



## Mr. William Palm

July 23, 1943 - February 16, 2014

Mr. William Clay Palm went home to be with the Lord, February 16, 2014. He was born July 23, 1943, the son of Norman and Virgie L. Palm, in Chicago, IL. He moved to Kalamazoo, MI with his family and attended Kalamazoo Public Schools, later receiving his GED in 1988. William was a member of Mt. Zion Baptist Church at an early age. William was employed at Brown Company for many years. He went on to work at Elias Brothers (Big Boy) Restaurant and the Holiday Inn where he became a cook. He later went on to work for Borgess Medical Center and retired after 20 years. He loved God and was a faithful member of the Galilee Baptist Church, serving faithfully in the Senior Usher Board, until illness prevented him to. He also volunteered in Kitchen/Cooking ministry.

He supported Safe House in Kalamazoo and their efforts. He was an avid bowler with the TNBA. He was a very good cook and enjoyed cooking for everyone. He enjoyed music and was part of the singing group the "Kalamazoo Entertainer's". He was family oriented, and enjoyed spending time with family and friends. He was very friendly, giving person, with a good sense of humor, who never met a stranger. He will be greatly missed by ALL who knew and loved him.

He was preceded in death by his parents; his sons, Anthony Wayne Palm and William James Palm Sr.; 1 brother, Keith Wade.

His loving wife Shirley Palm of Kalamazoo, MI; daughters, Janine Orr of Rex, GA; Stephanie Thorton of Indianapolis, IN and Redise (Mark) Shakespeare of Athens, GA; sons, Anthony (“Tony”) (Stonia) Hunter, Derrick Hunter, Kevin Hunter, I and Michael (Helga) Hunter; brothers, Harry (Dorothy) Palms; Tommie (Nan) Palm and Monte Palm all of Kalamazoo, MI, Eddie Cain Sr., Charles Cain, Evert Cain and Norman Palm, Jr.; sisters, Tina (Jerry) Avery; Trudy (Jeffrey) Carr both of Kalamazoo, MI; Sherie (Carl) Sherman of Baltimore, MD; Dorothea (Mike) David and Evie Demery; aunt, Jewel Carr; numerous grandchildren, great-grandchildren, nieces, nephews, other relatives and friends. daughter-in-law, Shermin Palm of Decatur, GA; sister-in-laws, Mona Palm, Olivia Hunter, Linda Hunter, Rita Palms, Sabrina Dennis and Regina (Ben) Powers; brother-in-law, Anthony Dennis; father-in-law, Charles Dennis; mother of his children, Noreen Palm, Linda Reels and Daisy Orr; numerous grandchildren, great-grandchildren, nieces, nephews, other relatives and friends; Also, a host of special friends: James Phillips, Robert Penic, William (“Cowboy”) Pritchett, Jimmy Davidson, Rev. Hank Dungey, Billy Gill, Archie Williams, Charlene Harkness, Mishele Young, Leroy Bell, Preston Delany, Romie Ware, Toni Wilbon, Aubrey Avery and “special mom”, Mary Bailey. Also, special pallbearers, which include sons, grandsons, Dartagnan Johnson and David Jackson.

# Previous Events

## Visitation

FEB **22**. 12:00 PM - 1:00 PM (ET)

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

## A Service in Loving Memory

FEB **22**. 1:00 PM (ET)

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# Tribute Wall



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



Harper Funeral Home - February 16, 2014 at 12:00 AM



“ Mr. William Palm

October 23, 2023 at 06:06 AM



“ Mr. William Palm

October 06, 2023 at 10:42 AM



“ To the Palm Family, my sincere condolences on your loss. Billy was one of the nicest



Merry Sue Mitchell-Battles - February 26, 2014 at 02:01 PM

JD

“ hi shirley, i just wanted too say how sad i was too hear about bill, he was a great friend and also one heck of a good bowler, iam going too miss him alot, my thoughts and prayers too you and all the family, jeff doolittle

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**jeff doolittle** - February 26, 2014 at 09:55 AM

AH

“ Dear Family, I am sorry for your loss and wanted to express my sincere condolences. May it comfort you to know that "The Most High God Jehovah" promises to "swallow up death forever and wipe the tears from all faces" (Isaiah 25:8). We will also have the opportunity to see our dead loved ones again, as promised at John 5:28,29. May your pleasant memories of Mr. William Palm, and the reliability of this wonderful promise, soothe and comfort your broken hearts, until you can embrace him once again. God always keeps his promises (Titus 1:2).



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**Anne H.** - February 25, 2014 at 05:46 AM

TF

“ Praying that GOD will comfort your heart, uplift your spirit, and carry you through this time of sadness to a place of peace. Loving you always, The Nabors family

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**The Nabors family** - February 24, 2014 at 10:20 PM

FL

“ Fred And Esther Lawrence lit a candle in memory of Mr. William Palm



Fred and Esther Lawrence - February 22, 2014 at 06:39 PM

DW

“ I did not know Billy had passed away til 2 days ago. It broke my heart. I met Billy thru an exboyfriend then we worked together at Borgess for years. I am going to miss him something terrible. My condolences to Shirley and family....God has picked another flower from his Garden here on earth to plant in His garden in Heaven.

Deborah Woodard - February 22, 2014 at 12:51 PM

GF

“ Gloria Clopton Fields And Family lit a candle in memory of Mr. William Palm



Gloria Clopton Fields and Family - February 22, 2014 at 09:57 AM

JF

“ Janet Gardner And Family lit a candle in memory of Mr. William Palm



Janet Gardner and Family - February 22, 2014 at 08:57 AM

VA

“ Victor And Margo Anderson lit a candle in memory of Mr. William Palm



Victor and Margo Anderson - February 22, 2014 at 08:27 AM



“ Karest Willis-Brown lit a candle in memory of Mr. William Palm



Karest Willis-Brown - February 21, 2014 at 11:58 PM

WB

“ Dear Shirley and family, (NKJV) And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and receive you to myself, "that where I am, there you maybe also." John 14:3  
You will be truly missed.  
Flora Wadley



Wanda Brown - February 21, 2014 at 09:28 PM

SB

“ Stan & Wanda Brown lit a candle in memory of Mr. William Palm



Stan & Wanda Brown - February 21, 2014 at 09:17 PM

AS

“ *Alma Snell lit a candle in memory of Mr. William Palm*



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**Alma Snell** - February 21, 2014 at 08:51 PM

AM

“ *To Sis. Shirley Palm hang in there, and know God has your back regardless of the trials and tribulations he places in our life. I will miss seeing you both together at the same time. Shirley you were a very special wife to him and you stuck by his side and God see's your work and Love that you give others. You will be highly Blessed for all the Love you share with others. God Bless you and know you did the best you could do, even when God has the last word. Love you, The Rancifer Family*

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**Audrey Mcgrew-Rancifer** - February 21, 2014 at 06:29 PM

AM

“ *Audrey Mcgrew-Rancifer lit a candle in memory of Mr. William Palm*



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**Audrey Mcgrew-Rancifer** - February 21, 2014 at 06:19 PM

CS

“ *In my father's house are many mansions:  
Charles Abbott sr.*



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**Charles E. Abbott Sr.** - February 21, 2014 at 03:32 PM

TI

“ *Shirley and family,*

*I am so saddened by the passing of Billy. Please know Herb and I are praying and lifting you all up in prayer. We loved Bill and will continue to love you, Shirley. Thank you both for such great memories and love.*

*I love you, Shirley,*

*Tiff*

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**Tiffany** - February 21, 2014 at 02:54 PM

TF

“ *The Dancer Family lit a candle in memory of  
Mr. William Palm*



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**The Dancer Family** - February 21, 2014 at 02:22 PM

MH

“ *Mr & Mrs. Rodger Henry lit a candle in memory of Mr. William Palm*



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**Mr & Mrs. Rodger Henry** - February 21, 2014 at 01:51 PM

MH

*Billy will truly be missed by the Henry family. He was a great inspiration our life and recovery.*

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**Mr & Mrs. Rodger Henry** - February 21, 2014 at 01:53 PM

LJ

“ *Lucile Johnson lit a candle in memory of Mr. William Palm*



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**Lucile Johnson** - February 21, 2014 at 10:50 AM

TF

“ *The Gill Family lit a candle in memory of Mr. William Palm*



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**The Gill Family** - February 21, 2014 at 08:20 AM

DB

“ Donald & Ruby Barbee sent a virtual gift in memory of Mr. William Palm



Donald & Ruby Barbee - February 21, 2014 at 08:01 AM

DB

“ DaNetta R. Blake lit a candle in memory of Mr. William Palm



DaNetta R. Blake - February 21, 2014 at 07:13 AM

WJ

“ William A. Jones lit a candle in memory of Mr. William Palm



William A. Jones - February 20, 2014 at 02:59 PM

LJ

“ Laverne Jones lit a candle in memory of Mr. William Palm



Laverne Jones - February 20, 2014 at 02:55 PM

KR

“ *Kristen lit a candle in memory of Mr. William Palm*



Kristen - February 20, 2014 at 02:32 AM

JB

“ *Shirley and family, we were very hurt and sad in the passing of a great man and friend. Me and Billy had a lot of great talks about the bible. Sometimes we would have bible study before we got to the church @ noon day. I will miss him playing our weekly game of dominos @ the Ecumenical Center. But we know he's in a better place, because he believed in Jesus Christ. There was plenty of times Billy would be in the hospital very sick, but the next couple weeks Billy would be on his post ushering @the church. All we can say is Billy fought a good fight, Billy have finished his course, Billy have kept the faith (2Timothy 4: 7-8) We will miss him dearly. And Shirley weeping may endure for a night, but JOY cometh in the morning (Ps. 30: 5) with much love your brother & sister in christ J.L. and Terry Buchanan*

J.L. & Terry Buchanan - February 19, 2014 at 11:26 PM

Vera Younger

“ *Vera Younger lit a candle in memory of Mr. William Palm*



Vera Younger - February 19, 2014 at 11:23 PM

JC

“ *Judy & Jerry Clark lit a candle in memory of Mr. William Palm*



**Judy & Jerry Clark** - February 19, 2014 at 08:15 PM

BF

“ *Betty Ford lit a candle in memory of Mr. William Palm*



**Betty Ford** - February 19, 2014 at 05:21 PM

MV

“ *May God Bless Shirley and the Palm Family, Sorry for your loss ,*



**Mignon Vincent** - February 19, 2014 at 04:54 PM

GW

“ *GEORGIA WILLIAMS lit a candle in memory of Mr. William Palm*



**GEORGIA WILLIAMS** - February 19, 2014 at 01:39 PM

SC

“ It is with great sadness to hear of the passing of such a wonderful person, Billy will be missed by all, the wonderful smile on the usher board of Galilee, we love you so much! Many blessings to Shirley, and family. Stan and Sherry Coffey-Ezell

sherry coffey-Ezell - February 19, 2014 at 01:14 PM

WW

“ A tribute to this special brother whom I sincerely respect and am proud to know, A lover of God, life, family, and friends, shown through his works in life. Farewell my Brother, you've fought a fabulous fight, grand soldier of the Lord. Peace be with you and your loved ones. Continue to find comfort in the hands of God.  
Walter & Reva Woodard



Walter & Reva Woodard - February 19, 2014 at 12:26 PM

HB

“ Hal/Janet Buchanan lit a candle in memory of Mr. William Palm



Hal/Janet Buchanan - February 19, 2014 at 11:31 AM

MW

“ Mary Williams lit a candle in memory of Mr. William Palm



Mary Williams - February 19, 2014 at 11:28 AM

TF

“ *The Walker Family lit a candle in memory of Mr. William Palm*



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**The Walker Family** - February 19, 2014 at 09:39 AM

CH

“ *Charlene Harkness lit a candle in memory of Mr. William Palm*



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**charlene harkness** - February 19, 2014 at 09:39 AM

SL

“ *I have known the Palm family for a long time. Billy was a friend as long as I can remember. Know that God will see you through this journey of life.*

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**Shirley Lee** - February 19, 2014 at 08:50 AM

PA

“ *Pamela Ampey-Lyles sent a virtual gift in memory of Mr. William Palm*



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**Pamela Ampey-Lyles** - February 18, 2014 at 09:16 PM

EG

“ *Edith Gardner lit a candle in memory of Mr. William Palm*



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**Edith Gardner** - February 18, 2014 at 08:18 PM

CG

“ *Cordell & Brenda Gardner lit a candle in memory of Mr. William Palm*



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**Cordell & Brenda Gardner** - February 18, 2014 at 04:57 PM

DF

“ *Dallas & Pat Blocker, Fleming, Island, F lit a candle in memory of Mr. William Palm*



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**Dallas & Pat Blocker, Fleming, Island, F** - February 18, 2014 at 04:52 PM

AF

“ *ABBOTT FAMILY lit a candle in memory of Mr. William Palm*



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**ABBOTT FAMILY** - February 18, 2014 at 01:47 PM

DK

“*Doug And Sharon Kingston lit a candle in memory of Mr. William Palm*”



**Doug and Sharon Kingston** - February 18, 2014 at 10:37 AM

CS

“*CINDY PHILLIPS SMITH lit a candle in memory of Mr. William Palm*”



**CINDY PHILLIPS SMITH** - February 18, 2014 at 09:28 AM

JE

“*JoAnn Embrey lit a candle in memory of Mr. William Palm*”



**JoAnn Embrey** - February 18, 2014 at 09:11 AM



“*Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of Mr. William Palm.*”



February 18, 2014 at 07:14 AM

EP

“ *Eboney Palm lit a candle in memory of Mr. William Palm*



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**Eboney Palm** - February 18, 2014 at 06:59 AM

GF

“ *GEORGIA WILLIAMS & FAMILY lit a candle in memory of Mr. William Palm*



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**GEORGIA WILLIAMS & FAMILY** - February 18, 2014 at 03:33 AM

EF

“ *Earline Fields And Family sent a virtual gift in memory of Mr. William Palm*



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**Earline Fields and Family** - February 17, 2014 at 07:36 PM

PF

“ *Patterson Family lit a candle in memory of Mr. William Palm*



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**Patterson Family** - February 17, 2014 at 04:39 PM

BA

“ *Billy Will Be Greatly Missed Doris Abbot lit a candle in memory of Mr. William Palm*



**Billy will be greatly missed Doris Abbot** - February 17, 2014 at 01:52 PM

AB

“ *Arlene Buchanan lit a candle in memory of Mr. William Palm*



**Arlene Buchanan** - February 17, 2014 at 12:53 PM

YD

“ *To Shirley, (MoM) Stephanie, Anthony and the Entire Palm Family you have my deepest Heart felt condolences in the loss of such an Awesome Man, who was like a Dad to Me as well...Thinking of my days at Borgess Medical Center, and somethings I was going through Billy always had a word of WISDOM for me, & when I left and went to the Heart Center, he always would look around that corner into my office to see if I was at work or he would sit in my office after his appointment and talking and laugh as he would say "I'm waiting on my honey to pick me up" (MoM Shirley) LOL..O and let us not forget those Birthday and Anniversary Parties in the back yard at the Westnedge house, We had so much fun and we was all made to feel like one Big Happy Family. God saw fit to call another one of his children home, No More Sickness, No More Pain..If we live right and treat people right, and live for Jesus we will see Dad Billy Again. R.I.Heaven Gone But Never Ever Forgotten.*

**Yvonne - Detroit** - February 17, 2014 at 12:38 PM

PG

“ *Pauline Gardner lit a candle in memory of Mr. William Palm*



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**Pauline Gardner** - February 17, 2014 at 11:45 AM

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“ *D\_Jones lit a candle in memory of Mr. William Palm*



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**D\_Jones** - February 17, 2014 at 11:43 AM