



Mr. Ernest Locke

March 21, 1955 - May 4, 2019

Mr. Ernest Locke was born March 21, 1955 in Chicago IL, to Bernice El (Mays) and Ernest Austin Locke. His mother later married Eldnor Lee El and the family moved to Allegan, MI in 1966. Ernest, known to most as “Junior”, attended Allegan Public Schools, while helping out on the family farm.

Junior later married Martha Gilson and together they had two daughters, Michelle Locke and Melissa Locke (Nichols). Junior worked on the Gilson Farms for a short time, then worked at various factories until his health no longer allowed him to do so.

Junior later met Dawn O’Neil and they remained together until his death.

Junior loved to fish and enjoyed watching westerns, WWE and MMA on television. He loved his children and talked about them a lot. He often said he wished he had his driver’s license again so he could travel to see his children.

He is preceded in death by his parents, Bernice El and Eldnor Lee El and Ernest A. Locke; brothers, Allen Bonds, Gregory Lee El and Anthony Eldnor Lee El.

He leaves to cherish his memory a legacy of two beautiful daughters, Michelle Locke and Melissa (Anthony Sr) Nichols; brother, Thomas (Linda) El; sisters,

Lillie (Tobias) Simmons and Mary (Jeffrey) Robinson; five grandchildren, Dontae Locke, Michele Olivia Locke, JayJuann (Keyah) Fourcha, DonNesha Nixon and Anthony Nichols Jr. and three great-grandchildren; Caylen Morris, Jaaliyah Fourcha and Emery Fourcha. In addition, he leaves behind a host of nephews, nieces and cousins.

Junior will be greatly missed.

Previous Events

Visitation

MAY 11. 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM (ET)

Harper Funeral Home - Chapel
521 Douglas Avenue
Kalamazoo, MI

A Celebration of Life

MAY 11. 12:00 PM (ET)

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Tribute Wall



“ Harper Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Mr. Ernest Locke



Harper Funeral Home - May 10, 2019 at 10:47 PM



“ Mr. Ernest Locke

October 23, 2023 at 06:06 AM



“ Mr. Ernest Locke

October 06, 2023 at 10:42 AM