



## Mr. Columbus Lipsey

September 3, 1929 - September 14, 2018

Columbus Lipsey went home to be with the Lord September 14, 2018 in Kalamazoo, Michigan. He was born September 3, 1929 in Houston, Mississippi and was the youngest of thirteen children born to Thomas and Modessie (Hill) Lipsey.

Columbus grew up in the Houston/Houlka area of Mississippi where he participated in his family's church, Wesley Chapel CME. As the youngest Lipsey child, Columbus would "shadow" his older brother, Thomas Lipsey Jr., who was eight years his senior.

In 1952, Columbus and new bride, the former Luevada Bean decided to relocate to Kalamazoo, the community where most of his siblings moved to. While in Kalamazoo he and his wife, Luevada found a church home at Allen Chapel A.M.E. Church and later, his daughter, Patricia was born.

On January 19, 1952, Columbus enlisted in the National Guard where he served until called upon to active duty in the United States Army in January of 1962. He served multiple tours of duty, the first in Germany and then in Vietnam, where he served as a Communications Expert. He was honorably discharged January 19, 1968.

Upon his discharge, he moved to Flint, MI where he began his 25 year career as a Postal Worker, driving bulk mail trucks. He relocated there with his new

wife, Beatrice, but they later departed ways after moving to Detroit, MI. While in Detroit he united in marriage to his college sweetheart, Clydie Mae Gamble, his high school sweetheart.

After he retired from the Post Office, Columbus moved back to Kalamazoo at the insistence of his sisters, Lucille and Arstillure, and he resided there until his passing.

Columbus enjoyed traveling, photography, dancing, meeting new people and attending the annual family reunions. He proudly wore his Vietnam veteran's hat was equally proud to be a member of the Postal Worker's Union.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Thomas and Modessie Lipsey; his step-son, Larry Lipsey; brothers, George Willie, Aughtery, Alec, Ira Lee and Thomas Jr.; sisters, Annie Enoch, Bessie Jennings, Lucille Crawford, Daisy, and Ophelia; one nephew, Vincent Tubbs and several brothers-in-law and sisters-in-law.

He is survived by his son, Alexander (Anne) Lipsey; one daughter, Patricia (Vincent) Taylor; one brother, Chester B. Lipsey; a special caregiver, Shelly Reese; four grandchildren; seven great grandchildren. Also, numerous nieces, nephews, cousins, other relatives and friends.

In Lieu Of Flowers:

It is requested that contributions be made in Columbus Lipsey's memory to the: Barrier Free (Building Fund)of Allen Chapel AME Church  
804 W. North Street, Kalamazoo, Michigan

Or

Building/Roof Fund of Fresh Fire AME Church  
2508 Gull Road Street, Kalamazoo, Michigan 490007

# Cemetery Details

## Fort Custer National Cemetey- Burial Monday, September 24, 2018

15501 Dickman Road  
Augusta, MI 49012

# Previous Events

## Visitation

SEP **21**. 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM (ET)

Harper Funeral Home - Chapel  
521 Douglas Avenue  
Kalamazoo, MI

## A Service in Loving Memory

SEP **22**. 11:00 AM (ET)

Fresh Fire A.M.E. Church  
2508 Gull Road  
Kalamazoo, MI

# Tribute Wall



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



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**Harper Funeral Home** - September 19, 2018 at 07:36 PM



“ Mr. Columbus Lipsey

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October 23, 2023 at 06:06 AM



“ Mr. Columbus Lipsey

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October 06, 2023 at 10:42 AM



“ Columbus with his Grandson Arthur Ball and Melani Ball



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**Arthur Ball** - June 04, 2023 at 04:50 PM

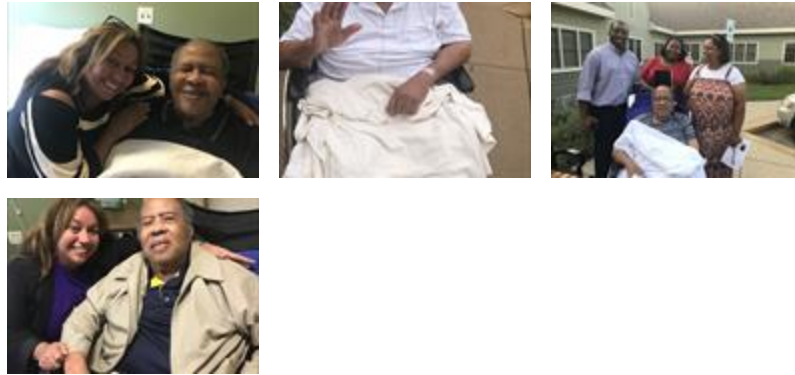
BH

“ I enjoyed seeing him at church, he was a kind, warm, and funny man. - Brent Hepp

Brent Hepp - September 24, 2018 at 01:55 PM

TK

“ 4 files added to the tribute wall



Toni Kennedy - September 21, 2018 at 10:16 AM

TK

“ 3 files added to the album New Album Name



Toni Kennedy - September 21, 2018 at 09:10 AM

WP

“ The family and friends of our dear Columbus Lipsey has our deepest sympathy as you deal with the loss. He will be greatly missed. We are very happy that we had the opportunity to fellowship with him at the Hamilton Lipsey Reunion just a few weeks ago. We will continue to pray that God strengthens and comforts you during this time. In prayer and family love, the Erie, PA chapter of the Hamilton Lipsey Family Reunion.

Wayne Patterson - September 20, 2018 at 05:05 PM



“ Karest Willis Brown lit a candle in memory of Mr. Columbus Lipsey



Karest Willis Brown - September 20, 2018 at 11:17 AM

PG

“ Pauline (Mills) Gardner lit a candle in memory of Mr. Columbus Lipsey



Pauline (Mills) Gardner - September 19, 2018 at 09:46 PM

YA

“ Yvonne - Angela lit a candle in memory of Mr. Columbus Lipsey



Yvonne - Angela - September 18, 2018 at 05:46 PM

FH

“ *Faye Haywood lit a candle in memory of Mr. Columbus Lipsey*



**Faye Haywood** - September 18, 2018 at 05:45 PM

CL

“ *Cathy Cole - Lipsey lit a candle in memory of Mr. Columbus Lipsey*



**Cathy Cole - Lipsey** - September 18, 2018 at 05:44 PM

SR

“ *Shelly Reese lit a candle in memory of Mr. Columbus Lipsey*



**Shelly Reese** - September 18, 2018 at 05:43 PM

HB

“ *Sandy, Patty and family. You have my Deepest sympathy. God is your comforter. Helen (Mills) Brooks*



**Helen (Mills) Brooks** - September 18, 2018 at 02:26 PM