



Mr. Harvey B. Gardner

June 16, 1932 - December 17, 2018

****NOTE: Visitation & Funeral Service Time and Location Listed

Harvey "H.B." Gardner peacefully departed this life on Monday, December 17, 2018. He was born on June 16, 1932 the son of Zorado Fitzpatrick in Okolona, Mississippi. Later moving to Kalamazoo, Michigan at the age of nine, and residing here for 75 years.

H.B. accepted Jesus Christ at an early age and served the Lord until he was no longer physically able. He served with commitment and dedication on the Usher, Transportation, and Kitchen ministries. He also taught golf classes to the youth.

He attended Kalamazoo Central High School where he was a "stand out" all around athlete - participating in football, basketball, and track. H.B. was a trailblazer, being the only African American player on two basketball state championship teams.

After high school he enlisted in the Army and served our country for several years - receiving an honorable discharge. H.B. was a plumber by trade. He worked and retired from the State of Michigan as a mechanical inspector.

H.B. united in marriage on December 1, 1952 to Betty Gardner (Lancaster).

To this union four children were born. He continued his love of sports throughout his adult life - participating in softball, bowling and golf leagues. H.B. had a friendly and outgoing personality - it could be said that he never met a stranger. He used this gift to be a witness for Christ, inviting people to church whether in Kalamazoo, Michigan or Jackson, Tennessee. He would use his 3 conversation starters: "What church do you attend?" "Where do you go to school?" (depending on the age) and "Who are your folks?"

He was preceded in death by his mother Zorado Fitzpatrick, two brothers Larry (L.C.) Gardner, and Sam Fitzpatrick, grandson Derek Wheeler and granddaughter Tyesha Gardner.

He leaves to cherish his memory "the love of his life" his wife, Betty of 66 year; four children, Donald Gardner of Grand Rapids, MI; Debra Johnson, Curtis (Elaine) Gardner, Sheila (David) Gilland and special grandson Ajamian Gardner, all of Kalamazoo, MI; brother George (Betty) Fitzpatrick and sister, Kay Reason, both of Kalamazoo, MI; eight grandchildren, 19 great-grandchildren and six great-great grandchildren. Also, four special sister-in-laws, Leora Jackson of Pomona, CA; Rebecca Taylor of Chattanooga, TN; Evelyn Smith of Nashville, TN; Jacquelyn Marshall of Jackson, TN; and special brother-in-law, Larry Marshall of Jackson, TN; and several nieces, nephews, cousins, and friends.

Cemetery Details

Mt. Ever-Rest Cemetery (North)

1717 Drake Road
Kalamazoo, MI

Previous Events

Visitation

DEC 27. 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM (ET)

Mt. Zion Baptist Church
120 Roberson Street
kalamazoo, MI 49007-3557

A Service in Loving Memory

DEC 27. 12:00 PM (ET)

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120 Roberson Street
kalamazoo, MI 49007-3557

Tribute Wall



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



Harper Funeral Home - December 23, 2018 at 09:41 AM

CB

Katherine Ross Scott and Mother Creola C. Buchanan rest in peace.

Creola Buchanan - December 26, 2018 at 04:37 PM



“ Mr. Harvey B. Gardner

October 23, 2023 at 06:06 AM



“ Mr. Harvey B. Gardner

October 06, 2023 at 10:42 AM

MF

“ Mattie Fields And Family sent a virtual gift in memory of Mr. Harvey B. Gardner



Mattie Fields and Family - February 13, 2019 at 06:55 PM

EF

“ Earline Fields sent a virtual gift in memory of Mr. Harvey B. Gardner



Earline Fields - February 13, 2019 at 06:53 PM

LF

“ The last time I seen my uncle alive was at my grandfather funeral.
💔 Continue resting uncle H.B 🕊️

leeondre fitzpatrick - January 04, 2019 at 04:42 AM

EH

“ Ed And Joan Harris lit a candle in memory of Mr. Harvey B. Gardner



Ed and Joan Harris - December 27, 2018 at 09:19 PM

BJ

“ Buzetta Jackson lit a candle in memory of Mr. Harvey B. Gardner



Buzetta Jackson - December 27, 2018 at 09:17 PM

AW

“ Andrew And Dawn Wilkerson lit a candle in memory of Mr. Harvey B. Gardner



Andrew And Dawn Wilkerson - December 27, 2018 at 07:10 PM

JM

“ Joyce McDowell lit a candle in memory of Mr. Harvey B. Gardner



joyce McDowell - December 27, 2018 at 11:12 AM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Mr. Harvey B. Gardner.



December 27, 2018 at 08:40 AM

CL

“ Carmilla Little lit a candle in memory of Mr. Harvey B. Gardner



Carmilla Little - December 27, 2018 at 08:30 AM

TH

“ Teresa Hughes lit a candle in memory of Mr. Harvey B. Gardner



Teresa Hughes - December 27, 2018 at 05:35 AM

WG

“ Wendell Gardner lit a candle in memory of Mr. Harvey B. Gardner



Wendell Gardner - December 26, 2018 at 04:39 PM

VM

“ Valerie Mitchell lit a candle in memory of Mr. Harvey B. Gardner



Valerie Mitchell - December 26, 2018 at 12:57 PM

CB

“ Carrie Baker lit a candle in memory of Mr. Harvey B. Gardner



Carrie Baker - December 26, 2018 at 12:20 PM

JG

“ JoAnne & Renaford Owens Jr / Atlanta GA lit a candle in memory of Mr. Harvey B. Gardner



JoAnne & Renaford Owens Jr / Atlanta GA - December 25, 2018 at 10:22 AM

DG

“ Dre'Qwan Anthony Bernard Bernard Glenn lit a candle in memory of Mr. Harvey B. Gardner



Dre'Qwan Anthony Bernard Bernard Glenn - December 25, 2018 at 02:46 AM

BF

“ Bridgett Angela Nicole Fitzpatrick lit a candle in memory of Mr. Harvey B. Gardner



Bridgett Angela Nicole Fitzpatrick - December 24, 2018 at 10:09 PM

DB

“ Donald & Ruby (Walker) Barbee sent a virtual gift in memory of Mr. Harvey B. Gardner



Donald & Ruby (Walker) Barbee - December 24, 2018 at 05:27 PM

PG

“ *Pauline Gardner sent a virtual gift in memory of Mr. Harvey B. Gardner*



Pauline Gardner - December 24, 2018 at 03:42 PM

PG

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



Pauline Gardner - December 24, 2018 at 03:41 PM

JE

“ *Jo Ann Embrey lit a candle in memory of Mr. Harvey B. Gardner*



Jo Ann Embrey - December 24, 2018 at 01:20 PM

JG

“ *JoAnne & Renaford Owens Jr / Atlanta GA lit a candle in memory of Mr. Harvey B. Gardner*



JoAnne & Renaford Owens Jr / Atlanta GA - December 23, 2018 at 02:43 PM

RS

“ *Roxann Snow lit a candle in memory of Mr. Harvey B. Gardner*



Roxann Snow - December 22, 2018 at 08:56 AM

SH

“ *Sandra Hughes lit a candle in memory of Mr. Harvey B. Gardner*



Sandra Hughes - December 22, 2018 at 08:10 AM

MR

“ *Modean Reeves lit a candle in memory of Mr. Harvey B. Gardner*



Modean Reeves - December 21, 2018 at 10:54 PM

GM

“ *Glenda Gail McKinley lit a candle in memory of Mr. Harvey B. Gardner*



Glenda Gail McKinley - December 21, 2018 at 10:48 PM

CE

“ Sending our heartfelt condolences to the Harvey Gardner family. He will truly be missed. Such a joy to be around. A man with a kind heart, RL and Charmane Echols.

Charmane Echols - December 21, 2018 at 08:45 PM

CB

“ Claudia Barbee sent a virtual gift in memory of Mr. Harvey B. Gardner



Claudia Barbee - December 21, 2018 at 08:11 PM

CG

“ Cordell/Brenda Gardner lit a candle in memory of Mr. Harvey B. Gardner



Cordell/Brenda Gardner - December 21, 2018 at 06:36 PM

AB

“ Angela Brown lit a candle in memory of Mr. Harvey B. Gardner



Angela Brown - December 21, 2018 at 06:06 PM

KD

“ *Kevin Dunigan sent a virtual gift in memory of Mr. Harvey B. Gardner*



Kevin Dunigan - December 21, 2018 at 04:06 PM

SW

“ *Selena Walker lit a candle in memory of Mr. Harvey B. Gardner*



Selena Walker - December 21, 2018 at 03:10 PM

VB

“ *Valerie Brooks lit a candle in memory of Mr. Harvey B. Gardner*



Valerie Brooks - December 21, 2018 at 02:18 PM

BG

“ *Bradley James Gardner lit a candle in memory of Mr. Harvey B. Gardner*



Bradley James Gardner - December 21, 2018 at 01:14 PM

DB

“ *Dallas Blocker & Jeffra Bell lit a candle in memory of Mr. Harvey B. Gardner*



Dallas Blocker & Jeffra Bell - December 21, 2018 at 09:51 AM

FR

“ *Frank&BettyFord lit a candle in memory of Mr. Harvey B. Gardner*



Frank&BettyFord - December 21, 2018 at 08:33 AM

SH

“ *Sam Hughes lit a candle in memory of Mr. Harvey B. Gardner*



Sam Hughes - December 20, 2018 at 09:31 PM

SH

“ *Sam Hughes lit a candle in memory of Mr. Harvey B. Gardner*



Sam Hughes - December 20, 2018 at 07:40 PM

DF

“ *Dallas Boards And Family lit a candle in memory of Mr. Harvey B. Gardner*



Dallas Boards and family - December 20, 2018 at 06:52 PM

HB

“ *Helen (Mills) Brooks sent a virtual gift in memory of Mr. Harvey B. Gardner*



Helen (Mills) Brooks - December 20, 2018 at 04:23 PM