



Mr. Melvin D. Robinson

July 1, 1941 - July 17, 2016

Melvin D. Robinson, known to many as “Young Mel” was a beloved husband, father, grandfather and uncle, went on to be with the Lord, after battling with his strong will to live, on July 17, 2016. Anyone that knew Melvin, knew that he was a man with a zest for life, and lived his life to the fullest, with many stories to tell about his life’s adventures.

Melvin Douglas Robinson was born July 1, 1941, to Mary E. Robinson and AJ Robinson in Jackson, Mississippi. The youngest of three sons, Melvin was an avid sports enthusiast from grade school on through college. After graduating from Albion High School, he enrolled at Jackson College in Jackson, Michigan where he played basketball; and later went on to play semi-pro football in Sturgis, Michigan. He was a longtime “die-hard” fan of the University of Michigan basketball and football teams, where he was a season ticket holder and attended many games in “THE BIG HOUSE,” It was rare not to see him in his U of M apparel.....GO BLUE!

Melvin was employed by both Corning Glass Works and then Albion Malleable Iron Company, both in Albion, MI., for many years. In 1962, he met his beloved wife Beverly J. Smith of Kalamazoo, Michigan and they married in 1964. To that union two children were born: Micah D. Robinson-Womack (Kevin), and Dia D. Campbell (Mario).

Melvin was a proud journeyman for General Motors Corporation and spent his years in the Kalamazoo, Flint, and Grand Rapids plants. He hung-up his tool belt and retired from General Motors after 39 years of employment in 2005.

Melvin joined Mt. Zion Baptist Church in 2003, and developed a valued relationship with Pastor Dr. Addis Moore. He was always amused by Pastor Moore's humorous spirit and was always tickled by Pastor's comments each year regarding the anniversary flowers at the altar.

He is preceded in death by his parents, Mary and AJ Robinson; and his brothers, Malcom and Alton Robinson.

Surviving him are his wife, Beverly J. Robinson of Kalamazoo; daughter, Micah D. Robinson-Womack (Kevin) of Rex, GA; daughter, Dia D. Campbell (Mario) of Fishers, IN; 3 grandchildren: Mario L. Campbell II, Maya S. Campbell and Mikelison Womack; 1 step-grandchild, Paris Campbell; 1 great grand-child Daniel Elsberry II; and a host of nieces, nephews and cousins. Also, many, many special friends of which he loved dearly.

Melvin loved his family and went to great lengths to be supportive to all of them. He played a major role in his children, grandchildren, nieces and nephews lives. He also had very special relationships with Anthony Robinson of Chicago, IL; Donna Terrell of Little Rock, AR; Daeon Richardson of Ellicott City, MD; Jordan Watkins of Kansas City, KS and Cataanda James of New York, NY.

He was very knowledgeable and serious when giving advice with added pieces of humor. In his earlier years, he was known to read several newspapers from all over the state including the Indianapolis Star News.

He was loved by many and will be greatly missed.

Previous Events

Visitation

JUL 22. 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM (ET)

Mt. Zion Baptist Church
120 Roberson Street
kalamazoo, MI 49007-3557

A Service in Loving Memory

JUL 22. 12:00 PM (ET)

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Tribute Wall



“ Harper Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Mr. Melvin D. Robinson



Harper Funeral Home - July 20, 2016 at 08:01 PM



“ Mr. Melvin D. Robinson

October 23, 2023 at 06:06 AM



“ Mr. Melvin D. Robinson

October 06, 2023 at 10:42 AM



Candace Anderson

“ I meant his son Exzavier Jones Sr

Candace Anderson - May 14, 2017 at 09:23 PM



“ MUCH RESPECT AND LOVE to Mr. Robinson. He was a man whom I truly loved and respected. As a young man he always greeted me with a smile and some humor. He will be missed. Rest in power!



Raquel and Spencer ware and family - July 28, 2016 at 11:43 AM

RL

“ Prayers for the family.

ramona lumpkin - July 26, 2016 at 05:02 PM



“ Karest Willis-Brown lit a candle in memory of Mr. Melvin D. Robinson



Karest Willis-Brown - July 23, 2016 at 10:55 PM

PB

“ Paul & Margaret Best lit a candle in memory of Mr. Melvin D. Robinson



Paul & Margaret Best - July 23, 2016 at 06:08 PM

EM

“ Aunt Beverly,
Sending love and hugs!
- Eden

Eden Mabry - July 22, 2016 at 09:16 PM

EM

“ Aunt Beverly, Dia and Micah - Love to all of you. When memories flood you - smile, for God allowed you to be blessed with awesome memories of a wonderful man! Be blessed! - Eden

Eden Mabry - July 22, 2016 at 07:36 PM

AB

“ *Arttie Blanks lit a candle in memory of Mr. Melvin D. Robinson*



Arttie Blanks - July 22, 2016 at 09:08 AM

AB

“ Aunt Bev, Micah, Dia.. I was very saddened by the news of uncle Mel as I know all who knew and loved him were. But I'm so happy he lived! :) You all knew him better than anyone, and your memories run deep. Hold on to his laugh and don't be saddened, for he is resting peacefully. I loved him and the time we had together. We all will miss him. Love you all.

I tried up to late last night with flights. But I could not be there.. I wanted to wear a nice U of M outfit in his memory.. But I would like to share this funny memory with you. Of course I don't have to tell you how funny he was 😂

Uncle Mel and I would laugh like crazy up and down I-94 all the way to the Big House, he would drive there and told me I had to drive back lol. He would have my face, jaws and sides hurting sometime from laughing. Rain, snow or shine it was Go Blue! But one time we went to Notre Dame's stadium to watch U of M. Sitting around all ND fans, they were talking smack and we gave it back. Those fans got drunk and hostile, one of them decided to grab my hat off, they were going to throw it out the top of stadium. I stood up and walked over people super mad and retrieved it back. When I sat back down I was mad, the look on Mel's face was priceless, he leaned over to me giggling and laughing then said, " man it's too many of them we out numbered, u should of let that hat GO! We can get another hat, bcuz they might pass us up over the top of the stadium" Lol.. he was laughing and I started cracking up... He always had a way to make light of a situation with a common sense approach.. RIP! Go Blue!

Arttie Blanks - July 22, 2016 at 09:01 AM

AB

“ Aunt Bev, Micah, Dia... it's impossible not too be sad that uncle Mel is no longer physically here. But let's flip that and be happy that he lived..

Him and I had some of the best times rolling to the big house! I'm telling you, talking and laughing all the way non stop, my face and jaws would be hurting sometime. He would drive there and I would drive back.. Didn't matter about the cold or rain we went to the Big House!.. One time we went to southbound to watch UofM against ND, we were in mainly an all ND section with UofM attire on. People talking smack to us, and we talked back. Then one drunk guy snatched my hat off and I went after him super mad, I got my hat back.. and Mel had this look on his face when i sat back down, he smiled and giggled then said man it's too many of them fans, u should of let that hat go we will get another one. I was mad but he just got me back laughing..

Another time we returned a brief case with some serious cash in it after we left game. We gave some people a ride to airport and they left it in van... wow so many more fun & funny memories..

Love u all

Arttie

Arttie Blanks - July 22, 2016 at 07:37 AM

DB

“ Rest in peace



Donna Marshall Brayboy - July 21, 2016 at 10:25 PM

KW

“ *Kamika Wheatley lit a candle in memory of Mr. Melvin D. Robinson*



Kamika Wheatley - July 21, 2016 at 07:52 PM

BW

“ *"Those we love don't go away . . . they walk beside us every day. Unseen, unheard, but always near . . . still loved, still missed and very dear. Death leaves a heartache no one can heal . . . but, LOVE leaves a memory no one can steal." Wishing you PEACE and COMFORT in the days ahead. Love, Bobby & Kamika Wheatley*

Bobby & Kamika Wheatley - July 21, 2016 at 07:51 PM

BB

“ *Bobby, Kamika, Sean, Chris & Brandon lit a candle in memory of Mr. Melvin D. Robinson*



Bobby, Kamika, Sean, Chris & Brandon - July 21, 2016 at 07:47 PM

CE

“ *Carmen,Ashlee&Kaylen Earl sent a virtual gift in memory of Mr. Melvin D. Robinson*



Carmen,Ashlee&Kaylen Earl - July 21, 2016 at 02:24 PM

C&

“ *Carmen,Ashlee &Kaylen lit a candle in memory of Mr. Melvin D. Robinson*



Carmen,Ashlee &Kaylen - July 21, 2016 at 02:16 PM

PB

“ *Truly sorry for this loss but he is in a better place and he will rest easy. RIP*

Phillip Blanks - July 21, 2016 at 01:03 PM

PB

“ *Phillip Blanks lit a candle in memory of Mr. Melvin D. Robinson*



Phillip Blanks - July 21, 2016 at 01:02 PM

CF

“ *Charlene Harkness& Family lit a candle in memory of Mr. Melvin D. Robinson*



charlene harkness& family - July 21, 2016 at 12:13 PM

SH

“ *Sandra Hines lit a candle in memory of Mr. Melvin D. Robinson*



Sandra Hines - July 21, 2016 at 10:48 AM

PG

“ *Pauline Gardner lit a candle in memory of Mr. Melvin D. Robinson*



Pauline Gardner - July 20, 2016 at 05:59 PM

BB

“ *Betty Blanks Barbee lit a candle in memory of Mr. Melvin D. Robinson*



Betty Blanks Barbee - July 20, 2016 at 02:52 PM

BB

Lost a good friend, but never forgotten.

Betty. Blanks - July 22, 2016 at 06:33 AM

MT

“ *Melvin & Hazel Tellis lit a candle in memory of Mr. Melvin D. Robinson*



Melvin & Hazel Tellis - July 20, 2016 at 02:39 PM

FF

“ *Frank And Betty Ford lit a candle in memory of Mr. Melvin D. Robinson*



Frank and Betty Ford - July 20, 2016 at 12:22 PM

FF

“ *Frank And Betty Forx lit a candle in memory of Mr. Melvin D. Robinson*



Frank and Betty Forx - July 20, 2016 at 12:20 PM



“ *Graceful Grandeur Casket Spray was purchased for the family of Mr. Melvin D. Robinson.*



July 20, 2016 at 11:45 AM

FB

“ *Frank And Helen Brooks lit a candle in memory of Mr. Melvin D. Robinson*



Frank and Helen Brooks - July 20, 2016 at 10:20 AM

SW

“ *Sonia Wilkerson lit a candle in memory of Mr. Melvin D. Robinson*



Sonia Wilkerson - July 20, 2016 at 10:03 AM

JB

“ *Jeanette Buchanan lit a candle in memory of Mr. Melvin D. Robinson*



Jeanette Buchanan - July 20, 2016 at 09:43 AM

AT

“ *Angela Tabron lit a candle in memory of Mr. Melvin D. Robinson*



Angela Tabron - July 20, 2016 at 09:42 AM

CG

“ *Curtis & Elaine Gardner lit a candle in memory of Mr. Melvin D. Robinson*



curtis & Elaine gardner - July 20, 2016 at 08:38 AM

RG

“ *Randy Peeples (co worker at Grand Rapids GM) purchased the Strength & Solace Spray for the family of Mr. Melvin D. Robinson.*



Randy Peeples (co worker at Grand Rapids GM) - July 20, 2016 at 02:24 AM

FF

“ *Frank & Betty Ford lit a candle in memory of Mr. Melvin D. Robinson*



Frank & Betty Ford - July 19, 2016 at 07:02 PM