



Mr. Butler Junior

April 20, 1920 - October 10, 2016

Butler Junior peacefully transitioned this life on Monday, October 10, 2016 at Borgess Medical Center in Kalamazoo, Michigan. He was born April 20, 1920, the son of William and Pinky Junior in Hazelhurst, Mississippi.

He was a faithful member of Galilee Baptist Church, where he was a former member of the Usher and Male Chorus ministries.

He married Gladys Bailey in 1958 and to this union, one child was born. He was employed in the Kalamazoo Public School system, retiring after many years.

Butler was preceded in death by his parents; his wife, Gladys; a son, William Bernard Junior; two brothers; five sisters; one niece and eight nephews.

He is survived by one daughter, Debra (Howard) McCullough; two grandsons, Howard McCullough, Jr. of Washington, D.C. and Sheldon (Leslie) McCullough of Kalamazoo; two great granddaughters, Lila and Lydia McCullough both of Kalamazoo; one sister-in-law, Mary Bailey of Kalamazoo; nephews, Willie J. and Leroy Purvis both of Mississippi; Willie and Welvin Bailey both of Tennessee; Aubrey Bailey of Florida; Aubrey and Jerry Avery both of Kalamazoo; nieces, Ella Mangum, Odell Piller, Lucile Barnes all of Mississippi; Louise Dobson of Grand Rapids, Michigan; Mary L. Pesley of

California; Audrey Bailey of Tennessee; Paula Roberson of Texas and many other nephews, nieces, cousins and friends.

Cemetery Details

Mount Ever-Rest Memorial Park

4037 South Westnedge Avenue
Kalamazoo, MI

Previous Events

Visitation

OCT **13**. 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM (ET)

Harper Funeral Home - Chapel
521 Douglas Avenue
Kalamazoo, MI

Visitation

OCT **14**. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

The Galilee Baptist Church
1216 North Westnedge Avenue
Kalamazoo, MI 49007

A Service in Loving Memory

OCT **14**. 11:00 AM (ET)

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Tribute Wall



“ Harper Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Mr. Butler Junior



Harper Funeral Home - October 12, 2016 at 08:37 PM



“ Mr. Butler Junior

October 23, 2023 at 06:06 AM



“ Mr. Butler Junior

October 06, 2023 at 10:42 AM



“ I had no idea Butler had passed. I had the pleasure of working with Junior at Woods Lake elementary school many years ago. I can remember the countless hours he and I would just talk about whatever came up. All these years later I still remember some of the best life skills he taught me. Prays to the family, we've lost a great man.

T.T

Tim Taylor - July 10, 2022 at 01:40 PM

DJ

“ Deacon William A. & Laverne Jones lit a candle in memory of Mr. Butler Junior



Deacon William A. & Laverne Jones - October 21, 2016 at 05:04 PM

DJ

“ Deacon William A. & Laverne Jones lit a candle in memory of Mr. Butler Junior



Deacon William A. & Laverne Jones - October 21, 2016 at 05:01 PM

PF

“ PATTERSON FAMILY lit a candle in memory of Mr. Butler Junior



PATTERSON FAMILY - October 17, 2016 at 11:18 AM

AL

“ Alice lit a candle in memory of Mr. Butler Junior



Alice - October 14, 2016 at 06:29 AM

BR

“ Beverly Robinson lit a candle in memory of Mr. Butler Junior



Beverly Robinson - October 13, 2016 at 08:43 PM

HR

“ Hubert And Modean Reves lit a candle in memory of Mr. Butler Junior



Hubert and Modean Reves - October 13, 2016 at 05:15 PM

MF

“ Mattie Fields And Family sent a virtual gift in memory of Mr. Butler Junior



Mattie Fields and Family - October 13, 2016 at 04:19 PM

EF

“ Earline Fields lit a candle in memory of Mr. Butler Junior



Earline Fields - October 13, 2016 at 04:18 PM

FF

“ *Frank & Betty Ford lit a candle in memory of Mr. Butler Junior*



Frank & Betty Ford - October 13, 2016 at 07:26 AM

AS

“ *Alma Snell lit a candle in memory of Mr. Butler Junior*



Alma Snell - October 12, 2016 at 06:55 PM

BF

“ *To Mr. Junior Butler May you rest in Peace see you when we get to the Pearly Gates. From the Brown Family*



Brown family - October 12, 2016 at 04:14 PM

JE

“ *Jo Ann Embrey lit a candle in memory of Mr. Butler Junior*



Jo Ann Embrey - October 12, 2016 at 09:14 AM

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“ *Jo Ann Embrey lit a candle in memory of Mr. Butler Junior*



Jo Ann Embrey - October 12, 2016 at 09:12 AM

HB

“ *Hal & Janet Buchanan lit a candle in memory of Mr. Butler Junior*



Hal & Janet Buchanan - October 12, 2016 at 07:56 AM

RH

“ *Roxanne Harris lit a candle in memory of Mr. Butler Junior*



Roxanne Harris - October 12, 2016 at 07:26 AM

PG

“ *Pauline Gardner lit a candle in memory of Mr. Butler Junior*



Pauline Gardner - October 11, 2016 at 07:27 PM

HB

“ *Helen Brooks lit a candle in memory of Mr. Butler Junior*



Helen Brooks - October 11, 2016 at 04:08 PM