 08:44 AM

BB

“ *Extending heartfelt condolences to the Lipsey family amid the passing of Cousin Aubrey and praying God's peace will endow you during this difficult time. May you be comforted by the many loving and cherished memories of such a gentle soul who will be missed by many. We celebrate a life well lived.*

Bishop Stephen Reed & Family South Bend - October 30, 2023 at 06:49 PM

TP

“ *With heartfelt sympathy, Praying God's Blessing on the Lipsey family.*



Theresa L Powell - October 30, 2023 at 01:51 PM

HB

“ *Helen Brooks lit a candle in memory of Aubrey Lipsey*



Helen Mills Brooks - October 30, 2023 at 01:22 PM

RW

“ *Rj Anita Wilkerson lit a candle in memory of Aubrey Lipsey*



Rj and Anita Wilkerson - October 30, 2023 at 09:41 AM

CF

“ *Cathy Faye lit a candle in memory of Aubrey Lipsey*



Cathy & Faye - October 30, 2023 at 08:40 AM

RF

“ *Reese family lit a candle in memory of Aubrey Lipsey*



Reese family - October 30, 2023 at 08:38 AM

ES

“ *Sending our sincerest condolences from The Starks & Jones families. May God continue to lift you all up during your time of grief.* ”



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**Ethel (Jones) Smith** - October 30, 2023 at 07:53 AM