



## Mr. William Linstrom Hodge

January 4, 1920 - July 30, 2022

\*\*\*\*\*NOTE: THE FAMILY WOULD LIKE TO ANNOUNCE MEMORIAL SERVICES FOR WILLIAM LINSTROM HODGE, TO BE HELD ON WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 28, 2022. VISITATION WILL BE HELD AT 9:30 A.M. WITH SERVICES STARTING AT 10:00 A.M. AT THE FUNERAL HOME. \*\*\*\*PLEASE SEE SERVICE INFORMATION BELOW\*\*\*\*

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### THE OBITUARY

Mr. William Linstrom Hodge passed away peacefully at Borgess Gardens Nursing Facility on July 30, 2022 at the age of 102. William, who was affectionately called Bill, was born January 4, 1920 in Vicksburg, Mississippi to the late John and Bertha (Green) Hodge. After graduating high school and attending college, he spent several years in the army, reaching the rank of Corporal; he was honorably discharged in 1943. He met his wife, Nancy Belle Lewis, while he was stationed in Columbia, Georgia. They married in 1943 and then relocated to Kalamazoo. To this union, three children were born, Vincent Conrad, Carolyn Elizabeth and Larry Linstrom.

Soon after arriving in Kalamazoo, Mr. Hodge enrolled at Western Michigan University and received a Bachelor's Degree in Speech Pathology. He later obtained Master's degrees in both Business and Accounting. Mr. Hodge became a certified public accountant for the State of Michigan and had the distinction of being one of the first African Americans to work in this capacity.

He retired after a successful career of close to 30 years. After retirement, he enjoyed doing financial planning for individuals.

Mr. Hodge was a member of Second Baptist Church for many years. He eventually transferred his membership to Mt. Zion Baptist Church where he was a very faithful member until his health began to fail. He was very involved in the Kalamazoo community where he served on numerous boards and committees. He also has been a Life Member of the NAACP for many years. Bill had several hobbies, but his passion, though, was playing golf. People still consider him one of the finest golfers that ever lived in the Kalamazoo area. He has also received recognition on both the state and national levels. He took great pride in knowing that he was one of the golfers that was instrumental in breaking racial barriers in golf in this area. He was very proud of the fact that he was one of the original members of the Mall City Golf League, a league formed in 1985, that consisted of African American men. He had fond memories and respect for the great men that were part of this prestigious league.

Besides his parents, Bill was preceded in death by his siblings, Johnnie Hodge, Doris Washington, Ernest Hodge and Sandy Hodge. His son, Larry, also preceded him in death.

In addition to his children, Mr. Hodge leaves to cherish his memory eleven grandchildren, Vincent, Jr., Portia Robin, Sasha Elizabeth, Zita Nancy, Ihsan Karim, Yasmin Rahimah, Isa Najm, Aliyah Malaika, Ibrahim Jabril, Salim and Anastatia; several great grandchildren, Anthony, Elijah, Olivia, Kaden, Zaria, Kai, and Bailey and a host of nieces, nephew, cousins and friends.

Mr. William Hodge will be sorely missed, but his legacy will live on in the memories of his dear family and friends.



# Cemetery Details

## Ft. Custer National Cemetery

15501 Dickman Road  
Augusta, MI 49012

# Previous Events

## Visitation

SEP 28. 9:30 AM - 10:00 AM (ET)

Harper Funeral Home - Chapel  
521 Douglas Avenue  
Kalamazoo, MI

## A Memorial Service In Loving Memory Of

SEP 28. 10:00 AM (ET)

Harper Funeral Home - Chapel  
521 Douglas Avenue  
Kalamazoo, MI

# Tribute Wall



“ Harper Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Mr. William Linstrom Hodge



Harper Funeral Home - September 24, 2022 at 07:41 PM

HE

Condolences & Prayers !

Helenbeatrice1@Outlook.Com - September 28, 2022 at 02:11 PM



“ Mr. William Linstrom Hodge

October 23, 2023 at 06:06 AM



“ Mr. William Linstrom Hodge

October 06, 2023 at 10:42 AM

BF

“ Sending healing prayers and comforting words to Vince and his family at this time.

*Bertha Barbee-McNeal and Family*



Bertha Barbee-McNeal and Family - September 27, 2022 at 01:19 PM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Mr. William Linstrom Hodge.



September 27, 2022 at 01:08 PM



“ Diane Kelley And Family lit a candle in memory of Mr. William Linstrom Hodge



Diane Kelley and Family - September 27, 2022 at 10:57 AM



“ 40 files added to the album LifeTributes



Harper Funeral Home - September 24, 2022 at 07:34 PM

JH

“ *Joan Harris lit a candle in memory of Mr. William Linstrom Hodge*



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**Joan Harris** - August 27, 2022 at 11:23 AM

MR

“ *Modean Reeves lit a candle in memory of Mr. William Linstrom Hodge*



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**Modean Reeves** - August 09, 2022 at 06:32 PM

TF

“ *Tyrone & Karen Foster lit a candle in memory of Mr. William Linstrom Hodge*



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**Tyrone & Karen Foster** - August 08, 2022 at 06:19 PM

JW

“ Vince,

*I am so sorry to hear of the passing of your father. I have fond memories of him and his light-hearted manner dating back to our college days.*

*Blessings and peace to you and your sister.*

*Jonnie Wilhite*

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**Jonnie Wilhite** - August 07, 2022 at 11:32 PM

MJ

*Vince and Hodge family,  
Sorry for the loss of your father.*

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**Mary Johnson** - August 15, 2022 at 06:44 PM

MM

“ Vince, Carol, and Larry,

*I am so sorry to hear about your father's recent passing. He was a wonderful role model; a good golfer; and a kind person whose memory will live forever.*

*My thoughts and prayers are with you.*

*Michael McKinley  
Arlington, Virginia*

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**Michael McKinley** - August 07, 2022 at 10:00 AM

EM

“ Edward Morgan lit a candle in memory of Mr. William Linstrom Hodge



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**Edward Morgan** - August 05, 2022 at 05:03 PM

DM

“ Deacon Howard McCullough lit a candle in memory of Mr. William Linstrom Hodge



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**Deacon Howard McCullough** - August 05, 2022 at 06:26 AM

HB

“ Helen (Mills) Brooks lit a candle in memory of Mr. William Linstrom Hodge



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**Helen (Mills) Brooks** - August 04, 2022 at 03:20 PM

PG

“ Pauline Gardner lit a candle in memory of Mr. William Linstrom Hodge



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**Pauline Gardner** - August 03, 2022 at 09:33 AM