



Mr. Milton Woods

September 28, 1937 - February 28, 2017

***PLEASE NOTE: IN LIEU OF FLOWERS, gifts may be made to the Milton Woods Memorial Scholarship Fund at Western Michigan University Foundation (1903 W. Michigan Avenue, Kalamazoo, MI 49008-5403).

Milton Woods was born on September 28, 1937, in Gallion, Alabama, to Johnny Turner, and Hepsy Woods. Many of his friends and family knew him as “Woody.” He spent the majority of his childhood years in Coatopa, Alabama where his family earned their living farming. Milton was raised in a large family where he was greatly loved and received his foundation for strong family values.

In the 50’s, Milton Woods migrated from his home in Alabama to Kalamazoo, Michigan, prayerfully seeking a greater opportunity. After settling in Kalamazoo, Milton married Clara and of this union, they share three lovely daughters; Carolyn, Michelle, and Sonja. Milton took great pride in his family, and often stressed the importance of family structure. He never missed an opportunity to minister or find a life lesson to teach. With the scripture as his number one reference, there was seldom an occasion that anyone could prove him wrong. Milton cherished moments with family and friends, and stood firm on his unwavering faith in God.

Milton furthered his education at Kalamazoo Valley Community College, where he successfully completed his degree in welding. In 1996, Milton retired from General Motors as an accomplished welder with 30 years of service. One of Milton’s life goals was to open his own business. As a result of his desire, he opened Welding Circle where he was the sole proprietor and operated for several years. His last major welding contract was with Walmart in Oshtemo, Michigan.

He was a faithful long time member of Mt. Zion Baptist Church where he served in many capacities throughout his Christian Life. Milton loved his church family and cherished the relationships he established over the years.

Milton believed in living a healthy lifestyle and loved to garden (in spite of it being occasionally overtaken by weeds). He was passionate about sharing the fruits of his labor with friends and family. Milton was an active senior athlete who enjoyed baseball and riding his bike. He went swimming, used the hot tub and sauna weekly at the Kalamazoo Athletic Club, located inside the Radisson Plaza Hotel, where he held a membership for over 20 years.

Milton thoroughly enjoyed listening to music, and singing in quartets. Milton's favorite pastimes included watching the news, eating vanilla ice cream, Spanish peanuts in the shell (oven roasted at home, not microwaved). In addition, he enjoyed his time with organizations such as the International Masons, Lodge J-W-Hood 043 and the Gideons International.

He is preceded in death by his daughter; June Burnette Woods, parents Johnny Turner, and Hepsy Woods. Sisters; Julia Woods, Estella Jones, Ethel Ryan, and Jessie Marshall. Brothers; Richard Woods, George Daniel, Duke Daniel, King Daniel, brother-in-law, Abraham Marshall.

He leaves to cherish daughters Carolyn Johnnan (Ralph) Stanley of Charlotte, N.C., Yulanda Michelle Lambert of Upper Marlboro, MD, Sonja Fay (Gregory) Dotson of Battle Creek, MI. Grandchildren; Darryl Anton (Courtney) Stanley of Odenton, MD; Crystal Danielle (Richard) Jackson, of Glen Burnie, MD; Jeremy Andrew (Donknea) Lambert, of Capital Heights, MD; Sabrina Fay Dotson and Sarita Nicole Dotson both of Kalamazoo, MI; Great grandchildren; Camden David Jackson, Kendall David Jackson, and Kennedi Danielle Jackson of Glen Burnie, MD; Thyler Rasean Brewer, Taylor McKenzie Lambert and Tori Madison Lambert of Capital Heights, MD. Siblings; Adelle Banks of Waukegan, IL, Mitchell (Artelia) Woods of Waukegan, IL, and Bert Woods of Kalamazoo, MI, sisters-in-law; Ethel Gray Woods and Lillie Belle Daniel, both of Kalamazoo.

Honored by memories: Clara Woods Spencer and Rosie Carter Woods.

Cemetery Details

Mt. Ever-Rest Cemetery (North)

1717 Drake Road
Kalamazoo, MI

Previous Events

Visitation

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

Harper Funeral Home - Chapel
521 Douglas Avenue
Kalamazoo, MI

Visitation

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

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

A Service in Loving Memory

MAR 7. 1:00 PM (ET)

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

Tribute Wall



“ *Mr. Milton Woods*

October 23, 2023 at 06:06 AM



“ *Mr. Milton Woods*

October 06, 2023 at 10:42 AM



“ *Evelyn Winfield-Thomas lit a candle in memory of Mr. Milton Woods*



Evelyn Winfield-Thomas - March 07, 2017 at 04:19 PM



“ *Karest Willis-Brown lit a candle in memory of Mr. Milton Woods*



Karest Willis-Brown - March 07, 2017 at 04:12 PM



“ *Sonji & Family,
Sonji as we briefly discussed earlier this week, the memories of your dad will forever live in your heart. Thank God and smile every time you remember your dad. Much love to you!*



Eden Barbee-Mabry - March 07, 2017 at 02:50 PM



“ *Edith Gardner lit a candle in memory of Mr. Milton Woods*



Edith Gardner - March 07, 2017 at 12:24 PM



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Harper Funeral Home - March 07, 2017 at 08:52 AM



“ Joan Harris lit a candle in memory of Mr. Milton Woods



Joan Harris - March 06, 2017 at 08:36 PM



“ 2 files added to the album LifeTributes



Harper Funeral Home - March 06, 2017 at 05:06 PM



“ 28 files added to the album LifeTributes



Harper Funeral Home - March 06, 2017 at 03:33 PM

MM

“ Words can never tell how much I will miss you! But I have many good memories to go on. Goodbye Milt!

Rosie



Maary Moberg - March 06, 2017 at 01:04 PM

SR

“ I am so sorry to hear of the loss of our friend Milton. I work at the Kalamazoo Athletic Club and always loved when he came to swim. Milton was such a kind man and all our members and staff loved to visit with him when he came in to swim or just sit in the hot tub. Milton always had a great story to share. The members and staff will miss him.

Susan Richardson - March 06, 2017 at 09:58 AM

LH

“ LeAndra Hill lit a candle in memory of Mr. Milton Woods



LeAndra Hill - March 06, 2017 at 03:28 AM

MC

“ Mistee And Cynthia lit a candle in memory of Mr. Milton Woods



Mistee and Cynthia - March 05, 2017 at 05:28 PM

CE

“ Charmane Echols lit a candle in memory of Mr. Milton Woods



Charmane Echols - March 05, 2017 at 05:03 PM

JE

“ *Jo Ann Embrey lit a candle in memory of Mr. Milton Woods*



Jo Ann Embrey - March 05, 2017 at 02:16 PM

HR

“ *Hubert And Modean Reeves lit a candle in memory of Mr. Milton Woods*



Hubert and Modean Reeves - March 04, 2017 at 06:37 PM

DF

“ *Dallas Boards And Family lit a candle in memory of Mr. Milton Woods*



Dallas Boards and family - March 04, 2017 at 10:19 AM

FF

“ *Frank & Betty Ford lit a candle in memory of Mr. Milton Woods*



Frank & Betty Ford - March 03, 2017 at 05:34 PM

PA

“ *PaulineGardner lit a candle in memory of Mr. Milton Woods*



PaulineGardner - March 03, 2017 at 12:02 PM

PA

God promise of eternal life, is a life lived in him never ends.

PaulineGardner - March 03, 2017 at 12:06 PM

CE

RL and I will certainly miss you! Rest in peace Milton Woods.

Charmane Echols - March 05, 2017 at 05:03 PM

HB

“ *Helen Brooks lit a candle in memory of Mr. Milton Woods*



Helen Brooks - March 03, 2017 at 06:24 AM