



Mr. Ernest "Spark Plug" Little

December 10, 1945 - December 16, 2020

***DUE TO THE EXTENSION OF THE MANDATES ORDERED FOR THE STATE OF MICHIGAN, up to (25) people are the maximum that will be allowed in our chapel until January 15, 2021 or until we receive further notice of any changes.

****MASKS ARE REQUIRED WHEN ENTERING OUR BUILDING****

***ATTN: EXTENDED FAMILY & FRIENDS-A Drive Through Visitation will be held on Tuesday, December 22, 2020 from 5:00 p.m. to 6:30 p.m.

***You may enter our parking lot from the Jefferson Street entrance**

****(DRIVING DIRECTIONS FOR DRIVE THROUGH VIEWING****

****PLEASE TAKE NORTH STREET, make a left on Summer Street and then a left to Jefferson Street to enter in at the Jefferson Street Entrance)****

WE WILL ALSO LIVE STREAM THE VISITATION, Tuesday, December 22, 2020 FROM OUR WEBSITE*

THE OBITUARY

Ernest Little lovingly known as "Spark Plug", was born on December 10, 1945 in Troy, MS the son of the late Sam Henry Lilton and Eloise Lilton. Ernest is the second eldest of nine children. During his youth, the family decided to relocate to East Saint Louis, MO. As a young man, Ernest married and

brought to life, two beautiful sons; Wendell Smith and Xavier Raymont Little.

Later, Ernest moved to Kalamazoo, MI. He remarried and met Flora through a mutual friend. They fell in love, united in marriage and went on to raise three beautiful children, Vinson Kellum, Magnolia Ernestine Little, and Joseph Kellum Little.

Ernest was a “people person” and loved to be around his family. Every morning he would get up and go to Speedway for coffee and then he would visit the drop-in center, to hang out and talk. He loved to be the center of attention. He had a voice that was so strong and loud that it would resonate and catch everyone’s attention. He always kept an upbeat attitude and when things became rough, he would be optimistic and say, “See, you got to believe in God” and “They can’t keep a good man down”.

Ernest enjoyed and was passionate about working on vehicles. He went to trade school and earned a certificate in heating and cooling and auto mechanics. He would buy damaged and non-working vehicles, fix them and sell them at an affordable price.

Ernest was a hard-working man who had many skills and talents. He didn’t mind showing the fruits of his labor because he would loan or share them with others.

Ernest loved eating chocolate and jolly ranchers while watching TV Land, which would air his favorite western shows. He also enjoyed watching sports (basketball, football and baseball) and CNN. He could tell you about any and everything that was going on in all countries. Ernest also loved to travel. He would say, “I’m going coast to coast on a piece of toast”. He loved life and always kept a friend because he was cherished and loved by many. He loved himself but most of all he loved his wife, children and family deeply.

In 2003, Ernest was diagnosed with cancer. By the grace of God, he was able to recover from that and CNS cancer in 2018.

In December 2020, Ernest was diagnosed with pancreatic cancer, stage IV. After being diagnosed, he had a battle with the disease. Through the painful process, he didn't become discouraged. He placed his faith in God and asked for God's will to be done. He said he was happy and comfortable and to continue to pray to God.

On Wednesday, December 16th, Ernest went home to be with his wife Flora and the Lord from Bronson Methodist Hospital.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Flora Edna Little ("Toodie"); his father Sam Henry Lilton; mother, Eloise Lilton; 2 brothers, Henry Little and Larry Lilton; and his uncle "Bae Bae" and his wife.

Ernest is cherished and survived by his sons, Wendell (Rebecca) Smith, Xavier Raymont Little, Vinson Kellum and Joseph Kellum Little (Nadia); daughter, Magnolia Ernestine Little; granddaughters, Jayla Jamaya Gill, Nia Jolie Little and Jada Nicole Little. Also, siblings, Sam Lilton Ella (Robert) Pettiford; William "Bill" Little (Barbara); Leola Robinson (Johnnie); Gertie Young and John Lilton; Denita Smith; Sharina Smith; Terry Smith and Octavier Smith, and a host of nieces, nephews, other relatives and friends.

Tribute Wall



“ Harper Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Mr. Ernest "Spark Plug" Little



Harper Funeral Home - December 22, 2020 at 09:49 AM



“ Mr. Ernest "Spark Plug" Little

October 23, 2023 at 06:06 AM



“ Mr. Ernest "Spark Plug" Little

October 06, 2023 at 10:42 AM



“ Nanette Hickman lit a candle in memory of Mr. Ernest "Spark Plug" Little



Nanette Hickman - December 25, 2020 at 01:24 AM

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“ To the Little Family im sorry to hear of Mr Ernie's passing take comfort in knowing all his pain & suffering is over & he's reunited with the love of his life his wonderful spirit you all will still carry forever in your hearts prayers & blessings to you all !

Orville Alexander & Entire Alexander Family

Orville Alexander - December 22, 2020 at 12:54 PM

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“ Linda Smith lit a candle in memory of Mr. Ernest "Spark Plug" Little



Linda Smith - December 20, 2020 at 11:12 PM