



Mr. Malcolm Alan Earhart Jr.

September 25, 1945 - March 31, 2026

***NOTE: A CELEBRATION OF LIFE MEMORIAL SERVICE FOR MR. MALCOLM ALAN EARHART JR. WILL BE HELD SATURDAY, MAY 2, 2026 AT THE DOUGLASS COMMUNITY CENTER IN KALAMAZOO, MICHIGAN.

***PLEASE SEE SERVICE TIMES, LOCATION & DIRECTIONS BELOW

The Obituary

On Tuesday, March 31st, after a courageous battle with cancer, Malcolm Alan Earhart, Jr. was called home to rest. He lived a life defined by service—to his country, his community, and above all, his family. Whether in a courtroom, a classroom, or a committee meeting, he showed up with dedication and integrity that left a lasting mark on everyone he encountered.

Born on September 25, 1945 in Gulfport, Mississippi to the late Malcolm Alan Earhart and the late Neatie Inez Chaney Earhart, Malcolm came to Kalamazoo at just six months old—a city that would become the throughline of his life. He graduated from Kalamazoo Central High School on June 13, 1963, and went on to attend Kellogg Community College before life called him in several directions at once.

On August 26, 1967, Malcolm married the love of his life, Brenda Prater Earhart, beginning a partnership that would span 58 years and a lifetime of

memories. On March 8, 1968, he was drafted into the United States Army, where he served with distinction, earning the rank of Sergeant before receiving an honorable discharge on December 22, 1969. He returned home to continue building the life he and Brenda had begun — earning a Bachelor of Science from Western Michigan University on June 17, 1970. Malcolm welcomed his daughter Mallori Lockett in 1966, and together, he and Brenda grew their family with the arrival of daughter Tiombe Kai Bey-Woodson in 1972 and son Malcolm Alan Earhart III in 1981.

Malcolm's career in education began that same fall, when he joined Kalamazoo Public Schools as a teacher at Hillside Middle School, where he spent four dedicated years shaping young minds. His pursuit of justice then took him south to Houston, Texas, where he attended Thurgood Marshall School of Law at Texas Southern University, graduating on May 12, 1978. He moved to Detroit shortly after and, in February 1980, began his career as a prosecuting attorney—a role in which he proved himself a formidable and principled advocate.

In August 1987, Malcolm and Brenda returned to Kalamazoo, where he established his private practice. His legal career continued to reach new heights when, in the early 1990s, he argued a case that advanced all the way to the United States Supreme Court. Throughout his years in Kalamazoo, he remained deeply engaged in civic life, lending his expertise to committees serving the City, Kalamazoo Public Schools, and the NAACP. In 2008, the City of Kalamazoo honored him with a Certificate of Appreciation for his many years of dedicated service.

Beyond his professional life, Malcolm was known for the richness of his relationships. He was preceded in death by his beloved wife, Brenda, and his sister, Beatrice Inez Ross, and is survived by his three children, Mallori Lockett (Quincy), Tiombe Bey-Woodson (J'Nairo), and Malcolm Earhart III,

grandchildren Tori Zackery, Tariq Zackery, Terrance Zackery II, Joshua Schenk, J'Nairo Bey-Woodson, and Kahlil Bey-Woodson, and special niece Lilian Ross. He is also survived by his sisters and brother-in-law Eva Prater, Mary Prater Demby, Daisy Prater Tillman, Willie Simpson, and Dr. Wesley Prater (Gwen), lifelong friends Mike Williams and Walter Worthy, and a host of family and friends whose lives he made richer simply by being in them.

Previous Events

A Celebration Of Life Memorial Service

MAY 2. 11:00 AM (ET)

Douglass Community Center
1000 W. Paterson Street
Kalamazoo, MI 49007

Tribute Wall



“ Harper Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Mr. Malcolm Alan Earhart Jr.



Harper Funeral Home - April 30 at 10:21 PM

ST

This saddens me the news of this scholar and Gentleman passing may he be resting in. heaven. One of my favorite teachers at Hillside a true inspiration. This man got me thru tutoring for Algebra and later Calculus and Stats in high school. His wife Brenda was a true gem as well both of them were such wonderful people. May he be reunited with his loved ones in heaven and may his light shine bright for all eternity.

Sheena Taborn - May 03 at 06:09 PM

AW

“ Andrew Wilkerson lit a candle in memory of Mr. Malcolm Alan Earhart Jr.



Andrew Wilkerson - May 17 at 01:22 AM

BH

“ *Bobette Hampton lit a candle in memory of Malcolm Earhart*



Bobette Hampton - May 01 at 10:34 PM

PT

“ *Patricia Thomas lit a candle in memory of Mr. Malcolm Alan Earhart Jr.*



Patricia Thomas - April 28 at 12:09 PM

II

“ *Ida & Frank Robinson, III lit a candle in memory of Mr. Malcolm Alan Earhart Jr.*



Ida & Frank Robinson, III - April 27 at 08:13 PM

LG

“ *Larry Gordon lit a candle in memory of Mr. Malcolm Alan Earhart Jr.*



Larry Gordon - April 26 at 10:22 AM

TA

“ Tena R Avery lit a candle in memory of Mr. Malcolm Alan Earhart Jr.



Tena R Avery - April 24 at 04:48 PM

WF

“ Wendy Fields lit a candle in memory of Mr. Malcolm Alan Earhart Jr.



Wendy Fields - April 24 at 07:33 AM

DF

“ Daniel Family -May God Bless and Keep The Family



Daniel Family - April 23 at 02:04 PM

MS

“ Margaret J Smith lit a candle in memory of Mr. Malcolm Alan Earhart Jr.



Margaret J Smith - April 21 at 02:03 PM

HB

“ HAL & JANET BUCHANAN lit a candle in memory of Mr. Malcolm Alan Earhart Jr.



HAL & JANET BUCHANAN - April 20 at 06:41 PM

HC

“ Herberta Carver lit a candle in memory of Mr. Malcolm Alan Earhart Jr.



Herberta Carver - April 17 at 07:41 PM

MS

“ Margaret J Smith sent a virtual gift in memory of Mr. Malcolm Alan Earhart Jr.



Margaret J Smith - April 17 at 06:52 PM

PB

“ Paul & Margaret Best lit a candle in memory of Mr. Malcolm Alan Earhart Jr.



Paul & Margaret Best - April 16 at 04:36 PM

TF

“ *The Prude Family lit a candle in memory of Mr. Malcolm Alan Earhart Jr.*



The Prude Family - April 15 at 07:26 PM

JR

“ *Jerri Robinson lit a candle in memory of Mr. Malcolm Alan Earhart Jr.*



Jerri Robinson - April 15 at 12:13 AM

ML

“ *Mary Ligon-Goens lit a candle in memory of Mr. Malcolm Alan Earhart Jr.*



Mary Ligon-Goens - April 14 at 08:27 AM

DP

“ *Prayers and Condolences extended to the family...*



Denise Peake - April 13 at 11:36 AM

IR

“ *Ida And Frank Robinson,III lit a candle in memory of Mr. Malcolm Alan Earhart Jr.*



Ida and Frank Robinson,III - April 12 at 05:33 PM

SH

“ *Sam Hughes lit a candle in memory of Mr. Malcolm Alan Earhart Jr.*



Sam Hughes - April 10 at 11:55 PM

HD

“ *Condolences to the family. Helen and Erika Driver*



Helen Driver - April 10 at 06:06 PM

RL

“ *Ramona K Lumpkin lit a candle in memory of Mr. Malcolm Alan Earhart Jr.*



Ramona K Lumpkin - April 10 at 10:05 AM

LG

“ *Larry Gordon lit a candle in memory of Mr. Malcolm Alan Earhart Jr.*



Larry Gordon - April 09 at 07:58 PM

KF

“ *Kevin Ford lit a candle in memory of Mr. Malcolm Alan Earhart Jr.*



Kevin Ford - April 09 at 09:20 AM

VP

Condolences to the family. May God comfort you during this difficult time. Rest in Heaven, Uncle Malcolm. James 4:14 "Yet you do not know what your life will be like tomorrow. You are just a vapor that appears for a little while and then vanishes away."

vince phillips - April 12 at 08:12 PM

TC

“ *Trudy Carr lit a candle in memory of Mr. Malcolm Alan Earhart Jr.*



Trudy Carr - April 08 at 02:44 PM

BH

“ *Buddy Hamnah lit a candle in memory of Mr. Malcolm Alan Earhart Jr.*



Buddy Hamnah - April 08 at 01:49 PM

HF

“ *Heady Family lit a candle in memory of Mr. Malcolm Alan Earhart Jr.*



Heady Family - April 08 at 12:02 PM

EG

“ *Sending love and prayers, and my Condolences to the Family . Malcolm was my Neighbor, living on Edward's street, in the early 60th. He was always loving and caring, he loved his mom, and yet gave her much of his time and love. So Rest well, in Paradise with JESUS.*

Edith Gardner - April 08 at 11:58 AM

EG

“ *Edith Gardner lit a candle in memory of Mr. Malcolm Alan Earhart Jr.*



Edith Gardner - April 08 at 11:47 AM

EG

“ Edith Gardner sent a virtual gift in memory of Mr. Malcolm Alan Earhart Jr.



Edith Gardner - April 08 at 11:41 AM

EG

“ Edith Gardner lit a candle in memory of Mr. Malcolm Alan Earhart Jr.



Edith Gardner - April 08 at 11:38 AM

CS

“ My memory is of Malcolm as a good and loyal neighbor and friend on Kalamazoo's north side.

Cal Street - April 07 at 10:45 PM

CA

“ Cal lit a candle in memory of Mr. Malcolm Alan Earhart Jr.



Cal - April 07 at 10:34 PM

CS

“ *Caldin/Carol Street lit a candle in memory of Mr. Malcolm Alan Earhart Jr.*



Caldin/Carol Street - April 07 at 10:32 PM

BE

“ *Bobby Edwards lit a candle in memory of Mr. Malcolm Alan Earhart Jr.*



Bobby Edwards - April 07 at 07:24 PM

AB

“ *Angela Brown lit a candle in memory of Mr. Malcolm Alan Earhart Jr.*



Angela Brown - April 07 at 07:22 PM

BE

“ *Beverly Edwards-Thompson lit a candle in memory of Mr. Malcolm Alan Earhart Jr.*



Beverly Edwards-Thompson - April 07 at 07:20 PM

GT

“ Gale And Angela Tabron lit a candle in memory of Mr. Malcolm Alan Earhart Jr.



Gale and Angela Tabron - April 07 at 04:02 PM

LB

“ Larry Bell lit a candle in memory of Mr. Malcolm Alan Earhart Jr.



Larry Bell - April 07 at 11:14 AM

AS

“ Alma Snell lit a candle in memory of Mr. Malcolm Alan Earhart Jr.



Alma Snell - April 07 at 12:23 AM

VM

“ Valerie Mitchell lit a candle in memory of Mr. Malcolm Alan Earhart Jr.



Valerie Mitchell - April 06 at 05:27 PM

RO

“ Rickie Ozier lit a candle in memory of Mr. Malcolm Alan Earhart Jr.



Rickie Ozier - April 06 at 02:29 PM

HM

“ Howard And Debra McCullough lit a candle in memory of Mr. Malcolm Alan Earhart Jr.



Howard and Debra McCullough - April 06 at 01:18 PM

DM

“ Darryl Matthews lit a candle in memory of Mr. Malcolm Alan Earhart Jr.



Darryl Matthews - April 06 at 07:00 AM

SW

“ Sharon Wilson lit a candle in memory of Mr. Malcolm Alan Earhart Jr.



Sharon Wilson - April 05 at 10:59 PM

DM

“ *Diane McPherson-Carver lit a candle in memory of Malcolm Earhart*



Diane McPherson-Carver - April 05 at 07:28 PM

MI

“ *Condolences to the family. May God comfort you during this difficult time.*

Mary Matthews & family

Michelle - April 05 at 03:23 PM

MB

“ *Mr Earhart was my eighth grade teacher at Hillside. May he rest in eternal peace.*



Merry Battles - April 05 at 02:31 PM

CB

“ *To the Earhart family.my sincere sympathies in the loss of your Dad. I knew them both. Praying that God will walk with you as you lay him to rest. "To be absent from the body, is to be present with the Lord.". Sincerely, Carrol T. Blair.*

Carrol T Blair - April 05 at 12:32 PM

CS

Vincent Hodge

Cal Street - April 09 at 08:25 PM

CS

I am truly saddened with the passing of Malcon, my chikdhood friend.

Cal Street - April 09 at 08:29 PM

BG

“ *Betty Galloway lit a candle in memory of Malcolm Earhart*



Betty Galloway - April 05 at 09:46 AM

KF

“ *Kevin Ford lit a candle in memory of Malcolm Earhart*



Kevin Ford - April 05 at 09:34 AM

JS

“ *I met Malcolm in the Fall of 1965 or 1966. We worked together for quite a spell. I have since worked with Brenda for over 25 years. She liked to spend time with Jane while I tried to get some computer issue working again. I retired when Brenda did and hosted a (mostly faculty) party for her. Malcolm and I spent some recent time together since I lost my Bride (of 59 years) shortly after he joined me as yet another surviving spouse. I do not think either one of us was very good at it. Please know my prayers will be with your family. Maybe I will see you at the calling hours or at the service.*
Jon Streeter

Jon Streeter - April 04 at 02:26 PM

DF

“ My sincere condolences to the family life well lived praying 🙏



Dallas Boards and family - April 04 at 11:21 AM

GK

“ Gordon Kelley lit a candle in memory of Mr. Malcolm Alan Earhart Jr.



Gordon Kelley - April 04 at 02:44 AM

CW

“ Candace Woodson lit a candle in memory of Mr. Malcolm Alan Earhart Jr.



Candace Woodson - April 03 at 04:00 PM

DD

My family has known the Earhart for years Miss Brenda was my daughter Darena's mentor at KAMSC and Mr.Malcolm was my personal lawyer and helped in many ways he will be missed as a pillar in the Kalamazoo area sorry to the family for your loss Diane aand Darena God be with you during this difficult time

Diane and Darena - April 05 at 09:35 PM

TB

“ Tony Bell lit a candle in memory of Mr. Malcolm Alan Earhart Jr.



Tony Bell - April 03 at 01:56 PM

JD

“ Jack Dunigan sent a virtual gift in memory of Mr. Malcolm Alan Earhart Jr.



Jack Dunigan - April 03 at 12:54 PM

JD

“ Jack Dunigan lit a candle in memory of Mr. Malcolm Alan Earhart Jr.



Jack Dunigan - April 03 at 12:53 PM

HB

“ HAL & JANET BUCHANAN lit a candle in memory of Mr. Malcolm Alan Earhart Jr.



HAL & JANET BUCHANAN - April 03 at 11:51 AM

HS

“ *Hilda Snell lit a candle in memory of Mr. Malcolm Alan Earhart Jr.*



Hilda Snell - April 03 at 11:48 AM

PD

“ *Pat Davis lit a candle in memory of Mr. Malcolm Alan Earhart Jr.*



Pat Davis - April 02 at 08:52 PM

GW

“ *Georgia Williams&FAMILY lit a candle in memory of Mr. Malcolm Alan Earhart Jr.*



Georgia Williams&FAMILY - April 02 at 07:32 PM