



Mr. Jesse V. Elliott

March 21, 1918 - June 30, 2016

Mr. Jesse Victor Elliott passed away on June 30, 2016 having lived a long and productive life. He was born on March 21, 1918, the son of Fishel and Effie (Zackery) Elliott in Waldo, Arkansas. As a young man, he worked on his father's 150-acre farm, helping to raise cotton, corn and peanuts. At an early age, he developed a love of the outdoors and sports. An excellent baseball player, he also enjoyed fishing and, later in life, became an excellent bowler.

Jesse served in the U.S. Army during World War II with service in Africa, France, Italy, New Guinea and the Philippines. In 1995, he was recognized by the Kalamazoo Branch of the NAACP as Veteran of the Year.

He met and married Christine Ollison, his life partner for over 62 years in December, 1946. Soon afterwards, they moved from Arkansas to Michigan. They made their home in Kalamazoo where Jesse worked tirelessly to provide for his family in a wide variety of roles that ranged from orderly with the VA Hospital to driver/delivery man to court bailiff. Together with his wife Christine, he became a member of the Mt. Zion Baptist Church.

Jesse came into Masonry in 1948. He was a Past Master of Central Lodge No.10; a member of Homer E. Gaines Consistory No. 112; A.A.S.R 32nd Degree; York Rite Mason; Al Zahir Temple 81(Shriners); Honorary Past Imperial Potentate; and a member of Zorah Chapter No. 3, Order of Eastern

Star. Prince Hall Affiliated.

More than anything, Jesse became a patriarch to his immediate family and extended this to the entire community. He was always quick with a story and a word of advice to whoever needed it. He also would provide a loving hand of support and help to those in need whether friend, family or stranger; many in the community were helped by his generosity. For this, Jesse was respected and loved.

He was preceded in death by Christine Elliott, his wife of 62 years; his parents Fishel & Effie Elliott; three brothers, Roy Elliot, James Elliott and Marvin Elliott and two sisters, Rosie Lee Rodgers and Roberta Elliott Parham.

Jesse leaves to cherish his memory one daughter, Frances Scott, two grandchildren, Robert (Kim) Scott and Linda Scott; two great-grandchildren and a host of nephews, nieces, cousins and friends; special friend Tony Dennis.

Cemetery Details

Mount Ever-Rest Memorial Park

4037 South Westnedge Avenue
Kalamazoo, MI

Previous Events

Visitation

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

Harper Funeral Home - Chapel
521 Douglas Avenue
Kalamazoo, MI

Masonic Service

JUL 8. 7:00 PM (ET)

Harper Funeral Home - Chapel
521 Douglas Avenue
Kalamazoo, MI

Family Hour

JUL 9. 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM (ET)

Mt Zion Baptist Church
120 Roberson Street
Kalamazoo, MI

A Service in Loving Memory

JUL 9. 12:00 PM (ET)

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Tribute Wall



“ Harper Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Mr. Jesse V. Elliott



Harper Funeral Home - July 07, 2016 at 08:24 PM



“ Mr. Jesse V. Elliott

October 23, 2023 at 06:06 AM



“ Mr. Jesse V. Elliott

October 06, 2023 at 10:42 AM



“ Robert (and Sheree) Dixon purchased the Strength & Solace Spray for the family of Mr. Jesse V. Elliott.



Robert (and Sheree) Dixon - July 08, 2016 at 04:24 PM

OC

“ Office of Academic Programs, UIC CON purchased the Violets And Butterflies for the family of Mr. Jesse V. Elliott.



Office of Academic Programs, UIC CON - July 07, 2016 at 02:03 PM

AG

“ Uncle Jessie gonna miss your stories and your laughter.



April Goodwin - July 04, 2016 at 07:47 PM

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April Goodwin - July 04, 2016 at 07:44 PM

JE

“ Jo Ann Embrey lit a candle in memory of Mr. Jesse V. Elliott



Jo Ann Embrey - July 04, 2016 at 05:25 PM

FB

“ *Frank & Helen (Mills) Brooks lit a candle in memory of Mr. Jesse V. Elliott*



frank & Helen (Mills) Brooks - July 01, 2016 at 06:26 PM

PG

“ *Pauline Gardner lit a candle in memory of Mr. Jesse V. Elliott*



Pauline Gardner - July 01, 2016 at 02:47 PM