



Mr. William E. Fields

March 6, 1943 - September 2, 2008

Mr. William "Manson" Fields was called home to be with his mom on her birthday, Tuesday, September 2, 2008. He was born March 6, 1943, in Aberdeen, Mississippi, the son of Caleb and Patsy (Smith) Fields, Sr. when you hear the name William Earl Sidney Hopkins Fields, you wouldn't know who we were talking about. But, when you say "Manson", everybody knew who you meant. If you didn't know "Manson", then something was wrong with you! He accepted Christ at an early age and attended Pilgrim Rest Baptist Church. Manson was a real sports enthusiast. Whether it was basketball, football, baseball, you name the sport, he loved it. He especially loved Detroit teams. He also loved golfing. In fact, he loved it so much that even the kids couldn't get in the way. All he had to do was give them a dime to play on the big slide, while he putt his way on the greens, rain or shine. Manson always had you laughin' and smilin' with a tease or joke. He would please any cook or chef, because he would never, ever turn down any food! Manson moved to Kalamazoo, MI at the age of 7, attending Roosevelt School and graduated at Vine Street High School, in Aberdeen, Mississippi. He returned to Kalamazoo, where he was united in marriage to Rosie "Doll" Gatson in 1961, and was blessed with 4 beautiful girls. Later in life, he was blessed with 3 sons. Manson worked for James Rivers Company, retiring after 25 years. He was preceded in death by his son, Willie Darmarco Daquell Page; his parents, Caleb and Patsy Fields, Sr.; brother, Caleb Fields, Jr.; 2 brother-in-laws, Art Poplar and James Burnett; 1 aunt, Emma Brooks.

William "Manson" Fields leaves to cherish his life and celebrate his homegoing; 6 children, Robin (Rafiq) Siddiqui, Wanda (Otis) Sanders, Barbette (Brian) Beridon, Carla Fields, Randall Abbott, and Keyshon Fields; 1 brother, James (Ruby) Fields; 3 sisters, Ruby Burnett, Quella (Bishop Tommie) Lockett, and Pearline Poplar; 2 aunts, Matilda Pulphus and Gladys Gill; 1 uncle, Houston Dunigan; 13 grandchildren, William "Mikey", Andre', Kaliah, Darkisha, Otis Jr. ("Oddie"); Sheila, Matthew, Rebekah, Eric, Ayden, Aysha, Shylee, and Chyanne; 4 great-grandchildren; and a host of nieces, nephews, cousins, friends. Also, a very special friend, Jeanine Bell.

Previous Events

Visitation

SEP 7. 3:30 PM - 5:30 PM (ET)

Harper Funeral Home Inc.
521 Douglas Avenue
Kalamazoo, MI

Service

SEP 8. 11:00 AM (ET)

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

Tribute Wall



“ *Mr. William E. Fields*

October 23, 2023 at 06:06 AM



“ *Mr. William E. Fields*

October 06, 2023 at 10:42 AM



“ *Dad,
you will be truly missed. I am thankful I got to spend the last days
with you. You are in very good hands with our Lord Jesus. See you
soon.##imported-begin##Barbette Beridon##imported-end##*

September 15, 2008 at 01:59 PM



“ *Dear family of Mr. Fields*

*I am so sorry for your loss. I recognized Mr. Fields' picture in the
paper. I worked at "Dick and Sil's" (now "Scooter Dees") during the
1980's as a waitress. He always had a smile on his face, a kind
word to share, and a gentle spirit. I rejoice, however, in knowing that
Jesus was his Lord and Savior. Blessings to you all. In Christ's love,
the girl with the blond ponytail##imported-begin##Nanette
Kokmeyer##imported-end##*

September 08, 2008 at 04:26 PM



“ Carla,

You know how I feel about you. I want to express my heart felt sympathy for you and your entire family. You are in my prayers.

God Bless you and your family,

Charisse##imported-begin##Charisse Benton##imported-end##

September 08, 2008 at 03:04 AM



“ *We will miss you Manson##imported-begin##Ruby Burnett & Family##imported-end##*

September 07, 2008 at 08:29 PM



“ *Hey Baby Brother, I love you and will truly miss you. God has called you home so I must not ask why but know that you are now in his loving arms. I will keep cheering for OUR Detroit Pistons and will miss coaching them with you. You rest in peace Baby Brother and I will see you in the future. P.S. tell mom and dad hello.*

Love Baby Sis

Pearline Poplar##imported-begin##Pearline Poplar##imported-end##

September 06, 2008 at 06:31 PM



“ *Uncle Manson, I love and miss you already. May you rest in peace with your parents, grandma Patsy and Grandpa Caleb. I know that you are in a better place. I will always think of you especially during the basketball season and remember "the Heat is on" and will whip those Piston's any day (haha). Love Ya!*

Your niece Veronica Poplar##imported-begin##Veronica Poplar##imported-end##

September 06, 2008 at 06:10 PM



“ *Manson,
May your soul rest in perfect PEACE. The memories of our childhood are so vivid - just like yesterday. Our families will forever be one in spirit.*

Eternal rest is now yours. I trust you have heard Him whisper WELL DONE.

*Your Sister In Christ,
Elizabeth Ann##imported-begin##Elizabeth Ann (Wallace)
Soremekun##imported-end##*

September 06, 2008 at 04:29 PM



“ *Uncle Main Son (that's how we pronounced it!) was my mother, Quella's baby brother. I remember her stories of how he got all those names (William Earl Sid Hopkins Fields) and that he was born prematurely, and so tiny that he could fit into a shoebox! Well, he survived and thrived through the grace of God and the tender loving care of family & friends!*

Our family circle has been broken: A wonderful man, who will be greatly missed, has gone on but will never be forgotten.##imported-begin##Howard & Robyn Robinson##imported-end##

September 05, 2008 at 10:17 AM



“ *Grandad, I love you so much and you will be truly missed by me and the rest of your family members. I was just sitting here laughing about all the good and fun times we had together. Rest in peace and remember that I'll always love you and be thinking of you every day!!!!*

*Love,
Eric Fields##imported-begin##Eric Fields##imported-end##*

September 04, 2008 at 09:54 PM