



Mr. John Buchanan Jr.

December 1, 1938 - December 24, 2020

***DUE TO THE EXTENSION OF THE MANDATES ORDERED FOR THE STATE OF MICHIGAN, up to (25) people are the maximum that will be allowed in our chapel until January 15, 2021 or until we receive further notice of any changes.

****MASKS ARE REQUIRED WHEN ENTERING OUR BUILDING****

***ATTN: EXTENDED FAMILY & FRIENDS-A Drive Through Visitation will be held on Sunday, January 3, 2021 from 5:00 p.m. to 6:30 p.m.

***You may also view by Live Stream on our website

***You may enter our parking lot from the Jefferson Street entrance**

****DRIVING DIRECTIONS FOR DRIVE THROUGH VIEWING****

****PLEASE TAKE NORTH STREET, make a left on Summer Street and then a left to Jefferson Street to enter in at the Jefferson Street Entrance)****

****WE WILL ALSO LIVE STREAM THE FUNERAL, at 11:00 a.m. on Monday, January 4, 2021 FROM OUR WEBSITE****

THE OBITUARY

Mr. John Buchanan, Jr., also known as “Jr.” by family, went home to be with

the Lord on December 24, 2020 in Kalamazoo, Michigan, surrounded by his family. He was born December 1, 1938 the eldest of 10 children born to the late John Buchanan Sr. and Jessie (McWhorter) Buchanan. John accepted Christ at an early age at Chapel Grove West Baptist Church of Okolona, MS. He attended Chapel Grove Elementary School and Fannie Carter High School.

His uncle, Willie Buchanan decided to relocate to Kalamazoo, MI so John who was looking for better opportunities, decided to follow his uncle to Kalamazoo.

After 2 years of living in Michigan, John decided to go home to get the love of his life, Ms. Alice Plant. They were united in marriage on September 9, 1959.

John was employed for many years at Eaton Corporation and Fox River until his retirement in the year 2000. John loved to talk about the Lord. There was never a subject that the Lord was not in. John believed in family love. One scripture he spoke often of was Psalm 27: The Lord is my light and my salvation whom shall I fear? The Lord is the strength of my life of whom shall I be afraid? I will sing, yes, I will sing praises to the Lord.

John enjoyed old western movies and sports. But, most of all he adored his children and grandchildren. John joined Galilee Baptist Church on Gull Road under the leadership of Pastor Mabrey Gardner. He was a faithful member of the male chorus and he loved singing with his brothers. John loved the Lord. He was a man of God. He will be greatly missed by family and friends.

He was preceded in death by his parents; and two brothers, James Buchanan and Willie Earl Buchanan.

John leaves to cherish his memory, his wife, Alice (Plant) Buchanan; 3 daughters, Cathy (Lee) Page; Shery (Steve) Clomon; Jonna (Lee) McDonald

all of Kalamazoo, MI; 3 grandchildren, Brittney Whitfield, Lee McDonald and Trey McDonald; 1 great grandchild ("his Gold Ginny") Kamaria Tilley; 3 sisters, Marie Devall, Mittie Devould both of Kalamazoo; Betty (Jack) Owens of Okolona, MS; Brad (Peggy) Buchanan, J.L. (Terry) Buchanan; Dave (Ann) Buchanan, Hal (Janet) Buchanan all of Kalamazoo; inlaws, Dorothy Ford, Brenda (Richard) Stokes and Ida Buchanan all of Kalamazoo; Celester Moore of Grand Rapids, MI; and Charley Plant of Detroit, MI. John had many close friends, Terry Wells, George McMillan, Tommie Bates, Kevin Davis and Charles Gilland, just to name a few. Also, dear friend and son-in-law, Lee Page, and a host of nieces, nephews and cousins.

Cemetery Details

Mount Ever-Rest Memorial Park

4037 South Westnedge Avenue
Kalamazoo, MI

Events

Details are pending.

Tribute Wall



“ Harper Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Mr. John Buchanan Jr.



Harper Funeral Home - January 04, 2021 at 09:12 AM

MS

Margaret Smith lit a candle in memory or Mr. John Buchanan

Margaret Smith - January 04, 2021 at 11:33 AM

TA

Tammy owens lit a candle for uncle John Buchanan Jr.

TammyOwens - January 04, 2021 at 11:44 AM



“ Mr. John Buchanan Jr.

October 23, 2023 at 06:06 AM



“ Mr. John Buchanan Jr.

October 06, 2023 at 10:42 AM

JS

“ God bless Brother Buchanan's family. You have our love and prayers during this transitional time.



Josephine Smith - January 21, 2021 at 10:20 AM

ES

“ Ellen Spencer lit a candle in memory of Mr. John Buchanan Jr.



Ellen Spencer - January 17, 2021 at 12:42 PM

AP

“ Angela Payne lit a candle in memory of Mr. John Buchanan Jr.



Angela Payne - January 07, 2021 at 05:54 PM

LS

“ Condolences. Missing "Shouting John" already!

Lionell Ford Sr. - January 07, 2021 at 05:19 AM

JD

“ Jack Dunigan lit a candle in memory of Mr. John Buchanan Jr.



Jack Dunigan - January 06, 2021 at 12:29 AM

HG

“ Hoagy Gaston lit a candle in memory of Mr. John Buchanan Jr.



Hoagy Gaston - January 05, 2021 at 12:17 AM

CF

“ Charleston Family lit a candle in memory of Mr. John Buchanan Jr.



Charleston Family - January 04, 2021 at 10:43 PM

MM

“ Mozella Mosley lit a candle in memory of Mr. John Buchanan Jr.



Mozella Mosley - January 04, 2021 at 06:39 PM

AW

“ We love you Uncle John. Kenney and Angie Wallace

Angela Wallace - January 04, 2021 at 11:15 AM

AW

“ We love you Uncle John. Kenny and Angie Wallace



Angela Wallace - January 04, 2021 at 11:13 AM

CB

“ Creola Buchanan lit a candle in memory of Mr. John Buchanan Jr.



Creola Buchanan - January 04, 2021 at 11:09 AM

JH

“ In Loving Memory of John Jr. From Mr. Sammie & Mrs. Juanita Head.



Juanita Head - January 04, 2021 at 09:20 AM

DD

“ John was the best neighbor for at least 40 years that we had. He always had a smile and asked how we were doing. He was always so kind in the winter to snow blow our side walk and always made sure he waved when backing out of his driveway. He will be missed. Our prayers go out to his family. Jon and Dianne Dobratz

Dianne Dobratz - January 03, 2021 at 07:00 PM

JL

“ Jessie Mae Lipsey lit a candle in memory of Mr. John Buchanan Jr.



Jessie Mae Lipsey - January 03, 2021 at 06:28 PM

KF

“ Gonna miss my cuz. He was a good soldier for the Lord may the lord continue to bless his family



Kevin and Patricia Ford and Family - January 03, 2021 at 06:26 PM

VB

“ Viola Bentley lit a candle in memory of Mr. John Buchanan Jr.



Viola Bentley - January 03, 2021 at 06:13 PM

T&

“ *T Williams & family lit a candle in memory of Mr. John Buchanan Jr.*



t williams & family - January 03, 2021 at 06:05 PM

IR

“ *Ida Robinson lit a candle in memory of Mr. John Buchanan Jr.*



Ida Robinson - January 03, 2021 at 05:47 PM

SB

“ *Stacy B. Buchanan lit a candle in memory of Mr. John Buchanan Jr.*



Stacy B. Buchanan - January 03, 2021 at 05:32 PM

DP

“ *Dakita Plant sent a virtual gift in memory of Mr. John Buchanan Jr.*



Dakita Plant - January 03, 2021 at 05:02 PM

JL

“ *Jessie Mae Lipsey lit a candle in memory of Mr. John Buchanan Jr.*



jessie mae lipsey - January 03, 2021 at 04:44 PM

GS

“ *My prayers are with his wife and the entire family enjoyed his singing..... I'm packing it up getting ready to go. You will be truly miss.*

George and Gwendolyn Smith - January 03, 2021 at 02:43 PM

SH

“ *Shirley Gordon & Mother Hayes lit a candle in memory of Mr. John Buchanan Jr.*



Shirley Gordon & Mother Hayes - January 03, 2021 at 12:32 PM



“ *We will miss Papa John and all his wisdom, but we are thankful for his word of God and the love he extended to us. We are praying for Ms. Alice and the entire family, we love you all.*

Ramona and George

Ramona Seaberry Lumpkin - January 03, 2021 at 11:12 AM

SE

“ Praying for you all, remembering cousin John's wonderful smile everytime we seen him. We love you Sis. Alice

Stan and Sherry Ezell - January 03, 2021 at 02:48 AM

SE

“ Stan And Sherry Ezell lit a candle in memory of Mr. John Buchanan Jr.



Stan and Sherry Ezell - January 03, 2021 at 02:38 AM

CG

Mrs. Buchanan and family, please accept our warmest condolences. May God be with you and comfort you at this difficult time. John was always like a father to me and I will miss him dearly. Charles Gilland and Family

Charles Gilland - January 03, 2021 at 02:41 PM

BB

“ Aunt Alice, Cathy, Shery and Johnna, I just wanted to offer my condolences. Uncle John Jr. was a great man and I have nothing but fond memories of him. No matter how big the gathering he always found time to get in some one on one time with us to make sure we knew that we were special to him. We were his nieces but we were also his little cousin Floradel's girls. I will always treasure that extra attention. Although he was battling his own health issues he always called to check on my mom. That was the kind of man he was. He is gone but he will never be forgotten. Rest in Power. All of you are in my prayers. Love you all.

Benita Bradley - January 03, 2021 at 01:38 AM

JS

“ Jeffrey Wilson Sr. lit a candle in memory of Mr. John Buchanan Jr.



Jeffrey Wilson Sr. - January 03, 2021 at 01:11 AM

AW

“ Ashley Wilson lit a candle in memory of Mr. John Buchanan Jr.



Ashley Wilson - January 02, 2021 at 11:39 PM

LJ

“ Lil Jeff lit a candle in memory of Mr. John Buchanan Jr.



Lil Jeff - January 02, 2021 at 10:55 PM



“ I'm gonna miss you Big Cousin...I will always remember the GOOD times we shared along with memories!!! No one will ever take your place Chief of the Family 💪💖 Your little Cousin Terri Lynn Walker



Tamarra Walker - January 02, 2021 at 07:09 PM

RS

“ Randy & Ethel(Jones) Smith lit a candle in memory of Mr. John Buchanan Jr.



Randy & Ethel(Jones) Smith - January 02, 2021 at 06:41 PM



“ I'm gonna miss you Big Cousin...I will always remember the GOOD times we shared along with memories!!! No one will ever take your place Chief of the Family 💪💕 Your little Cousin Terri Lynn



Tamarra Walker - January 02, 2021 at 06:34 PM

MY

“ Mrs Jean Young-Baidy sent a virtual gift in memory of Mr. John Buchanan Jr.



Mrs Jean Young-Baidy - January 02, 2021 at 03:45 PM

MY

“ My prayers of comfort go up for your entire Buchanan family and extended loved ones. May the peace of God rest with you all daily and the Holy Spirit walk with you all during this time.



Mrs. Jean Baidy

Mrs Jean Young-Baidy - January 02, 2021 at 03:42 PM

EP

“ My heart felt condolences go out to the Buchanan and extended family memebers. Mr. Buchanan will definitely be missed.



Ernest C. Pratt - January 02, 2021 at 03:37 PM

EP

“ I was saddened at learning of Johns passing. John and I had known eachother for a great number of years. I will miss talking to him and rememinicing of the days past. He was a good man who was loved by many. My prayers go out to his entire family during your time of sorrow.



Mr.Ernest C. Pratt

Ernest C. Pratt - January 02, 2021 at 03:24 PM

DB

“ Donald & Ruby (Walker) Barbee lit a candle in memory of Mr. John Buchanan Jr.



Donald & Ruby (Walker) Barbee - January 02, 2021 at 01:47 PM

DF

“ *Dorothy Ford lit a candle in memory of Mr. John Buchanan Jr.*



Dorothy Ford - January 02, 2021 at 01:47 PM

RW

“ I choose my virtual gift Gardener Because to me that was who he was. My cousin John (Jr.) was an exceptional man he took his place on earth seriously. He follow the rule book to the very end. God fearing, Son, Brother, Husband, Father, Granddad, Uncle, Nephew, A great cousin and a friend. You would think a man wearing all these hats would come up short in an area of life but not John Jr., He made sure everyone was love and knew he cared. He always left you with something to grow with. Kindhearted was what he was. My mother, his Aunt Luddie, was very special to him he loved her so much and that included all of us. When she called he came, it didn't matter what it was he was going to help our family achieve it. Long talks and special dinners--the bond between more than Aunt and nephew they was (BBF)friends. I love when he would make my mother laugh she was happy being around him I will always remember them both and now as he joins his parents and siblings he'll also see aunt Luddie and cousin Floradel and I know these two people with make him happy also. Gone but never forgotten. Cousin Alice, May God give you peace and comfort. Kathy, Sherry and Johnna and all the Family just remember all the good times and the wonderful man he was. Just that alone should keep a smile on your face knowing that you were blessed to have a a great man in your life for 82 years. God is good and all the time God is good.
Love you all
Rubynell



Rubynell Walker-Barbee - January 02, 2021 at 01:45 PM



“ *Guenetta Gordon lit a candle in memory of Mr. John Buchanan Jr.*



Guenetta Gordon - January 02, 2021 at 01:33 PM



“ *Jacqueline Ezell sent a virtual gift in memory of Mr. John Buchanan Jr.*



Jacqueline Ezell - January 02, 2021 at 10:58 AM



“ *Selena Walker lit a candle in memory of Mr. John Buchanan Jr.*



Selena Walker - January 02, 2021 at 10:27 AM



Lit a candle in memory of my cuz Mr. John Buchanan Jr. From Anthony and Lorraine Weatherspoon... Love You All..God Bless

Mr & Mrs Anthony Weatherspoon - January 02, 2021 at 05:25 PM

JW

“ Uncle John was always so nice and positive, never heard him say anything negative. I'll always remember our warm conversations and his contagious smile and laughter. My deepest sympathy to my Kalamazoo family, you are in my thoughts and prayers. May God be with you during your time of grief. Love you all. Jammaya and family.



Jammaya Williams - January 02, 2021 at 09:22 AM

CD

“ Charles & Ann Dunigan sent a virtual gift in memory of Mr. John Buchanan Jr.



Charles & Ann Dunigan - January 02, 2021 at 09:14 AM

MG

“ Maggie Gates lit a candle in memory of Mr. John Buchanan Jr.



Maggie Gates - January 02, 2021 at 06:48 AM

UJ

“ Ula Jackson sent a virtual gift in memory of Mr. John Buchanan Jr.



Ula Jackson - January 02, 2021 at 06:47 AM

VF

“ *Virgie Ferguson sent a virtual gift in memory of Mr. John Buchanan Jr.*



Virgie Ferguson - January 02, 2021 at 06:44 AM

CW

“ *Charles Walker lit a candle in memory of Mr. John Buchanan Jr.*



Charles Walker - January 02, 2021 at 06:43 AM

AW

“ *Arthur, Charles & David Walker lit a candle in memory of Mr. John Buchanan Jr.*



Arthur, Charles & David Walker - January 02, 2021 at 06:41 AM

CW

“ *Carolyn Walker sent a virtual gift in memory of Mr. John Buchanan Jr.*



Carolyn Walker - January 01, 2021 at 10:48 PM

GS

“ George And Gwendolyn Smith lit a candle in memory of Mr. John Buchanan Jr.



George and Gwendolyn Smith - January 01, 2021 at 09:39 PM

CW

“ Uncle John Jr.,
Thank you for all the special conversations that we shared and for stepping up to be that father figure that I needed in my life after the death of my father. Our talks will truly be missed but never forgotten. You will always hold a special place in my heart. Love Connie

Connie Wilson - January 01, 2021 at 08:51 PM

RW

“ Cousin Alice and Connie and all of my family I am so sorry to here about Cousin Junior passing. I am praying for you all. I love you.



REMENYI WILLIAMS - January 01, 2021 at 06:46 PM

EG

“ Edith Gardner lit a candle in memory of Mr. John Buchanan Jr.



Edith Gardner - January 01, 2021 at 05:56 PM

TP

“ *Toney & Diana PATTERSON*

John will be truly be missed

Toney Patterson - January 01, 2021 at 11:49 AM

JW

“ *Jeanetta Walker lit a candle in memory of Mr. John Buchanan Jr.*



Jeanetta Walker - December 31, 2020 at 09:59 PM

WA

“ *Walker sent a virtual gift in memory of Mr. John Buchanan Jr.*



Walker - December 31, 2020 at 09:58 PM

WA

“ *Jr will be greatly missed, He was always a great cousin to us. His aunt Luddie was crazy about him and was always happy for his visits to see & talk to her.*

He was a wise person, always had a word of wisdom for anyone in his presence. I liked talking to him about the older family members. he could remember the old family story and tell them like it was yesterday. I will miss you cousin, You will forever be in my heart. You told me that you loved us most and we loved you also. Rest now in God hands and know that we will be here for Alice always.

Your Cousin.

Jeanetta Walker

Walker - December 31, 2020 at 09:56 PM

PS

“ *Percy And Cindy Smith lit a candle in memory of Mr. John Buchanan Jr.*



Percy and Cindy Smith - December 31, 2020 at 09:53 PM

NF

“ *Neal Higgins And Family sent a virtual gift in memory of Mr. John Buchanan Jr.*



Neal Higgins and Family - December 31, 2020 at 07:58 PM

JH

“ *Jerry Harris lit a candle in memory of Mr. John Buchanan Jr.*



Jerry Harris - December 31, 2020 at 07:48 PM

TF

“ *The Dancer Family lit a candle in memory of Mr. John Buchanan Jr.*



The Dancer Family - December 31, 2020 at 05:25 PM

AM

“ *Audrey McGrew-Rancifer lit a candle in memory of Mr. John Buchanan Jr.*



Audrey McGrew-Rancifer - December 31, 2020 at 04:57 PM

BP

“ *Barbara Phillips sent a virtual gift in memory of Mr. John Buchanan Jr.*



Barbara Phillips - December 31, 2020 at 01:43 PM

TP

“ My your memories of John bring you comfort during this difficult time. My heartfelt sympathy and prayers go out to you and your family.
Theresa Powell, Toledo OH



Theresa Powell - December 31, 2020 at 12:32 PM

LT

“ *Leta Thurman lit a candle in memory of Mr. John Buchanan Jr.*



Leta Thurman - December 31, 2020 at 11:47 AM

PG

“ *Pauline Gardner lit a candle in memory of Mr. John Buchanan Jr.*



Pauline Gardner - December 31, 2020 at 10:48 AM

BJ

“ *Bari Brown Jr lit a candle in memory of Mr. John Buchanan Jr.*



Bari Brown Jr - December 31, 2020 at 10:01 AM

PF

“ *PATTERSON FAMILY sent a virtual gift in memory of Mr. John Buchanan Jr.*



PATTERSON FAMILY - December 31, 2020 at 09:57 AM

JE

“ *Jo Ann Embrey lit a candle in memory of Mr. John Buchanan Jr.*



Jo Ann Embrey - December 31, 2020 at 08:49 AM

NH

“ *Nanette Hickman sent a virtual gift in memory of Mr. John Buchanan Jr.*



Nanette Hickman - December 31, 2020 at 08:03 AM

KD

“ *Kevin Dunigan lit a candle in memory of Mr. John Buchanan Jr.*



Kevin Dunigan - December 31, 2020 at 08:00 AM

DF

“ Dallas Boards And Family lit a candle in memory of Mr. John Buchanan Jr.



Dallas Boards and family - December 31, 2020 at 07:15 AM

FF

“ Frank & Betty Ford lit a candle in memory of Mr. John Buchanan Jr.



Frank & Betty Ford - December 31, 2020 at 06:26 AM

MF

“ Mattie Fields And Family lit a candle in memory of Mr. John Buchanan Jr.



Mattie Fields and Family - December 31, 2020 at 05:53 AM

EF

“ Earline Fields sent a virtual gift in memory of Mr. John Buchanan Jr.



Earline Fields - December 31, 2020 at 05:48 AM

AT

“ Alice Taylor lit a candle in memory of Mr. John Buchanan Jr.



Alice Taylor - December 31, 2020 at 04:49 AM

JD

“ Joann Dixon lit a candle in memory of Mr. John Buchanan Jr.



Joann Dixon - December 31, 2020 at 03:51 AM

MM

“ Mozella Mosley lit a candle in memory of Mr. John Buchanan Jr.



Mozella Mosley - December 31, 2020 at 01:04 AM

MR

“ Modean Reeves lit a candle in memory of Mr. John Buchanan Jr.



Modean Reeves - December 30, 2020 at 10:34 PM

TA

“ *Our condolences to the Family, Love Averys and Palms*



Tena Avery - December 30, 2020 at 09:45 PM

DI

“ *This wonderful cuzzin of mine will truly be missed by me!*

DiannaJackson - December 30, 2020 at 09:18 PM

DI

“ *My condolences and prayers goes out to my loving family, cousin John was an amazing cuzzin of mine.He use to always check ✓ with my husband to see if I stayed out of trouble.We shared a good laugh every time we saw each other*



DiannaJackson - December 30, 2020 at 09:14 PM

MJ

“ *Michael & Renetta Jones lit a candle in memory of Mr. John Buchanan Jr.*



Michael & Renetta Jones - December 30, 2020 at 08:59 PM

ML

“ *Malinda Ligon-Whitley lit a candle in memory of Mr. John Buchanan Jr.*



Malinda Ligon-Whitley - December 30, 2020 at 07:39 PM

PD

“ *Our Condolences to the family. Johnnie & Patricia Davis*



Patricia Davis - December 30, 2020 at 06:13 PM

CP

“ *Cole Purnell lit a candle in memory of Mr. John Buchanan Jr.*



Cole Purnell - December 30, 2020 at 03:16 PM

EM

“ *Eugene & Ann Morris lit a candle in memory of Mr. John Buchanan Jr.*



Eugene & Ann Morris - December 30, 2020 at 02:33 PM

TF

“ *The Daniel Family lit a candle in memory of Mr. John Buchanan Jr.*



The Daniel Family - December 30, 2020 at 02:20 PM

HS

“ *Hilda Snell lit a candle in memory of Mr. John Buchanan Jr.*



Hilda Snell - December 30, 2020 at 02:11 PM

CP

“ *Cole Purnell lit a candle in memory of Mr. John Buchanan Jr.*



Cole Purnell - December 30, 2020 at 02:08 PM

CP

“ *Alice sorry for your loss John was a great guy when I saw him or talked to him he was always smiling greet you with a hand shake and a hello. We will miss him . Cole Purnell*

Cole Purnell - December 30, 2020 at 02:06 PM