



Richard Earl McGrew Sr.

April 5, 1954 - October 31, 2014

Mr. Richard Earl McGrew, Sr., also known as "Rickey" to friends and family passed away Friday, October 31, 2014 in Kalamazoo, MI. He was born April 5, 1955, the son of Henry and Dollie McGrew in Kalamazoo, MI. Richard was baptized at a very early age. He was a member of Galilee Baptist Church, under the leadership of the late Rev. Mabry Gardner. Richard lived most of his life in Kalamazoo with the exception of a few years when he moved to Chicago and Washington. He attended Lincoln Elementary School, Northeastern Junior High School and Kalamazoo Central High School.

He was semi-reired, having worked for Miller Davis Construction Company, The City of Kalamazoo, Kalamazoo Public Schools and The Brown Paper Company of Kalamazoo. He also worked as a auto detailer and a salvage operator. Rickey was a people person who knew no strangers, and he loved his family. He enjoyed working on and detailing cars, hunting, cooking, visiting friends, family gatherings, growing vegetables in his garden, fishing and watching old western movies on TV.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Henry and Dollie Mae McGrew; a brother Lynell McGrew; his paternal and maternal grandparents; and brother-in-laws, George Holland and Steve Scott.

He leaves to cherish his memory, his loving and devoted wife, Delisa; son,

Richard Earl Jr., Dorian Welch, and Jeremy Wilson; a special son, Cornell Gordon Jr.; his daughters, Jataun Weedon, Derisa Thurman and Australia Hansom; a special daughter, Analisa Olvera; sisters, Patricia (Todd) McGrew, Henrietta Holland of Kalamazoo; Lucille McGrew, Diane Scott and Linda (James) Marshall all of Illinois; Carolyn Jackson of North Carolina; Kathy (Pearce) Gilbert of Georgia; Susan (Edward) Laneux of MS; brothers, Milton McGrew of Illinois, Ronnie (Karen) McGrew of MS and Charles (Marla) McGrew of Washington; and his best and most loyal friend, Bobby (Deb) White of Kalamazoo. Known to his many children as "Dad" and "Daddy", he loved them all. Also, a host of grand and great-grandchildren, nieces, nephews, brother-in-laws, sister-in-laws and many, many friends.

Previous Events

Visitation

NOV 5. 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM (ET)

Harper Funeral Home - Chapel
521 Douglas Avenue
Kalamazoo, MI

Visitation

NOV 6. 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM (ET)

The Galilee Baptist Church
1216 North Westnedge Avenue
Kalamazoo, MI 49007

A Service in Loving Memory

NOV 6. 12:00 PM (ET)

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Tribute Wall



“ *Richard Earl McGrew Sr.*

October 23, 2023 at 06:06 AM



“ *Richard Earl McGrew Sr.*

October 06, 2023 at 10:42 AM



“ *William Grant lit a candle in memory of
Richard Earl McGrew Sr.*



William Grant - January 05, 2015 at 12:11 PM



*To the McGrew family. It is with deep sadness that send this message. I just learned of the passing of "MOM" McGrew on today. I then saw that Ricky had just passed recently. I am so sorry. I will always hold dear to me the memories of "CHARLES STREET", aka "McGREW BLVD". Mom, and Pop's matching duce and a quarters/ with the port holes. Chucky's yellow Camaro, and the patches of rubber all up and down the street.
Thanks For The Memories McGrew Family.
Your family will be in our prayers.*

William Grant - January 05, 2015 at 12:25 PM

DC

“ *Diane (gardner) Carr lit a candle in memory of Richard Earl McGrew Sr.*



diane (gardner) carr - November 19, 2014 at 08:10 PM

GM

“ *Glenda Gail McKinley lit a candle in memory of Richard Earl McGrew Sr.*



Glenda Gail McKinley - November 09, 2014 at 10:58 PM

AM

“ *Audrey V McGrew-Rancifer lit a candle in memory of Richard Earl McGrew Sr.*



Audrey V McGrew-Rancifer - November 08, 2014 at 08:23 PM

EH

“ *Sorry about the loss of your loved one.RIP Ricky*



Elmira Hughes - November 08, 2014 at 01:46 PM

BP

“ *Barbara Phillips lit a candle in memory of Richard Earl McGrew Sr.*



Barbara Phillips - November 07, 2014 at 10:22 PM

MB

“ *Marcia Brew lit a candle in memory of Richard Earl McGrew Sr.*



Marcia Brew - November 07, 2014 at 12:37 PM

RM

“ *I remember when Uncle Ricky use to break off my baby dolls legs & arms when I was a little girl, he thought it was so funny to hear me heal. I gonna miss him so much.... I love u uncle Ricky say hi to Grammy & Poppy for me & family💕*



Raven McGrew - November 06, 2014 at 12:08 PM

AM

“ *Amber lit a candle in memory of Richard Earl McGrew Sr.*



Amber - November 06, 2014 at 11:17 AM



“ My cousin Ricky was so funny to me always kept a smile and always talked plenty of trash but was a good hearted person you will be missed until our paths cross again I Love You and may you Rest In Paradise.



Felicia Wilson - November 06, 2014 at 08:39 AM



“ JoAnne & Renaford Owens Jr lit a candle in memory of Richard Earl McGrew Sr.



JoAnne & Renaford Owens Jr - November 05, 2014 at 09:37 PM



“ Victor & Margo Anderson And Family lit a candle in memory of Richard Earl McGrew Sr.



Victor & Margo Anderson and family - November 05, 2014 at 08:41 PM



“ Sonia Barbee-Wilkerson lit a candle in memory of Richard Earl McGrew Sr.



Sonia Barbee-Wilkerson - November 05, 2014 at 03:29 PM

MR

“ *May GOD BE WITH YOUR FAMILY AND FRIENDS , RIP RICK I've known you since back in the late seventy, you were just like a brother to me.you said I fuss to much, it was out of brotherly love.may OUR LORD AND SAVIOR COMFORT YOUR FAMILY, AND MAY GOD CONTINUES BLESSING THE FAMILY, AND LOOK TO GOD FOR STRENGTH AND COMFORT. MARY JO ROBERTSON.*

Mary Jo Robertson - November 05, 2014 at 01:55 PM

MR

“ *Mary Jo Robertson lit a candle in memory of Richard Earl McGrew Sr.*



Mary Jo Robertson - November 05, 2014 at 12:31 PM

EF

“ *Earline Fields And Family sent a virtual gift in memory of Richard Earl McGrew Sr.*



Earline Fields and Family - November 05, 2014 at 09:35 AM

MR

“ *Mary Jo Robertson lit a candle in memory of Richard Earl McGrew Sr.*



Mary Jo Robertson - November 05, 2014 at 05:48 AM

PS

“ My Uncle Ricky was a Superhero to me when i was growing up. Nothing could ever hurt him and he would be here on earth forever. He still is a Superhero to me but the pain is so hard to handle that he wont be around anymore. I love you so much Unc and thank you for all the love and talks growing up. Rest Peacefully

Philip McGrew Sr. - November 04, 2014 at 09:55 PM

MR

“ Mary Jo Robertson lit a candle in memory of Richard Earl McGrew Sr.



Mary Jo Robertson - November 04, 2014 at 09:39 PM

MR

“ Mary Jo Robertson lit a candle in memory of Richard Earl McGrew Sr.



Mary Jo Robertson - November 04, 2014 at 09:36 PM

MR

“ Mary Jo Robertson lit a candle in memory of Richard Earl McGrew Sr.



Mary Jo Robertson - November 04, 2014 at 09:31 PM

BH

“ Our deepest condolence to family and friends of Ricky. Ricky was a great, humerous, kind man who helped to keep spirits lifted. Ricky will be missed.

Birletta Bean Hardeman - November 04, 2014 at 05:31 PM

CG

“ Cordell And Brenda Gardner lit a candle in memory of Richard Earl McGrew Sr.



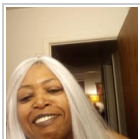
Cordell and Brenda Gardner - November 04, 2014 at 01:51 PM

LN

“ Linda Nelson lit a candle in memory of Richard Earl McGrew Sr.



Linda Nelson - November 04, 2014 at 11:31 AM



“ Richard was a great guy .God bless his soul. my deepest sympathy and regrets to his children his sibling and his loving wife.love you bro you will be greatly missed

Brenda Anderson - November 04, 2014 at 05:26 AM

LW

“ *Linda Brashers & Johnnie Williams lit a candle in memory of Richard Earl McGrew Sr.*



Linda Brashers & Johnnie Williams - November 03, 2014 at 07:31 PM

DB

“ *Donald & Ruby (Walker) Barbee lit a candle in memory of Richard Earl McGrew Sr.*



Donald & Ruby (Walker) Barbee - November 03, 2014 at 05:33 PM

MW

“ *Minister Flora Walker lit a candle in memory of Richard Earl McGrew Sr.*



Minister Flora Walker - November 03, 2014 at 04:30 PM

CJ

“ *Uncle Ricky, we love you and will miss you more than you could have ever known. Your place in the family could never be replaced, and the void of your presence will forever be felt painfully and deeply. You were the uncle we could have only prayed for! Thank you for giving us those jokes, your laugh, and all the other great memories to hold on to for all of our days. You are now in Jehovah's memory, and we look for the time when we will see you again. Rest now until then. Love ya!!!!*

Your nieces and nephews in North Carolina: Kelly, Kim (Carlos), Khyle, Khendle, and Khaleb.

Carolyn Jackson - November 03, 2014 at 04:25 PM

CJ

“ *Carolyn Jackson lit a candle in memory of Richard Earl McGrew Sr.*



Carolyn Jackson - November 03, 2014 at 04:03 PM