



## Mr. Cleophus Sturdivant

July 18, 1935 - January 26, 2017

Cleophus Sturdivant passed away January 26, 2017 in Kalamazoo, MI. He was born July 18, 1935 to Cicero and Eddie Sturdivant in Joiner, Arkansas. He is preceded in death by his parents; two sisters and two brothers.

He is survived by five sisters, Irene (Hefner) Cutliff of Oklahoma, Barbara James of Texas, Bernice Williams, Eddie Marie Campbell and Vernetta Edmonds (John) of Lansing.

The family moved to Lansing, Michigan where he completed High School and went on to obtain a graduate degree and several undergrad degrees. He was also a world traveler and ministered in many ways to those with whom he came in contact. Over the years, he worked in many service agencies. He retired from Kalamazoo Psychiatrist Hospital after 19 years of service.

Cleophus was married to the love of his life, Catharine for 55 1/2 years and they have four children: Linda Rogers of Lansing, Daryl of Minnesota, Brian of Virginia and Vicki Stokes (Leonard) of Tennessee. They shared grandchildren Marque, Cherie, Brianna, Jaden, Dalton, Anissa, Arissa, Brooke, Amari, Isaiah; and 14 great grandchildren, whom he loved dearly. There are many other family and friends whom he loved dearly and who loved him.

Cleophus and his wife served faithfully as deacon and deaconess at Grace

Communion International for many years before becoming affiliated with Mt. Zion. He and his wife campaigned to raise funds to build a school in Ghana and he saw this as one of his greatest accomplishments. He was presently campaigning for a bus for the children in Ghana through the newly founded: Sturdivant Heritage Project.

Cleophus lived his life in a way that developed many "god" children across the country and around the world. Special are two Daughters- in-Love, Sharon and Barbara. Others who have touched his life are Frank and Vivian Crummel, Tom and Claire Ott , Dovanna Ware-Harris and Leslie and Arlene Reed. He was known for his kind and gentle spirit and lived the life of faith he talked about. He was a man of integrity and set the example for many.

He loved the Lord and always desired to serve Him. He took God's word seriously. Cleophus also loved to sing and blessed many with his gift of singing. He will be greatly missed by all who knew and loved him.

\*\*\*\*\*NOTE: IN LIEU OF FLOWERS\*\*\*\*\* the family requests sending contributions to:

The Sturdivant Heritage Project, [www.gofundme.com/Kutuneschoolbus](http://www.gofundme.com/Kutuneschoolbus)

# Cemetery Details

## Fort Custer National Cemetery

15501 Dickman Road  
Augusta, MI

# Previous Events

## Visitation

FEB 2. 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM (ET)

Harper Funeral Home - Chapel  
521 Douglas Avenue  
Kalamazoo, MI

## Visitation

FEB 3. 10:30 AM - 11:30 AM (ET)

Mt Zion Baptist Church  
120 Roberson Street  
Kalamazoo, MI

## A Service in Loving Memory

FEB 3. 11:30 AM (ET)

Mt Zion Baptist Church  
120 Roberson Street  
Kalamazoo, MI



# Tribute Wall



“ Harper Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Mr. Cleophus Sturdivant



Harper Funeral Home - February 01, 2017 at 08:28 PM

CO

Happy, beautiful man of GOD. Grateful for the love Cleophus lived and shared with us all.

Claire Ott - February 02, 2017 at 03:09 PM

BB

He was a great person and always cordial when he and I went head-to-head over grievances at the hospital. He had a great laugh. Brian W. Beauchamp

Brian W. Beauchamp - February 25, 2017 at 09:52 AM



“ Mr. Cleophus Sturdivant

October 23, 2023 at 06:06 AM



“ Mr. Cleophus Sturdivant

October 06, 2023 at 10:42 AM

CD

“ *Grand daddy I MISS YOU SO MUCH and I LOVE YOU!!*

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**Cherie Dumas** - July 11, 2023 at 09:59 AM

SW

“ *Mrs. Sturdivant, I wanted to send you my deepest condolences and love. I remember Mr. Sturdivant and you treating me like I was your daughter even though Vickie and I was just friends. I enjoyed coming over to your home and Mr. Sturdivant making us smile and laugh.*

*We will be in thoughts and prayers,*

*Love Sue (Jones) Warren*

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**Sue (Jones) Warren** - March 02, 2017 at 05:29 PM

SW

“ *Vickie and Mrs. Sturdivant*



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**Sue (Jones) Warren** - March 02, 2017 at 05:25 PM

FS

“ *Frances Scott lit a candle in memory of Mr. Cleophus Sturdivant*



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**Frances Scott** - February 05, 2017 at 08:46 AM

MF

“ *Merry Sue And Dale Battles Family lit a candle in memory of Mr. Cleophus Sturdivant*



**Merry Sue and Dale Battles Family** - February 02, 2017 at 07:40 PM

CO

“ *1 file added to the album New Album Name*



**Claire Ott** - February 02, 2017 at 03:02 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Mr. Cleophus Sturdivant.*



February 02, 2017 at 12:33 AM

MF

“ *Mattie Fields And Family lit a candle in memory of Mr. Cleophus Sturdivant*



**Mattie Fields and Family** - February 01, 2017 at 01:10 PM



“ *Loving Lilies and Roses Bouquet was purchased for the family of Mr. Cleophus Sturdivant.*



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February 01, 2017 at 10:25 AM



“ *Karest Willis-Brown lit a candle in memory of Mr. Cleophus Sturdivant*



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**Karest Willis-Brown** - January 31, 2017 at 05:08 PM



“ *Janet Buchanan lit a candle in memory of Mr. Cleophus Sturdivant*



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**Janet Buchanan** - January 31, 2017 at 09:44 AM



“ *Helen Brooks sent a virtual gift in memory of Mr. Cleophus Sturdivant*



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**Helen Brooks** - January 31, 2017 at 07:56 AM

BG

“ *Brenda Gardner lit a candle in memory of Mr. Cleophus Sturdivant*



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**Brenda Gardner** - January 30, 2017 at 04:06 PM

CG

“ *Cordell Brenda Gardner lit a candle in memory of Mr. Cleophus Sturdivant*



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**Cordell Brenda Gardner** - January 30, 2017 at 04:05 PM

JJ

“ *Too my singing buddy and friend we will sing together on the other side. RIP.*

*You were one of the best. God bless*

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**Joyce Jackson** - January 30, 2017 at 12:52 PM

CS

“GOD blessed me to have this dear and precious man in my life for 55 1/2 years and added 3 months so they say. He was the best that GOD could put in my life. He was a giant of a man in statue and a double giant in his spirituality. He was a real man and that came from being a real Christian, never wavering in his faith, even in his illness. He would continue to pray on his knees even when it became difficult for him to get up on his own. He desired to call names of those he loved in those prayers. He set a wonderful example for those in his life and loved deeply, shared his blessing without hesitation. He loved his children and family. He is loved and appreciated in those places GOD blessed us to visit, preach, sing or just sit and talk. He was a rock, truly unmoveable, unshakeable, always abounding in the works of the Kingdom. His place was prepared by our LORD and HE came to take Cleophus, my Honey to occupy. When this life is over for me, Eternity will make those 55 plus years fade and we will praise our LORD forever, and forever. Our hope is in the LORD who cannot and will not fail us. HIS promise to never leave nor forsake is being brought forth like the dawn of the morning.

Catharine Sturdivant - January 30, 2017 at 06:01 AM

CO

Amen, amen! All true as you continue to carry the torch of God's light for us all, Mama Catharine. We surround you in prayer as you walk this earth journey. We praise GOD knowing there is Heavenly Life ❤️

Claire Ott - February 02, 2017 at 12:35 PM

CA

“Carla Adkison-Johnson lit a candle in memory of Mr. Cleophus Sturdivant



Carla Adkison-Johnson - January 29, 2017 at 03:49 PM

PG

“ *Pauline Gardner lit a candle in memory of Mr. Cleophus Sturdivant*



**Pauline Gardner** - January 29, 2017 at 05:39 AM

RR

“ *RUTH RAINES lit a candle in memory of Mr. Cleophus Sturdivant*



**RUTH RAINES** - January 29, 2017 at 03:56 AM

JE

“ *To Sturdivant Family Trust in the Lord with all thine heart and lean not unto thine understanding In all thy ways acknowledge him and he will direct thy path.*



**Jo Ann Embrey** - January 28, 2017 at 04:06 PM

MR

*Sending heartfelt condolence to Your family. You both have truly been a Blessing to the body of Mt. Zion. I have been blessed to be the company of both you and can feel and gain wisdom from your life experiences. Praying for you at time*

**Modean and Hubert Reeves** - February 02, 2017 at 07:44 PM