



## Darryll Lamond Bradford

October 27, 1974 - September 10, 2014

Darryll Lamond Bradford, affectionately known as “Bobe” was born October 27, 1974 to Hilda Bradford Snell and the late Johnny B. Coleman. Bobe was special and his difference was noticed by all at a young age. He was reading by the age of 2, he would share and give away his new toys to his friends that didn’t have and has always been known for helping his grandma with any and everything she needed. Bobe attended Kalamazoo Public Schools where he was a 1992 graduate of Kalamazoo Central High School. Bobe has always had a thirst for knowledge and you could always catch him with a book. Bobe was baptized at Galilee Baptist Church under the leadership of Dr. J. Louis Felton. He had a yearning to learn more about God and was always asking question and researching to find his answers. One of Bobe’s favorite songs was from the movie “The Fighting Temptations”, where he would sing and dance over and over again to “seems like I always fall short of being worthy, Cuz I ain't good enough but He still loves me. I ain't no superstar the spotlight ain't shinin on me cuz I ain't good enough but He still loves me”

Bobe’s life was built around taking care of his mother and family which he has done since the age of twelve. His first job was working for Your Better Market at the age of 12, until he was old enough to work in the corn field with the late Mr. Nate White Sr. He volunteered for the Kalamazoo Public School system at 3 different schools, over the past 10 years: Oakwood Elementary, Northglade Montessori, and Maple Street Magnet where he had just became the head

football coach. He was a full time employee at Aunt Millies Bakery for the past 11 years. He had a special love for children and committed himself to helping them grow and reach their dreams. He was active in his community coaching for the Kalamazoo Vikings Rocket Football team and tutoring and mentoring students. Bobe loved bowling and often bowled a 300 with ease! He loved to golf and traveled yearly to Myrtle Beach for tournaments. Bobe always had a smile on his face and a joke or witty comeback to share, and regardless of what he may have been going through he always still had that smile.

Bobe went from labor to reward suddenly on Wednesday, September 10, 2014.

Darryll "Bobe" Bradford was preceded in death by his one and only daughter, Ava Krystal Bradford, father Johnny B. Colman, maternal grandparents Roosevelt and Evelyn Bradford, paternal grandparents Louis and Ossie Hobbs, great grand parents Hock and Azzetta Matthews, two uncles, Wilson C. Bradford, and Willie B. Coleman, one Aunt Lettie V. Bradford-Odom, one sister Bernice Harris and one brother LaVonne Snell Sr.

He leaves to cherish his memory and to carry on his legacy His mother Hilda (Wiggin Jr.) Snell; a very special sister, Kizzy Bradford; 1 very special niece, Diamond Bradford; 2 very special nephews, Noah Bradford and Darrien "Bear" Gibson Jr.; the mother of his child and girlfriend Nikole Troxler; 5 brothers, Lonnie Ray Lumpkins, O'Dell (Stephanie) Snell, George (Melissa) Snell, Curtis (Michelle) Snell Sr. and Billy Snell Sr.; 3 sisters, Alma (Larry) Snell, Barbara (Edward) Carter and Phyllis (Wallace) Taylor; 6 aunts, Rita Snell, Delores (Curtis) Smith, Vivian (Joe) Green, Bernice Lindsey, Kate (Melvin) Evan, Dorothy Bradford, Emma (LA) Arnold Ward and Toy Floyd; 5 uncles Charles (JoAnn) Bradford, Sherwood (Cydchrissia) Bradford, Roosevelt (Emma) Sneed, Willie Arnold Sr., Arthur Ray (Linda) Bradford Sr., Amariah Bradford and Zachariah Bradford; 6 special god brothers and best

friends, Ademola Ige, Calvin Harley, Tyson Brown, Arthur Norman, Anthony Murray and Quinton Brown. Also, a host of family, friends, loved ones and his beloved football team, the Maple Street Falcons.

# Cemetery Details

## Riverside Cemetery

1015 Gull Road  
Kalamazoo, MI 49048

# Previous Events

## Visitation

SEP **19**. 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM (ET)

Harper Funeral Home - Chapel  
521 Douglas Avenue  
Kalamazoo, MI

## Visitation

SEP **20**. 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM (ET)

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

## A Service in Loving Memory

SEP **20**. 12:00 PM (ET)

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



# Tribute Wall



“ Harper Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Darryll Lamond Bradford



Harper Funeral Home - September 19, 2014 at 11:49 AM



“ Darryll Lamond Bradford

October 23, 2023 at 06:06 AM



“ Darryll Lamond Bradford

October 06, 2023 at 10:42 AM



“ Crystal Bell lit a candle in memory of Darryll Lamond Bradford



crystal bell - October 28, 2014 at 03:15 AM

CB

“ *Crystal Bell lit a candle in memory of Darryll Lamond Bradford*



**crystal bell** - October 28, 2014 at 02:31 AM

TG

“ *Tikita Garland lit a candle in memory of Darryll Lamond Bradford*



**Tikita Garland** - October 18, 2014 at 05:00 PM

 Vera Younger

“ *Vera Younger lit a candle in memory of Darryll Lamond Bradford*



**Vera Younger** - September 20, 2014 at 09:30 AM

 Theresa Matthews

“ *Theresa Matthews lit a candle in memory of Darryll Lamond Bradford*



**Theresa Matthews** - September 20, 2014 at 07:09 AM

VF

“ Victor & Margo Anderson And Family lit a candle in memory of Darryll Lamond Bradford



Victor & Margo Anderson and family - September 19, 2014 at 09:44 PM

LO

“ Leabory Odom lit a candle in memory of Darryll Lamond Bradford



Leabory Odom - September 19, 2014 at 08:03 PM

LO

“ I will never forget, my cousin was the first person to teach me how to crawfish.. I love you "big homie"..1luv  
Love always, Leabory Odom (BOO)

Leabory Odom - September 19, 2014 at 08:02 PM

  
MsMekell  
Godgotme

“ Every time I would see my cuz it was always like we picked up where we left off even if years had gone by sense the last time we saw one another. Both of us always cheesen from ear to ear :) and talking junk. Boob was always the same he never changed and that's what I loved about him..... R.I.H cuz, missed and never forgotten.



MsMekell Godgotme - September 19, 2014 at 06:45 PM

MS

“ To Kizzy and Hilda, We are so sorry for your loss, I pray God keeps his loving arms around you during this time and always. You are in our thoughts and prayers. We Love you. Merry Sue and Kimberly and Family

Merry Sue - September 19, 2014 at 05:12 PM

BP

“ Barbara Phillips lit a candle in memory of Darryll Lamond Bradford

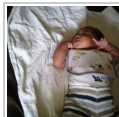


Barbara Phillips - September 19, 2014 at 03:14 PM

BP

YOU WILL BE GREATLY MISSED. PRAYERS FOR THE BRADFORD/SNELL FAMILY.

Barbara Phillips - September 19, 2014 at 03:15 PM



we miss you rip

Leeondre Fitzpatrick - December 30, 2014 at 07:49 PM

ST

“ Sarah Taylor lit a candle in memory of Darryll Lamond Bradford



Sarah Taylor - September 19, 2014 at 03:01 PM

DI

“ Although I never had the pleasure to meet Darryll or Bobe as his mother called him, I been working with his mother for nearly a year now hearing fantastic stories about her beloved son. Seeing the media coverage about his tragic passing, I see why she has been so proud of him. He was loved by many becoming a special part of their lives teaching our younger generation important life skills through football and other venues.

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Dennis Ingold - September 19, 2014 at 02:26 PM

LO

“ Coach B.

*As the season changes from Summer to Fall  
And the Autumn leafs start to fall  
Its the time of year to coach football  
Fresh cut grass and chalked line fields  
Push ups, sit ups and running the hill.  
Short pass, long pass, double wide sweeps  
Recovering fumbles and quarterback sneaks.  
Coach Bradford is gone, he wiii be missed  
To all he influence may joyful memories persist  
His spirit lives and will never die  
We say so long ,never goodbye.  
Coach B. Rest in Peace*

*Coach Larry Ollie*

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Larry Ollie - September 19, 2014 at 02:09 PM

SH

“ *Stonia Hunter lit a candle in memory of Darryll Lamond Bradford*



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**stonia hunter** - September 19, 2014 at 09:54 AM

CV

“ *Clara M. Vincent lit a candle in memory of Darryll Lamond Bradford*



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**Clara M. Vincent** - September 19, 2014 at 07:36 AM

TH

“ *Takilah Hawkins lit a candle in memory of Darryll Lamond Bradford*



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**Takilah Hawkins** - September 18, 2014 at 10:52 PM

LN

“ *Lynn Nesbitt lit a candle in memory of Darryll Lamond Bradford*



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**Lynn Nesbitt** - September 18, 2014 at 09:23 PM

MT

“ *Bobe came into our family in 1995 came and went(stayed) came and went(stayed) came and stayed lol. He was a very friendly person who enjoyed a good laugh and who made others smile as well. He was always pleasant, respectable, he always treated the mother of our family with respect. We considered him a part of our family and he will be forever missed. We love and miss u Bobe. The Troxler family*



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**marikka troxler** - September 18, 2014 at 08:32 PM

VH

“ *Vona HUGHES lit a candle in memory of Darryll Lamond Bradford*



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**Vona HUGHES** - September 18, 2014 at 08:29 PM

PA

“ *PaulineGardner lit a candle in memory of Darryll Lamond Bradford*



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**PaulineGardner** - September 18, 2014 at 04:22 PM

D(

“ *Denise Gordon (Murray) lit a candle in memory of Darryll Lamond Bradford*



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**Denise Gordon (Murray)** - September 18, 2014 at 01:51 PM

RW

“ *We came to know "Bobe" (Darryll) through our good friends, Bobe's Aunt and Uncle Dot and Wil C. Bradford . Through this relationship Bobe became a member of our Octoberfest/Detroit Bowling League, in which he bowled with us several times. He was a upstanding young man and a real good bowler. To the family our prayers are with you, keep looking up!*

*Jn 14:18...19 I will not leave you comfortless: I will come to you... because I live you shall live also.*

*RJ & Anita Wilkerson*

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**RJ and Anita Wilkerson** - September 18, 2014 at 08:17 AM

JB

“ *J.L. & Terry Buchanan lit a candle in memory of Darryll Lamond Bradford*



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**J.L. & Terry Buchanan** - September 18, 2014 at 12:33 AM

CM

“ I will truly miss your smile. The way you use to tease me every time I seen you. A true caring angel has gotten his wings!!



Charise McPherson - September 17, 2014 at 10:42 PM

SH

“ Shanna Hill lit a candle in memory of Darryll Lamond Bradford



Shanna Hill - September 17, 2014 at 10:04 PM

JW

“ I remember our last conversation. Sitting at a LN soccer game last season, and hearing a voice yell, "Jamaica!" Before turning around to see who it was, I already knew. You'd called me this since I was 5 years old. We talked and reminisced for hours. I will always have those memories. You are and forever will be loved and missed.



Jacima White - September 17, 2014 at 09:48 PM

SM

“ Sharon Mckenzie lit a candle in memory of Darryll Lamond Bradford



sharon mckenzie - September 17, 2014 at 09:36 PM

MW

“ *Michelle Woods lit a candle in memory of Darryll Lamond Bradford*



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**Michelle Woods** - September 17, 2014 at 12:34 PM

WE

“ *We want you to know that we are so sorry for your loss. Boobie was a very nice and caring young man. The community and his students will surely miss him. You all are in our prayers Mattie Fields and family.*



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**wendy** - September 16, 2014 at 02:51 PM

CH

“ *Charlene Harkness lit a candle in memory of Darryll Lamond Bradford*



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**Charlene Harkness** - September 16, 2014 at 08:59 AM

MH

“ *Your laugh was infectious. Super cool, friendly, and always humble. You will truly be missed. I'm proud to have had the opportunity to know you. Blessings to the Bradford family. #heavyheart*

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**Monique Haley** - September 15, 2014 at 06:07 PM

PS

“ *PERCY&CINDY SMITH lit a candle in memory of Darryll Lamond Bradford*



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**PERCY&CINDY SMITH** - September 15, 2014 at 09:41 AM

MM

“ *Was looking forward to getting to know you more as my son's first football coach. He respected you so and learned so much in the little time he had with you. You were idolized by the Maple Street football team and will be remembered always.*

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**MaryEllen Morabito** - September 14, 2014 at 08:56 PM

JB

“ *Well if you knew Darryl "Boobie" Bradford was a friend everyone wished they had always smiling and having a good time by encouraging children to do the right thing. We grew up bowling together and if you were there on Saturday mornings or any night of the week after we were 18 years old you would see the crew me Eddie Danny The Barnum brothers so throw a strike in heaven and now he is Coaching with the All Stars cause God only takes the Best.  
God bless the family.*

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**John Buchanan** - September 14, 2014 at 09:38 AM

  
Jeniece  
Leitch

“ There was a positive light shining through Darrell's smile at Maple Street Middle. His love for helping children was seen in his ability to create relationships with students. The kids looked up to him, and he modeled respect and honor. He will leave a positive mark and deep whole in the kids' lives.



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**Jeniece Leitch** - September 12, 2014 at 07:49 PM

AK

“ Darryll you made life at the bakery fun. I was just recently going through photo's and found one of you, me and Kristi dancing at the Aunt Milles Bakery Christmas Party. Just a few months ago I ran past you in Walmart and when I realized it was you and went back you were already gone. I text you and asked if you were still there but you said you just left. But you did see the crazy lady running past you in the yellow sweatshirt (which was me) you said yes. You were just leaving to catch a plane for Florida which was crazy cause I was getting ready to catch a plane as well. Last week I was driving down Ransom near Riverview the little park their I seen a bunch of kids practicing football and instantly thought of you which also made me think about you getting your yearly text next month for your birthday. Even though you are gone I will always think of you on October 27th when I would send you your birthday text. You were a great coworker and friend and you will be missed dearly.

*Amanda Krohn*

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**Amanda Krohn** - September 12, 2014 at 03:59 PM

LW

*Coach. you will be truly missed. You sowed wonderfully into my son's life by providing him a person at school he could talk to but keep it real about what he was expected to do, especially as a young African American male. Thank YOU! Blessings to the Bradford family and all that are feeling the loss of this wonderfully spirited man.*

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**LaSonda Wells** - September 16, 2014 at 06:01 PM

SM

*Mr. D...wow!!!! I will always remember ur laugh n will always see u through ur best friend Calvin..rest in Paradise friend. Ms. Sharon Mckenzie*

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**sharon mckenzie** - September 17, 2014 at 09:33 PM