



## Mr. Rudy McPherson, Sr.

March 28, 1951 - October 20, 2008

Mr. Rudy McPherson Sr. departed this life, Monday, October 20, 2008 at his home, after a brief illness. He was born March 28, 1951 in Kalamazoo, MI, the son of John Henry and Joyce (Jackson) McPherson. Rudy graduated from Kalamazoo Central High School in 1969. After graduating, Rudy went on to attend Grand Valley State University and KVCC in Kalamazoo, MI, where he graduated with an Associate's Degree. Rudy began his career as a Teacher working with at-risk youth. He accepted Christ at an early age, and was a member of Faith Temple Church of God. In 1989, he began working at Precision Heat and Treat Company, where he was a faithful and dedicated employee for 18 years. Rudy was a hard working, dedicated man, who would do anything to provide for his family, including starting his own business as a Tax Accountant. Rudy enjoyed playing and watching sports, watching western movies and criminal investigation documentaries. Rudy was always known to be a strong, cool, laid-back, sharp dressing man. He united in marriage on July 11, 1987 to Patricia Ann Shaw. To this union, they brought a child each, Timothy Lamont McPherson and Shamesha Renae Shaw, and they became a blended family. Rudy Jr. and Octavia Geneva were born to this union. He has 2 other children, Lauren and Shamire ("Speedy"). Rudy was preceded in death by his parents; father-in-law, Charlie P. Shaw Sr.; 2 brother-in-laws, James Word and Jesse Carver; 1 nephew, Derrick McPherson and several aunts and uncles. He is survived by his loving and devoted wife of 21 years, Patricia; children, Lamont; Shamesha (Jeffrey) Brown; Rudy Jr. and Octavia

Geneva; 1 grandson, Daquan Coleman; 1 loving mother-in-law, Juanita Taylor; 7 brothers and sisters, John McPherson, Helen Word, Barbara (James) Phillips, Diane (McPherson) Carver, Terry (J.L) Buchanan, Randall (Mandarin) McPherson and Jonni Drake; aunts and uncles, Fay and Lula Jackson; James and Ivory Mayweather; Aretha Stuart; Earsie Jones; Bernice Decker; Dasie Carter; Ben Witherspoon; Elder Oren and Girtha McMillian; Frankie and Mary Taylor; Robert and Dorothy Davis; Troy and Beatrice Robinson; and Burnish and Nita Shaw; 1 brother-in-law, Charles P. Shaw, Jr.; goddaughter, and son, Tammy Lockett and Kyle Davis; an a host of nieces, nephews, cousins and friends. Also, special friend Renaford Owens, John Satterfield and many, many more.

# Previous Events

## Visitation

OCT **24.** 4:30 PM - 6:00 PM (ET)

Harper Funeral Home Inc.  
521 Douglas Avenue  
Kalamazoo, MI

## Service

OCT **25.** 1:00 PM (ET)

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

# Tribute Wall



“ *Mr. Rudy McPherson, Sr.*

October 23, 2023 at 06:06 AM



“ *Mr. Rudy McPherson, Sr.*

October 06, 2023 at 10:42 AM



“ *Thinking about you baby and remembering the good times and sharing them with our precious grandbabies a sweet baby granddaughter newborn and a handsome grandson they both look like you. I wish you were here to share this awesome joy your devoted wife Pat*

**PAT MCPHERSON** - February 10, 2015 at 01:08 AM



“ *Uncle Rudy it has taken me a while to sign this guest book but I feel like better late than never. I miss you very much and now that its getting nice outside I look at the house and feel like you should be in the yard but God took you home and I have accepted that. So goodnight and we love you.  
Love your neices Lynn and R'Rion Carver  
(a.k.a Lynn your cry baby Flower Girl)###imported-begin##Lynn Carver###imported-end##*

March 19, 2009 at 02:25 PM



“ I am so sorry for your loss. Mr. McPherson was such a sweet man.##imported-begin##Ashley Steele##imported-end##

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October 28, 2008 at 04:20 PM



“ I love you Aunt Pat and Family. May god be with you, always.##imported-begin##Jamie Cummins##imported-end##

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October 27, 2008 at 10:34 AM



“ Dear McPherson Family, my name is Hattie McGathey I am John Satterfield's sister. I am sending much sympathy to the whole family. Esp. to Dianna. I am sure you all are hurting at this time at the lost of your love one. Look to the hill that is where your strength will come from. The Lord is carrng all of you at this time. You all are in my prayers. Hattie McGathey##imported-begin##Hattie L. McGathey##imported-end##

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October 24, 2008 at 07:08 PM



“ It was with sadness that I read of Rudy's passing, I was a schoolmate, and neighbor of Rudy's when I lived on N.Church St. back in the 60's. I went to school with Rudy at Northglade and probably at the old N.Westnedge school before that. He was very popular with everyone,and just fun to be around. He also was one of the best athletes on the North side,and thier was alot of great athletes in our neighborhood at that time..My condolences go out to the family##imported-begin##richard(ricky) brooks##imported-end##

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October 24, 2008 at 03:01 PM



“ Dear Pat,  
I was there when you first met your beloved Rudy. You two made a wonderful life together and I know you will always cherish those memories of that life together. May God put his loving arms around you and the McPherson Family and give you peace in your time of great need. My condolences to all the Family

Love you all, Brenda Moncrief##imported-begin##Brenda Moncrief##imported-end##

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October 24, 2008 at 02:06 PM



“ Diane, Please know you and your family are in our thoughts and prayers at this difficult time.##imported-begin##Bruce and Paula Thompson##imported-end##

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October 24, 2008 at 10:25 AM



“ God keep you and comfort you during this time. You are in our thoughts and prayers##imported-begin##Larry and Rachel Jackson##imported-end##

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October 24, 2008 at 10:17 AM



“ Big Rudy were sad to see you go were going to miss you.I' m going to miss you doing my tax's and you {telling aunt Pat to sit down and stop talking.}We are going to miss you Big Rudy.##imported-begin##Loukisia,Johnny,LaTauria##imported-end##

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October 24, 2008 at 10:01 AM



“ We have so many fond memories of you it was a blessing calling you our Brother. The entire family loves you and you will be deeply missed.

Your sisters, Barb, Terry & Jonni##imported-begin##Barb Phillips,  
Terry Buchanan and Jonni Cummins Drake##imported-end##

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October 23, 2008 at 11:08 PM



“ MY HEART GOES OUT TO THE FAMILY. TAKE COMFORT IN KNOWING THAT GOD KNOW'S BEST.##imported-begin##GEORGIA WILLIAMS##imported-end##

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October 23, 2008 at 10:01 PM



“ Shamesha, JB and McPherson Family  
God has a time for everything, a perfect schedule. He is never too soon, never too late. For those who have hidden fellowship with God, life is a continuous feast.  
My prayer for you is that the memories and love you remember will give you peace and comfort.

Jenice##imported-begin##Jenice Dunson##imported-end##

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October 23, 2008 at 04:43 PM



“ *Uncle Rudy my heart breaks every time I think about you not being here with us, but I know that your spirit will be here with us forever. I know that you are not suffering anymore. Jaidyn and I will always love and miss you. We will never forget you and until we meet again, Love you always UNC. forever.##imported-begin##Diayhnne (DeeDee) and Jaidyn Carver##imported-end##*

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October 23, 2008 at 04:21 PM



“ *You have are in our prayers and you have our deepest sympathy.*

*Al And Stacey Thornton  
Gilbert, Az##imported-begin##Al and Stacey Thornton##imported-end##*

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October 23, 2008 at 02:26 PM



“ *I write this with much pain and sorrow for the Mcpherson family. I knew Rudy in our younger years. I will continue to pray for the Mcpherson family and know that Our Heavenly Father will look out for them.  
Peace be with you and I'm sure Heaven has received a great spirit.##imported-begin##Ross Lee##imported-end##*

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October 23, 2008 at 10:43 AM



“ Dear JB and family-

*My heartfelt sympathy during this difficult time. You are in my thoughts and prayers. May you find comfort with one another and in your memories.*

*- Jacki###imported-begin###Jacki Walters###imported-end##*

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October 23, 2008 at 09:26 AM



“ My friend Pat & family, I am sorry to hear about your loss. My prayers are with you and remember God is always in control, may you find the peace and comfort that's needed in him. God's Blessings on the entire family###imported-begin###Mary Boulter Bogans, St Petersburg Fl###imported-end##

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October 23, 2008 at 09:21 AM



“ Please accept my deepest condolences for the loss of your loved one. May GOD look down upon your family and hold you in your time of need and sorrow.###imported-begin###Andrea Chavarria###imported-end##

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October 23, 2008 at 08:54 AM



“ It broke my heart to see you leave us, but it hurt so much more to see you suffer. You will always be one of my babies, because I was the oldest daughter and the role of mother fell on me when Mudda and daddy was away. I remember when I use to whoop you, but you got too big and let me know that it wasn't going on any more. Our tight knit circle has been broken and my heart aches. I know that in time God will heal all pain. I love you and miss you.

Your big sis

Helen##imported-begin##Helen McPherson Word##imported-end##

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October 23, 2008 at 02:36 AM



“ I miss you so much Rudy, your beautiful smile (and your silly frowns). I will not say good-bye, just good-night.

Sweet peace, big brother

Your sis,##imported-begin##Diane McPherson-Carver##imported-end##

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October 23, 2008 at 12:11 AM



“ My deepest condolences for your loss...##imported-begin##B. Eliuk##imported-end##

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October 22, 2008 at 09:49 PM



“ Please accept our sympathy with the loss of your loved one. May GOD bless you and keep you in your time of grief.##imported-begin##Wachauna & Glen Johnson##imported-end##

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October 22, 2008 at 10:04 AM