



## Mr. James Matthew Abrams

January 19, 1947 - June 19, 2015

Mr. James M. Abrams made his transition on June 19, 2015 in Kalamazoo, Michigan. He was born January 19, 1947 in Chicago, IL the son of John Henry and Alberta Abrams. He relocated with his family to Covert, MI and graduated from Covert High School, where he enjoyed playing sports, which included basketball, track and field. After high school, James enlisted in the U.S. Army where he served in Vietnam and was honorably discharged in 1969. He received three medals, National Defense Service Medal, Vietnam Campaign Medal, and Vietnam Service Medal.

James made Kalamazoo, MI his home and became employed with the City of Kalamazoo's Fire Department as a Fire Fighter for many years. He later was employed with Cytec, until his retirement.

James united in marriage to Selena Edwards and to this union a son, Mitchell was born.

He confessed a belief in Christ as his Savior and became a member of Mt. Zion Baptist Church. He also regularly attended the Ecumenical Senior Center's bible study. James had an outgoing personality and a strong, persistent belief system. He was a lover of fashion and was known for his style of dress. He enjoyed spending time with all of his family, who will miss him deeply.

James was preceded in death by his parents, John Henry and Alberta Abrams; in-laws, Deacon Robert and Audrey Edwards; his brothers, Mitchell Mapp, Sr.; Joseph, George, Bernard, Larry and Rev. John Abrams.

James is survived by: his son, Mitchell (Bobbijo) Abrams; grandchildren, Kobe and Karah of St. Petersburg, FL; a son, Jason Mills of Kalamazoo; sisters, Marilyn Flie and Charlene Williams, both of Kalamazoo, MI; Gertrude Mills, a special friend and companion for over 25+ years, and her family. Also, a host of nieces, nephews, cousins, other relatives and friends.

# Previous Events

## Visitation

JUN 27. 12:00 PM - 1:00 PM (ET)

Mt Zion Baptist Church  
120 Roberson Street  
Kalamazoo, MI

## A Service in Loving Memory

JUN 27. 1:00 PM (ET)

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Kalamazoo, MI

# Tribute Wall



“ Harper Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Mr. James Matthew Abrams



Harper Funeral Home - June 24, 2015 at 10:17 PM



“ Mr. James Matthew Abrams

October 23, 2023 at 06:06 AM



“ Mr. James Matthew Abrams

October 06, 2023 at 10:42 AM



“ Loretta Campbell Bates lit a candle in memory of Mr. James Matthew Abrams



Loretta Campbell Bates - July 15, 2015 at 04:41 PM



“ *Karest Willis-Brown lit a candle in memory of Mr. James Matthew Abrams*



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**Karest Willis-Brown** - June 28, 2015 at 12:30 AM



“ *My heart is heavy and the tears will not stop falling. Heaven has gained an amazing angel who I know will watch over us. Family let's continue to stay strong and lean on God and each other. I love you James and you will always have a place in my heart.*



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**Cheryl Mills-Daniels** - June 26, 2015 at 10:21 AM



“ *Jimmy, glad you, Fred and myself spent time together not long ago. RIP " bro". John Parker.*



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**John Parker** - June 25, 2015 at 07:53 PM



“ *Memories come back to mind of the days in Valleyview Apts.. You will truly b missed...kiss my daddy Mike for me. Luvu Always. Sanford Family*

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**Shae Sanford Mills** - June 25, 2015 at 02:09 PM

TA

“ *The Family of Joseph Abrams purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Mr. James Matthew Abrams.*



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**The Family of Joseph Abrams** - June 25, 2015 at 10:08 AM

JN

“ *Covert Bulldogs love you and will always hold you in our hearts.*  
*Jeannie Neal*



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**Jeannie Neal** - June 25, 2015 at 10:00 AM

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“ *I. Share your grief over the death of your dearly beloved Jimmie. May the peace of God that surpasses all understanding bring you a measure of comfort during this stressful time.*

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**Jackie (Joseph)Abrams** - June 24, 2015 at 07:26 PM

MS

“ *My sincere condolences to the entire Abrams and extended family. I know Jimmy will be missed terribly. I have many fond memories of him from many years ago, when I was his sister-in-law.*

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**Margaret Smith** - June 24, 2015 at 09:59 AM

JS

“ *My brother-in-law for 15 years. My friend for 53 years. We went to school and played sports together. I'm going to miss you Jimmy. R.I.P. my friend!*

John Flie Sr. - June 24, 2015 at 09:12 AM

MJ

“ *Mary Johnson lit a candle in memory of Mr. James Matthew Abrams*



Mary Johnson - June 24, 2015 at 08:43 AM

RJ

*Abe got me my first JOB, after I got out of the army, 1974 @ Cyanamid Chemical. And I still have 3 gifts he gave me, after 35 years. Key chain knife from Fisher Graff Steel, a Kar Hart coat, plus a landuy bag. HE planed his retirement, I wish he could have enjoyed it Longer!!! Robert Essix Jr. & Family.*

Robert Essix Jr. - June 26, 2015 at 10:41 PM

MO

“ *Mikia Overton lit a candle in memory of Mr. James Matthew Abrams*



mikia overton - June 24, 2015 at 01:02 AM

TH

“ *Tonya Hale lit a candle in memory of Mr. James Matthew Abrams*



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**Tonya Hale** - June 23, 2015 at 07:03 PM

JA

“ *Joanne Alexander lit a candle in memory of Mr. James Matthew Abrams*



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**Joanne Alexander** - June 23, 2015 at 06:58 PM


JA

“ *I will miss talking to my buddy, he often laughed about me having moved to Utah. I thought he would get a chance to visit, at least as far as Las Vegas!*

*Joanne Alexander*

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**Joanne Alexander** - June 23, 2015 at 06:57 PM

  
Kamesha  
Mills

“ *Kamesha Mills lit a candle in memory of Mr. James Matthew Abrams*



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**Kamesha Mills** - June 23, 2015 at 03:22 PM



“ Grandad just want you to know your loved a definitely truly missed.  
Your granddaughter kamesha mills

Kamesha Mills - June 23, 2015 at 03:21 PM



“ VICKY JONES & FAMILY lit a candle in  
memory of Mr. James Matthew Abrams



VICKY JONES & FAMILY - June 23, 2015 at 09:26 AM



Sympathies to the Abrams family . God be with you at this time. The  
Blair Family.

Carrol T. Blair - June 23, 2015 at 02:32 PM



“ Mr.Arthur And Diane Anderson lit a candle in  
memory of Mr. James Matthew Abrams



Mr.Arthur and Diane Anderson - June 22, 2015 at 10:54 PM



“ Lorraine Hollin lit a candle in memory of Mr.  
James Matthew Abrams



Lorraine Hollin - June 22, 2015 at 10:53 PM

TH

“ *Tanya Hollin lit a candle in memory of Mr. James Matthew Abrams*



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**Tanya Hollin** - June 22, 2015 at 10:51 PM

SE

“ *Stephanie Echols sent a virtual gift in memory of Mr. James Matthew Abrams*



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**Stephanie Echols** - June 22, 2015 at 08:16 PM

DS

“ *Denise Scurry lit a candle in memory of Mr. James Matthew Abrams*



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**Denise Scurry** - June 22, 2015 at 03:09 PM

VB

“ *I had the pleasure of meeting James many years ago.....The Abrams Family is in my thoughts and prayers*

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**Valerie Brooks** - June 22, 2015 at 01:14 PM

VB

“ Valerie Brooks lit a candle in memory of Mr. James Matthew Abrams



Valerie Brooks - June 22, 2015 at 01:13 PM

MF

“ Mattie Fields And Family sent a virtual gift in memory of Mr. James Matthew Abrams



Mattie Fields and Family - June 22, 2015 at 11:10 AM

EF

“ Earline Fields And Family sent a virtual gift in memory of Mr. James Matthew Abrams



Earline Fields and Family - June 22, 2015 at 11:07 AM

VY

“ Vera Younger lit a candle in memory of Mr. James Matthew Abrams



Vera Younger - June 22, 2015 at 08:28 AM

MJ

“ *Mary Johnson lit a candle in memory of Mr. James Matthew Abrams*



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**Mary Johnson** - June 22, 2015 at 08:24 AM

PS

“ *PERCY&CINDY SMITH lit a candle in memory of Mr. James Matthew Abrams*



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**PERCY&CINDY SMITH** - June 22, 2015 at 07:01 AM

JE

“ *Jo Ann Embrey lit a candle in memory of Mr. James Matthew Abrams*



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**Jo Ann Embrey** - June 21, 2015 at 06:27 PM

PG

“ *Pauline Gardner lit a candle in memory of Mr. James Matthew Abrams*



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**Pauline Gardner** - June 21, 2015 at 01:50 PM