



## Mr. Louis Johnson Childs

July 28, 1924 - November 3, 2011

Mr. Louis J. Childs was born July 28, 1924 to Charles and Mamie Childs in Marion, Alabama. Louis was their 4th and youngest child. Louis attended and graduated from Lincoln Normal School in 1942. During his childhood, he was the 3rd generation to work in the Childs' Bakery started by his grandfather, Stephen Childs. He attended the First Congregational Church of Marion. After completing high school, he was employed at the Tuskegee Air Field, working closely with the famous and distinguished Tuskegee Airmen. Louis was drafted into the U.S. Army in 1943 during WWII and served his tour of duty in Europe in the 827th Tank Destroyer Battalion. He earned decorations and citations including the American Theater Service Medal, EAME Service Medal, Good Conduct Medal and the WWII Victory Medal. He received his Honorable Discharge for honest and faithful service, November 1945. In Chicago he met and married Vilma Falls on February 19, 1949. They were married for over 62 yrs and had one daughter, Judy. The family moved to Lawrence, MI in 1954 but Louis continued to work in Chicago until he transferred in 1962 to the Kalamazoo Post Office. He retired in 1980 and lived a quiet life maintaining their home on 5 acres, where he found peace and serenity. Louis was preceded in death by his parents, Charles and Mamie Childs; his 2 older brothers, Norman (Idella) Childs, Charles (Anne) Childs; his only sister, Lillian Morris; 2 nieces, Jean Childs Young, and Helen Mitchell. In August 2011, his nephew Norman Childs, Jr. passed away during Louis' illness. Those celebrating his life are his wife, Vilma Childs of Kalamazoo; his

daughter of California Judy (Constantine) Nicholas and precious granddaughter, Kara. Also surviving are his nephew, William Childs of Tuskegee, AL; nieces Norma dePaur, of New York City, and Cora Childs Moore, of Marion, AL; his youngest nephew Charles "Nuffy" (Karen) Childs, of Chicago, IL; and several great nieces and nephews, as well as great-great nieces and nephews. " May you remember and cherish Louis' contributions to his family and country."

# Cemetery Details

## Hill Cemetery

Lawrence, MI

# Previous Events

## Visitation

NOV 6. 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM (ET)

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## Visitation

NOV 7. 12:00 PM - 1:00 PM (ET)

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## Service

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NOV 7. 1:00 PM (ET)

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# Tribute Wall



“ *Mr. Louis Johnson Childs*

October 23, 2023 at 06:06 AM



“ *Mr. Louis Johnson Childs*

October 06, 2023 at 10:42 AM



“ *Sorry for the loss... I am the Grand Daughter of Tommie Ed Childs from Attalla Alabama... Looking for Childs family from Marion, Alabama!!!*



**Andrea Hyde** - March 05, 2015 at 01:14 PM