



## Mr. LeRoy Steele

July 26, 1928 - January 6, 2013

LeRoy Steele was born July 26, 1928 in Calhoun, MS the son of Lee Owen and Lottie Steele. On Sunday, January 6, 2013 the Lord saw fit to call his soldier home. LeRoy received his formal education in Jackson, TN. After completing high school, he attended Auto Mechanic School where he received a certificate. LeRoy was united in holy matrimony to the love of his life, Mayola Davis. Eight children were born to this union. The family relocated to Kalamazoo, MI where he gained employment at Denooyer Chevrolet. He later was employed as the first black supervisor at Checker Motors, where he retired after 33 years of services. After retirement he followed his dream, and became Founder & Owner of Steele Auto Body Restoration and Repair for over 50 years.

LeRoy accepted Christ at an early age. He loved God and was a faithful and devoted member of Allen Chapel African Methodist Episcopal Church. He served in the following church organizations: Trustee Board Chairperson for many years, Transportation Ministry, Chancel/Sanctuary Choir, charter member of the Male Chorus, Men of Allen, Sunday School and Usher Board. He devoted his life to his church and family and had a special love for his grandchildren and great grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Lee Owen and Lottie Steele; his in-laws, John Ed and Mazzeller Davis; 2 sons, Frederick Blake and LeRoy

Steele; one daughter, Gloria Steele; two grandchildren, Kasaka and Demonkeith; 4 great grandchildren; one daughter-in-law, Julia; one son-in-law, Robert Miller; a brother, Clarence (Faye); two sisters, Rubie Mae and Allie Rene Steele; 4 brother-in-laws: Joe T. Davis, Albert Collier, JP Roseman and James Hopgood; two nephews and one niece.

LeRoy leaves to cherish his loving memories: his wife of 63 years, Mayola; four daughters: Janice (Joseph) Nelson, Vickie Miller, Lottie Rolan, and Allerene Brown all of Kalamazoo, MI; one son Jerry Leroy Steele of McDonough, GA; 16 grandchildren; 32 great grandchildren; 7 great great grandchildren; 3 sisters, Essie Mae Collier of Jackson, TN; Annie Lou Hopgood of Chicago, IL; Shirely Roseman of Coldwater, MS; a special niece, Alma Jean (AL) Harrilal of Georgia; 3 brothers, Robert Steele, of Chicago, IL; James (Corine) Steele and Levi (Dorothy) Steele of Jackson, TN; a special adopted son, Michael Crawford; two special friends, J.T. Lewis and Willie Lee Hospkins and a host of family and friends.

# Cemetery Details

## Mt. Ever-Rest Cemetery

3941 S. Westnedge Avenue  
Kalamazoo, MI

# Previous Events

## Visitation

JAN 11. 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM (ET)

Harper Funeral Home, Inc.  
521 Douglas Avenue  
Kalamazoo, MI 49007  
(269) 342-1000  
info@harperfuneral.com  
<https://www.harperfuneral.com>

## Visitation

JAN 12. 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM (ET)

Allen Chapel A.M.E. Church  
804 W. North Street  
Kalamazoo, MI

## Service

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JAN 12. 12:00 PM (ET)

Allen Chapel A.M.E. Church  
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Kalamazoo, MI

# Tribute Wall



“ *Mr. LeRoy Steele*

October 23, 2023 at 06:06 AM



“ *Mr. LeRoy Steele*

October 06, 2023 at 10:42 AM



“ *Angela Stacy And Marquan Palmer lit a candle in memory of Mr. LeRoy Steele*



**Angela Stacy and Marquan Palmer** - January 11, 2013 at 05:26 PM



“ *Nicole Devers And Tyrone Phillips Jr. lit a candle in memory of Mr. LeRoy Steele*



**Nicole Devers and Tyrone Phillips Jr.** - January 11, 2013 at 04:21 PM

MF

“ *Mattie Fields And Family lit a candle in memory of Mr. LeRoy Steele*



**Mattie Fields and Family** - January 11, 2013 at 11:55 AM

MF

“ *McMillon Family lit a candle in memory of Mr. LeRoy Steele*



**McMillon Family** - January 11, 2013 at 10:24 AM

MM

“ *Maxine McMillon-Roberts lit a candle in memory of Mr. LeRoy Steele*



**Maxine McMillon-Roberts** - January 11, 2013 at 10:16 AM

TN

“ *Tracie Nelson-Woodford lit a candle in memory of Mr. LeRoy Steele*



**Tracie Nelson-Woodford** - January 11, 2013 at 09:11 AM

DB

“ Donald&Ruby Barbee lit a candle in memory of Mr. LeRoy Steele



Donald&Ruby Barbee - January 10, 2013 at 03:38 PM

CY

“ Charles EAbbott WI. God Bless You lit a candle in memory of Mr. LeRoy Steele



Charles EAbbott WI. God Bless You - January 10, 2013 at 03:10 PM

CW

“ Charles EAbbott WI. lit a candle in memory of Mr. LeRoy Steele



Charles EAbbott WI. - January 10, 2013 at 03:05 PM

AR

“ Allean Rancifer-lewis lit a candle in memory of Mr. LeRoy Steele



allean rancifer-lewis - January 10, 2013 at 03:05 PM

AR

“ *The Rancifer Family extends our deepest sympathy and condolences to The Steele Family. We all remember your family and have such fond memories of you while growing up on Edwards St.*

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**allean rancifer-lewis** - January 10, 2013 at 03:01 PM

MD

“ *Chanice,  
With heartfelt sympathy and our condolences  
to you and your family.  
Your friends and State Farm Co-workers,  
Michelle Dancer  
Kathy Wyrick  
Monica Campbell  
Tanisha Smith  
Jessica Rider*



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**MICHELLE DANCER** - January 10, 2013 at 01:48 PM

JD

“ *JoAnn Dixon lit a candle in memory of Mr.  
LeRoy Steele*



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**JoAnn Dixon** - January 10, 2013 at 01:24 PM

LC

“ *Lillie Cotton lit a candle in memory of Mr. LeRoy Steele*



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**Lillie Cotton** - January 10, 2013 at 12:16 PM

EF

“ *Earline Fields And Family lit a candle in memory of Mr. LeRoy Steele*



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**Earline Fields and Family** - January 10, 2013 at 11:50 AM

MD

“ *Chanice,*

*We are thinking of you.*

*With heartfelt sympathy and our condolences.*

*Your State Farm Friends,*

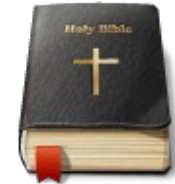
*Michelle Dancer*

*Kathy Wyrick*

*Jessica Rider*

*Monica Campbell*

*Tanisha Smith*



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**Michelle Dancer** - January 10, 2013 at 09:52 AM

HF

“ *Hollin Family lit a candle in memory of Mr. LeRoy Steele*



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**Hollin Family** - January 10, 2013 at 09:09 AM

GU

“ *Grand Valley Co-op Credit Union lit a candle in memory of Mr. LeRoy Steele*



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**Grand Valley Co-op Credit Union** - January 10, 2013 at 09:04 AM

GU

*We will miss seeing Mr. Steele, he always had a smile and a good word to share. The girls at Grand Valley Co-op Credit Union.*

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**Grand Valley Co-op Credit Union** - January 10, 2013 at 09:06 AM

RH

“ *Rhonda (Singer) Hurd lit a candle in memory of Mr. LeRoy Steele*



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**Rhonda (Singer) Hurd** - January 10, 2013 at 08:22 AM

CF

“ *Charlene Harkness And Family lit a candle in memory of Mr. LeRoy Steele*



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**Charlene Harkness and family** - January 10, 2013 at 08:04 AM

MD

“ *Odie Michelle Dancer*



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**michelle dancer** - January 10, 2013 at 07:50 AM

MD

“ *Mary Dancer & Family*



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**michelle dancer** - January 10, 2013 at 07:47 AM

MR

“ *I recall the children of Edwards street all running through the back yards playing hide and seek only to have MR Steele come out with the WARNING, street lights are on, I think he got a kick out of watching 50 some kids run in sheer panic to get home before the lights came on, I will deeply miss that smile and kindness he held in his heart for us all .  
the Rancifer Sisters, and our families*

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**Melissa Rancifer** - January 10, 2013 at 07:42 AM

MR

“ *Melissa Rancifer lit a candle in memory of Mr. LeRoy Steele*



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**Melissa Rancifer** - January 10, 2013 at 07:37 AM

AS

“ *Athalia Simpson lit a candle in memory of Mr. LeRoy Steele*



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**Athalia Simpson** - January 10, 2013 at 07:35 AM

TF

“ *THE WALKER FAMILY lit a candle in memory of Mr. LeRoy Steele*



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**THE WALKER FAMILY** - January 09, 2013 at 08:33 PM

TF

“ *The Abbott Family lit a candle in memory of Mr. LeRoy Steele*



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**The Abbott Family** - January 09, 2013 at 06:37 PM

TF

“ *The Abbott Family lit a candle in memory of Mr. LeRoy Steele*



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**The Abbott Family** - January 09, 2013 at 06:35 PM

DA

“ *Doris Abbott lit a candle in memory of Mr. LeRoy Steele*



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**Doris Abbott** - January 09, 2013 at 06:33 PM