



## Mr. Roy P. Diggs Jr.

April 12, 1951 - February 20, 2020

\*\*\*\*NOTE: Visitation & Memorial Service Times and Location are Listed Below\*\*\*\*

Roy Phaon Diggs, Jr. was born April 12, 1951 in Austin, Texas to the union of Roy Phaon and Ella Mae Diggs.

Affectionately referred to as “Snookie” by family and friends, Roy accepted Christ into his life at an early age and joined Greater Mt. Zion Missionary Baptist Church in Austin.

Roy attended L. C. Anderson High School in Austin and was selected as an inaugural member of Huston-Tillotson College’s first Upward Bound Program for academically promising students.

After graduating in 1969, Roy was accepted into the HBCU college, and studied Business Administration. Roy worked at various jobs including a position with the Texas State Comptroller’s Office and served in the Army Reserves at Austin’s Camp Mabry.

In 1978 he moved to Detroit to live with his uncle, NFL legend, Dick “Night Train” Lane who helped instill in him a lifelong strong work ethic.

After obtaining a position with City National Bank as a Computer Operator, Roy met and married Orell "Nina" Graham in 1978 and from this union was born a daughter, Autumn Diggs.

The bank went through years of reorganization which required Roy to relocate to Saginaw, MI. In 1991, Roy moved his family to Kalamazoo to accept a position as Computer Operations Shift Supervisor at First of America Bank. In 1995 they purchased a home and joined Mt. Zion Missionary Baptist Church in the area and became active members of the congregation.

Roy loved making people laugh and was popular with friends and family for his comedic sense of humor and generous spirit. He was also admired as a loving husband and devoted family man who handled the responsibilities of fatherhood and provided generously to many without wanting recognition. He enjoyed spending time with close friends, watching sports and listening to various genres of music.

An avid movie fan, Roy would watch movies for hours, enjoying his wife's excellent home cooking. For their 40th wedding anniversary in April of 2019, he gifted his wife Nina with a Caribbean cruise. He retired the following month in May from Fifth Third Bank as a System Support Specialist.

On February 20, 2020, after two retirements and fighting the good fight of a long term illness, Roy shed the earthly bonds of this world, answering the master's call to his well-deserved rest and reward.

Roy Diggs was a true believer in Christ's redemption, until his last days he spoke of the importance of faith.

Roy was preceded in death by his parents, Roy Phaon and Ella Mae Diggs,

uncle Richard Lane, maternal grandmother Ora Mae Duvall and grandparents, John and Penina Diggs.

To celebrate his life's legacy and cherish his memories, Roy leaves behind his loving wife, Orell, their daughter Autumn, a grandson, Alexander Logan Jones, brother Maurice L. Diggs, two sisters, Muriel L. Easley (Willie) and Rosalind A. Diggs, two nieces Tara Easley and Vanice Hayes (Patrick) and a host of relatives, friends and former co-workers.

# Previous Events

## Visitation

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

Mt. Zion Baptist Church  
120 Roberson Street  
kalamazoo, MI 49007-3557

## A Memorial Service In Loving Memory Of

MAR 6. 12:00 PM (ET)

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120 Roberson Street  
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# Tribute Wall



“ Harper Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Mr. Roy P. Diggs Jr.



Harper Funeral Home - March 05, 2020 at 06:22 PM



“ Mr. Roy P. Diggs Jr.

October 23, 2023 at 06:06 AM



“ Mr. Roy P. Diggs Jr.

October 06, 2023 at 10:42 AM



“ The Fields Family sent a virtual gift in memory of Mr. Roy P. Diggs Jr.



The Fields Family - March 11, 2020 at 02:25 PM

EM

“ Ed & Gwen Morgan lit a candle in memory of Mr. Roy P. Diggs Jr.



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**Ed & Gwen Morgan** - March 05, 2020 at 12:05 PM

GW

“ Grace Wheeler lit a candle in memory of Mr. Roy P. Diggs Jr.



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**Grace Wheeler** - March 04, 2020 at 03:34 PM

JM

“ May God Bless the Diggs family...jmays ATX

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**John mays** - March 03, 2020 at 12:48 PM

DG

“ Darryl And Beverly Green lit a candle in memory of Mr. Roy P. Diggs Jr.



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**darryl and Beverly green** - March 02, 2020 at 02:50 PM

CD

“ Charles & Ann Dunigan sent a virtual gift in memory of Mr. Roy P. Diggs Jr.



Charles & Ann Dunigan - March 02, 2020 at 05:26 AM

AN

“ Gale and Angela Tabron

Angela - March 01, 2020 at 02:43 PM

PG

“ Pauline Gardner lit a candle in memory of Mr. Roy P. Diggs Jr.



Pauline Gardner - February 29, 2020 at 05:14 PM

GT

“ Gale Tabron lit a candle in memory of Mr. Roy P. Diggs Jr.



Gale Tabron - February 28, 2020 at 10:18 AM

PG

“ *Pauline Gardner lit a candle in memory of Mr. Roy P. Diggs Jr.*



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**Pauline Gardner** - February 27, 2020 at 04:30 PM

BG

“ *Beverly Green lit a candle in memory of Mr. Roy P. Diggs Jr.*



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**beverly Green** - February 27, 2020 at 01:51 PM

GT

“ *Gale Tabron lit a candle in memory of Mr. Roy P. Diggs Jr.*



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**Gale Tabron** - February 26, 2020 at 11:12 PM

JE

“ *Jo Ann Embrey lit a candle in memory of Mr. Roy P. Diggs Jr.*



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**Jo Ann Embrey** - February 26, 2020 at 04:31 PM

LB

“ *Lily Buckner lit a candle in memory of Mr. Roy P. Diggs Jr.*



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**Lily Buckner** - February 26, 2020 at 05:53 AM

IS

“ *Ingrid Smith lit a candle in memory of Mr. Roy P. Diggs Jr.*



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**Ingrid Smith** - February 25, 2020 at 09:48 PM

IS

“ *Orell,  
May God give you peace and comfort.*

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**Ingrid Smith** - February 25, 2020 at 01:24 PM

HB

“ *Helen Brooks sent a virtual gift in memory of Mr. Roy P. Diggs Jr.*



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**Helen Brooks** - February 25, 2020 at 08:23 AM

JE

“ *Jo Ann Embrey lit a candle in memory of Mr. Roy P. Diggs Jr.*



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**Jo Ann Embrey** - February 25, 2020 at 07:33 AM



“ *Modean Reeves lit a candle in memory of Mr. Roy P. Diggs Jr.*



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**Modean Reeves** - February 24, 2020 at 11:21 PM