



Mr. Hurvey J. ("Pete") Fountain Sr.

June 24, 1930 - July 19, 2014

Hurvey J. Fountain, Sr. was born June 24, 1930 in Waldo, Arkansas, the son of the late Jessie Mae and Clark Fountain. He grew up in Stamps, Arkansas where he lived around the corner from Maya Angelou and her grandmother. After spending his formative years in Stamps, he joined the great migration in 1947 and moved to Muskegon then to Kalamazoo where he met Queen Esther Hobbs. They started a lifelong journey together in 1948 that lasted over 65 years. To this union 5 children were born.

Hurvey was an avid sportsman as a youth and this continued on into his adult life. He enjoyed fishing and hunting in the lakes and woods of Michigan. He was a loyal supporter of high school and college athletics and a Detroit Tigers fan to the end.

"Pete" worked for Miller-Davis in Kalamazoo for over 20 years, where he helped build universities, hospitals, churches and many other landmarks in and around Kalamazoo and Southwestern Michigan. He then worked another 16 years as a business agent of Laborer's Local 640, helping men and women get jobs doing the same work, building lasting monuments and infrastructures. His work ethic and sense of fair play helped empower another generation of men and women construction workers across the state to be positive and productive citizens.

Pete was a Gold Card 50 Year Member of Laborer's International Union of North America. He joined the Most Worshipful Prince Hall (P.H.A.) in 1962 and was a lifetime member of Central Lodge 10 where he was a member of Homer E. Gaines Consistory 112 and Al Zahir Temple 81 where he was a Past Worshipful Master. He was elevated to 33° in 1988 and was a member of the United Supreme Council. He was also a member of Zorah Chapter No. 3 Order of the Eastern Star (P.H.A.) where he served as Worthy Patron for many years. Pete served tirelessly for many years as Imperial Deputy of the Oasis Kalamazoo, where again he helped influence, mold and shape the lives of men and women who would go on to be a service to mankind and their communities in such a positive way.

He was preceded in death by his parents; six siblings: Louise, Christine, Addie, Ruth, Melvin and Ardel. Also, preceding him was a dear son, Steven L. Fountain.

Surviving him in addition to "S", his beloved wife of over 65 years, are his daughter, Jackie L. Smith of Chicago, IL; sons, Hurvey Jr. (Mary) of Kalamazoo; Gregory (Florence) of Chicago, IL and Gary of Kalamazoo; grandchildren: Hurvey 111, Antoinette, Gregory Jr., Ryan (Genesis) and Marissa; 11 great-grandchildren, including a special great-granddaughter, Zhaniya Fountain; 4 great-great-grandchildren, including a special great-great granddaughter, De'ja; a special nephew, Melvin (Helen) Fountain and a host of family including sister-in-laws, brother-in-laws, nieces, nephews, other relatives and friends.

Cemetery Details

Mount Ever-Rest Cemetery (North-Drake Road, Kalamazoo, MI)

Kalamazoo, MI

Previous Events

Visitation

JUL 25. 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

The Galilee Baptist Church
1216 North Westnedge Avenue
Kalamazoo, MI 49007

Family Hour

JUL 26. 12:00 PM - 1:00 PM (ET)

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A Service in Loving Memory

JUL 26. 1:00 PM (ET)

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Tribute Wall



“ Harper Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Mr. Hurvey J. ("Pete") Fountain Sr.



Harper Funeral Home - July 25, 2014 at 11:29 PM



“ Mr. Hurvey J. ("Pete") Fountain Sr.

October 23, 2023 at 06:06 AM



“ Mr. Hurvey J. ("Pete") Fountain Sr.

October 06, 2023 at 10:42 AM



“ No one can prepare you for a loss; it comes like a swift wind. But take comfort in knowing that he is now resting. Our deepest condolences to you and your family. "And I have hope toward God, which hope these men also look forward to, that there is going to be a resurrection of the righteous-Acts 24:15

Magallon Family - July 30, 2014 at 02:27 PM

PA

“ Pamela Ampey-Lyles lit a candle in memory of Mr. Hurvey J. ("Pete") Fountain Sr.



Pamela Ampey-Lyles - July 26, 2014 at 09:15 PM

EF

“ Earline Fields And Family sent a virtual gift in memory of Mr. Hurvey J. ("Pete") Fountain Sr.



Earline Fields and Family - July 26, 2014 at 12:42 PM

BP

“ Barbara (McPherson) Phillips lit a candle in memory of Mr. Hurvey J. ("Pete") Fountain Sr.



Barbara (McPherson) Phillips - July 26, 2014 at 10:28 AM

MF

“ Mary Walker-The Abbott Family lit a candle in memory of Mr. Hurvey J. ("Pete") Fountain Sr.



Mary Walker-The Abbott Family - July 24, 2014 at 07:32 PM

MF

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Mary Walker-The Abbott Family - July 24, 2014 at 07:31 PM

RW

“ Roy McNeely _ Al Dishmon - Charles Weave lit a candle in memory of Mr. Hurvey J. ("Pete") Fountain Sr.



Roy McNeely _ Al Dishmon - Charles Weave - July 24, 2014 at 02:36 PM

MV

“ May God be with the Fountain Family in their time of sorrow , Mignon Vincent



Mignon Vincent - July 24, 2014 at 01:16 PM

BF

“ Bernice Mckinley & Family lit a candle in memory of Mr. Hurvey J. ("Pete") Fountain Sr.



Bernice Mckinley & Family - July 23, 2014 at 05:31 PM

CF

“ *Charlene Harkness And Family lit a candle in memory of Mr. Hurvey J. ("Pete") Fountain Sr.*



Charlene Harkness and family - July 23, 2014 at 09:35 AM