



Mr. Marvin Donald Watson

October 28, 1942 - September 20, 2015

Marvin Donald Watson was born October 28, 1942 in Atlanta, Georgia to Wilbur K. Watson Jr. and Isabelle Watson (Walker) who passed away when he was two. Wilbur then married Jewel Watson (Stone) who was affectionately known as his "Ma' Dear". He graduated from Battle Creek Central where he played football in 1960. Upon graduating high school, Marvin joined the United States Marine Corps, where he proudly served his country for 8 years, which included two tours in the Vietnam War.

After being honorably discharged on April 26th 1968, he returned home to Battle Creek, MI, where he met and married Mae Lou Bonner. This union produced three children. Marvin became a manager at Butterfield Theatre, and was later employed with the Calhoun Action Agency, where he performed work within the community. In his latter years, he worked for AbsolutAire in their maintenance department, retiring in February of 2012, due to declining health.

Marvin enjoyed spending time with his family, sharing memories and giving his knowledge and wisdom of his personal experiences. He also enjoyed playing chess, Domino's, the game 3-5-7 and volleyball in the summer with his family members. He enjoyed watching his favorite television show, "Star Trek". Marvin referred to himself and was also known to others as the "Master Blaster". He was a good natured man with a great sense of humor, who loved

to share memories and stories, along with giving his knowledge and wisdom from his personal experiences. He will be greatly missed by all of his family and friends.

He was preceded in death by his father, Wilbur K. Watson and his mother, Jewel Watson.

He leaves to cherish his memory: his brother, Wilbur Watson III (Deborah) of Grand Rapids, MI; a sister, Marguerite Watson of Kalamazoo; daughters, LaNita (Michael) Reynolds, Andrea (Nathaniel) Smith, Latara Joy Moore, his only son, Michael (Ashleigh) Watson; 10 grandchildren: TreShawn, LaShara, Aaron, Michael, Tylan, Mikyala, Assia, Micah, Jeremiah and Miles; 6 great grandchildren, Shaniyah, Jazzlynn, Jackson, Aleeyah, Ariyana and Jayden. Also, a host of nieces, nephews and cousins.

Cemetery Details

Fort Custer National Cemetery

15501 Dickman Road
Augusta, MI

Previous Events

Visitation

SEP **23**. 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM (ET)

Harper Funeral Home - Chapel
521 Douglas Avenue
Kalamazoo, MI

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SEP **24**. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

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A Service in Loving Memory

SEP **24**. 11:00 AM (ET)

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Tribute Wall



“ *Mr. Marvin Donald Watson*

October 23, 2023 at 06:06 AM



“ *Mr. Marvin Donald Watson*

October 06, 2023 at 10:42 AM



“ *Karest Willis-Brown lit a candle in memory of Mr. Marvin Donald Watson*



Karest Willis-Brown - September 26, 2015 at 02:49 PM



“ *Angela Stacy lit a candle in memory of Mr. Marvin Donald Watson*



Angela Stacy - September 25, 2015 at 02:24 AM



“ *My sincere condolences to the family. May you all find peace in knowing that his suffering is over and his rest has begun. Our prayers are with you all.*
~ *Victor & Patricia Field*

Patricia Field - September 22, 2015 at 07:53 PM