



Mr. Edward Lewis Sayles Jr.

October 9, 1942 - August 15, 2024

***A VISITATION & SERVICE IN LOVING MEMORY FOR MR. EDWARD LEWIS SAYLES, JR. WILL BE HELD MONDAY, AUGUST 26, 2024, AT OUR FUNERAL HOME.

****NOTE: PLEASE SEE THE VISITATION & SERVICE TIMES LISTED BELOW

****MASKS ARE AVAILABLE UPON REQUEST. WE WILL PROVIDE HAND SANITIZER WHEN ENTERING OUR BUILDING.

***If you have any questions, please contact us at: (269) 342-1000

Obituary

Edward Lewis Sayles Jr. departed this life on Thursday, August 15, 2024 after a brief illness. He was born October 9, 1942 in Benton Harbor, MI, the son of Edward and Karine (Tyree) Sayles. He attended Benton Harbor Public Schools, and went on to serve in the United States Marine Corp. as a Director of Small Arms Rifleman.

After serving in the military, Edward went on to work in many capacities and later became employed with the Chicago Transit Authority, and on February 1, 2004 retired after 26 years of service.

Edward was united in marriage to Barbara Dukes-Jones on December 7, 2015.

Edward was known to be a quiet man, but with a great sense of humor. He was a family man who loved to spend time with his children and grandchildren. He loved children and would teach and impart wisdom to them. He was a giving person who loved to give gifts. He was very outgoing and enjoyed bowling and fishing. He loved watching television shows from Svengoulie to Doc Marton or Father Brown. He also loved to play Yahtzee.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Edward H. Sayles and Karine Butler;

grandmother, Lillian Chapman (“mama”), Sister, Lavonne Posey, Brothers, Russell Sayles, Corbett Sayles, Anthony Sayles, Charles Posey, Alphonso Posey and Maurice Sledge.

He is survived by his wife, Barbara Sayles, three daughters, Serena (Morris) Harris of Atlanta, GA; Renee Dukes of Three Rivers, MI and Anita Jones of Silver Springs, MD; five sons, Augustus Sayles of Kalamazoo, MI, Edward Anthony Sayles of Oakland, OR; Michael (Aurora) Sayles of Portland, OR; George Jones of Benton Harbor, MI and Kenya Jones of Kalamazoo, Michigan. Six sisters, Willie Brown and Diane Adams both of Dallas, TX; Evelyn Grimes of Atlanta, GA; Amelia (Angelo) Scott of Chicago, IL; Renee Butler of Dallas, TX and Karen Posey of Benton Harbor, MI; four brothers, McNeal Posey Jr. (Debra) of Niles, MI; Ronnie Posey of Fort Wayne, IN; Jerome Butler (Annette) of Nashville, TN and Danny (Ruby) Sledge of Oshtemo, MI; 16 grandchildren; 8 great-great grandchildren and a host of nieces, nephews, cousins and friends.

Cemetery Details

Ft. Custer National Cemetery

15501 Dickman Road
Augusta, MI 49012

Previous Events

Public Viewing For Family & Friends

AUG 26. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

Harper Funeral Home - Chapel
521 Douglas Avenue
Kalamazoo, MI

A Service in Loving Memory

AUG 26. 11:00 AM (ET)

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Tribute Wall



“ Harper Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Mr. Edward Lewis Sayles Jr.



Harper Funeral Home - August 25, 2024 at 05:51 PM

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Condolences and Prayers to family and friends 🙏❤️

sharon L chapman - August 25, 2024 at 04:31 PM



“ 2 files added to the album Life Tributes



Harper Funeral Home - August 26, 2024 at 10:18 AM

FF

“ From The Grimes Family purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Mr. Edward Lewis Sayles Jr..



From The Grimes Family - August 24, 2024 at 08:23 AM

HB

“ Helen Brooks lit a candle in memory of Edward Sayles



Helen Brooks - August 23, 2024 at 06:23 PM

TF

“ *The Dukes Family purchased the Serene Retreat for the family of Mr. Edward Lewis Sayles Jr..*



The Dukes Family - August 23, 2024 at 03:36 PM

AJ

“ *Ed has always been like family to us. His kind heart and gentle ways will never be forgotten.*

The Johnson Family



AJ - August 23, 2024 at 01:26 AM

FM

“ *From Solid Rock Word Ministries purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Mr. Edward Lewis Sayles Jr..*



From Solid Rock Word Ministries - August 22, 2024 at 05:06 PM

RB

“ *Renee Butler sent a virtual gift in memory of Edward Sayles*



Renee Butler - August 22, 2024 at 03:45 PM

RB

“ *I love you and you was a great big brother*



Renee Butler - August 22, 2024 at 03:38 PM

RB

“ My brother always locked doors and windows. I remember I was taking the garbage out and I told Ed I'm about to take the garbage out. Don't lock the door. as soon as I put the garbage in the can, I walk back to the door he locked the screen door, and I just stood there shaking my head and knocking on the Door and saying .., Only Me 🙄♀ I told him I was coming right back 😊😊😊 he said “ I didn't hear you with a smirk on his face 😊😊



I will miss you, big brother. You have always been there if we needed you. ❤️❤️

Renee Butler - August 22, 2024 at 03:30 PM

RB

“ I remember when Edward and my older sister Willie and I used to live together and I came in his room crying because I needed a wisdom tooth taking out my mouth and I asked him to take me to the dentist, Of course he jump right up to take me so, as he was driving me to the dentist, He looked at me because I was rocking back-and-forth and he said “ Are you OK Na? Hi said yeah shaking and sweating and then he said you don't look OK. You look like you're about to pass out and start laughing. Which made me laugh.

Renee' Butler (Lil Sis)

Renee Butler - August 22, 2024 at 03:18 PM

DS

“ Junior was such a quiet person with a beautiful, caring spirit. I watched and appreciated the care he gave to his father and my mother, Dolores Sayles. Barbara, I'm keeping you and the entire family in my prayers.

Danny

Danny Sledge - August 22, 2024 at 02:54 PM