



Mr. Calvin Gant

December 18, 1933 - July 4, 2008

Mr. Calvin Gant passed away Friday morning, July 4, 2008 at Borgess Medical Center. Mr. Gant was born December 18, 1933 in East Chicago, Indiana. He was the son of Edward Louis Gant, Sr. and Virgie Mae Gant-Harris. Mr. Gant built a legacy on the importance of spiritual guidance, receiving Christ early in life and demonstrating his faith through his actions. He took and accepted personal responsibility for his family by maintaining a strong committed relationship with his wife and teaching his sons and daughters to become productive and successful men and women. He gave an open heart to those in need for monetary support, an ear to listen or sound advice to guide a decision. Walking the talk he demonstrated high work ethics by his willingness to work three to five jobs to provide for his family and extended family. He accomplished a successful 37 year career with Consumers Energy working in the Gas Service Department until he retired in 1997. He was affiliated with many organizations in the community such as Douglass Community Association, Esquire Club, The National Association of Educational Advancement, and Kalamazoo Public School Parent Teacher Association. He was a kind, gentle and jovial soul who was loved by many. The world will truly miss the presence of Mr. Calvin Gant. Farewell to a devoted son, husband, father, brother, uncle, grandfather, great-grandfather, great-great-grandfather, and friend! He was preceded in death by his father Edward Gant Sr., his mother Virgie Gant-Harris; his brothers Leroy Gant, Rudolph Gant, Edward Gant Jr., Doris Gant, Dennis Harris and Larry Harris;

his wife Patricia A. Gant; granddaughter Ashley Gant and grandson Terrell Jackson.

He leaves to cherish his loving memory his seven children, Brenda Moncrief, Catherine Gant (Don Idahosa), Kevin Gant, all of Kalamazoo, MI, Ronald Gant (Carol), Christopher Gant (Aisha) of Houston, TX, Michael Gant of Kansas City, KS, Stephen Gant of Houston, TX; his brother Gene Gant (Ivory) of Kalamazoo; his sisters, Carol Crawley of Dowagiac, MI and Shirley Harris-Ward of Kalamazoo, MI; brother-in-laws William Bradley (Anne), and Edward Bradley (Joan); sister-in-laws Florence Gant of Gary, IN, Carol Gant-Fowlkes of Kalamazoo, MI and Connie Wilson of Plymouth, MN; 15 grandchildren, 18 great-grandchildren and 4 great-great-grandchildren; 21 nieces and 22 nephews; a close and dearly beloved friend Bernard Hairston who was always there; and a host of relatives and good friends.

At Mr. Calvin Gant's request cremation has taken place. Memorial Services will take place on Saturday, July 19, 2008, 11:00 a.m. at Harper Funeral Home, 521 Douglas Avenue, Kalamazoo, MI, with Pastor Addis Moore officiating. A private graveside service will follow in Mt. Everest Cemetery (North), Kalamazoo, MI with Elder Osmond L. Pearson officiating. Family and friends are invited to attend a "GANT Family Style Barbecue" in honor of Mr. Calvin Gant, at 3225 Cranbrook, Kalamazoo, Michigan , following services. Please bring a dish to pass, ok to drop off on Friday or before memorial services Saturday at 3225 Cranbrook, Kalamazoo , MI. Memorials may be directed to P.O. Box 20026, Kalamazoo, Michigan 49019-1026 . The family of Calvin Gant would like to acknowledge and express our deepest gratitude to all for their heartfelt sympathy in our time of bereavement. In Jesus name may God bless all of you for your acts of kindness.

Previous Events

Service

JUL 19. 11:00 AM (ET)

Harper Funeral Home - Chapel
521 Douglas Avenue
Kalamazoo, MI

Tribute Wall



“ *Mr. Calvin Gant*

October 23, 2023 at 06:06 AM



“ *Mr. Calvin Gant*

October 06, 2023 at 10:42 AM



“ *Til this day my heart is broken I miss u my friend my confidante my everything life just hasnt been the same since you've been gone . People thought the wrong things about us but we were best of friends and still are my heart is broken cause I've never met anyone whom was so kind and so thoughtful and so giving and whom helped me in my darkest times and changed my life around and made me who I am now I'll never forget you and we'll meet again one day and I can't wait ! God knows how much of an impact you had on my life and I miss you greatly I'm just broken . R.I P my friend just know we were misunderstood but we were the best of friends in our darkest times !!!*

Gina Branion - March 04, 2021 at 02:53 PM



“ *Our thoughts are with you during your time of bereavement.##imported-begin##Harvey and Delores Myers##imported-end##*

July 19, 2008 at 10:07 AM



“Because”

9 or 10 years old.

In your mind, let us go back for a minute.

Carefree, just carefree, minus of any worries.

On a pretty nice day, I think the month was May.

I was riding my bike around our neighborhood.

My main reason was because.

Because to a young boy or girl is the reason for the most things which mean something to you.

My best friend, john, from around the corner was sad today.

When he was doing something this morning, john had no reason to say because about anything.

Then why was he sad?

Because.##imported-begin##Ralph Gant##imported-end##

July 19, 2008 at 10:00 AM



“Dear Dad,

Everybody knew "The Gant Family and I will cherish all the wonderful memories of our big family.

I want to "Thank You Dad" for all the valueable life lessons and your strong loving guidance.

I going to miss seeing the white El-Dog riding on the Northside and your outrageous laugh, plus many, many other things, but I know you are happy and out of pain.

May you rest in peace now Dad, with Mom and the rest of your heavenly family. Tell them all, I will see them again, one day. I will never forget you and Mom, love you both dearly.

Brenda##imported-begin##Brenda Gant Moncrief##imported-end##

July 18, 2008 at 08:46 AM

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This is how I felt like I was his child and great guidance he gave me and he understood me and helped me change my life in my darkest hour and oh God what an impact I miss him greatly and God put him in my life for greatness and that's what he instilled in me I'm forever grateful but truly broken to have lost a great friend a father figure and a powerful mentor

Gina Branion - March 04, 2021 at 02:58 PM



“ Grandpa Gant, i will miss you very very much. I can remember coming to visit you as a little girl with lil chris and you always made sure we were well taken care of. I wish that we were closer so that i could have seen you more often, as well as Kayden but i know you are watching over us every day and that makes this much easier to cope with..i love you and i will miss you!##imported-begin##Christal Gant##imported-end##

July 17, 2008 at 09:30 PM



“ My family and I had the great pleasure of meeting Mr. Calvin Gant on different occasions and we still like to refer to him as Chris and Stephen's dad because they always told us when he was going to be in Houston so we could visit with him for a while. We heard very funny stories about him and the type of person he was which is a genuine good soul and we will miss him dearly. I will always think of him every Thanksgiving because he taught me how to prepare a ham and now everyone always asks if I will be making ham for the holidays. I feel we have been very blessed to have met this endearing soul. Thank you Mr. Calvin Gant.##imported-begin##Shawn, Fina and family##imported-end##

July 17, 2008 at 12:06 AM



“ Heartfelt sympathy to the entire Gant Family, Brenda truly I feel your lost, my prayer for you is to continue love the Lord and he will make a way.

Sincere

Jackie Staley

St.Pete Fl###imported-begin##Jackie Staley##imported-end##

July 16, 2008 at 04:15 PM



“ A remarkable man and a great father! Both you and mom built a home full of laughter, love, respect, patience, forgiveness, openness, praise, acceptance, encouragement, affection, knowledge, and security. Thank you, thank you, thank you! See you on the other side, tell everyone hello and kiss mom for me. Love, Catherine###imported-begin##Catherine Gant##imported-end##

July 16, 2008 at 07:38 AM



“ The Sun might be shining, the winds may blow. As leaves fall from family trees. For as long as I live, I will never forget everything that you did for me.

I miss you already!###imported-begin##Christopher D.

Gant##imported-end##

July 15, 2008 at 10:15 PM



“ Bye, Grandpa Calvin

Your grandson Josh (4)

Houston Tx.##imported-begin##Joshua Calvin Gant##imported-end##

July 15, 2008 at 09:56 PM



“ I only met you once it was a pleasure meeting you. Hope we can all get together on the other side and have one big bar-b-que

Jeff & Sara Harper (Chris' neighbor)

Houston,tx##imported-begin##Jeff Harper##imported-end##

July 15, 2008 at 09:46 PM



“ Grandpa Calvin, I still remember going to the Texans football game with you when you came to Houston. I sat next to you at the the game. That was the first time I met you, and the last time I will see you. Until I get to heaven.

Love your grandson,

Jayln (8)

Houston, Tx##imported-begin##Jalyn Gant##imported-end##

July 15, 2008 at 09:41 PM



“ Dear Brenda:

I am sorry to learn of the loss of your father. My thoughts and prayers are with you and your entire family during this difficult time.

All the best.

Marilyn###imported-begin###Marilyn S. Kritzman###imported-end##

July 15, 2008 at 08:02 PM



“ *I am so sorry to hear of the passing of Calvin. He was one of the sweetest people I have ever had the pleasure of meeting. He will be missed so much. Please accept my condolences. I will keep all of you in my prayers.*

God Bless you

Melissa Gernaat (Coffman)###imported-begin###Melissa Gernaat (coffman)###imported-end##

July 15, 2008 at 04:15 PM



“My Hero is My Grandfather”

When I think about my grandfather I think of him with great respect and admiration. As a child, I adored my grandfather. If ever there was a great role model you would only need to look at Mr. Calvin Gant. He was my father figure in my life and my hero who passed away at the age of 74. My grandfather's life of seventy-four years was marked by hardship and hard work, yet he treated others with kindness and generosity. He is the most humble person I have ever met. He has lived an eventful life and loved his family with such devotion. He touched the lives of so many people and I plan to follow the same footprints (Calvin's Key of Life) that he did. I see him standing there. I know his mannerisms, his language, his gestures, his tones. I can hear his voice ringing in my head. I can hear his advice. The same advice he gave all of us. He is loving, loyal, faithful, generous and never wants for himself but wants the best for others. He has style and class. I loved to watch him dance. I will miss his favorite music playing in the basement. I remember as a child waking up late and running into my grandparent's room, climbing in between them. I felt so safe and protected . I am very fortunate and privileged to have him in my life. We have lost a remarkable man that we will truly miss. Heaven has gained a great saint.

I love you Grandpa!! Your Grand-daughter, Erricka##imported-begin##Erricka Gant##imported-end##

July 15, 2008 at 09:50 AM



“ Each of us comes for a short visit, not knowing why, yet sometimes seeming to a divine purpose. From the standpoint of daily life, however there is one thing we do know: That we are here for the sake of others.....for the countless unknown souls with whose fate we are connected by bond of sympathy. "As I have gotten older, I realize how much our outer and inner life is built upon the labors of people, both here and gone.

I love you grandfather, even though I did not get to see you much I will remember you always and forever.##imported-begin##Jennifer Gant##imported-end##

July 14, 2008 at 05:27 PM



“ To Steve Gant & family - so sorry to hear about the loss of your father.
Mr. Gant was a dear friend to his neighbor, my great uncle Booker Williams (deceased) and a very nice gentleman who always spoke highly of his children. Remain close and together as a family!##imported-begin##Angela Buchanan Tabron##imported-end##

July 14, 2008 at 05:00 PM



“ Our deepest thoughts and prayers are with you and your family at this difficult time.

Your friends at Macy's Houston Galleria##imported-begin##Abbe Maltz##imported-end##

July 14, 2008 at 04:52 PM



“ *To Michael and Jennifer Gant,
My prayers are with the Gant family. May the Lord continue to bless
you all during your times of bereavement.*

*April Buie
6126 Haskell Avenue
Kansas City Ks 66104###imported-begin##April Buie##imported-
end##*

July 14, 2008 at 11:56 AM



“ *Cathy, My thoughts and prayers are with you and your family.*

Dorothy###imported-begin##Dorothy Pervanger##imported-end##

July 13, 2008 at 11:18 AM

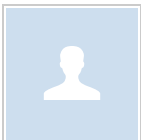


“ *Brenda and family I am so sorry for your loss. May the peace of our
Lord and Savior be with you always.....*

Agape Love,

Beverly Curry###imported-begin##Beverly J. Curry##imported-end##

July 12, 2008 at 09:16 AM



“ *sorry to hear about your dad
sending best wishes to you and your family
ricky###imported-begin##ricarso samuel##imported-end##*

July 11, 2008 at 08:25 PM



“ steven may god bless and be with you and your family in this time of need,i will pray for you and your family if you need an ear i am available with love always kim###imported-begin###kim bibbs###imported-end##

July 10, 2008 at 11:22 PM



“ To Stephen. We are here to support you in your time of sorrow. From your friends at Macys. Margaret, Evelyn, Eva, Tina, Rita and Bernard###imported-begin###Margaret Leger###imported-end##

July 10, 2008 at 06:24 PM



“ To The Gant Family,
We send our heartfelt sympathy. Know you are in our thoughts and prayers.

Love Mr. and Mrs. J.D. Winfield and Family###imported-begin###Nancy Little-Buchanan###imported-end##

July 10, 2008 at 04:06 PM



“ Dad - you were 98% inspiration and 1% fear, I will be missing you!

Love your son, Kevin###imported-begin###Kevin Gant###imported-end##

July 10, 2008 at 02:48 PM



“ Weeping may endure for a night but, joy comes in the morning.
Psalms 30:5##imported-begin##Andre Jones##imported-end##

July 10, 2008 at 01:34 PM

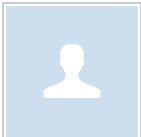


“ May God comfort and keep you all in his care-Our prayers are being sent up to heaven for your dear loved one, may you find strength in precious memories of your father.

*In His Love,
Marshall and Annie Pearson*

McCormick, South Carolina##imported-begin##Marshall and Annie Pearson##imported-end##

July 10, 2008 at 10:33 AM



“ My dearest friend Brenda, May the love of God be with you, May the hand of God be forever engulfed around you and may the spirit of God abide within you. He is Alpha and Omega & always in charge!
Blessings upon you & your family St Petersburg, Florida##imported-begin##Mary D Bogans##imported-end##

July 10, 2008 at 10:25 AM



“ *Gant Family,
Our heartfelt sympathy extends to each of you during this time of loss. May God comfort you, be your strength and refuge in this difficult hour.
Marcus & Cheryl Longaker
Spring, Tx.##imported-begin##Marcus & Cheryl Longaker##imported-end##*

July 10, 2008 at 07:56 AM



“ *Our prayers continue to be with the family. We will really miss Uncle Calvin. He truly blessed the many lives he touched.##imported-begin##Valerie and Robert Williams##imported-end##*

July 10, 2008 at 12:17 AM



“ *To Stephen and the Family,
I pray that God will give you comfort and strength during this difficult time. You have my deepest sympathy.##imported-begin##Gaylor Davis##imported-end##*

July 09, 2008 at 06:44 PM



“ *THINKING OF YOU DURING YOUR TIME OF SORROW, I LOVE YOU AND GOD'S BLESSINGS UPON THE FAMILY. YOU ARE ALWAYS IN MY THOUGHTS##imported-begin##MARY D BOGANS##imported-end##*

July 09, 2008 at 05:20 PM



“ We will all miss this great man that gave us all the courage to do a little better each time we spoke to him. My prayers go out to everyone that has known Uncle Calvin and to the family.##imported-begin##Timothy Crawley##imported-end##

July 09, 2008 at 10:59 AM



“ Seventeen years in this family does not seem long enough to know you, but one thing is without a doubt it has been a cherished and long lasting affection. and great honor to have known you.##imported-begin##Don Idahosa##imported-end##

July 08, 2008 at 11:24 PM



“ We will miss you Dad.

Love Ronald##imported-begin##Ronald Gant##imported-end##

July 08, 2008 at 08:19 PM



“ To Kevin, Brenda, Kathy, Chris, Ron, Steve and Mickey, we want to send our heartfelt sympathy. It was such a shock to get the call this past weekend while we were out of town. We'll see you all on the 19th.

Uncle Ed and Aunt Joan##imported-begin##Ed and Joan Bradley##imported-end##

July 08, 2008 at 07:20 PM



“ To Kevin and Family so very sorry for your lost may Jehovah keep each and everyone of you in his arms . love you all .##imported-begin##Beverly Woodson Green##imported-end##

July 07, 2008 at 05:26 PM