



## Mr. Floyd Gardner

January 6, 1934 - January 3, 2017

\*\*\*\*\*PLEASE SEE SERVICE INFORMATION BELOW\*\*\*\*\*

Mr. Floyd Gardner also lovingly known as “Mookie” made his transition on January 3, 2017 in Kalamazoo, MI. He was born January 6, 1934 in Okolona, MS the son of Daniel and Edna Gardner. He accepted Christ as his personal Savior at an early age. He was a member of Galilee Baptist Church. He went to Roosevelt School in his grade school years. Later, he joined the United States Army and was Honorably Discharged. He was employed also as a Journey’s Man. He helped to construct many buildings in Kalamazoo, which included several buildings owned by Upjohn. After retiring from construction he became a maintenance technician at the Post 134. He received his GED at 50 years old. His favorite course in school was math and he was very good at numbers often referring to himself as “The Mathematician”.

Floyd was known for his sense of humor. He was kind and a “gentle giant”. He had calm demeanor about him and wasn’t someone who would raise his voice. Some friends and family said he favored Ray Charles! Others would say he looked like Fred Sanford or Morgan Freeman. He enjoyed jazz music and would listen to jazz greats like John Coltrane. He also enjoyed listening to gospel music greats like Aretha Franklin. He was a family man who would go on vacations his wife and children. One of the many trips to California would take him and his family 2 weeks in travel time to get there because he enjoyed stopping along the way, for the family to experience seeing the sights. He

would take the family also to the zoo, beach or the park spending a lot of quality time with them as well. Floyd was a great listener and he had a lot of wisdom. You could trust him with your secrets, because he wasn't a gossip. He loved his wife and they were known as "everyone's couple", and if you were a friend of one, you were a friend of both of them. Everyday he wanted his scrambled eggs, toast and coffee and he could start his day off right! He was also known for the "California Lean". When he was driving you would see only his head and sunglasses peeking up from the front seat. Floyd is loved immensely by all of his friends and family and he will be greatly missed by all.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Betty Clark Gardner; his son, Anthony Gardner; daughter Shondiea Gardner; his parents, Daniel and Edna Gardner; sister, Alma Lee Ligons; uncles, Evis Gardner, Rev. Mabry Gardner and Hesidi Gardner; sister-in-laws, Esther Ross and Barbara Clark; nephew, Todd Gardner; brother-in-laws, Joseph Armstrong and Frank Haywood; father and mother-in-law, Amos and Viola Clark; nieces, Rena Regina Ledbetter and Barbara McClendon; nephew, Dewayne McClendon, cousin, Albert McClendon; and son-in-law, Willie Ray Gray.

He leaves to cherish his memory: children, Terry Gardner Sr., Debra Gardner, Tyrone Gardner Bey and Tracy Ross; grandchildren, Amountrae' Gardner, Anthony Ross Gardner, Terry Gardner, Jr.; Kierra Princess Gardner, and Jamar James; great grandchildren, Amountrae' Ross Smith and Sani Blessings Gardner Kellumn; aunts, Juanita Ford-McClendon, Jerneice Ledbetter and Olivia Gardner Neeley; sister-in-laws, Carrie Baker, Laurie Valkema and Deneen James; god brothers, Montrell Brown, Joe Thomas and Ocie Mitchell; goddaughter, Mondrea Mitchell; and a host of other relatives and friends. Also special friends, Jerome S. and Nate B.

# Previous Events

## Visitation

JAN 17. 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM (ET)

Harper Funeral Home - Chapel  
521 Douglas Avenue  
Kalamazoo, MI

## Visitation

JAN 18. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

First Congregational Church  
345 W. Michigan Avenue  
Kalamazoo, MI

## A Service in Loving Memory

JAN 18. 11:00 AM (ET)

First Congregational Church  
345 W. Michigan Avenue  
Kalamazoo, MI

# Tribute Wall



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



Harper Funeral Home - January 18, 2017 at 09:50 PM



“ Mr. Floyd Gardner

October 23, 2023 at 06:06 AM



“ Mr. Floyd Gardner

October 06, 2023 at 10:42 AM



“ Jytisha Streeter lit a candle in memory of Mr. Floyd Gardner



Jytisha Streeter - January 26, 2017 at 07:01 AM

TF

“ *The Fields Family sent a virtual gift in memory of Mr. Floyd Gardner*



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**The Fields Family** - January 21, 2017 at 09:23 PM

PR

“ *Princess lit a candle in memory of Mr. Floyd Gardner*



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**Princess** - January 18, 2017 at 09:27 PM

PR

*Peace Gardner family, keep looking up, God is standing by.*

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**Princess** - January 18, 2017 at 09:31 PM

AL

“ *My condolence to the family of Mr. Gardner.*



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**Alice** - January 18, 2017 at 06:06 AM

WJ

“ William & Laverne Jones lit a candle in memory of Mr. Floyd Gardner



William & Laverne Jones - January 16, 2017 at 02:18 PM

AR

“ Abdul-R Rashid lit a candle in memory of Mr. Floyd Gardner



Abdul-R Rashid - January 15, 2017 at 05:32 PM

DF

“ Dallas Boards And Family lit a candle in memory of Mr. Floyd Gardner



Dallas Boards and Family - January 15, 2017 at 02:17 PM

CG

“ C&B Gardner lit a candle in memory of Mr. Floyd Gardner



C&B Gardner - January 15, 2017 at 01:23 PM

CG

“ *Cordell & Brenda Gardner*

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**C&B Gardner** - January 15, 2017 at 01:22 PM

DG

“ *Debra Gardner lit a candle in memory of Mr. Floyd Gardner*



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**Debra Gardner** - January 14, 2017 at 09:16 AM

LC

“ *Lillie Cotton lit a candle in memory of Mr. Floyd Gardner*



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**Lillie Cotton** - January 13, 2017 at 10:02 AM

MW

“ *Minister Flora Walker lit a candle in memory of Mr. Floyd Gardner*



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**Minister Flora Walker** - January 13, 2017 at 01:17 AM

JD

“ To the family of Mr Floyd Gardner we give our heart felt condolences we shall cherish the memories of a very loving and cool cousin much love and respect Kevin and Jack Dunigan and Family

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**Jack Dunigan** - January 12, 2017 at 03:28 PM

JD

“ Jack Dunigan lit a candle in memory of Mr. Floyd Gardner



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**Jack Dunigan** - January 12, 2017 at 03:23 PM

EG

“ Edith Gardner lit a candle in memory of Mr. Floyd Gardner



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**Edith Gardner** - January 12, 2017 at 01:53 PM

DB

“ My condolences to the family. Thinking of my friends Terry, Deborah, and Tyrone. Mr Gardner was the best, and will be missed.

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**David Barron** - January 12, 2017 at 11:59 AM

RF

“ *Reese Family lit a candle in memory of Mr. Floyd Gardner*



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**Reese family** - January 11, 2017 at 06:08 PM

CC

“ *Cathy Cole lit a candle in memory of Mr. Floyd Gardner*



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**Cathy Cole** - January 11, 2017 at 06:07 PM

RF

“ *Floyd you will be missed but never forgotten.you will always be in my heart.Yvonne*

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**Reese Family** - January 11, 2017 at 06:06 PM

HF

“ *Heltzel Family lit a candle in memory of Mr. Floyd Gardner*



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**Heltzel Family** - January 11, 2017 at 06:03 PM

KG

“ *Karen Sheppard Gray lit a candle in memory of Mr. Floyd Gardner*



Karen Sheppard Gray - January 11, 2017 at 01:02 PM

DB

“ *Dallas Blocker lit a candle in memory of Mr. Floyd Gardner*



Dallas Blocker - January 11, 2017 at 09:48 AM

KF

“ *We will miss Uncle Floyd. We Love you Uncle Floyd. Let us all continue to keep our family in prayer.*



Kevin ad Patricia Ford - January 11, 2017 at 09:08 AM

PG

“ *Pauline Gardner lit a candle in memory of Mr. Floyd Gardner*



Pauline Gardner - January 11, 2017 at 08:46 AM

HB

“ *Helen (Mills) Brooks lit a candle in memory of Mr. Floyd Gardner*



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**Helen (Mills) Brooks** - January 11, 2017 at 06:56 AM

KA

“ *Rest In Peace Uncle Floyd We Love You*



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**Kimyatta Armstrong** - January 11, 2017 at 06:55 AM

RL

“ *Ramona Lumpkin lit a candle in memory of Mr. Floyd Gardner*



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**Ramona lumpkin** - January 10, 2017 at 11:52 PM