



## Mr. Derrick Crawford

January 3, 1947 - May 23, 2015

Derrick Crawford was born on January 31, 1947 to Lucille Lipsey Crawford and PVC Tommie Lee Crawford. Derrick grew up caring and thinking more of others than himself. He accepted Christ in his life under the pastorate of Rev. James E. Jackson at Allen Chapel AME Church. He graduated from Comstock High School in 1967 and was united in holy matrimony to Lillian Jackson, and to this union three girls were born, Tonia Lynn, Denise Renee, and Therese Michelle Crawford.

Derrick was very proud and passionate about his girls and their accomplishments. He travelled frequently to be in support of the professional Volleyball career of Therese. He made sure that anyone that he came into contact with, knew that his daughter, Denise, was the CEO at Family Health Center. Derrick had a deep spiritual connection with his oldest daughter, Tonia. He often stated that Tonia had his caring and giving spirit for others.

He was employed by Upjohn's for 28 years, after which he began his retirement passion of renovating homes and restoring classic sport cars. He began sharing his gift of photography with Allen Chapel AME Church and the community at large.

Derrick was predeceased by his brother, Tommie Lavelle, father, Tommie Lee and mother, Lucille Lipsey Crawford.

He is survived by his children Tonia Lynn (Anthony) Smith, Denise Crawford (Mark) Frank, and Therese Michelle Crawford (Boris) Simurina, Five grandchildren, Jahmir Christopher Frank, Makayla Somone Smith, Amaya Alise Smith, Ranko James Simurina, and Jackson Lion Simurina. Also surviving are one sister and two brothers, Rev. Bobette (John) Hampton, Bruce Wayne and Michael Kevin Crawford. He also leaves to cherish his memories a very special nephew, Maurice S. Averhart, his only surviving aunt, Austillure (Big Auntie) Tubbs, and a host of nieces, nephews, and cousins.

# Previous Events

## Visitation

MAY 28. 5:00 PM - 6:30 PM (ET)

Harper Funeral Home - Chapel  
521 Douglas Avenue  
Kalamazoo, MI

## Visitation

MAY 29. 11:00 AM - 11:30 AM (ET)

Fresh Fire AME Church  
2508 Gull Road  
Kalamazoo, MI

## A Service in Loving Memory

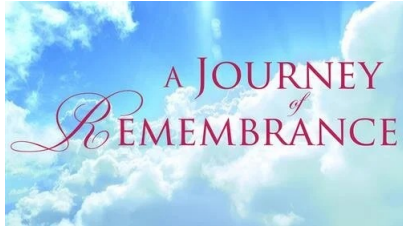
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Fresh Fire A.M.E. Church  
2508 Gull Road  
Kalamazoo, MI

# Tribute Wall



“ Harper Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Mr. Derrick Crawford



Harper Funeral Home - May 28, 2015 at 08:38 PM



“ Mr. Derrick Crawford

October 23, 2023 at 06:06 AM



“ Mr. Derrick Crawford

October 06, 2023 at 10:42 AM



“ To your children, grandchildren, and siblings...our family extends our heartfelt sympathy.

*Derrick, I will miss your wide smile and cheerful greeting whenever we saw each other...and memories of our days as neighbors on Rex Street in Comstock... how as children our backyards provided us an avenue of adventure because we explored the Gravel Pit all day, and would come home looking like Charlie Brown's dusty friend ...our old playground is now a part of Sprinkle Road. I know you're enjoying a new Glorious Playground, surrounded by nothing but beauty and happiness...as the song goes, I Can Only Imagine...Rest In Peace!*

*Annie Jo Booth-Dunigan*

Annie Dunigan - June 01, 2015 at 08:44 AM



“ Earline Fields And Family sent a virtual gift in memory of Mr. Derrick Crawford



Earline Fields and Family - May 31, 2015 at 01:41 PM



“ *Derrick was very dear to me. Derrick took me in when I was homeless and made sure that I had everything I would need to live my life comfortably. I feel as we became to be close. I loved him with all of my heart and he loved me too a little bit... May you rest in peace my dear. Sleep with the angels... You are surely missed. All my love !!! Tammy Johnson hugs & kisses baby*

Tammy Johnson - May 29, 2015 at 08:36 PM



“ *Prayers for the family.*



Ramona Lumpkin - May 29, 2015 at 08:34 AM



“ *we love you and will miss your good cooking and your wonderful dancing. rest in peace eunice dennis and family*

dennis gillette - May 28, 2015 at 08:26 PM



“ *Birletta Bean Hardeman lit a candle in memory of Mr. Derrick Crawford*



Birletta Bean Hardeman - May 28, 2015 at 05:43 PM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Mr. Derrick Crawford.*



May 28, 2015 at 03:57 PM



“ *Karest Willis-Brown lit a candle in memory of Mr. Derrick Crawford*



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**Karest Willis-Brown** - May 27, 2015 at 10:39 PM