



Mr. Donald Blake Gardner

April 2, 1953 - April 8, 2023

MT. ZION BAPTIST CHURCH IS HOSTING A MEMORIAL SERVICE IN LOVING MEMORY FOR THE FAMILY OF MR. DONALD B. GARDNER ON SATURDAY, APRIL 22, 2023. PLEASE SEE VISITATION & SERVICE TIMES BELOW THAT WILL BE HELD AT THE CHURCH**

****THE FAMILY IS REQUESTING THAT MASKS ARE WORN AT THE CHURCH. HAND SANITIZER WILL ALSO BE PROVIDED AT THE CHURCH.

****ATTENTION TO THOSE WHO WOULD LIKE TO VIEW SERVICES ONLINE FROM HOME, YOU HAVE (3) OPTIONS TO CHOOSE FROM:

1. Go to Mt. Zion Baptist Church's website at: mtzionkalamazoo.org
- Or
2. Go to YouTube and type in [mtzionbaptistkalamazoo](https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCmtzionbaptistkalamazoo)
- Or
3. Go to Facebook, if you have a facebook account. after logging in, type in [Myzionbaptistkalamazoo](https://www.facebook.com/Myzionbaptistkalamazoo)

***FOR THOSE THAT DO NOT USE THE INTERNET, YOU MAY LISTEN TO THE SERVICE ON YOUR PHONE BY CALLING: (269) 206-9635

Mr. Donald Blake Gardner departed this life on April 8, 2023, in Grand Rapids,

Michigan. Donald was born April 2, 1953, the son of Harvey Blake and Betty Jean Gardner in Kalamazoo, Michigan. He accepted Christ at a young age and attended Mt. Zion Baptist Church. Donald attended Kalamazoo Public Schools, graduating from Kalamazoo Central High School in 1971. He later attended ITT Technical Institute to study Data Processing and Computer Programming. Donald was a hard worker who was employed at UPS for 22 years, until retirement.

Donald had many interests and hobbies, which included reading nonfiction novels, watching sports on television, especially the Detroit Lions, and traveling. He just recently traveled with his family on a cruise. Donald was a people-person who also enjoyed spending quality time with his family. He will be greatly missed by his family and friends.

He is preceded in death by one son, Derek Wheeler; his father, Harvey Blake Gardner; and 1 sister, Debra Ann Johnson.

He leaves to cherish his memory: one daughter, Damica L. Gibbs; 1 son Courtney B. Gardner; his mother, Betty Jean Gardner; his sister, Sheila (David) Gilland; his brother, Curtis (Elaine) Gardner; grandchildren, Daquan Gibbs, and Dyesha Gibbs; great grandchildren, Daquan Gibbs, Jr. and Zaylen Coleman; and a host of nieces, nephews, uncles, aunts, cousins, other relatives and friends.

Previous Events

Visitation

APR **22**. 12:30 PM - 1:00 PM (ET)

Mt. Zion Baptist Church
120 Roberson Street
kalamazoo, MI 49007-3557

A Memorial Service In Loving Memory Of

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Tribute Wall



“ Harper Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Mr. Donald Blake Gardner



Harper Funeral Home - April 20, 2023 at 05:28 PM



“ Mr. Donald Blake Gardner

October 23, 2023 at 06:06 AM



“ Mr. Donald Blake Gardner

October 06, 2023 at 10:42 AM



“ Kim Marshall lit a candle in memory of Mr. Donald Blake Gardner



Kim Marshall - April 26, 2023 at 07:46 PM

KJ

“ Karen Johnson-Foster lit a candle in memory of Donald Gardner



Karen Johnson-Foster - April 26, 2023 at 12:16 PM

KJ

“ Karen Johnson-Foster lit a candle in memory of Mr. Donald Blake Gardner



Karen Johnson-Foster - April 23, 2023 at 12:09 PM



“ 1 file added to the album LifeTributes



Harper Funeral Home - April 22, 2023 at 11:50 AM

VM

“ Condolences to the Gardner family. Prayers to you all.



Valerie Mitchell - April 22, 2023 at 10:37 AM

JM

“ *Joyce McDowell lit a candle in memory of Mr. Donald Blake Gardner*



Joyce McDowell - April 22, 2023 at 09:18 AM

JT

“ *Jeanette & Emuell Tedford lit a candle in memory of Mr. Donald Blake Gardner*



Jeanette & Emuell Tedford - April 21, 2023 at 11:56 PM

JD

“ *Jack Dunigan lit a candle in memory of Mr. Donald Blake Gardner*



Jack Dunigan - April 21, 2023 at 09:46 PM

LB

“ *LB lit a candle in memory of Mr. Donald Blake Gardner*



LB - April 21, 2023 at 03:04 PM

KD

“ Kevin Dunigan sent a virtual gift in memory of Mr. Donald Blake Gardner



Kevin Dunigan - April 21, 2023 at 08:50 AM

TC

“ Trudy Carr lit a candle in memory of Mr. Donald Blake Gardner



Trudy Carr - April 20, 2023 at 08:44 PM

MC

“ Margie J Coleman lit a candle in memory of Mr. Donald Blake Gardner



Margie J Coleman - April 20, 2023 at 07:22 PM

LR

“ Cuz you will be missed, a quiet but sweet demeanor. Earth has no sorrow that heaven can't heal. Family hold on to God's promises during these times.



Lavonda Rimmer - April 20, 2023 at 04:24 PM

BM

“ Bernard Martin lit a candle in memory of Mr. Donald Blake Gardner



Bernard Martin - April 20, 2023 at 02:38 PM

JL

“ Jackie Little sent a virtual gift in memory of Mr. Donald Blake Gardner



Jackie Little - April 20, 2023 at 12:19 PM

ML

“ Malinda Ligon-Whitley lit a candle in memory of Mr. Donald Blake Gardner



Malinda Ligon-Whitley - April 19, 2023 at 11:51 PM

CF

“ Charleston Family lit a candle in memory of Mr. Donald Blake Gardner



Charleston Family - April 19, 2023 at 08:43 PM

EF

“ *Earline Fields And Family lit a candle in memory of Mr. Donald Blake Gardner*



Earline Fields and Family - April 19, 2023 at 05:18 PM

EF

“ *My Condolences to the Gardner Family my prayers are with you all God bless you all RIP Donald*



Earline Fields and Family - April 19, 2023 at 05:17 PM

LH

“ *LouKisia Heady lit a candle in memory of Mr. Donald Blake Gardner*



LouKisia Heady - April 19, 2023 at 04:55 PM

LS

“ *Lola Streeter lit a candle in memory of Mr. Donald Blake Gardner*



Lola Streeter - April 19, 2023 at 03:48 PM

CS

“ Cynthia Smith lit a candle in memory of Mr. Donald Blake Gardner



Cynthia Smith - April 19, 2023 at 03:32 PM

GW

“ GEORGIA WILLIAMS lit a candle in memory of Mr. Donald Blake Gardner



GEORGIA WILLIAMS - April 19, 2023 at 01:17 AM

PG

“ Pauline Gardner lit a candle in memory of Donald Gardner



Pauline Marie Gardner - April 18, 2023 at 05:58 PM

EW

“ My condolence go out to the family of Donald, my longtime friend. May he rest in peace



Earl word - April 18, 2023 at 05:30 PM

JE

“ *Jo Ann Embrey lit a candle in memory of Mr. Donald Blake Gardner*



Jo Ann Embrey - April 18, 2023 at 01:31 PM

JG

“ *Deepest condolences to the family of Mr Donald Blake Gardner. You are in our prayers. RIP Donnie.*



JoAnne & Renaford Owens Jr-Atlanta GA - April 17, 2023 at 06:28 PM

JE

“ *Jo Ann Embrey lit a candle in memory of Mr. Donald Blake Gardner*



Jo Ann Embrey - April 17, 2023 at 03:52 PM

CG

“ *Condolences to the family.*



Cordell/Brenda Gardner - April 17, 2023 at 03:50 PM

HB

“ *The Lord, is with you. He is your strength and comforter.
You're in my prayers.*



Helen Brooks - April 17, 2023 at 12:30 PM

LJ

“ *Lucy Cruz Jackson lit a candle in memory of
Mr. Donald Blake Gardner*



Lucy Cruz Jackson - April 17, 2023 at 08:01 AM

BG

“ *Condolences to the Gardner Family*



Beverly Green - April 17, 2023 at 01:05 AM

EH

“ *Sharing my heartfelt deepest condolences to
the Gardner family. May God strengthen you
in your time of grief.*



Evelyn Henry - April 16, 2023 at 08:27 PM

DF

“ *Dallas Boards And Family lit a candle in memory of Mr. Donald Blake Gardner*



Dallas Boards and family - April 16, 2023 at 08:02 PM

DF

Truth be told I was your favorite cousin you are going to be truly missed much love ❤️

Dallas Boards and family - April 20, 2023 at 03:14 PM