



## Mr. Joe Martin Lockett

April 7, 1927 - November 23, 2009

Mr. Joe Martin Lockett passed away at his home on November 23, 2009 after battling a long illness. He was born on April 7, 1927 in Dixons Mills, Alabama to the late Johnny and Josie (Sewell) Lockett. He was united in matrimony to his beloved wife, Mrs. Hiawatha Lockett in 1949. Mr. Lockett has been a resident of Kalamazoo for 57 years. He confessed Christ at an early age and joined Galilee Baptist Church shortly after moving to Kalamazoo. Mr. Lockett was employed by Precast and retired after 45 years of service. After retiring from Precast, he worked for Floyd Brashers Auto Reconditioning, until his illness progressed. Joe enjoyed fishing, gardening, and traveling to his beloved home Sweet Water, Alabama. He was a Mason and a master of all trades. Grandpa was the welcoming heartbeat of his family--he made his house a home and never met a stranger. He taught us life lessons, life skills, filled us with love, and stood witness to our growth. He was preceded in death by his parents: Johnny and Josie Lockett; his beloved wife, Mrs. Hiawatha Lockett; two daughters, Mrs. Josie Mary (Lockett) Finch, and Mrs. Lavada (Lockett) Owens; one sister, Johnnie Murial Jones; two brothers, Ozie and Otha Lockett; and a special pet, Toby Lee Lockett. He leaves to cherish his loving memory: two daughters, Ms. Phyllis Davis and Mrs. Gail (Robert) Lofton; one son, Mr. Roy (Jodie) Lockett; one son-in-law, Mr. Les Owens; eleven grandchildren: Nigel (Kim) Lockett, Jor-dan Finch, and Amin JaQ-ue Finch, who the two of them adored and raised; Cynthia (Alexander) Owens-White, Teresa Owens-Baker, Monty Owens, Alisha Owens-Gray, V. Jermaine

Davis, Lakesha Davis, Alison and Dorian Lockett; 14 great-grandchildren and two great-great-grandchildren; 3 loving sisters, Evie Lee Lockett Harris, Dorothy Mae Franklin, and Virginia Jones; one special sister-in-law, Mrs. Betty Jean Lockett. Also, special thanks to Connie Lee Wilhems (his "Sweetie"); Jamie Wilhems; Ms. Mary Williams; Rebecca Peak; Willie ("Dub") Moore; Mr. and Mrs. Jerry James; Clara Spencer; Larry Davis; Grant Davis and Floyd Brasher.

# Previous Events

## Visitation

NOV **29**. 4:00 PM - 6:00 PM (ET)

Harper Funeral Home Inc.  
521 Douglas Avenue  
Kalamazoo, MI

## Service

NOV **30**. 12:00 PM (ET)

The Galilee Baptist Church  
1216 N. Westnedge Avenue  
Kalamazoo, MI

# Tribute Wall



“ Harper Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Mr. Joe Martin Lockett



Harper Funeral Home - November 23, 2009 at 12:00 AM



“ Mr. Joe Martin Lockett

October 23, 2023 at 06:06 AM



“ Mr. Joe Martin Lockett

October 06, 2023 at 10:42 AM



“ I love you granpa, and I miss you everyday. And I never forget the life long skills you taught me!##imported-begin##Nigel Martinea Lockett##imported-end##

December 10, 2009 at 02:34 PM



“ IAVADA, THE MANYTIMES THAT YOUR FATHER AND I TALKED ... HE GAVE ME ALOT OF HOPE. GOD BE WITH YOU AND YOUR FAMILY... BOBBY DAY##imported-begin##BOBBY DAY##imported-end##

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December 10, 2009 at 01:22 AM



“ WITH HEARTFELT SYMPATHY##imported-begin##DORIS HEMPHILL##imported-end##

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December 05, 2009 at 12:41 AM



“ To Jor-Dan and the Lockett Family, may God grant you peace, patience and understanding during this time of grief.

*Jor-Dan,*

*Be strong and courageous. Do not be a afraid; do not be discouraged, for the LORD your God will be with you wherever you go.-Joshua 1:9*

*Love Shela & Simone##imported-begin##Shela Moore & Simone Finch##imported-end##*

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November 29, 2009 at 10:19 PM



“ Dear Phyllis and Sonny:

*Just wanted to extend my family's love and prayers to you and yours at this most difficult of times. Your dad (and mom) were always good to us when we were kids. The Locketts were a nice family to live across the street from, and for those memories, I am truly thankful. God bless.##imported-begin##Desiree' (Varvir) Ruhland##imported-end##*

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November 29, 2009 at 08:50 PM



“ To the family of Roy Lockett... give God The Glory to have had a Father( 82)yrs. you are in our prayers. The abbotts.##imported-begin##Doris Abbott##imported-end##

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November 29, 2009 at 03:16 PM



“ Love U Grandpa##imported-begin##Amin JaQue Finch ##imported-end##

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November 28, 2009 at 10:57 PM



“ May God renew your faith and comfort all of you in this time of sorrow.##imported-begin##Mr.&Mrs. Theodore Lockett##imported-end##

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November 28, 2009 at 08:19 PM



“ *May God Bless the family and be with you all , he was a great man. Sorry about your lost. From the Brashers Family to the Lockett Family, just stay strong and keep God 1st and let him continue to lead you on.##imported-begin##Linda Brashers##imported-end##*

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November 28, 2009 at 09:35 AM