



## Mr. Davie J. Kye

April 9, 1939 - September 20, 2008

Mr. Davie J. Kye went on to be with the Lord, September 20, 2008 at Spectrum Health-Butterworth Hospital, in Grand Rapids, MI. He was born April 9, 1939, in Macon, MS, the son of Louis and Annie Bell Kye. He accepted Christ at an early age at Mt. Zion Baptist Church, in Macon, MS. He moved to Kalamazoo in the late 1950's and worked for Simmons Ford, for 45 years, as a mechanic, in Vicksburg, MI. Davie was an avid outdoorsman who loved to fish and hunt, especially for deer and rabbits! He also was known for his barbecues and pig roasts. He enjoyed being around family and friends. He had an outgoing personality and could make anyone smile or laugh. He will be truly missed by all who knew and loved him. He was preceded in death by his parents; 2 sisters; 2 brothers; and his brother-in-law, Otha Brewer.

He leaves to cherish his memory, 1 daughter, Linda (Ruben) Martinez, of Vicksburg, MI; a son, Jefferson Kye and his friend, Jeff; his son, Larry Robinson and his friend, Tom; and his son John (Kathy) Kye, all of Vicksburg, MI; 4 brothers, Otis Kye, Louis Kye, Charles Kye and Jimmie Kye, all of Kalamazoo, MI; 2 sisters, Mary Brewer, of Memphis, TN and Pauline (James) Pippin, of Kalamazoo, MI; 5 grandchildren; 3 great-grandchildren; and a host of nieces, nephews, cousins, and friends. In lieu of flowers contributions may be sent to the: ALZHEIMER'S ASSOCIATION, 2300 Portage Street, Ste. 341, Kalamazoo, Michigan 49001.



# Previous Events

## Visitation

SEP **25.** 4:00 PM - 7:00 PM (ET)

Harper Funeral Home Inc.  
521 Douglas Avenue  
Kalamazoo, MI

## Service

SEP **26.** 1:00 PM (ET)

Harper Funeral Home - Chapel  
521 Douglas Avenue  
Kalamazoo, MI

# Tribute Wall



“ *Mr. Davie J. Kye*

October 23, 2023 at 06:06 AM



“ *Mr. Davie J. Kye*

October 06, 2023 at 10:42 AM



“ *So sorry to read about your Dad. Davie and I worked together for many years at Simmons Ford. He always had a smile and was a pleasure to work with. Please know that my thoughts and prayers are with you at this sad time.*

*Cande##imported-begin##Cande & Dave Vermeulen##imported-end##*

September 30, 2008 at 01:59 PM



“ *To the family. I am truly sorry for your loss. My thoughts and prayers are with the family. I will always remember the laughter that surrounded Dave and the fun that was had. He will be missed.##imported-begin##Marilyn McKenzie##imported-end##*

September 29, 2008 at 08:48 AM



“ *Daddy, we will meet again. I love you##imported-begin##Jefferson D. Kye Jr.##imported-end##*

September 26, 2008 at 10:44 PM



“ I am sure Dave is up in Heaven getting into trouble with my dad and I can see my grandma Huntington chaising them around with a frying pan!!!! I remember as a little girl cutting thru the Simmons Ford parking lot to get to the candy store and always stopping to talk to Dave, one day he even had to get a tic off me! He was a special person, had a great laugh and sense of humor. He will always be remembered.##imported-begin##Misty Olson (Huntington)##imported-end##

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September 26, 2008 at 10:22 AM



“ My thoughts and prayers go out to the family and friends of Dave. Buddy you sure will be missed. I allways thought of you as my brother. We sure had alot of good time together. I talk about them often. If I was to write a book about the times we had I know it would be a best seller (lol) My Boys thought the world of you to also.Well Buddy got to go to many tears to see to write anymore. One day we will meet again my friend.Love ya brother##imported-begin##Bob Middaugh sr.##imported-end##

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September 25, 2008 at 07:11 PM



“ Old man Kye,  
I lost my dad at a young age and you became a second father to me when i met your daughter, not just a father-in-law.We enjoyed many good times, holidays, bbq's, and just stopping by to visit for awhile. I enjoyed watching you with your grandchildren and spending time with you.I will miss you dearly Dad . Love always Ruben##imported-begin##Ruben Martinez ( son-in- law )##imported-end##

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September 25, 2008 at 06:27 PM



“ *Daddy,  
You we're and always will be my hero in my eyes. Through the  
stitches and heartaches and banged up knees, You were there. You  
had so much love for all those who became a part of your life and  
you loved living. But i want to thank you for showing me that  
working hard for your money pays off in many ways as well as with  
friendships. You touched so many people and made alot of friend.  
Your brothers and sisters meant the world to you. And you were  
always there for them. I love you so much Daddy i will never forget  
you . Your only daughter, Linda joy oxoxo###imported-begin##Linda  
(kye) Martinez###imported-end##*

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September 25, 2008 at 06:13 PM



“ *Grandpa i know you are at rest now but i will always miss you and  
love you. My greatest memory is all the times we would go bottle  
hunting in the country and look for deer. Those were some of my  
greatest memories of my childhood. i love you and always will. love  
your gradson ruben Jr. and Nikki, Ruben 3, Mya.###imported-  
begin##Ruben K Martinez Jr (Grandson of Dave)###imported-end##*

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September 25, 2008 at 05:59 PM



“ *Pauline, I want to personally thank you for taking the  
responsibilities, of overseeing David, during his illness, you will be  
greatly blessed, I am truly going to miss my uncle*

*Geraldine Brewer Hall###imported-begin##Geraldine B.  
Hall###imported-end##*

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September 25, 2008 at 03:10 PM



“ To all of Dave's Family: We are very sorry for your loss.##imported-begin##Sarah Spicer##imported-end##

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September 25, 2008 at 09:04 AM



“ Dave,  
Thank you for all the years you spent with me. You will always be loved and never be forgotten.

Love,  
Bev##imported-begin##Beverly Stafford##imported-end##

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September 25, 2008 at 09:00 AM



“ Dave,  
I know you are in a better place and I know you are without pain. I am sorry of the misfortunes you have endured through the recent years. I know in my heart you have been loved and missed by my mother and my family. I know we have lost touch through the years but you have always been an important person in my life. Thank you for all you have done for me while I was growing up. You were there for me when my father couldn't be and that meant alot for me. You stuck up for me when I was picked on by my brothers and sisters and you convinced my mother to let me do just about anything I wanted to do. You helped me keep up my first car and got me summer jobs detailing cars at Simmons Ford. Thank you for blossoming me into the person and mother I am. I love you for that. You will be missed. I am sorry for the loss but happy for the things you have now come into. Heaven MUST be a beautiful place. Say hi to all those we miss and love.##imported-begin##Melissa Stafford Snyder##imported-end##

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September 25, 2008 at 08:54 AM



“ I will always have fond memories of Dave, he was the first man that I recognized as a father figure. He was always there when my own father couldn't or choose not to be there for me when I was growing up. I will miss you dearly.##imported-begin##Sue Ann Spicer (Stafford)##imported-end##

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September 25, 2008 at 08:31 AM



“ We were sorry to hear about Uncle David. We pray that fond memories of him will bring comfort to the family at this sad time.##imported-begin##Wendell & Gloria Jean Ivy##imported-end##

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September 25, 2008 at 08:29 AM



“ My dad and Dave were good friends when I was growing up. Some of my favorite memories are camping and hunting with him. Dave was always laughing and so much fun to be around. I would stop to see him at Simmons Ford and I would always feel better when I left. Dave will be missed.##imported-begin##Robert Middaugh, Jr.##imported-end##

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September 25, 2008 at 08:21 AM



“ Dave's Family, You will forever be in our hearts and deeply missed, your smile and your laugh could always bring out the happiness that surrounded you. It was an honor to know you and have in our lives. Keep smiling down on us till our journey is also completed. Carol Watson & family##imported-begin##Carol Watson##imported-end##

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September 24, 2008 at 10:51 PM



“ My thoughts and prayers go out to the Family and Friends of Dave, He shall be missed ,but will remain in the Hearts and minds of All that he had touched on his journey of Life. Peace Be With You My Friend Rocky###imported-begin###Rocky Middaugh Jr.###imported-end##

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September 24, 2008 at 08:19 PM



“ To All of the Family-  
Dave will be greatly missed. I knew him most of my life. Dave was a good person with a big heart, who always tried to do the right thing. I am very sorry for the loss of his life but am glad he doesn't have to suffer any longer. My prayers are with the family at this time.  
Sincerely,  
Georgia Stafford & Family###imported-begin###Georgia Stafford###imported-end##

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September 24, 2008 at 01:32 PM



“ Dave we will never for get all the good times we shared. Just going out just the four of us riding around in the car. I will always remember going fishing, hunting, camping and most of all your cook outs with your family and ours. We enjoyed watching our kids grow up together and I will always cherish our memories that we had. We will never forget you!

Art, Sissy and family###imported-begin###The Shultz Family###imported-end##

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September 24, 2008 at 01:27 PM



“ *May your hearts soon be filled with wonderful memories of joyful times together as you celebrate a life well-lived.##imported-begin##Joannie Kyles##imported-end##*

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September 23, 2008 at 09:12 AM