



## Rev. George W. Lipsey Jr.

July 22, 1938 - December 24, 2016

George "G.W." Willie Lipsey returned to his heavenly home on December 24, 2016 in Ann Arbor, Michigan after a valiant battle. George's firm belief in God and his devotion to his family strengthened him in his struggle and ultimately gave him peace.

He was born July 22, 1938 to Mr. and Mrs. George Lipsy Sr., in Chickasaw, Mississippi. George gave his heart to the Lord at an early age at Wesley Chapel AME Church in Mississippi. He was immersed in the Christian community that would be his lifelong support from an early age. In 1956, George graduated high school where he was valedictorian of his class. He was offered a full scholarship to Jackson State University. George moved to Kalamazoo, Michigan in 1956 after completing high school where he lived out the rest of his life.

George's professional life allowed him to journey into employment at Deacons Moving and Storage and Johnson Control where he retired from in 1997. In 2001, he founded and opened the doors to Faith Missionary Baptist Church, where he offered salvation and hope until his health failed in 2010.

In 2010, Pastor Lipsey returned to Second Baptist Church under the leadership of his Father in the Ministry, Rev. Dr. M.W. Wright. In the early 1980's, he served as Sunday School Teacher, sang in the Male Chorus and

Fellowship Choir. He also served as a Deacon, until the Lord saw fit to lift him into the servant life as a minister; where he faithfully served as one of the sons in ministry. Upon his return to Second Baptist, Pastor Lipsey also served an Assistant to the Pastor, Youth and Adult Sunday School Teacher and New Members Orientation Ministry Leader. He also served as Project Manager aka "Mr. Fix it".

George married Claire Lipsey, and to this union three children were born: Donnell, Shonyell and Melinda. Claire preceded George in death.

In 1988 George married his best friend Dovie Janice Lipsey. George's love for family showed in his blessing of a large family. He and his wife worked together in raising twelve children with patience, discipline and humility. His love for his children was shown in him spending time to teach his children how to read and write. He had a love for learning and experiencing new things, and he would often travel with his family, taking the time to see the natural beauty of every state in the South and the Midwest. From the beginning, he dedicated his children to God and encouraged each of them to explore the beauty of the gospels. George's favorite scripture is Psalm 121 in its entirety.

George was preceded in death by his parents Mr. & Mrs. George Lipsey; his son, Craig Johnson, brothers, Willie, Thomas, John (JT), and Joe L. Lipsey; and one sister, Detra Lipsey.

George was selfless at heart. He was kind, calm and always had time to answer a question or solve a problem no matter how great or small.

George leaves to cherish his memories his wife Dovie; his children: Melinda, Donnell, Shonyell, Tara (Jamie) Padilla, Corey, Javonte, Jacorey, Jeremiah, Jaylen, Jakayla, Deborah and grandchildren; brothers, Andrew (Gail) Lipsey, Frank (Barbara) Lipsey and Charles Lipsey; sisters Odelia (Steve) Johnson,

Hettie Head, Brenda Lipsey, Mary Lee Bloodworth and Linda Lipsey; one sister-in-law Avor (Jackie) Stewart; four brothers-in-law, William (Jannie) Alexander, Parnell (Eunice) Alexander, Ronald Alexander and Alton (Robin) Alexander; and a host of nieces, nephews, cousins and other family members and friends.

# Cemetery Details

## Mount Ever-Rest Memorial Park

4037 South Westnedge Avenue  
Kalamazoo, MI

# Previous Events

## Visitation

DEC 30. 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM (ET)

Second Baptist Church  
609 N. Rose Street  
Kalamazoo, MI

## A Service in Loving Memory

DEC 30. 12:00 PM (ET)

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# Tribute Wall



“ Harper Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Rev. George W. Lipsey Jr.



Harper Funeral Home - December 28, 2016 at 09:34 PM



“ Rev. George W. Lipsey Jr.

October 23, 2023 at 06:06 AM



“ Rev. George W. Lipsey Jr.

October 06, 2023 at 10:42 AM



“ Mattie Fields And Family lit a candle in memory of Rev. George W. Lipsey Jr.



Mattie Fields and Family - January 07, 2017 at 03:49 PM



“ *Karest Willis-Brown lit a candle in memory of Rev. George W. Lipsey Jr.*



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**Karest Willis-Brown** - December 31, 2016 at 08:48 PM



“ *George you will be missed Diana and Toney Patterson*



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**Diana Patterson** - December 29, 2016 at 05:59 PM



“ *Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Rev. George W. Lipsey Jr..*



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December 29, 2016 at 04:45 PM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Rev. George W. Lipsey Jr..*



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December 29, 2016 at 03:57 PM

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“ *Cephia And Rev.Daniel And Rosie Montgom lit a candle in memory of Rev. George W. Lipsey Jr.*



**Cephia and Rev.Daniel and Rosie Montgom** - December 29, 2016 at 09:42 AM

LL

“ *Lisa Lipsey lit a candle in memory of Rev. George W. Lipsey Jr.*



**Lisa Lipsey** - December 29, 2016 at 07:43 AM

BM

“ *To the Lipsey family may God Bless u From the Montgomery family*

**Bridget Montgomery** - December 29, 2016 at 04:30 AM



“ *Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Rev. George W. Lipsey Jr..*



December 28, 2016 at 09:34 PM

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“ Alice Montgomery-Williams lit a candle in memory of Rev. George W. Lipsey Jr.



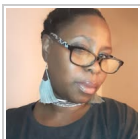
Alice Montgomery-Williams - December 28, 2016 at 08:54 PM

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“ Helen Mills Brooks sent a virtual gift in memory of Rev. George W. Lipsey Jr.



Helen Mills Brooks - December 28, 2016 at 09:21 AM



“ Melinda Lipsey lit a candle in memory of Rev. George W. Lipsey Jr.



Melinda Lipsey - December 28, 2016 at 09:03 AM

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“ Frank And Betty Ford lit a candle in memory of Rev. George W. Lipsey Jr.



Frank and Betty Ford - December 28, 2016 at 08:24 AM

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“ *Pauline Gardner lit a candle in memory of  
Rev. George W. Lipsey Jr.*



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**Pauline Gardner** - December 27, 2016 at 05:16 PM