



## Mr. Phillip James Barnes III

February 14, 1958 - April 8, 2011

Phillip James Barnes III was born on Friday, February 14, 1958 in Chicago, IL, to the union of Phillip Barnes II and Lucy Ann (Gerlach) Barnes. His mother affectionately called him "Rebel". He was partly raised by his grandparents, Fred Simpson and Ella Barnes Simpson. In 1972, Phillip, his mother, and his younger brother, Mark moved to South Haven, MI, where he lived with his Aunt Dorothy, Uncle Henry and other family members, and attended Covert Schools. Phillip loved to read, was an "A" student, and always kept you laughing. He loved children and would give help to anyone to anyone in need. He was loved by many. In 1984 Phillip was joined in holy matrimony to Shirley Hartley. To that union were born two children, Jeanette Barnes Harris, RN and Phillip James Barnes IV. Phillip also became stepfather to Diane and Melissa Hartley. After his marriage ended, Phillip moved back to Chicago to work with his uncle Albert. He later returned to Michigan where he met and married Cynthia Thomas. One daughter, Desiree, was born to this union. Phillip became stepfather to Eric Thomas. Several years ago, Phillip gave his heart to the Lord. It was his faith in God that sustained him through his illness. Phillip passed away suddenly on Friday, April 8, 2011. He was preceded in death by his mother, father, grandparents, and stepson. Those who celebrate his memory are his children: Jeanette, Phillip, Melissa, Diane and Desiree; two grandsons, Marlon Jr. and Eric Jr.; two granddaughters, Erica and Tia; one brother, Mark of Illinois; three aunts, Dorothy Hinkle of Las Vegas, NV; Cheryl Jordan (Albert) and Linda Purkett (Eugene) all of Illinois; his wife

Cynthia and a host of nieces, nephews, cousins, and friends. The family deeply appreciates all of your prayers, your expressions of love, your acts of kindness, thoughts and encouragement. May God continue to Bless you and your family at this time.

# Tribute Wall



“ Harper Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Mr. Phillip James Barnes III



Harper Funeral Home - April 08, 2011 at 12:00 AM



“ Mr. Phillip James Barnes III

October 23, 2023 at 06:06 AM



“ Mr. Phillip James Barnes III

October 06, 2023 at 10:42 AM



“ I knew Phillip and his wife Cynthia and daughter Desire'. He was lively, funny, and great with kids. He will be missed. My thoughts and prayers go out to his family.



Sandra Meier - April 14, 2011 at 09:30 PM



“ *Phil was always wonderful, generous and expressed genuine kindness toward my son and I. As neighbors, he was always watching out for all of our children, and approached the kids with love. Anytime I was away traveling he would know it even if I hadn't told him I'd be gone, and he watched my house like a hawk! He and Cynthia would cook out on the barbeque (well, he did) and they sent a plate over for me and Dominik every time! He and I would talk about plants and flowers and how much he loved roses. He would come over and help me in my yard, even though he was often unsteady from his illnesses. He loved people, and being able to help. Loved laughter, loved getting dressed up and looking good even though it was a great effort for him, being not well. I'd tell him "Phil you look so handsome" and he'd say "girl, you know I am!" He was a genuine friend me, Pops, and Dominik and I'll never forget the loving heart that he shared so generously with my family. I will miss my friend Phil. God Bless you my dear Angel. You exemplified what a mortal heart should be.....xoxoxoxo Lisa*

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**lisa mills** - April 14, 2011 at 09:17 PM