



Mr. Lorenzo James ("Jack") Franklin, Sr.

October 6, 1954 - January 28, 2009

Mr. Lorenzo James ("Jack") Franklin, Sr. went home to be with the Lord, January 28, 2009. He was born the 6th day of October, the year of 1954, in Kalamazoo, MI, the son of the late Herbert Franklin, Jr. and Loistine Owens. He confessed faith in Christ Jesus at an early age, and joined Mount Zion Baptist Church, where he was a faithful member. He served in three choirs at Mt. Zion: the Majestic, Trinity, and Men of Mt. Zion. He also loved Quartets and sang for a short time with the Gospel Airs. He lived his life to the fullest. Singing was one of Lorenzo's greatest passions along with fishing, hunting and sports.

He leaves to cherish his memories: 2 children, Tillana Franklin and Lorenzo Franklin II; both of Kalamazoo, MI; 3 grandchildren, Tiyonna, Javach and Jayvon; his mother, Loistine; stepfather, Johnny Owens; 5 sisters, Sandra Hughes, Teresa Knox, Mary Dunigan and Angie Ford, all of Kalamazoo, MI; and Rosalie Silvers, of Mississippi; 4 brothers, Lester Hughes and Nate Buchanan, both of Kalamazoo; Johnny Davis, of Battle Creek, MI and Jontakki Hughes, of Mississippi; 4 aunts, Billie Dunigan, Minnie Thurman, Barbara Valler, Lula Ivy, and Jessie Owens, all of Kalamazoo; 3 uncles, Irish Hughes and Les Owens, both of Kalamazoo; and Joe Franklin, of Indiana. Also, several nieces, nephews, and a host of other relatives and friends.

Previous Events

Visitation

FEB 4. 3:00 PM - 6:00 PM (ET)

Harper Funeral Home Inc.
521 Douglas Avenue
Kalamazoo, MI

Service

FEB 5. 1:00 PM (ET)

Mt Zion Baptist Church
120 Roberson Street
Kalamazoo, MI

Tribute Wall



“ *Mr. Lorenzo James ("Jack") Franklin, Sr.*

October 23, 2023 at 06:06 AM



“ *Mr. Lorenzo James ("Jack") Franklin, Sr.*

October 06, 2023 at 10:42 AM



“ *I will always remember Jack with very fond memories and love. Jack was a very kind man he introduced me to activities I probably would never had had the chance to participate in if it had not been for him. To his family always remember "Earth has no sorrow that heaven cannot heal."##imported-begin##Georcie Carolyn Jones##imported-end##*

February 18, 2009 at 01:58 PM



“ *TO GOD BE THE GLORY
THE ABBOTT FAMILY##imported-begin##Doris Abbott##imported-end##*

February 17, 2009 at 04:31 PM



“ *May God give you comfort in your time of need. Jack will be missed.##imported-begin##Sandra Hines, Covington, GA##imported-end##*

February 17, 2009 at 02:55 PM



“ Love, From:
Your Los Angeles Family:
Patsy, Cookie, Coco, Reno, Lorraine, Darcy, Leslie, Suzie, Norma,
Sal, Deni, Renzo and Samara (the sack of potatoes)##imported-
begin##Patsy Simon##imported-end##

February 12, 2009 at 08:30 PM



“ To my dear uncle I love you and you will be truly missed. I love you
Uncle Jack Love Hilda.##imported-begin##Monique
Bass##imported-end##

February 06, 2009 at 01:44 PM



“ May the LORD be with you and your family, during this
time.##imported-begin##Charles E. Abbott SR. & Family - Racine,
WI 53403##imported-end##

February 04, 2009 at 09:30 PM



“ I HAVE BEEN A FRIEND OF JACKS FOR OVER 40 YEARS.
WHAT A TRUE HALL OF FAME HUMAN BEING. A MAN OF
PRINCIPLE AND GOOD SOUND VALUES AND EXPECTED
NOTHING LESS FROM THOSE AROUND HIM .##imported-
begin##MIKE TAYLOR##imported-end##

February 04, 2009 at 07:52 PM



“ To Lois and Family members, We are sorry to hear of the loss of Jack. Please know that we share your sorrow. May God comfort you with His love at this time and always He is walking beside you all.
With love and prayers,
Marshall and Annie (Ligon) Pearson

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

February 04, 2009 at 12:37 PM



“ To my friend Sandy and family:
My heartfelt condolences go to all of you, I never met Jack but his smile stole my heart in his picture. May God Bless all of you and I am so sorry for your loss and I hope memories comfort you. You are all in my thoughts and prayers.##imported-begin##Terri Sims##imported-end##

February 03, 2009 at 04:11 PM



“ To the family, may God Bless and keep you. I am only a phone call away.##imported-begin##Jennette Tarver##imported-end##

February 03, 2009 at 02:52 PM



“ I worked many years with Jack at the paper mill. He was a very good friend
and a great fellow worked. All my heart felt feeling go to his family.
I'm going to miss you my brother.
Bon##imported-begin##Bob Stichel##imported-end##

February 03, 2009 at 02:29 PM



“ MAY GOD BE WITH THE FRANKLIN/HUGHES FAMILIEY IN THIS TIME OF NEED, JACK WILL BE MISSED##imported-begin##TONEY AND DIANA PATTERSON##imported-end##

February 03, 2009 at 09:51 AM



“ I hope in this difficult time comfort is giving in knowing that Mr Franklin has made an impact on alot of lives, he was loved and respected by all that encountered him, not only was he a great father he became a role model, with his strong beliefs and love for all no matter the situation, he will be missed the short time that I have had with him will bring a lifetime of memories conversations we had will replay in my mind he will be missed,love cheia.##imported-begin##Cheia Collins##imported-end##

February 02, 2009 at 01:17 PM