



Mr. Thaddis Echols

June 9, 1920 - July 31, 2008

Mr. Thaddis Echols went home to be with the Lord Friday, July 31, 2008 at Heartland Healthcare Center, in Kalamazoo, MI. Thaddis was born June 9, 1920 the son of William and Zorena (Cousin) Echols, in Chickasaw County, MS. Thaddis confessed Christ at an early age. He moved to Kalamazoo, and later united in holy matrimony to Thelma Hearn, his loving wife of 55 years. He moved to Kalamazoo, and worked for Plainwell Paper Mill and Allied Paper Mill, retiring after 31 years. One of the things that Thad dearly enjoyed was spending many hours fishing and hunting with his sons and grandsons. He was preceded in death by his parents; two sons, Michael Mann and Ronald Echols; three brothers, R.L., Homer, and John Echols; and one sister, Magnolia Pratt.

He leaves to cherish his memories, his loving wife, Thelma Echols; three sons, George E. (Betty) Fitzpatrick; Robert (Deana) Mann; and Kenneth (Linda) Mann; 4 daughters, Billie Mae Dunigan, Sharon Ann (Bennie) Russell, Ronisha Wright and Lameca Pratt, all of Kalamazoo; and 1 sister, Mattie Anderson, of Kalamazoo; 1 daughter-in-law, Brenda; 2 special grandsons, Larry Gray and Marlon Mann; special cousins, Emmett (Shirley) Echols, 30 grandchildren, 16 great-grandchildren, and a host of nieces, nephews, cousins, and friends. Also, a special friend, Larry Vestas.

Previous Events

Visitation

AUG 6. 3:00 PM - 6:00 PM (ET)

Harper Funeral Home - Chapel
521 Douglas Avenue
Kalamazoo, MI

Service

AUG 7. 1:00 PM (ET)

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

Tribute Wall



“ *Mr. Thaddis Echols*

October 23, 2023 at 06:06 AM



“ *Mr. Thaddis Echols*

October 06, 2023 at 10:42 AM



“ *Years ago my father Tom Kannegieter got me a job on the hand crew at the King Mill for Allied Paper Company and introduced me to Thad. My dad thought very highly of him. I worked there with Thad for a couple summers. He was a great man. Caring and capable. He taught me several ways of working smarter, not harder. My sympathy goes out to you in your loss.##imported-begin##Terry Kannegieter##imported-end##*

August 11, 2008 at 01:45 PM



“ *Thelma and Family,*

You have our condolences at this difficult time. You are in our thoughts and prayers.

Jim & Karla Steffler

Graphic Pkg Friends##imported-begin##Karla & Jim Steffler##imported-end##

August 07, 2008 at 03:06 PM



“ I am really going to miss you Thad. You were like a father to me because I have known you all of my life. I know your at peace and I have another angel watching over me.##imported-begin##Shirley Ann Lee##imported-end##

August 07, 2008 at 11:31 AM



“ KENNY -
SORRY TO HEAR OF YOUR LOSS. YOU ARE A GOOD FRIEND
AND I WISH YOU THE BEST . I HOPE TO HEAR FROM YOU
.##imported-begin##COACH MIKE TAYLOR ##imported-end##

August 07, 2008 at 12:28 AM



“ A caring person who will be missed by all.##imported-begin##James Walker##imported-end##

August 06, 2008 at 09:17 PM



“ Mr. Echols was one of the neighborhood "fathers" to all of us while growing up. He always had time to listen and offer advice. Mr. Echols will be greatly missed and always fondly remembered. Sympathies to the family.##imported-begin##Sam Haywood##imported-end##

August 06, 2008 at 01:44 PM



“ *May God hold you in his loving arms now and always. Our prayers are with you and we too will miss Mr. Thad.*

Sincerely with love,

*Ramona and George##imported-begin##Ramona Lumpkin and
George McMillon##imported-end##*

August 04, 2008 at 12:35 AM