



CALHOUN FAMILY TREE

AS OF 09/20/2026

THE THOMAS HENRY CALHOUN FAMILY

The PATRIARCH

- **Thomas Henry Calhoun**
- **Birth - 10/24/1873**
- **Death - 09/14/1955**
- **Married/Divorced**
- **MARRIED**



THOMAS HENRY CALHOUN

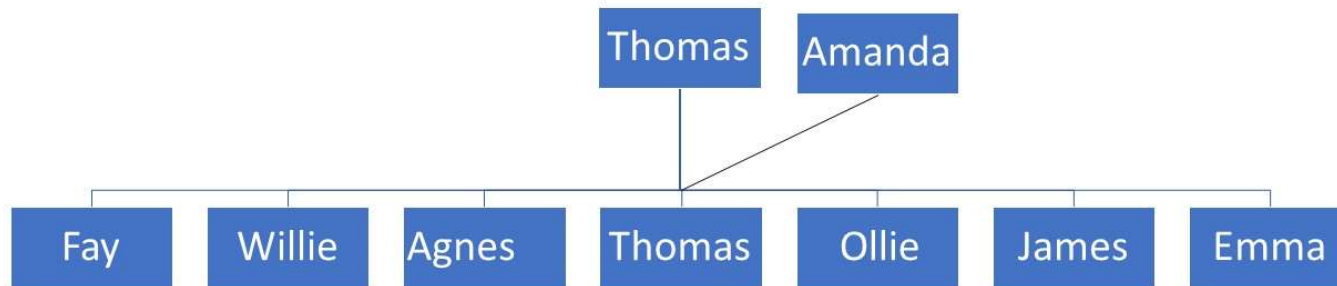
The MATRIARCH

- **Amanda Benson**
- **Birth 12/xx/1875**
- **Death 07/22/1944**
- **Married/Divorced -
MARRIED**

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Thomas Henry Calhoun and Amanda Benson

Their  produced 7 children





The Fay Melissa (Calhoun) Harris Family

Matriarch – Fay Melissa (Calhoun) Harris

Patriarch – Alclifford Harris

- Faye Melissa Calhoun Harris
- Birth 02/19/1899
- Death 03/30/1993
- Married/Divorced - MARRIED

*In Loving Memory
of
Our Beloved*



Fay Melissa Harris

February 19, 1899 - March 30, 1993

Saturday, April 3, 1993
Family Hour: 10:30 AM
Funeral Service: 11:00 AM
Services held at
St. Philip Lutheran Church
2884 East Grand Boulevard
Detroit, Michigan

Rev. Venice C. Douglas
Officiating



The Obituary

Fay Melissa Harris was born in Centerville, Alabama on February 19, 1899 to Thomas Calhoun and Amanda Benson. She and her three brothers and three sisters were later raised by their stepmother, Lena Ward Calhoun.

She was confirmed in her faith as a member of St. Philips Lutheran Church in the middle thirties. Fay was united in holy matrimony with Alclifford Harris. From this union was born four children. Fay departed this life on March 30, 1993. She is survived by her daughters, A. Carolyn Williams and Cynthia M. Lewis; her son, H. Timothy Harris; son-in-law, Goldie Williams; two grandchildren, Dwayne A. Harris and Cynthia E. Harris; three great grandchildren, Karl, DeJuan and Arielle; one surviving sister, Agnes Hollins; surviving sisters-in-law, Mabel Calhoun Dewberry and Alma Calhoun and a host of nieces, nephews and other relatives.

Pallbearers

Thomas Calhoun, Jr.
Blaine Denning, Jr.
Dwayne A. Harris

Anthony Hollins
David Hollins, Jr.
Kenneth Hollins

Honorary Pallbearers

Family and Friends

Flower Bearers

Family Members

Interment

Forestlawn Cemetery

Final Arrangement Entrusted To

Fritz Funeral Home
246 East Ferry
Detroit, Michigan

Acknowledgement

The family of Fay Melissa Harris acknowledges, with sincere appreciation, your understanding, your prayers, and all acts of kindness shown at this time of bereavement.

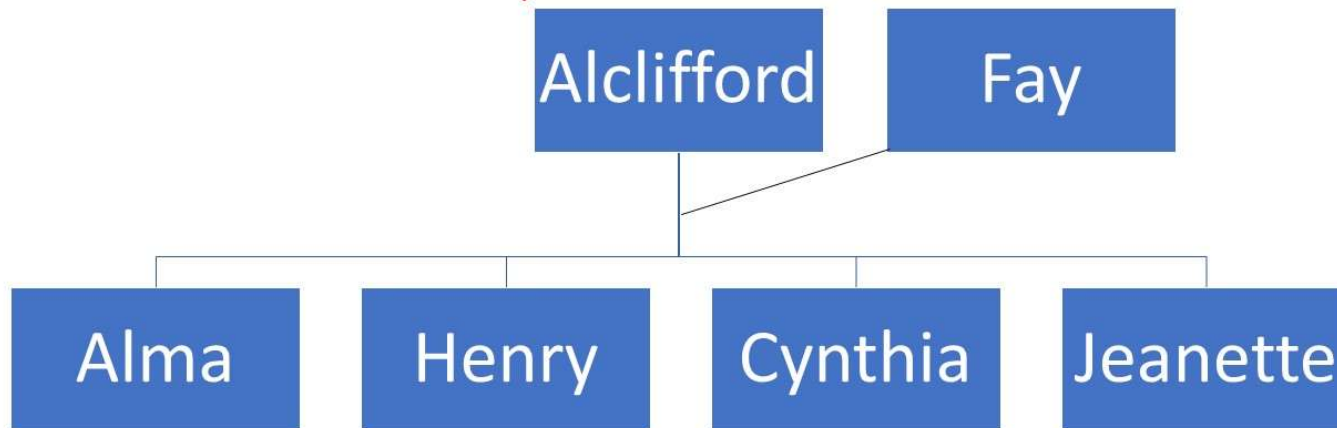
Alclifford Harris

- **Birth 12/02/1900**
- **Death 02/27/1961**
- **Married/Divorced**
- **MARRIED**

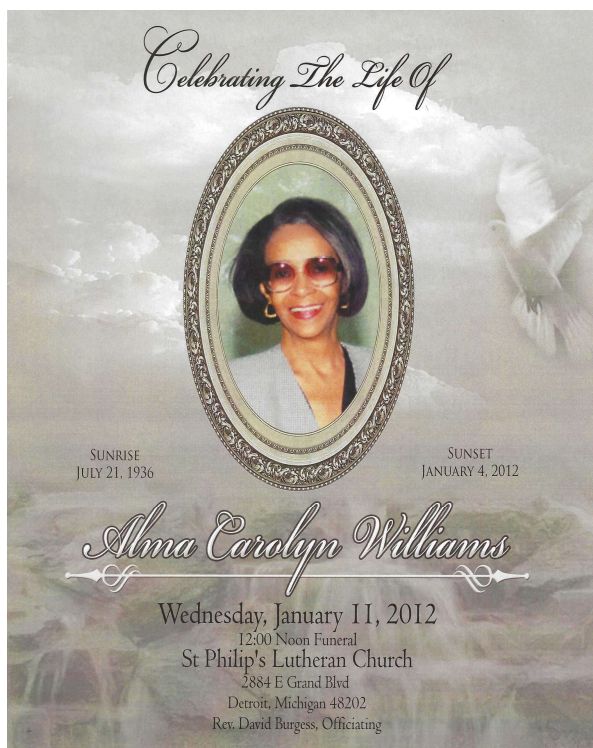


Alclifford Harris and Faye Melissa Calhoun

Their  produced 4 children



- **Alma Carolyn (Harris) Williams**
- **Birth 07/21/1936**
- **Death 01/04/2012**
- **Married/Divorced - MARRIED**



Obituary

Alma Carolyn Williams was born July 21, 1936, to Alclifford and Faye Harris in Detroit, Michigan. She was the oldest of three children; one brother, Henry Timothy Harris (deceased) and Cynthia Marie Harris-Lewis.

Carolyn was baptized at an early age at St. Phillips Lutheran Church. She was educated in the St. Phillips Lutheran Church School system before she finished her education in the Detroit Public School system where she graduated from Northern High School with honors. She later attended Wayne State University for a short time. But as fate would have it, her strong sense of family commitment called on her.

Carolyn went on to work for the State of Michigan for what was then Michigan Employment Security Commission (M.E.S.C.) Win Central Division. After many years, failing vision forced her to retire.

Always having a strong sense of family loyalty, there was nothing Carolyn would not do for you. You would have had to experience the kind of love she had to understand. She loved spending quality time with her cousins, Faye Jean and Mildred and any of the others (Tony, Ralph Jr., Butch, and Michael). She always had an open door. She was always there for family.

While Carolyn was able, she was always a passionate lover of Literature; and motivated others, especially younger people, to explore their world through reading. It made her a great story teller. Her other hobbies included puzzles and any kind of gardening.

Carolyn is survived by her husband of 37 years, Goldie Leo Williams; her children, Dwayne A. Harris, Cynthia E. Harris, and Steven Anderson; grandchildren, whom where the center of her life, Karl, Dejuan, Arielle, Cristina, Juan, Ricky, Tony, Andy, Liane, Kier, Naria, Jaylen, Ashton and Kirby; brother-in-law, Prentiss Byrd; stepchildren, Charmaine, Michael, Aubrey, and Karon; and a host of great-grandchildren too numerous to name.

Reflections

To my wife, "Sapphire," you were always the love of my life. Nobody can ever take your place. I took care of you for 37 years and loved every minute of it. I have no regrets, and I can't wait to see you and hold you in my arms again. God promises it and God cannot lie.
Goldie

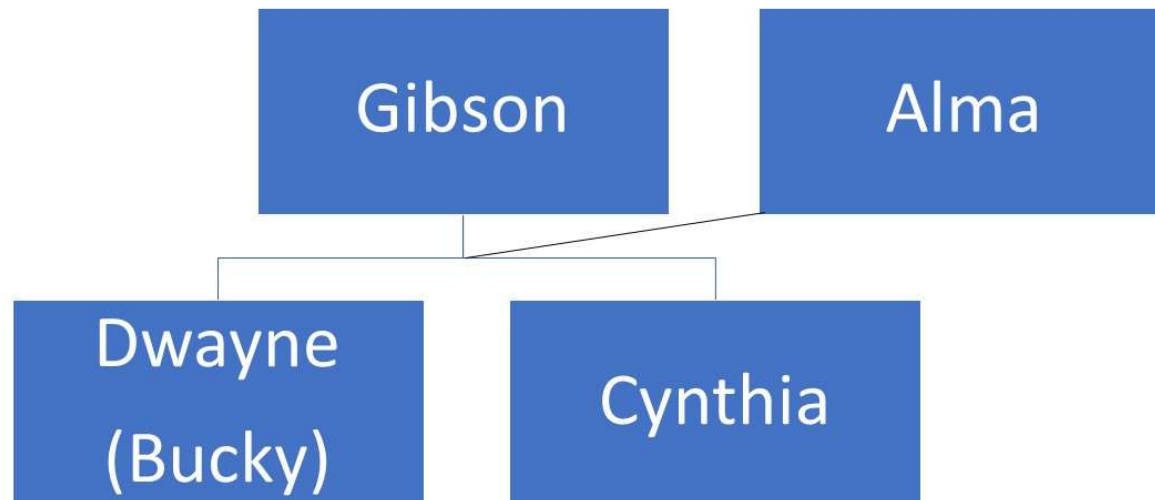
Grandma,
You were a wonderful grandmother and an amazing woman who taught me how to become a "Lady." You were also my best friend who is now irreplaceable. Words can't express how I feel now that you are no longer physically with me. But now I know that you are alright and free of pain. You mean the world to me, and I will always love you from the bottom of my heart. Please continue to watch over me like you always have.
See you later and I love you,
Arielle

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- **Gibson Louis Anderson**
 - **Birth 04/12/1936**
 - **Death 05/27/1973**
 - **Married/Divorced -**

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Gibson Louis Anderson and Alma Caroline (Harris) Williams

Their  produced 2 children



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- **Dwayne (Bucky) Alclifford Harris**
 - **Birth 04/20/1955**
 - **Death xx/xx/xx**
 - **Married/Divorced -**

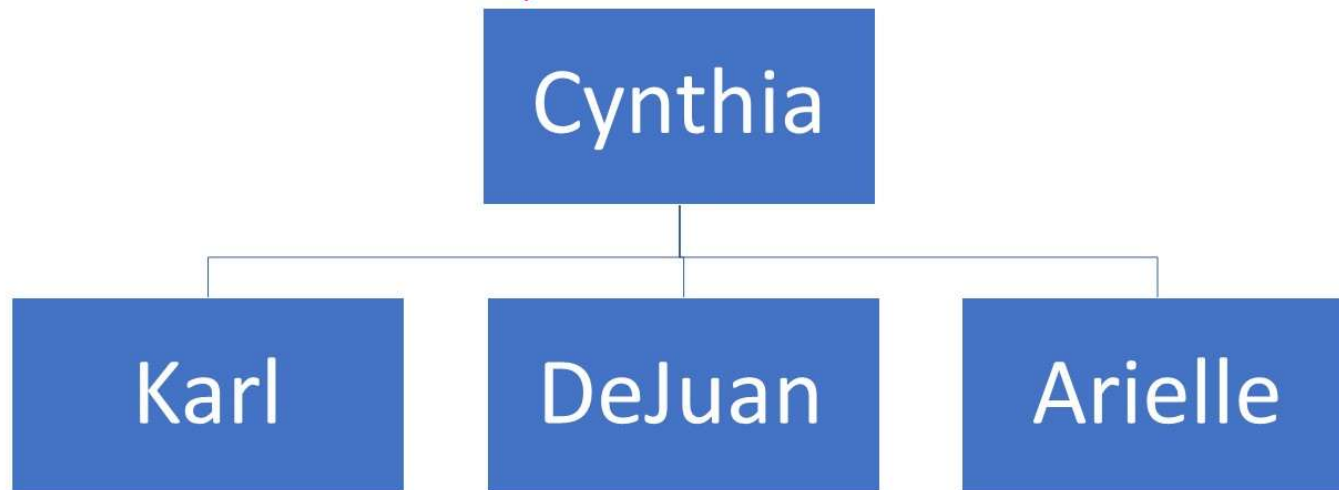


- **Cynthia Elaine Harris**
- **Birth 09/07/1956**
- **Death xx/xx/xx**
- **Married/Divorced -**

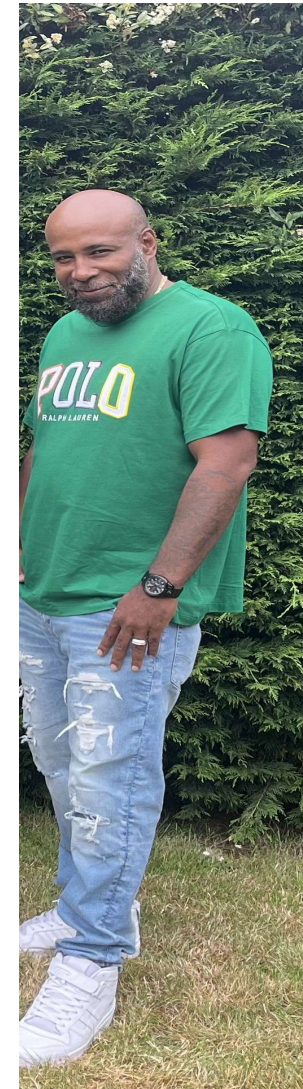


Cynthia Elaine (BB) Harris

Her  produced 3 children



- **Karl Dwayne Harris**
- **Birth 07/02/1977**
- **Death xx/xx/xx**
- **Married/Divorced -**

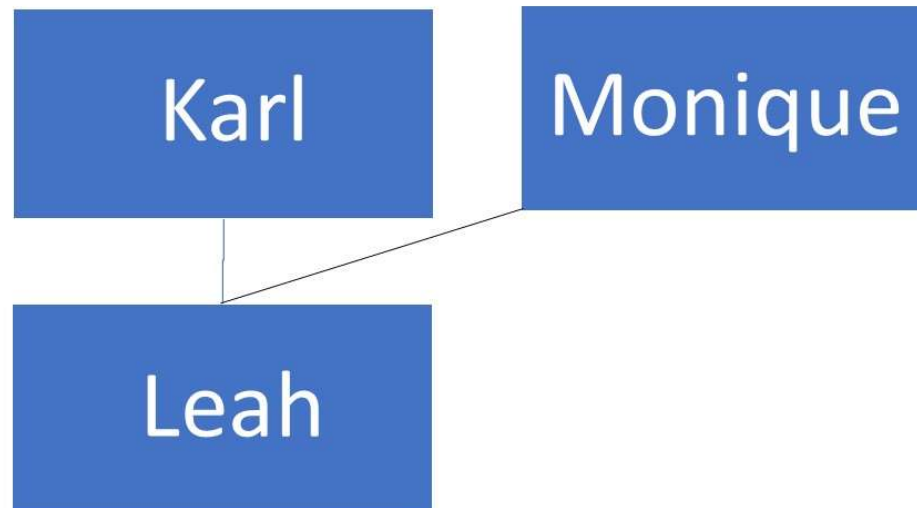


- **Monique Harris**
- **Birth 07/23/1974**
- **Death xx/xx/xx**
- **Married/Divorced -
MARRIED**



Karl Dwayne Harris and Monique Harris

Their  produced 1 child



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- **Leah Harris**
 - **Birth 06/22/2013**
 - **Death xx/xx/xx**
 - **Married/Divorced -**

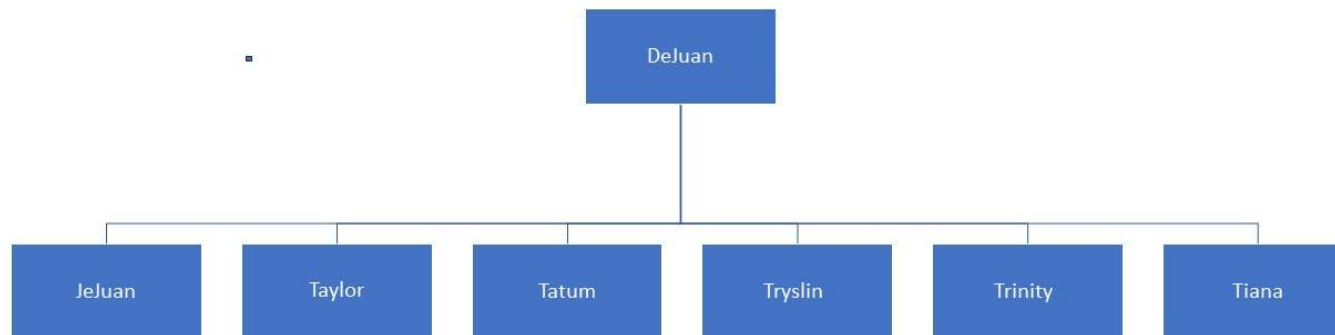
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- **DeJuan Shelby Harris**
 - **Birth 04/07/1981**
 - **Death xx/xx/xx**
 - **Married/Divorced -**

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DeJuan Shelby Harris

His  produced 6 children



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- **JeJuan Timothy Harris**
 - **Birth 02/05/2007**
 - **Death xx/xx/xx**
 - **Married/Divorced -**



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- **Taylor Simone Harris**
 - **Birth 02/05/2007**
 - **Death xx/xx/xx**
 - **Married/Divorced -**

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- **Tatum Shelby Harris**
- **Birth 01/19/2018**
- **Death xx/xx/xx**
- **Married/Divorced -**



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- Tryslin Shavon Harris
 - Birth 08/21/2019
 - Death xx/xx/xx
 - Married/Divorced –
 - **TRIPLETS**



- Trinity S. Harris
- Birth 08/21/2019
- Death xx/xx/xx
- Married/Divorced –
- **TRIPLETS**



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- Tiana Skylar Harris
 - Birth 08/21/2019
 - Death xx/xx/xx
 - Married/Divorced –
 - **TRIPLETS**



- **Arielle Kimberly Harris**
- **Birth 09/21/1989**
- **Death xx/xx/xx**
- **Married/Divorced -**



Arielle Kimberly Harris

Her  produced 3 children

Arielle

Ryla

Micos

Milen

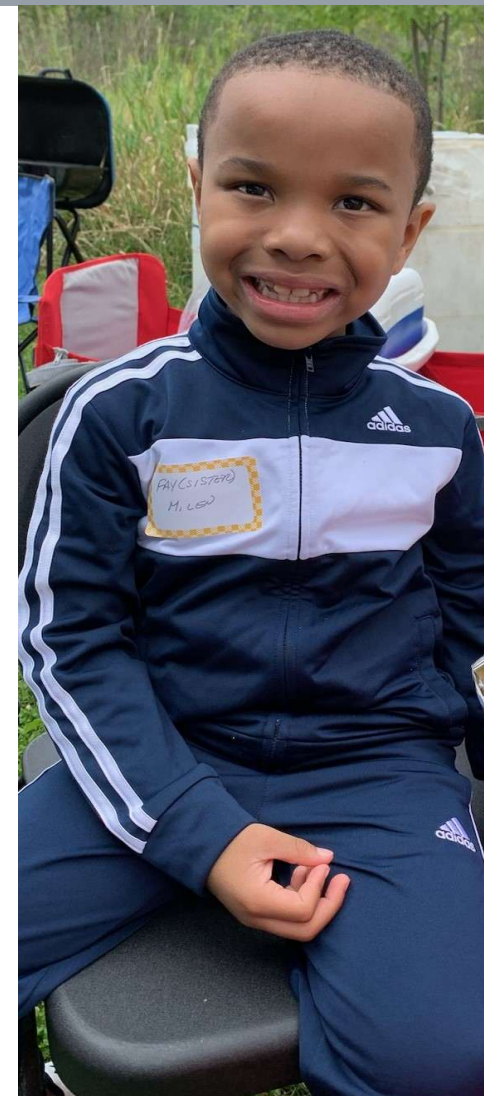
- **Ryla Williams**
- **Birth 08/25/2011**
- **Death xx/xx/xx**
- **Married/Divorced -**



- **Micos Welch**
- **Birth 06/28/2013**
- **Death xx/xx/xx**
- **Married/Divorced -**

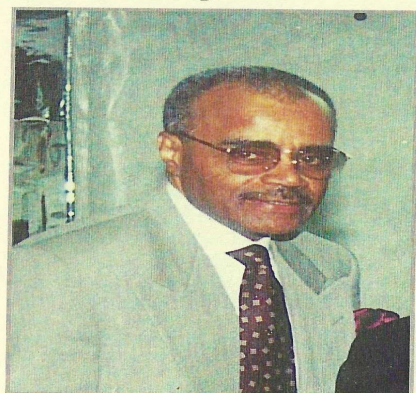


- **Milen Devon Welch**
- **Birth 01/01/2017**
- **Death xx/xx/xx**
- **Married/Divorced -**



- Henry Timothy Harris
- Birth 01/20/1938
- Death 03/16/2003
- Married/Divorced -

*In Loving Memory
of*



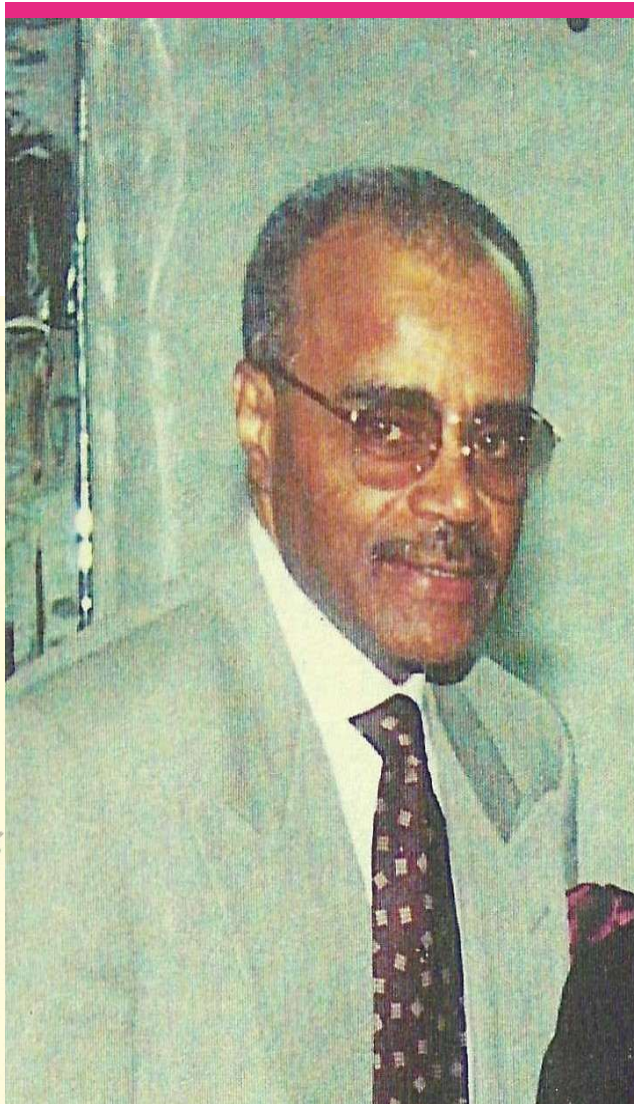
Henry Timothy Harris

January 20, 1938 - March 16, 2003

FRIDAY, MARCH 21, 2003
FAMILY HOUR 11:30 A.M. SERVICE 12:00 NOON

ST. PHILLIPS EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH
2884 EAST GRAND BLVD.
DETROIT, MI

REV. DAVID F. BURGESS, PASTOR



The Obituary

HENRY TIMOTHY HARRIS, affectionately known to family and friends and all that knew him as "Tim," was born to Alclifford and Fay Harris on that blessed day of January 20th of 1938. Tim was educated in the Lutheran and Detroit Public School systems, where he later attended Northwestern High School. He confirmed his faith at an early age at St. Phillips Lutheran Church in 1950.

Tim was ardent and enthusiastic about many things. His passion for chess, jazz, sports and most importantly his family and friends was unmatched. As most of us can attest to "that Christmas card" we always got whether we saw him or not. He was like that.

Timmy departed this world after a short illness on March 16, 2003.

Tim leaves to ever cherish his life, two loving and devoted sisters, Alma Carolyn Williams (Goldie) and Cynthia Marie Lewis; a nephew, Dwayne Alclifford Harris; a niece, Cynthia Elaine Harris; two fine grand nephews, Karl Dwayne Harris and Dejuan Shelby Harris and the beautiful Arielle Kimberly Harris, that shining star of his eye; one loving aunt, Mable Phillips. He also leaves a whole slew of cousins who will miss him and that very special person who shared his life, Jeannetta Clinton and George.

Pallbearers

Blaine Denning
David Hollins
Wilbur Bey
Steven Anderson

Marc Graham
Kenneth Hollins
Brent Gillum
Michael Winston

Flower Bearers
Friends of the Family

Interment
Forestlawn Cemetery
11851 Van Dyke
Detroit, MI

Arrangements Entrusted to
FRITZ FUNERAL HOME
246 East Ferry
Detroit, MI



Acknowledgment

The family wishes to express their sincere gratitude for the many acts of kindness shown during their time of sorrow. May God be with you always.

E & H Prg., 862-5786

- **Cynthia Marie (Harris) Lewis**
- **Birth 01/23/1941**
- **Death 08/16/2013**
- **Married/Divorced -
DIVORCED**

*Celebrating
The Life
Of*

Cynthia Marie Lewis

JANUARY 23, 1941 - AUGUST 16, 2013

Service to be held
Thursday, August 29, 2013
10:30 A.M. Family Hour • 11:00 A.M. Service

St. Philip's Evangelical Lutheran Church
2884 E. Grand Blvd. • Detroit, MI 48202
David F. Burgess, Pastor - Officiating



HER JOURNEY

Cynthia Marie Lewis was born January 23, 1941 to Alclifford and Fay M. Harris in Detroit, Michigan. Cynthia had a brother, Henry Timothy Harris, and two sisters, Alma Carolyn Williams and Jeanette Harris. All of them preceded her in death.

She was baptized and confirmed at St. Philip's Lutheran Church and she also attended St. Philip's School from the 1st through 7th grades.

Cynthia excelled in high school. She graduated from Cass Technical High School in 1959 and then continued her education, obtaining degrees from Detroit Institute of Technology, Lawrence Tech and the University of Detroit. She earned degrees in chemistry and biology, electrical engineering and advanced German.

Cynthia proudly served her country in two branches of the military. She received honorable discharges from the Air Force and the U.S. Army. Cynthia received a number of commendations and awards in her military career. Some of which were a Components Achievement Medal, Armed Forces Medal, USAF Outstanding Unit Medal, Army Service Ribbon and M-16 Rifle Expert Award. Cynthia served in the military with other "St. Philip's" military personnel including Viola Smith, Abraham Stephens and Pastor Kittrell Moore.

She stayed in contact with a lot

of her military buddies and was active in a number of organizations, serving as secretary for the Trailblazer Old Timers (T.O.T.) Organization and the Non Commissioned Officers (N.C.O.) Association.

Cynthia was married and divorced. There were no children born of this union.

Cynthia's employment history included the U.S. Post Office, the City of Detroit Health Department, where she was employed as a chemist and as an inspector for the U.S. Customs Department.

Cynthia will be well remembered for her passion for sports. She played basketball and baseball for Cass Tech High School and continued playing softball with her employer's team.

Anyone who knew "Cymp" remembers her wry sense of humor and sharp wit. She liked to go to the casinos and enjoyed being with her family, especially on holidays. We'll all miss her famous large pot of green beans at our holiday dinners.

Cynthia was an exuberant advocate for education and continually encouraged all the young people in the family to stay in school and go to college.

She is survived by her nephew, Dwayne A. Harris; niece, Cynthia E. Harris; great-nephews, Karl and Dejuan Harris; great-niece, Arielle Harris; and a host of cousins and other relatives.

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- **Charles Edward Lewis**
 - **Birth 05/08/1937**
 - **Death xx/xx/xx**
 - **Married/Divorced -
DIVORCED**

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- **Jeanette Alfreda Harris**
 - **Birth xx/xx/1943**
 - **Death xx/xx/1943**
 - **Married/Divorced -**

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The Willie Caroline (Calhoun) Brinson Family

Matriarch – Willie Caroline Brinson (aka Bill)

Patriarch – John Mathew Brinson

- **Willie Caroline (Calhoun) Brinson (aka Bill)**
- **Birth 06/30/1900**
- **Death 06/21/1962**
- **Married/Divorced - MARRIED**

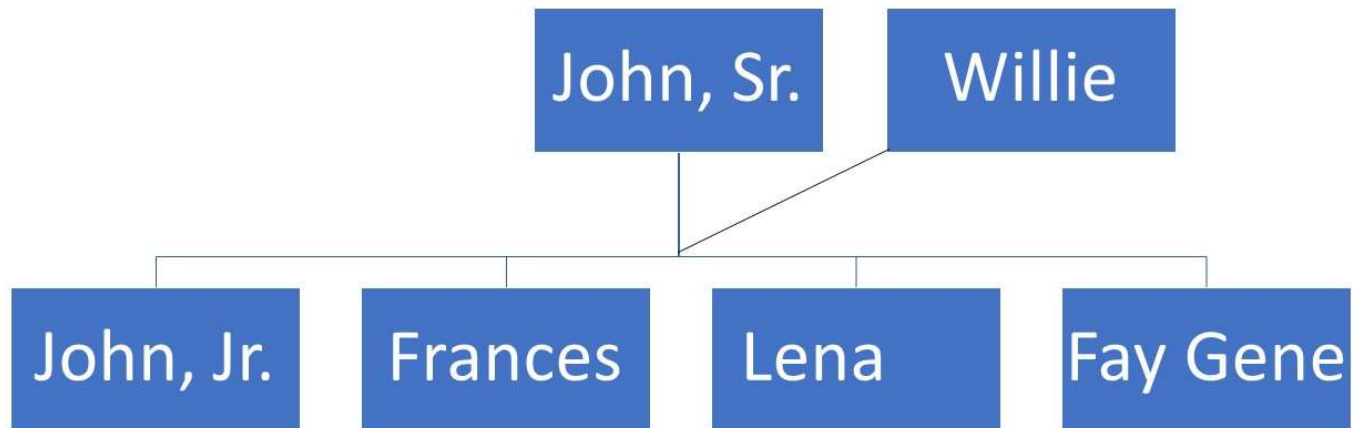


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- **John Mathew Brinson**
 - **Birth 12/12/1897**
 - **Death 04/16/1936**
 - **Married/Divorced -**



John Mathew Brinson and Willie Caroline Calhoun

Their  produced 4 children



-
- **John Mathew Brinson, Jr.**
 - **Birth 03/24/1921**
 - **Death 03/25/1921**
 - **Married/Divorced -**

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- **Frances Elaine (Brinson) Taylor**
- **Birth 02/15/1922**
- **Death 07/21/2000**

In Memory
of



Frances Elaine Taylor
February 15, 1922 - July 21, 2000

July 26, 2000

Service held at St. Philip's Lutheran Church
2884 E. Grand Blvd
Detroit, Michigan 48202

Rev. David F. Burgess, Pastor



Frances E. Taylor

Frances E. Taylor was born to John Matthew and Willie Caroline Brinson on February 15, 1922. Her faith was confirmed at St. Philip's Lutheran Church. Frances was united in Holy matrimony with Samuel M. Taylor. To this union was born two daughters.

She was employed by the City of Detroit for thirty years. She retired in 1986.

Frances departed this life on July 21, 2000.

She is survived by two daughters, Sharon Eileen Jones and Kathie Meredith Helms; sons-in-law William Jones and Leslie Helms; four grandchildren, Dawn E. (Don) Oehmke, Kimberly A. Sanders, Robyn L. Helms, and Michael A. Helms "her little man". She is also survived by her sister, Fay Gene Gillum and brother-in-law, Wilbert Winston. One sister, Lena A. Winston, preceded her in death on January 31, 1993. Frances is also survived by a special friend, Elaine Hopkins; nieces, nephews and many relatives and friends.

Weep Not In Sorrow

WEEP NOT IN SORROW
BECAUSE I'VE GONE AWAY
BUT WEEP WITH TEARS OF GLADNESS
FOR THE PEACE I HAVE TODAY.

I KNOW YOUR HEARTS ARE HEAVY
WITH SORROW THAT YOU BEAR
BUT GOD HAS CALLED ME HOME
MY PLACE IS READY THERE.

MY STAY ON EARTH'S COMPLETED
MY FINAL REST IS WON
I'VE RECEIVED THE RICHEST BLESSINGS
TO DWELL WITH GOD'S OWN SON.



- Samuel Meredith Taylor
- Birth 02/15/1919
- Death 12/19/1986
- Married/Divorced -

February 15, 1919

December 19, 1986

In Loving Memory

— Of —

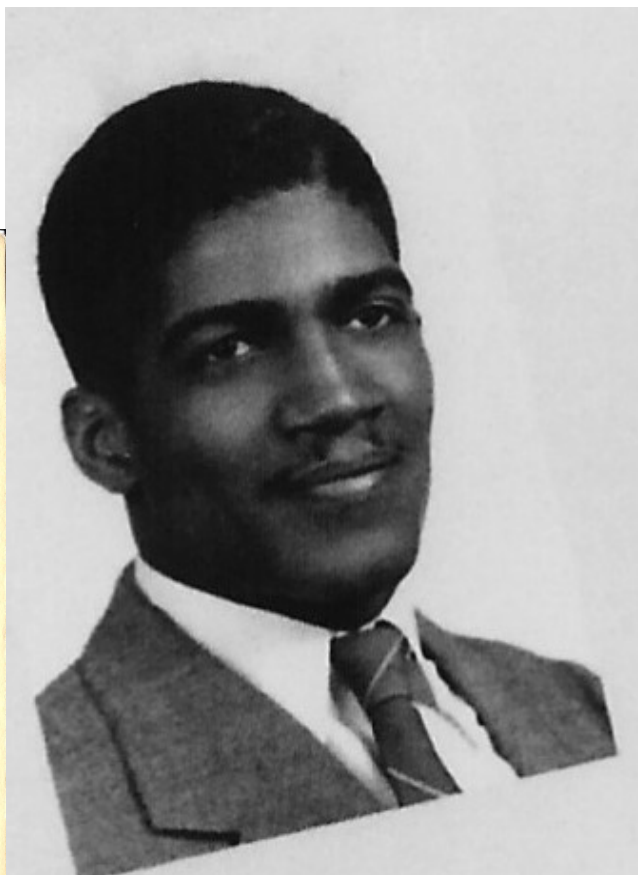


MR. SAMUEL M. TAYLOR

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 26, 1986
AT 1:00 P.M.

Services To Be Held At
Peace Baptist Church
13450 GODDARD AVE. (near E. Davison)
DETROIT, MICHIGAN

DR. STACY WILLIAMS, Officiating



The Obituary

Mr. Samuel M. Taylor was born February 15, 1919 to the union of the late Mr. Hosea and Mrs. Mollie Taylor in Clanton, Alabama.

He attended the Detroit Public Schools, graduating from Cass Technical High School. He attended Wayne State University and Lewis Business College.

Samuel was united in holy matrimony with Mrs. Alva Pullen in November of 1972.

He served as a Sargeant in the United States Army.

Mr. Taylor accepted Christ at an early age. He was a member of the Metropolitan Church of God where he served as a Christian and Manager of the credit union until his illness. He also attended faithfully the Peace Baptist Church where he was affectionately referred to as "Step-Member" by the pastor, Dr. Williams.

In his neighborhood, Mr. Taylor was a leader, serving as President of the Kentucky Block Club for several years. He was loved and highly respected by his neighbors.

He was employed by the Federal Government, retiring in 1981 after thirty-four years of service.

Mr. Samuel M. Taylor departed this life of service on Friday, December 19, 1986 at 11:00.

He leaves to share his loving memory: his devoted wife, Alva Taylor; two daughters, Sharon Jones and Kathie Helms, both of Detroit, Mich.; four grandchildren: Dawn Elaine and Kimberly Ann Sanders, Robyn and Michael Helms, all of Detroit, Mich.; one brother, Hosea E. Taylor of Washington, D.C.; three sisters: Velverie Hudson and Mattie L. Wilson, both of Detroit, Mich. and Elizabeth Edmead of Philadelphia, Pa.; two sons-in-law, one sister-in-law, two brothers-in-law and a host of other relatives and friends.

Ballbearers

ROBERT COOK
ENSEL SUNDERS
GRADY LATIMORE

MARION POWELL
REV. RICHARD McTERE
REV. ERNEST ROBINSON

Honorary Ballbearers

ERNEST BROYLES
BENJAMIN CROOKE

CHARLES LEWIS
JAMES B. KILPATRICK

Flower Bearers

FRIENDS OF THE FAMILY

Final Arrangements Entrusted To

JAMES H. COLE HOME FOR FUNERALS, Inc.
2624 W. Grand Blvd./873-0771 — 13631 Puritan/835-3997
AT TWELFTH AT SCHAEFER

Interment

DETROIT MEMORIAL PARK
13 Mile and Ryan Rds.

- Sharon Eileen (Taylor) Sanders Jones
- Birth 03/06/1942
- Death xx/xx/xxxx
- Married/Divorced - DIVORCED



- **Eugene Sanders Jr.**
- **Birth 10/14/1938**
- **Death 06/24/1981**
- **Married/Divorced - DIVORCED**

Born
October 14, 1938

Died
June 24, 1981

IN MEMORY OF
Eugene Sanders, Jr.



DATE OF FUNERAL
June 29, 1981

TIME OF FUNERAL
11:00 a.m.

PLACE OF FUNERAL
Burnette Baptist Church
16801 Schoolcraft
Detroit, Michigan

PASTOR
Rev. J. Allen Caldwell



Obituary

Eugene Sanders, Jr. was born on October 14, 1938 in Milton, North Carolina to Eugene and Ethel Sanders. He received his schooling in Baltimore, Maryland and Detroit, Michigan. He enlisted in the United States Army October 19, 1955 and was honorably discharged October 17, 1958. In 1960, he married Sharon E. Taylor and from this union was born two children. He joined the Detroit Police Department on August 5, 1968 and served as a police officer until his death.

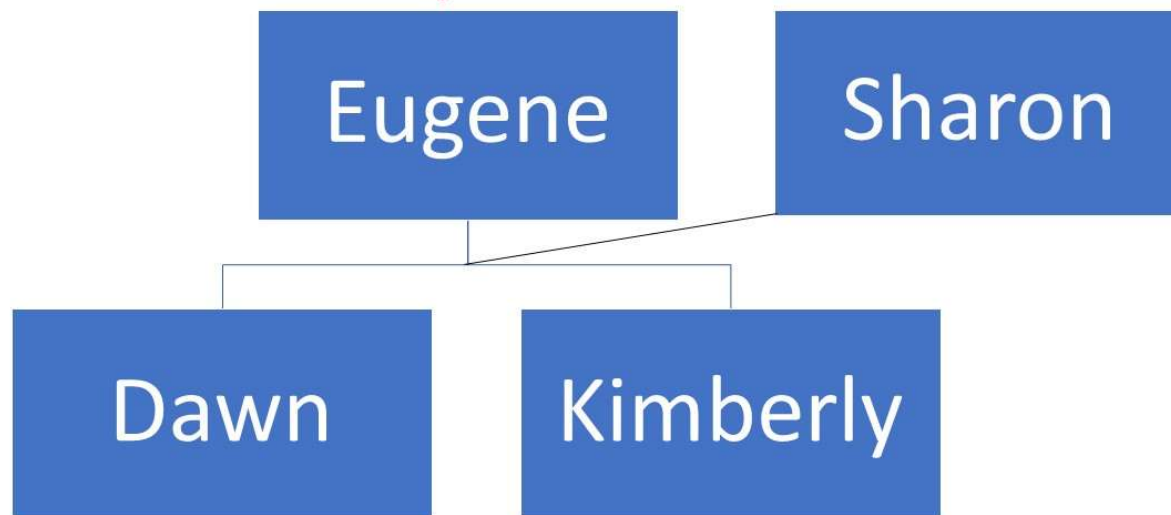
He is survived by his daughters, Dawn Elaine and Kimberly Ann, his parents, and a host of other relatives and friends.

Interment

Woodlawn Cemetery

Eugene Sanders, Jr. and Sharon Eileen Taylor

Their  produced 2 children



- Dawn Elaine (Sanders) Oehmke
- Birth 03/13/1961
- Death xx/xx/xxxx
- Married/Divorced - MARRIED



- Donald Owen Oehmke
- Birth 01/29/1950
- Death xx/xx/xxxx
- Married/Divorced - MARRIED



- **Kimberly Ann Sanders**
- **Birth 04/02/1963**
- **Death xx/xx/xxxx**
- **Married/Divorced -**



- **William Jones (Billy)**
- **Birth 09/12/1944**
- **Death xx/xx/xxxx**
- **Married/Divorced - MARRIED**



- **Kathie Meredith (Taylor) Helms**
- **Birth 02/06/1949**
- **Death xx/xx/xxxx**
- **Married/Divorced - DIVORCED**

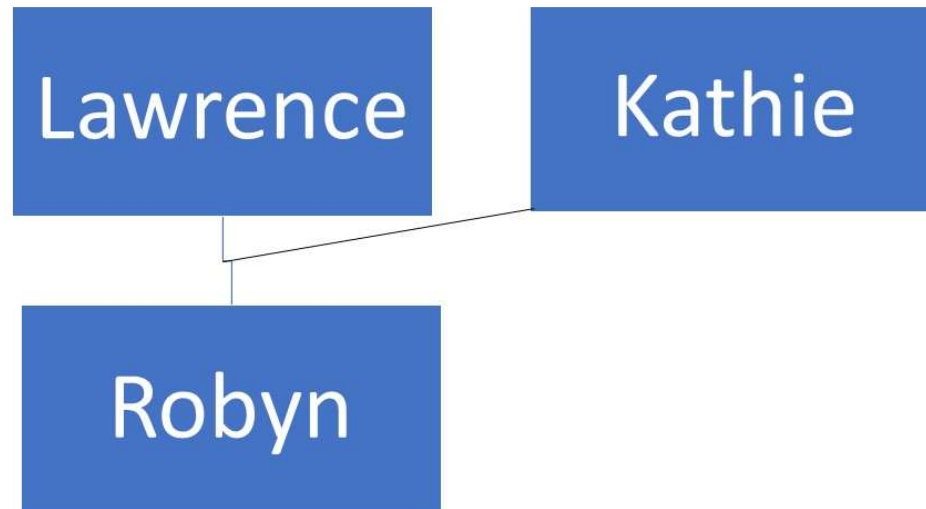


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- **Lawrence Mucker**
 - **Birth 03/02/1948**
 - **Death xx/xx/xxxx**
 - **Married/Divorced - DIVORCED**

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Lawrence Mucker and Kathie Meredith Taylor

Their  produced 1 child



- **Robyn Lynn Helms**
- **Birth 10/30/1967**
- **Death xx/xx/xxxx**
- **Married/Divorced -**



Robyn Lynn Helms

Her  produced 1 child

Robyn

Lyndsay

- **Lyndsay Meredith Helms**
- **Birth 05/31/2005**
- **Death xx/xx/xxxx**
- **Married/Divorced -**



- **Leslie LaVance Helms**
- **Birth 09/05/1947**
- **Death 04/18/2020**
- **Married/Divorced - MARRIED**

SEPTEMBER 5, 1947

APRIL 18, 2020

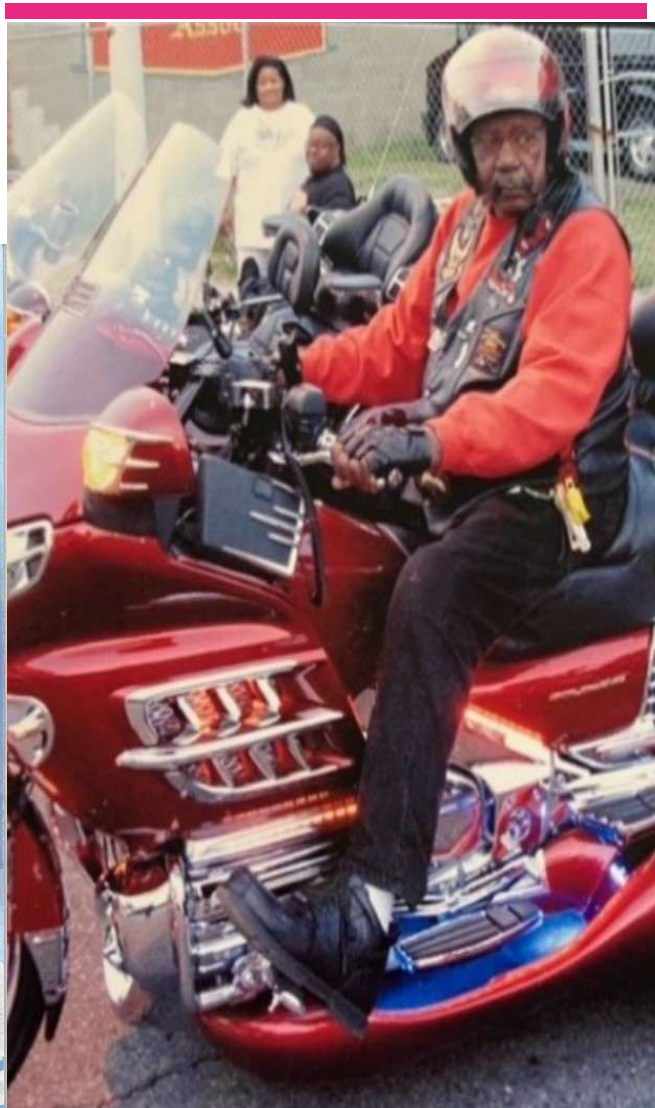
Memorial Service for



Leslie LaVance Helms

FRIDAY, AUGUST 27, 2021

*Farmington Hills Manor
23666 Orchard Lake Road
Farmington Hills, Michigan 48336*



Obituary

Leslie LaVance Helms was born September 5, 1947 at the family's home on Inverness Street in Detroit, Michigan. He was the third child born to the union of Marcell (dec. 2010) and Alberta Helms (dec. 1959). His sister, Joyce Ann Jones was the oldest followed by brother Marcell Kenneth Helms.

Les' education started at Custer Elementary School (now known as Thurgood Marshall Elementary School). His education continued at Post Junior High and graduated from Mumford High School in January, 1967. He was one of the basketball stars of the great 1965-1966 season that Mumford High School had. His college years were spent at Flint Junior College and Johnson C. Smith University. Those years were spent studying (although he mentioned not enough) and playing basketball.

Les and his wife Kathie grew up in the same neighborhood, went to the same elementary, junior and senior high school but never dated during that time. After attending Johnson C. Smith University and returning home, they started dating. On July 20, 1974, they wed, and he became "Daddy" to his precious daughter, Robyn. Through her eyes, he could do everything. Many times, Robyn would say "my daddy can play baseball, my daddy can play basketball, my daddy rides a motorcycle..."

Les was an avid sportsman playing baseball, basketball and bowling where he excelled at all three. As he got older, he would hit the baseball so hard and then to the dismay of players casually trot around the bases. Basketball was his true sport. He played hard until he couldn't play anymore. He lived his dream of playing semi pro basketball through our son, Michael. As his body and finally his mind decided that playing sports was over, he turned to motorcycle riding. He had various motorcycles and trikes. Les' last one was a beautiful red trike. He had many adventures on that trike riding it to the Grand Canyon, up the east coast and to many Black motorcycle roundups around the country.

For ten years, Les was the financial secretary to the Pilgrim Village Association, a non-profit association that worked for the betterment of the Pilgrim Village Community.

Les' true loves were his family. He enjoyed grilling and frying his famous smothered porkchops.

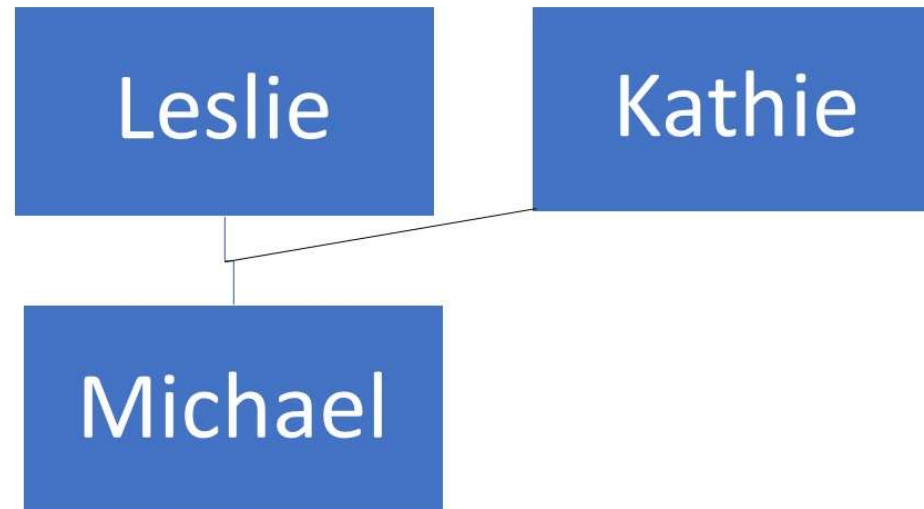
Les' had numerous accidents, injuries and operations. Each time through intense rehabilitation, he would always get better. When he was hospitalized on March 20, 2020 and was diagnosed with COVID-19, we all knew he would beat that too. It took the dreaded COVID-19 to take him from his family and friends.

Les was preceded in death by his father, mother and brother. He leaves to mourn his absence, his wife Kathie; his daughter Robyn Helms, his son Michael Helms and his beloved granddaughters Lyndsay and Milely Helms. Also mourning him is his sister Joyce Jones, nieces Denena Freeman, Danielle Helms, Ashley Freeman, Kimberly Sanders, Dawn Oehmke (Donald) and nephews Steven Freeman, Darryl Helms, Brandon Love, Steven Freeman Wright, Blake Freeman and many, many relatives and friends. He is also so missed by his sister-in-law and brother-in-law Sharon and Bill Jones that a paver was installed in his honor on the Detroit Riverwalk.

As he always said he wanted, Les was cremated and buried in the plot with his mother at Detroit Memorial Cemetery in Warren, Michigan.

Leslie LaVance Helms and Kathie Meredith Taylor

Their  produced 1 child



- **Michael Aaron Helms**
- **Birth 12/29/1982**
- **Death xx/xx/xxxx**
- **Married/Divorced - DIVORCED**

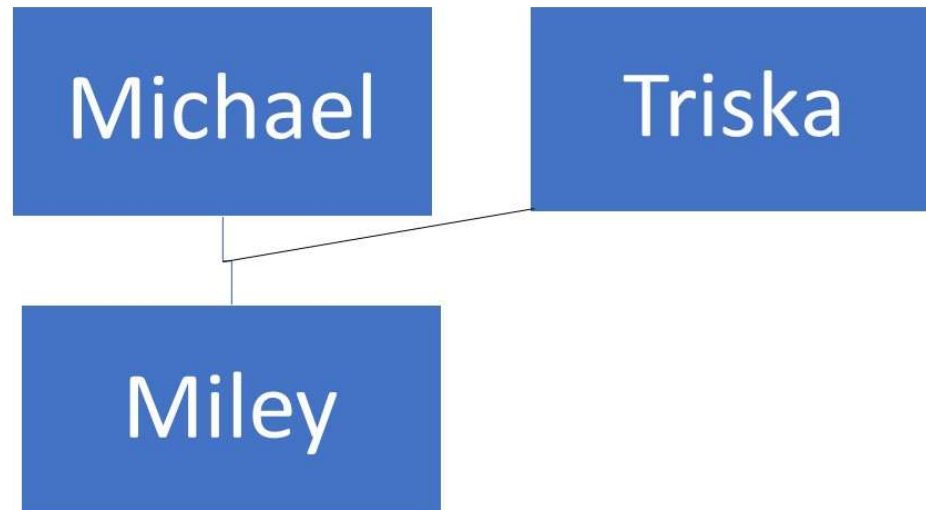


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- **Triska Nicole (Barrow) Helms**
 - **Birth 11/11/1983**
 - **Death xx/xx/xxxx**
 - **Married/Divorced - DIVORCED**



Michael Aaron Helms and Triska Nicole Barrow

Their  produced 1 child



- Miley Hayden Helms
- Birth 07/20/2012
- Death xx/xx/xxxx
- Married/Divorced -



- **Lena Augusta (Brinson) Winston**
- **Birth 08/16/1923**
- **Death 01/31/1993**
- **Married/Divorced - MARRIED**

***In Loving Memory
Of***



LENA A. WINSTON

**Saturday, February 6, 1993
at 11:00 A.M.**

Services To Be Held At
St Philips Lutheran Church
2884 E. Grand Boulevard
Detroit, Michigan

Pastor VENICE C. DOUGLAS, Officiating
New Mt. Olive Lutheran Church



LENA WINSTON

LENA A. WINSTON was born to John Mathew and Willie Caroline Brinson on August 16, 1923 in Detroit, Michigan. She was confirmed in her faith as a member of St. Philips Lutheran Church in 1938. Lena was united in Holy matrimony with Wilbert Winston on May 26, 1945. From this union was born four children. She was employed at J.L. Hudson Co. in the Credit Department until her retirement in 1986.

Lena departed this life on January 31, 1993.

She is survived by her husband Wilbert, twin sons Michael and Gregory; daughters Vicki Watson and Donna Bey; son-in-laws Walter Watson and Wilbur Bey; six grandchildren, Gregory W. Winston, Traci Bey, Gabrielle Winston, Lisa Bey, Golden Winston and Kevin Watson; two great grandchildren Christopher and Bianca; two sisters Frances Taylor and Fay Gene Gillum and a host of nieces, nephews relatives and friends.

Pallbearers

Jeffrey Gillum
William Jones
H. Timothy Harris

Leslie Helms
Dwayne Harris
Goldie Williams

ARRANGEMENTS ENTRUSTED TO:

Fritz Funeral Home
246 E. Ferry
Detroit, Michigan

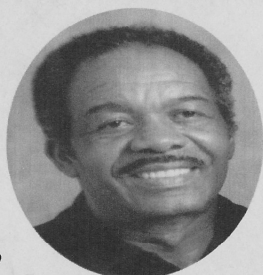
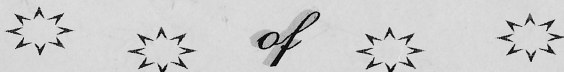
Interment
Forest Lawn Cemetery

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

The family wishes to express their sincere gratitude for the many deeds of kindness shown during their time of sorrow. May God be with you always.

- Wilbert Winston
- Birth 03/06/1919
- Death 01/19/2001
- Married/Divorced - MARRIED

Celebrating The Life



March 6, 1919

January 19, 2001

Wilbert Winston

Saturday, January 27, 2001

Family Hour ~ 10:30 a.m.
Funeral Services ~ 11:00 a.m.

St. Philips Lutheran Church
2884 E. Grand Blvd.
Detroit, MI 48202

Pastor Edward Einem, Officiating



THE OBITUARY

WILBERT WINSTON was born on March 6, 1919 to the union of John Winston and Eugene Biggs Winston in Montana, West Virginia. His parents and his brothers: Robert, Edward and Leonard Winston preceded him in death. He was confirmed at St. Philips Lutheran Church and was a dedicated member until his death.

At 5 years of age, he moved to Smithfield, OH where he was adopted and raised by Clarence and Amanda Wiley. He graduated from the Smithfield High School System. He excelled in all sports, especially football and baseball. His style and agility earned him the name "Pretty Pappy".

As a certified "master" mechanic he worked at various Chevrolet dealerships throughout the years. He retired in the early 1980's as a self-employed auto-mechanic.

Wilbert was united in Holy matrimony with Lena A. Winston on May 26, 1945. From this union was born four children.

He was preceded in death by his beloved wife Lena A. Winston, his first grandchild Gregory "Corky" Winston, his sister Marie Johnson, and his sister-in-law Frances E. Taylor.

He leaves to cherish in his memory twin sons Michael E. Winston and Gregory J. Winston, two daughters Vicki J. Watson and Donna M. Bey, two sons-in-law Walter E. Watson Jr. and Wilbur Bey, daughter in-law Patricia Winston, "third" son Miller London, six grandchildren Gregory W. Winston, Traci L. Bey, Gabrielle M. Winston, Lisa M. Bey, Golden J. Winston, Kevin B. Watson, four great-grandchildren Christopher, Bianca, Reo and Gregory Jr., one sister Willa Mae Capers, sister-in-laws Faye Gene Gillium and Clara Winston and a host of nieces, nephews, relatives and friends.

Wilbert was cherished and loved as "daddy" and "granddaddy", by a host of adopted children and grandchildren.

Pallbearers

Brent Winston-Gillum	Ruben Malik Dunlap
Freddie Winston	Derrick London
Jeffrey Gillum	Dwayne Harris

Flower Bearers

Friends of the Family

Final Arrangements Entrusted To

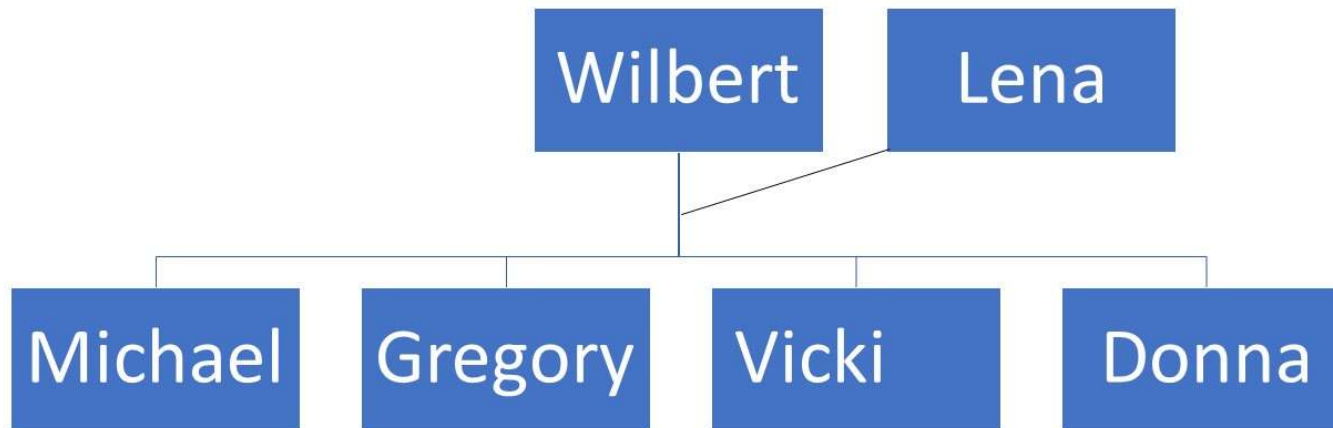
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246 E. Ferry
Detroit, MI

Interment

Forest Lawn Cemetery
Detroit, MI

Wilbert Winston and Lena Augusta Brinson

Their  produced 4 children



- **Michael Edward Winston**
- **Birth 11/09/1946**
- **Death 09/24/2008**
- **Married/Divorced - DIVORCED**

*Obituary
for*



Michael E. Winston

November 9, 1946 - September 24, 2008



OBITUARY

Michael Edward Winston and his identical twin brother, Gregory John were born to Wilbert and Lena Winston on November 9, 1946. Michael was confirmed in his faith as a member of St. Philip's Lutheran Church on June 26, 1960.

Michael attended Detroit Public Schools and was a member of the last graduating class of the High School of Commerce in 1964. He was inducted into the United States Army on May 19, 1966, obtained the rank of SP 4 and was honorably discharged May 11, 1968. He was employed in various jobs in his lifetime including management positions at the Wrigley Grocery Store Company and Louis the Hatter Clothiers.

Michael was united in marriage to Jacqueline Polk in October 1970 and to this union two daughters, Gabrielle Michele and Golden Joy were born. His twin brother Gregory preceded him in death on March 5, 2003.

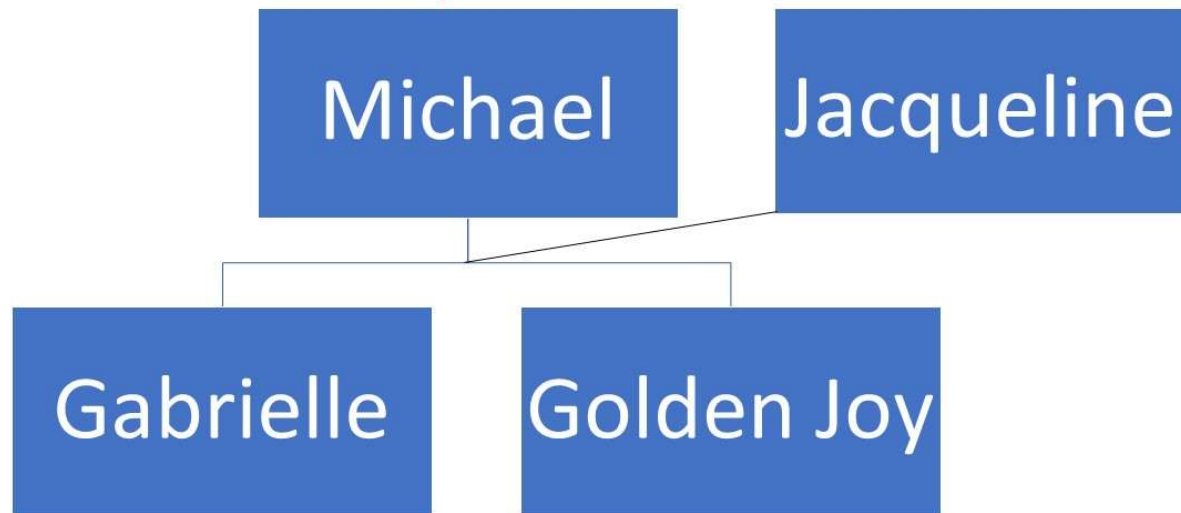
Michael departed this life on September 24, 2008. He leaves to mourn his passing his daughters Gabrielle M. Winston and Golden Joy Reason; granddaughters Rio, Jada, and Liyah; sisters Vicki J. Watson (Walter) and Donna M. Bey (Wilbur); aunt Faye Gene Gillum; god brother Miller London; best friend Johnathan and many nieces, nephews, cousins and friends.

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- **Jacqueline (Polk) Winston**
 - **Birth 03/07/1951**
 - **Death xx/xx/xxxx**
 - **Married/Divorced - DIVORCED**

Photo Coming
Soon

Michael Edward Winston and Jacqueline Polk

Their  produced 2 children



-
- **Gabrielle Michelle Winston**
 - **Birth 08/25/1971**
 - **Death xx/xx/xxxx**
 - **Married/Divorced - MARRIED**



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- **Leo Anthony Prewitt**
 - **Birth 01/14/1971**
 - **Death xx/xx/xxxx**
 - **Married/Divorced - MARRIED**

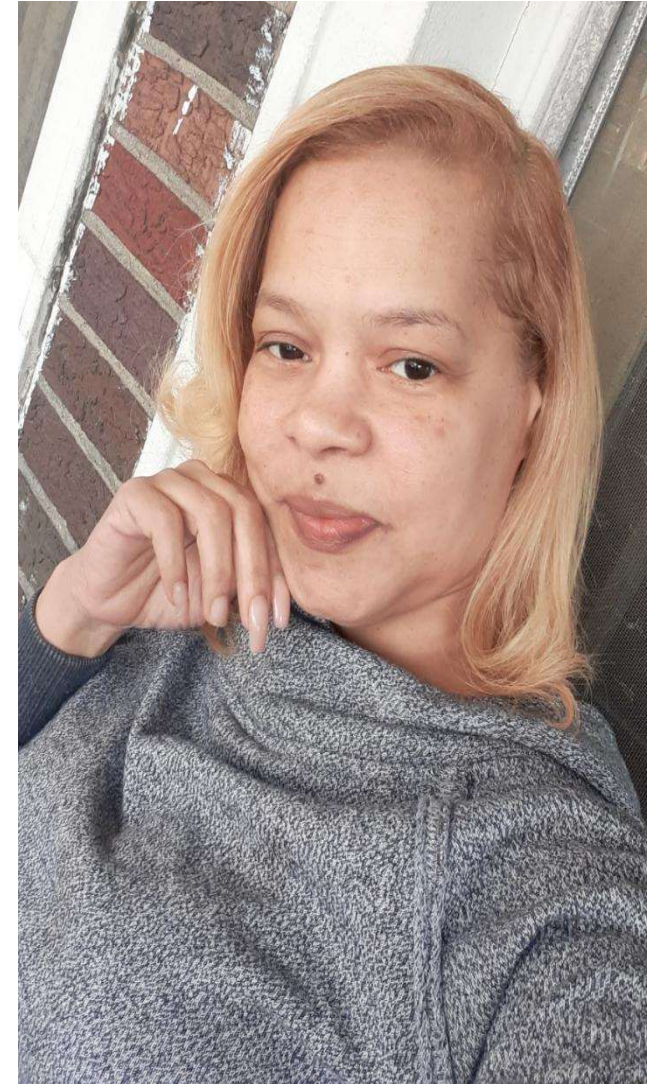
- **Reo Lamynx Armani Winston**
- **Birth 06/01/1993**
- **Death xx/xx/xxxx**
- **Married/Divorced -**



- **Liyah Rielle Prewitt**
- **Birth 03/05/2004**
- **Death xx/xx/xxxx**
- **Married/Divorced -**



- **Golden Joy Winston**
- **Birth 07/15/1974**
- **Death xx/xx/xxxx**
- **Married/Divorced -**



Golden Joy Winston

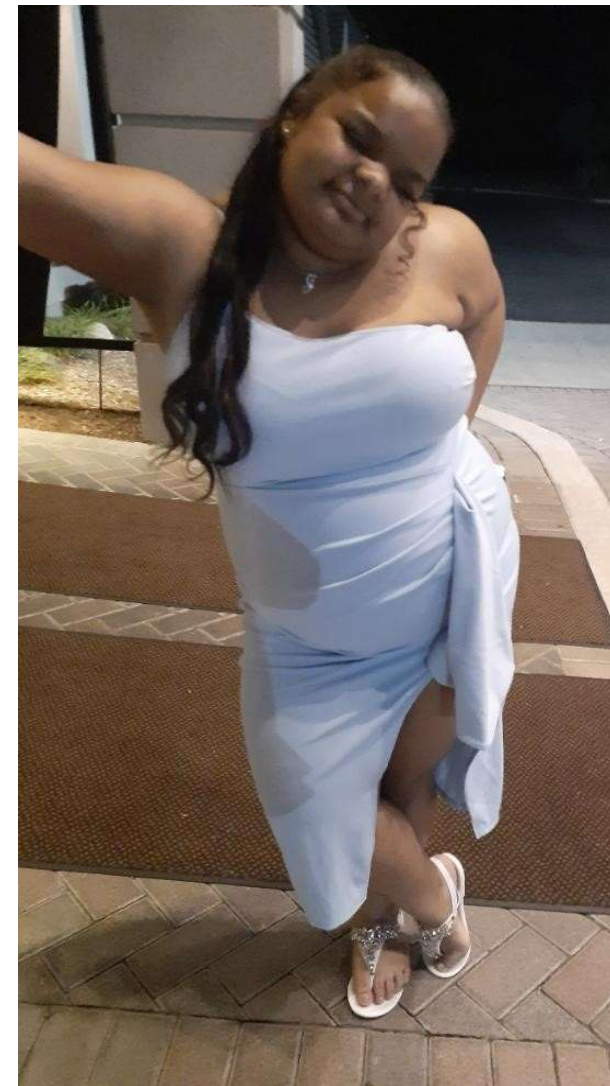
Her  produced 2 children

Golden Joy

Jada

King

- Jada Joy Pettway
- Birth 11/20/2001
- Death xx/xx/xxxx
- Married/Divorced -



- **King Evan Pettway**
- **Birth 03/30/2010**
- **Death xx/xx/xxxx**
- **Married/Divorced -**



- Gregory John Winston
- Birth 11/19/1946
- Death 03/05/2003
- Married/Divorced - MARRIED

*A Memorial Service
for*



Gregory J. Winston

November 9, 1946 - March 5, 2003

Thursday, March 13, 2003
6:00 p.m.

St. Phillip's Evangelical Lutheran Church
2884 East Grand Blvd.
Detroit, MI

REV. DAVID F. BURGESS, Pastor



The Obituary

GREGORY JOHN WINSTON and his identical twin brother, Michael Edward, were born to Wilbert and Lena Winston on November 9, 1946. He was confirmed in his faith as a member of St. Phillip's Lutheran Church on June 26, 1960.

Gregory graduated from the Detroit Public School's High School of Commerce in 1964 and was quick to tell people that he and his brother were members of the last graduating class before the school was torn down.

He was united in matrimony to Patricia Williams in 1966 and to this union one son, Gregory W. (Corky) was born. Corky preceded him in death on October 20, 2000.

Gregory had various jobs in his lifetime with the longest employment being twelve years at Ford Motor Company.

Gregory departed this life on March 5, 2003. Mourning his passing are his wife, Patricia A. Winston; grandson, Gregory W. Jr.; twin brother, Michael E. Winston; sisters, Vicki J. Watson (Walter) and Donna M. Bey (Wilbur); Godbrother, Miller London; many nieces, nephews, and a host of cousins, other relatives and friends.



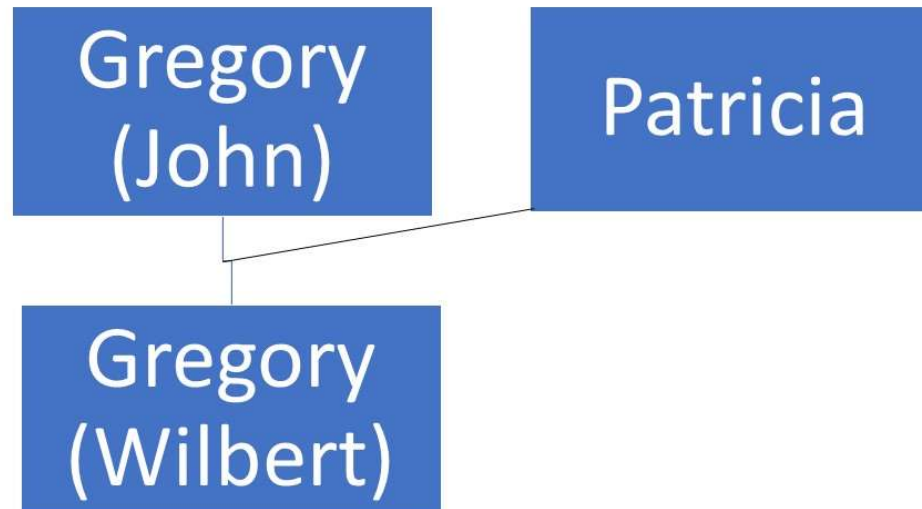
*We all loved him,
but God loved him best
and called him home to rest.*

- **Patricia Anne (Williams)
Winston**
- **Birth 03/30/2010**
- **Death xx/xx/xxxx**
- **Married/Divorced - MARRIED**



Gregory John Winston and Patricia Anne Williams

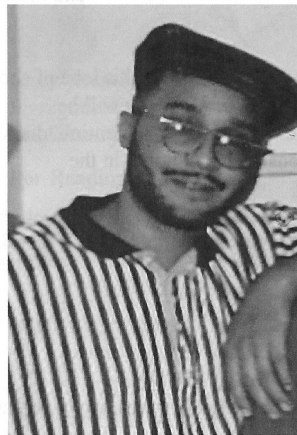
Their  produced 1 child



- **Gregory Wilbert "Corky" Winston**
- **Birth 11/06/1966**
- **Death 10/20/2000**
- **Married/Divorced -**



**A Celebration of the Life of
Gregory Wilbert Winston
"Corky"**



WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 25, 2000

**CASS COMMUNITY UNITED
METHODIST CHURCH**

REV. FAITH E. FOWLER, OFFICIATING

GREGORY WILBERT WINSTON

(affectionately known as "Corky") was born on November 6, 1966 to Gregory and Patricia Winston. He was baptized at St. Phillip's Lutheran Church.

Corky attended Detroit Public Schools where he was known for his love of basketball and Prince albums.

He will also be remembered for his love of cooking and eating, but most of all Corky will be remembered for paying special attention to all of his younger cousins and children in the neighborhood.

Even as a young person, Corky saw to it that the older people were taken care of.

He departed this life on October 20, 2000 after three weeks in the Sinai/Grace Hospital.

Gregory leaves to cherish his memory his father and mother, Gregory and Patricia Winston; his son, Gregory Jr.; his stepson, Marcus; his fiancée, Samantha Franklin; his grandfathers Wilbert Winston and Mike Williams; aunts, uncles and a host of cousins and friends, including his special friends Dana Bush and Derrick London.

His body will be cremated; his loving spirit returned to God.

Gregory Wilbert "Corky" Winston

His  produced 1 child

Gregory
Wilbert, Sr.

Gregory
Wilbert, Jr.

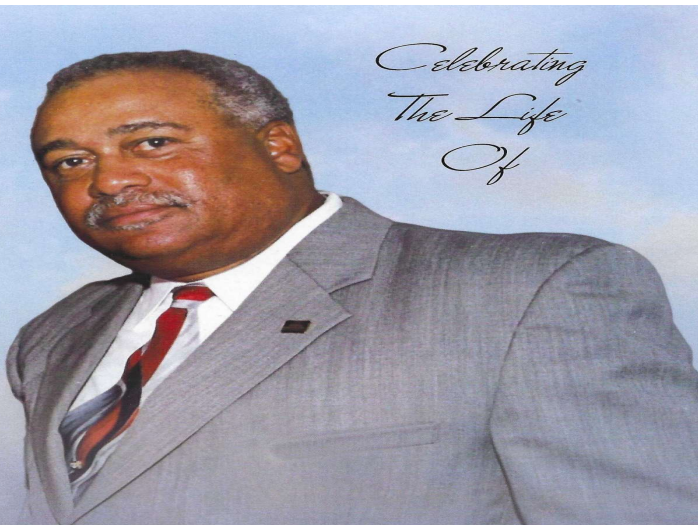
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- **Gregory Wilbert Winston, Jr.**
 - **Birth** xx/xx/xxxx
 - **Death** xx/xx/xxxx
 - **Married/Divorced** -

Photo Coming
Soon

- Vicki Jean (Winston) Watson
- Birth 06/26/1948
- Death xx/xx/xxxx
- Married/Divorced - MARRIED



- **Walter Edward Watson, Jr.**
- **Birth 09/07/1948**
- **Death 04/15/2021**
- **Married/Divorced - MARRIED**

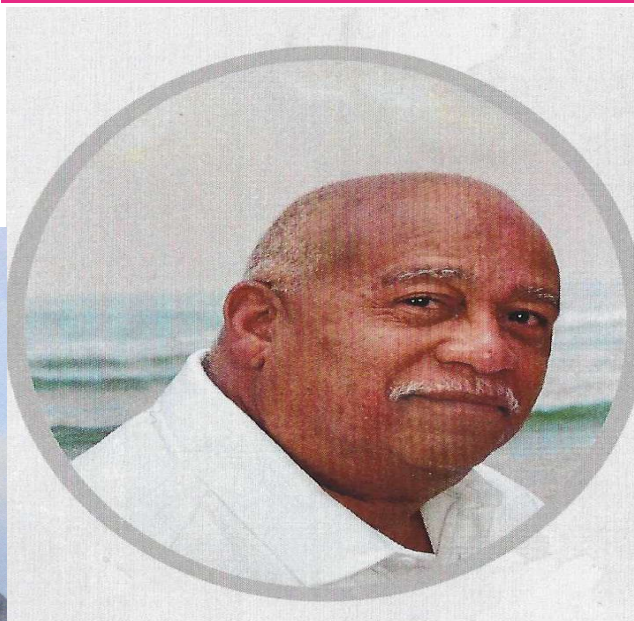


*Celebrating
The Life
Of*

**Walter E.
WATSON, JR.**

SEPTEMBER 7, 1948 - APRIL 15, 2021
Service to be held
Saturday, April 24, 2021
9:00 A.M. Service

James H. Cole Home For Funerals, Inc.
16100 Schaefer • Detroit, Michigan 48235
Pastor Milton B. Pierce, Officiating
Great Mt. Carmel Baptist Church



INTERMENT
Elmwood Cemetery
1200 Elmwood
Detroit, Michigan

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(313) 835-3997
www.jameshcole.com

OBITUARY

WALTER E. WATSON JR. was born on September, 7, 1948 to the late Walter and Mary Watson Sr. in Detroit, MI. He was the oldest son of four children: Sharon, Dwayne (who preceded him in death), and Ronald. He confessed Christ at an early age and was baptized at St. John Primitive Baptist Church in Detroit, MI. Walter was educated in the Detroit Public School system and graduated from Cass Technical High School in 1966. He furthered his education by attending Wayne State University and Lawrence Institute of Technology. Walter was drafted in the U.S. Army during the Vietnam War, where he earned the rank of SP 5 Sergeant. Due to his background and education he was placed in a command position in the military police unit at the correctional facility at Fort Leonardwood, Missouri. He also played basketball on the traveling military team and they won the championship every year in which he participated.

He was united in holy matrimony to Vicki J. Winston on September 11, 1971 at St. Philip's Lutheran Church and to this union in 1974 was born a son Kevin Brinson Watson.

Walter worked various jobs during his early adulthood. In 1987, he and his partners formed W-3 Construction which today is still a thriving and successful minority business that serves the Greater Detroit Metropolitan Area.

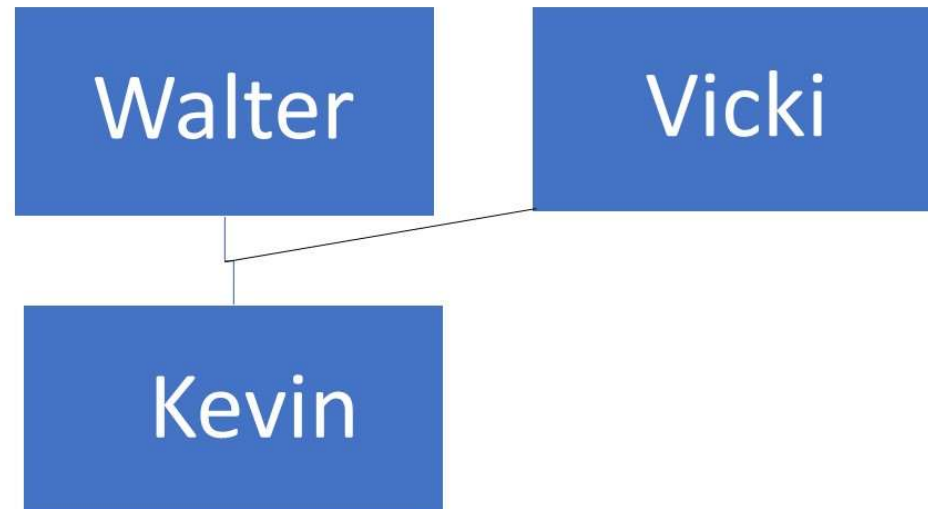
Walter loved sports. He was an avid golfer. Until his demise, he remained a long-standing member of the Sunday Headsmen Golf League as well as the Detroit Golf Club. In his earlier years he was an active baseball, and basketball player. He played in high school, college and the military. Walter gave generously to various charities and family throughout his life.

Walter was a devoted husband, father and grandfather.

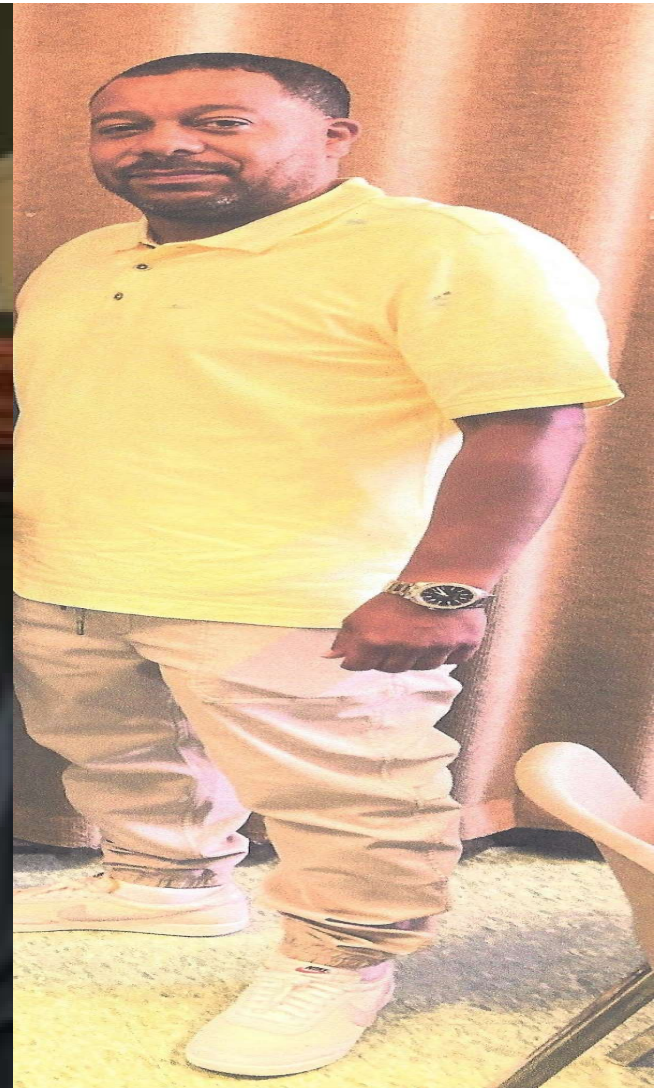
He leaves to cherish in his memory: his devoted and loving wife Vicki, son Kevin, grandson Shane, sister Sharon (Charles), brother Ronald (Vanessa), brothers-in-law, Wilbur, Miller (Toi), aunt Dorothy (Willie), and a host of nephews, nieces, cousin and friends.

Walter Edward Watson and Vicki Jean Winston

Their  produced 1 child



- **Kevin Brinson Watson**
- **Birth 12/14/1974**
- **Death xx/xx/xxxx**
- **Married/Divorced -**



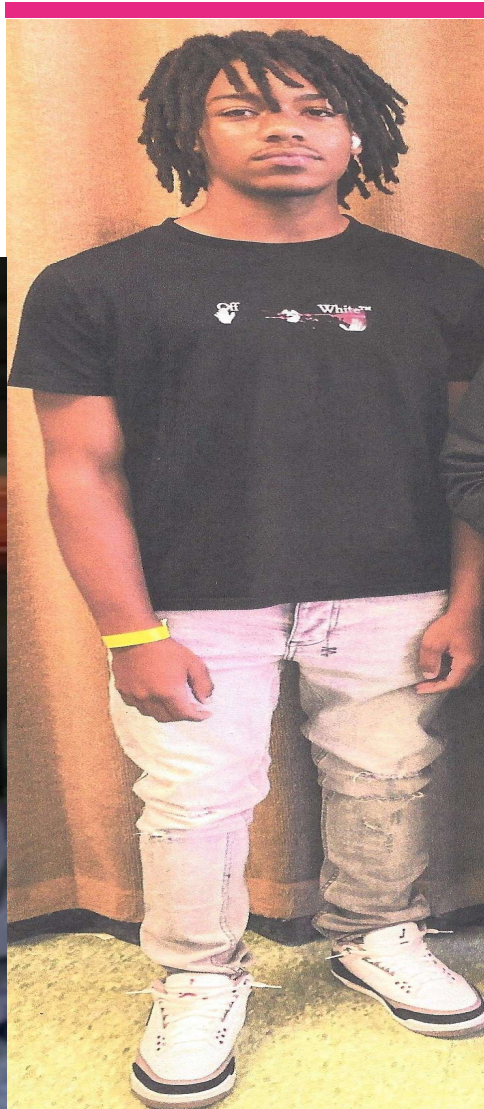
Kevin Brinson Watson

His  produced 1 child

Kevin

Shane

- **Shane Andrew Watson**
- **Birth 04/17/2007**
- **Death xx/xx/xxxx**
- **Married/Divorced -**



- **Donna Marie (Winston) Bey**
- **Birth 06/20/1951**
- **Death 12/15/2016**
- **Married/Divorced - MARRIED**

Celebrating
THE LIFE
OF



Donna Marie Bey

SUNRISE: JUNE 20, 1951 - SUNSET: DECEMBER 15, 2016

Service to be held
Thursday, December 22, 2016
10:00 A.M. Family Hour • 11:00 A.M. Service

St. Phillips Evangelical Lutheran Church of Detroit
2884 East Grand Blvd. • Detroit, Michigan 48202
Pastor Marvin A. Griffin, Sr., *Officiating*



PALLBEARERS
Betram Carmichael
Donald Smalley
Kevin Watson

David Otis
Anthon Bell
Alvin Davis

FLOWER BEARERS
Friends of the Family

INTERMENT
Forest Lawn Cemetery
11851 Van Dyke
Detroit, MI

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Northwest Chapel
16100 Schaefer Hwy. • Detroit, Michigan
(313) 835-3997

ACKNOWLEDGMENT
The family wishes to acknowledge with deep appreciation, the many comforting messages, floral tributes, prayers and many other expressions of kindness and concern evidenced at this time in thought and deed. A more personal acknowledgment will be made at a later date.

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Donna Marie Bey, the youngest of four siblings, was born in Detroit, Michigan on June 20, 1951 to the late Wibert and Lena Winston. She was baptized and confirmed at St. Phillip's Lutheran Church where she remained a faithful member. Donna married the love of her life, Wilbur, on April 4, 1970 and to this union two beautiful daughters, Traci and Lisa, were born.

Donna graduated from Cass Technical High School in 1969 and briefly attended Wayne State University both in Detroit, Michigan. She was employed with Western Electric and later retired from her position as an administrative assistant from Reds Collision.

Donna, affectionately know as momma, mommy and nonna, loved by everyone she met. She was an extraordinary wife, devoted mother, grandmother and a phenomenal friend with a giving heart unparalleled to others. Her gift and passion was sewing with some of her past times being playing Keno and shopping. Donna also looked forward to her yearly birthday celebrations with her sister, aunt, cousin's and best friends. She was famous for her cooking, and let's not forget her delicious peach cobbler that will surely be missed!

Donna was truly a virtuous woman who imparted wisdom, possessed integrity, loved caring for her babies and spending time with family and friends. One of her wise quotes, "You have to allow people to be who they are and love them anyway!"

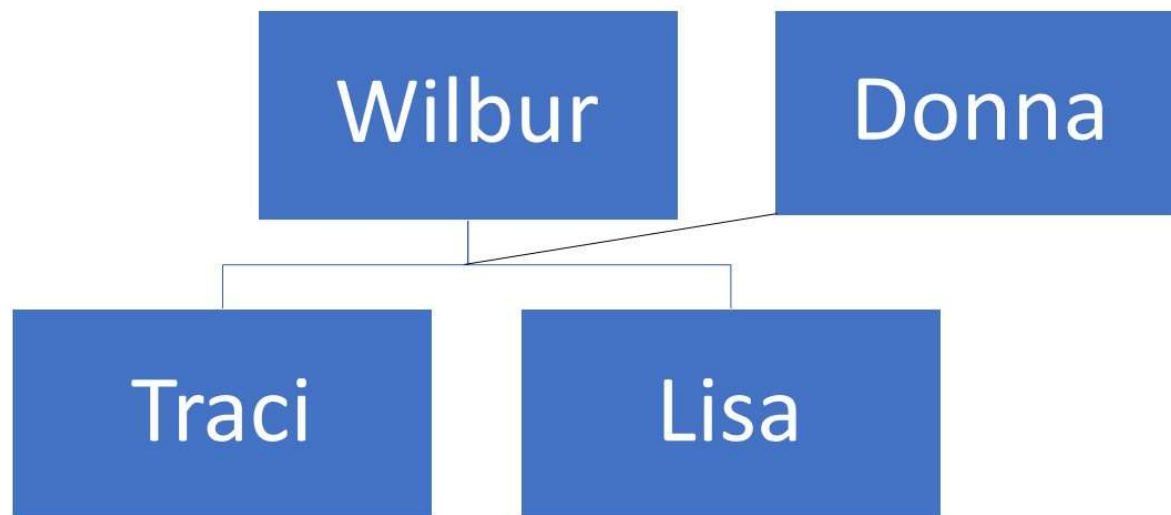
Donna received her wings on Thursday, December 15, 2016, and is survived by her husband of 46 years Wilbur Bey; daughters, Traci Bell (Anthon), Lisa Bey; grandchildren, Christopher (Kayla), Bianca, Anthon Jr., Aaron, Alijah, Adrian; great-granddaughters, Donna Marie and Traci; sister, Vicki Watson (Walter); twin brothers, Gregory and Michael Winston who preceded her in death; nephews, Gregory, who preceded her in death, Kevin; nieces, Gabrielle (Leo), Golden Joy; great-nephews, Gregory Jr., Shane, and King Ejuan; great-nieces, Rio, Liyah, Jada; godbrother, Miller London (Toi); goddaughters, Danienne Smalley, Tiwana Carmichael (Betram); five godsons; two very special friends, Aleta Daniels who preceded her in death and Brenda Davis (Alvin); and a host of relatives and friends.

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- **Wilbur Bey**
 - **Birth 04/25/1949**
 - **Death xx/xx/xxxx**
 - **Married/Divorced - MARRIED**



Wilbur Bey and Donna Marie Winston

Their  produced 2 children



- Traci LaDon (Bey) Bell
- Birth 09/19/1970
- Death xx/xx/xxxx
- Married/Divorced -



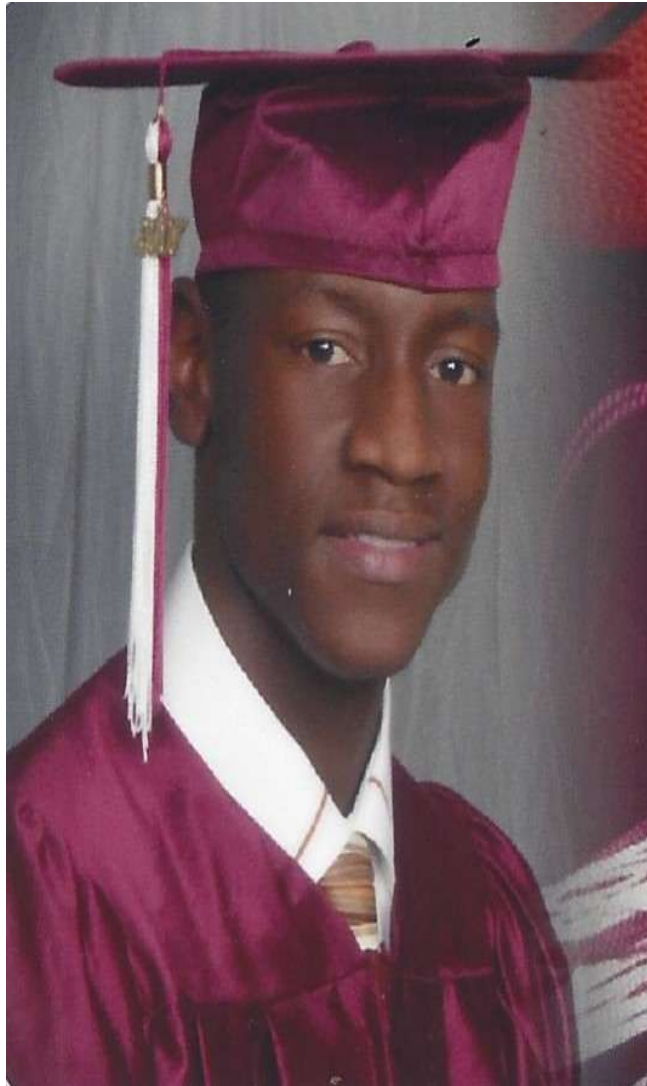
Traci LaDon (Bey) Bell

Her  produced 1 child

Traci

Christopher

- **Christopher Terrell Bey**
- **Birth 11/28/1988**
- **Death xx/xx/xxxx**
- **Married/Divorced - MARRIED**

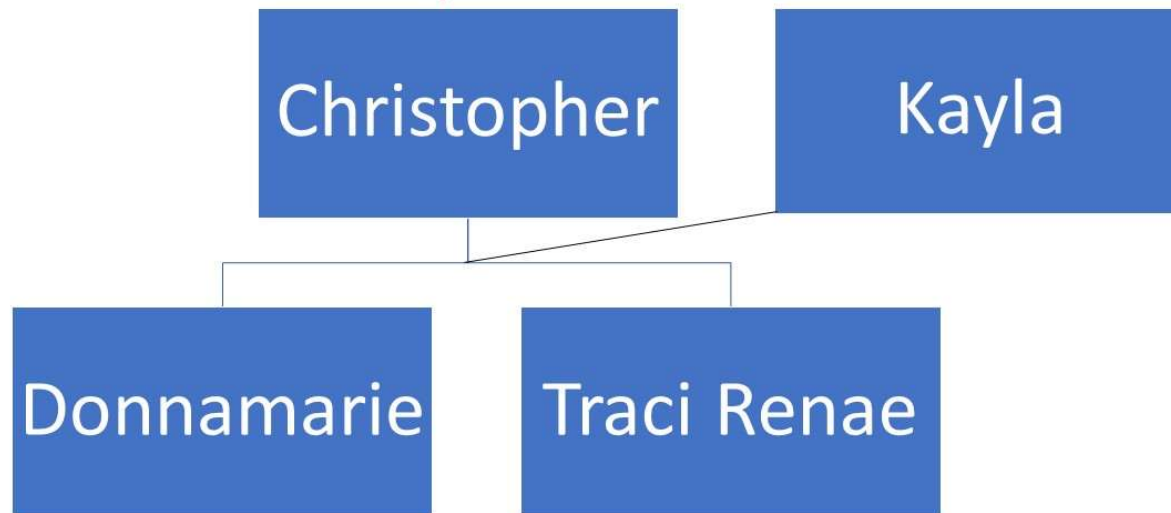


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- **Kayla (Hunt) Bey**
 - **Birth** xx/xx/xxxx
 - **Death** xx/xx/xxxx
 - **Married/Divorced - MARRIED**

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Christopher Terrell Bey and Kayla Hunt

Their  produced 2 children



- **Donnamarie Jean Bey**
- **Birth 11/01/2013**
- **Death xx/xx/xxxx**
- **Married/Divorced -**

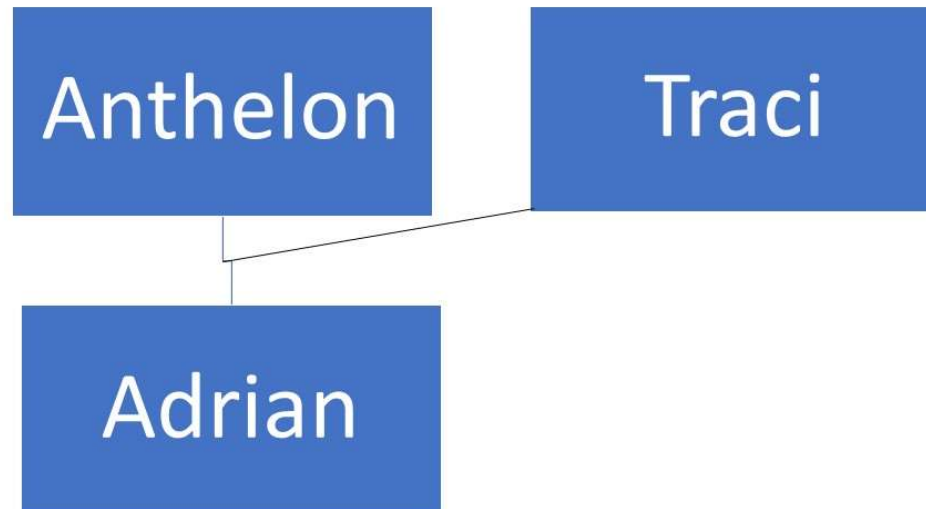


- Traci Renae Bey
- Birth 07/23/2015
- Death xx/xx/xxxx
- Married/Divorced -



Anthelon Artis Bell and Traci Bey

Their  produced 1 child



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- **Anthelon Artis Bell**
 - **Birth 11/17/1971**
 - **Death xx/xx/xxxx**
 - **Married/Divorced - MARRIED**



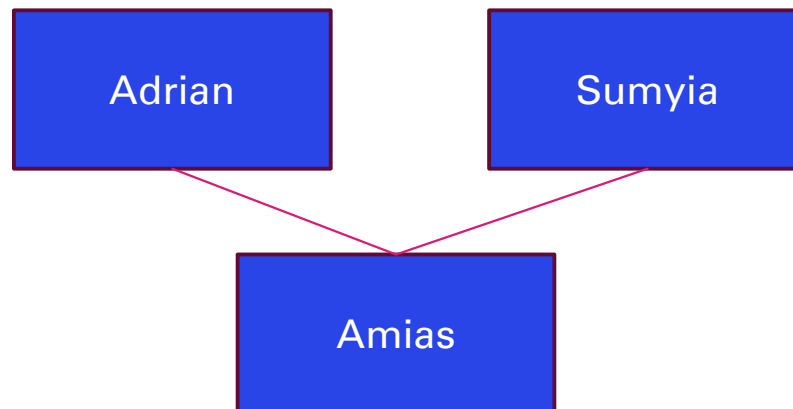
- **Adrian Maurice Bell**
- **Birth 02/16/2002**
- **Death xx/xx/xxxx**
- **Married/Divorced -**



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- **Samyia Watts**
 - **Birth** xx/xx/xxxx
 - **Death** xx/xx/xxxx
 - **Married/Divorced** -

Adrian and Sumyia

Made 1 child



-
- **Amais Isaiah Bell**
 - **Birth 12/29/2025**
 - **Death xx/xx/xxxx**
 - **Married/Divorced -**

-
- **Lisa Marie Bey**
 - **Birth 09/27/1972**
 - **Death xx/xx/xxxx**
 - **Married/Divorced -**



Lisa Marie Bey

Her  produced 1 child

Lisa

Bianca

-
- **Bianca Renee (Johnson) Otis**
 - **Birth 08/10/1992**
 - **Death xx/xx/xxxx**
 - **Married/Divorced - MARRIED**

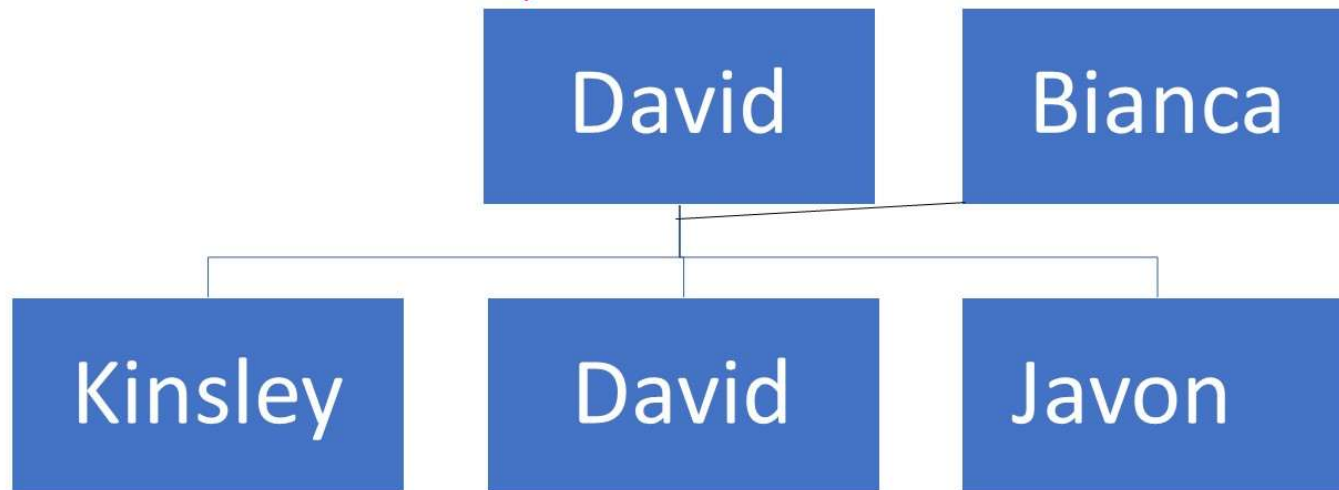


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- **David Otis**
 - **Birth 02/26/1992**
 - **Death xx/xx/xxxx**
 - **Married/Divorced - MARRIED**



David Otis and Bianca Renee Johnson

Their  produced 3 children



- Kinsley Marie Otis
- Birth 09/26/2019
- Death xx/xx/xxxx
- Married/Divorced -



- David Javon Otis, Jr
- Birth 03/09/2021
- Death xx/xx/xxxx
- Married/Divorced -



- Javon David Otis
- Birth 01/01/2023
- Death xx/xx/xxxx
- Married/Divorced -



- **Fay Gene (Brinson) Gillum**
- **Birth 03/26/1927**
- **Death 09/25/2012**
- **Married/Divorced - MARRIED**



MARCH 26, 1927 - SEPTEMBER 25, 2012

Saturday, September 29, 2012
11:00 A.M. Service

In The Chapel Of
James H. Cole Home For Funerals, Inc.
16100 Schaefer Hwy. • Detroit, MI 48235



HER JOURNEY

Fay Gene Gillum

Fay Gene Gillum, third daughter of John and Willie Brinson, was born on March 26, 1927 in Detroit, Michigan. She was confirmed at St. Philip's Lutheran Church. Fay was united in holy matrimony to Ernest Gillum on March 4, 1950. To this union two sons, Jeffrey Leroy and Brent Winston, were born. She was predeceased by husband, Ernest Gillum (1992), sisters Frances Taylor (2000) and Lena Winston (1993) and her dear brother-in-law Wilbert Winston (2001).

Fay was employed by the United States Post Office for 35 years. There she met her future husband, Ernie. They worked hard during those years to put their sons, Jeffrey and Brent through medical school.

Fay was famously known for her homemade soups, chicken dumplings, chili, cupcakes, steak and onions. The best was her holiday chocolate cake.

Gardening was one of her favorite pastimes until her health declined. It was said that she could grow roses in the desert. Another one of her favorite things was going to the casino to play the slot machines. Although she loved to play the slots, she was always frugal about the money she put into them. Her declining health did not stop her from bargain shopping and finding the best buys. She would always say "Guess how much I paid for this?" After retirement Fay thoroughly enjoyed volunteering at a neighborhood soup kitchen.

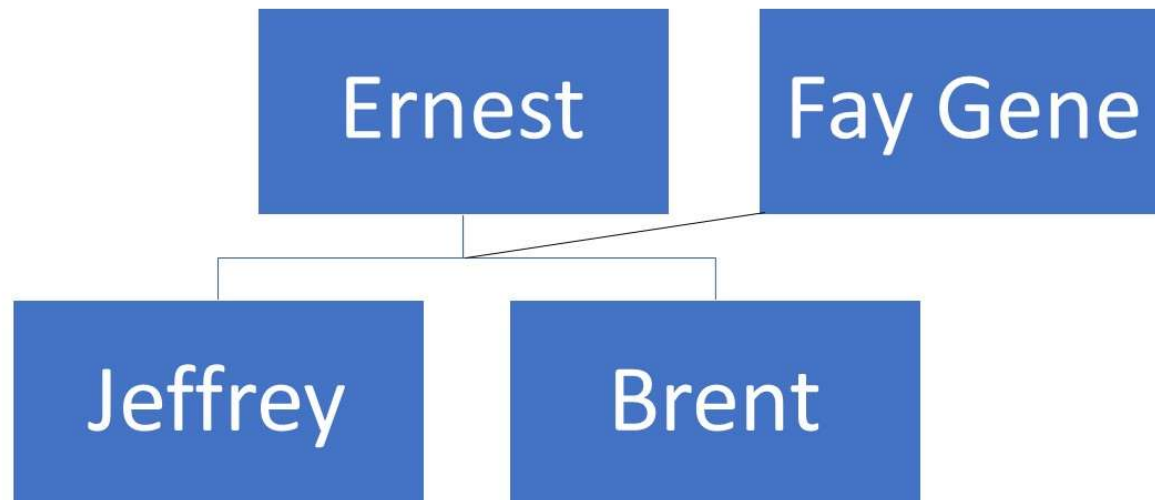
Fay is survived by sons, Ernest III, Ronald, Dr. Jeffrey (Terri) and Dr. Brent (Dr. Phillis); granddaughters, Rena, Erin and Ashlee; grandsons, Ronald Jr., Ravon and Winston. She is also survived by her nieces (Ernie's Angels), Sharon Jones, Vicki Watson, Kathie Helms and Donna Bey; goddaughter, Kimberly Sanders; godson, Ruben Dunlap; and many relatives and friends. Fay will be tremendously missed by her longtime friend, Mildred Haywood and her caregiver, Marilyn Smalley.

- Ernest Clay Gillum
- Birth 10/11/1920
- Death 10/27/1992
- Married/Divorced - MARRIED



Ernest Clay Gillum and Fay Gene Brinson

Their  produced 2 children



- **Jeffrey Leroy Gillum**
- **Birth 03/17/1953**
- **Death xx/xx/xxxx**
- **Married/Divorced - MARRIED**

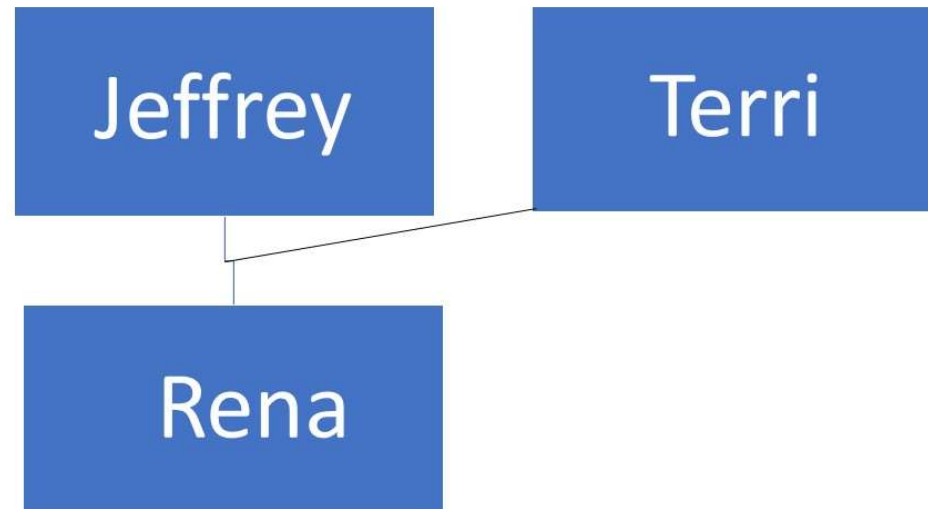


- Terri Annette (Rose) Gillum
- Birth 07/16/1952
- Death xx/xx/xxxx
- Married/Divorced - MARRIED

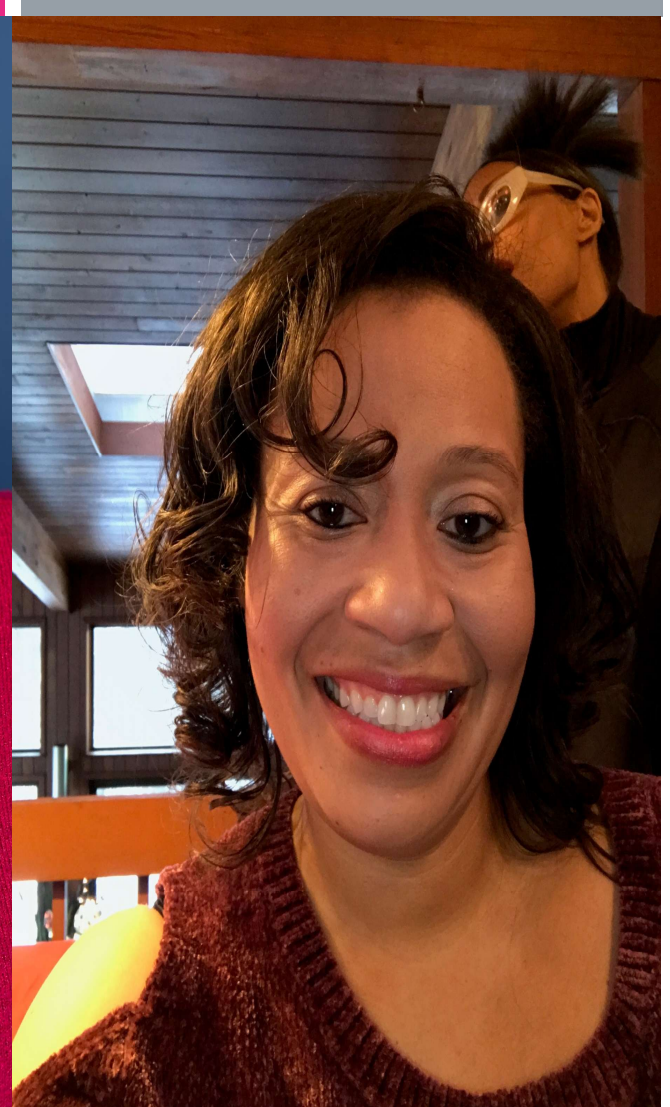


Jeffrey Leroy Gillum and Terri Annette Rose

Their  produced 1 child



- **Rena Kareem Gillum**
- **Birth 02/28/1982**
- **Death xx/xx/xxxx**
- **Married/Divorced -**



- **Brent Winston Gillum**
- **Birth 02/08/1955**
- **Death xx/xx/xxxx**
- **Married/Divorced - DIVORCED**

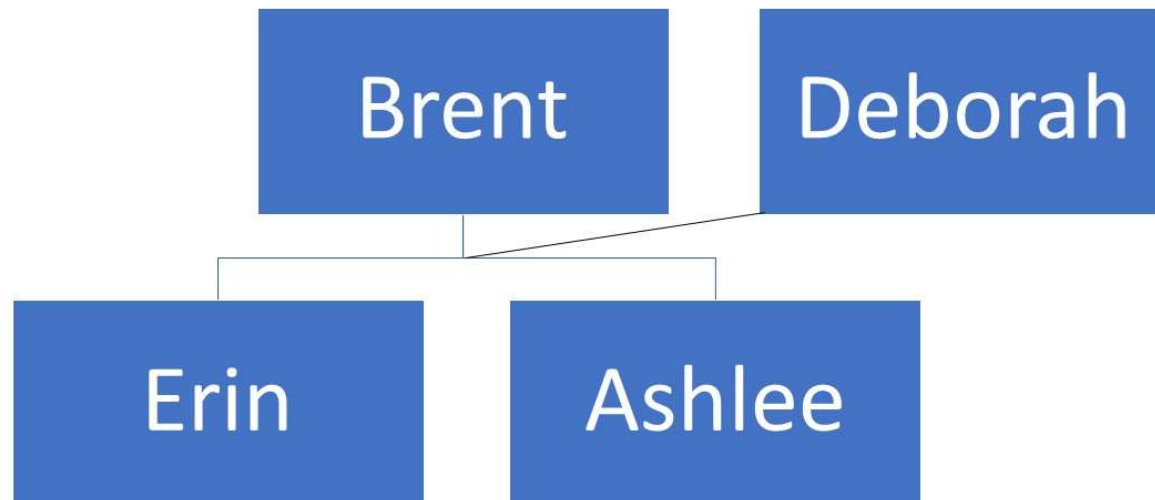


- **Deborah Janice (Allen) Gillum**
- **Birth 04/07/1954**
- **Death xx/xx/xxxx**
- **Married/Divorced - DIVORCED**

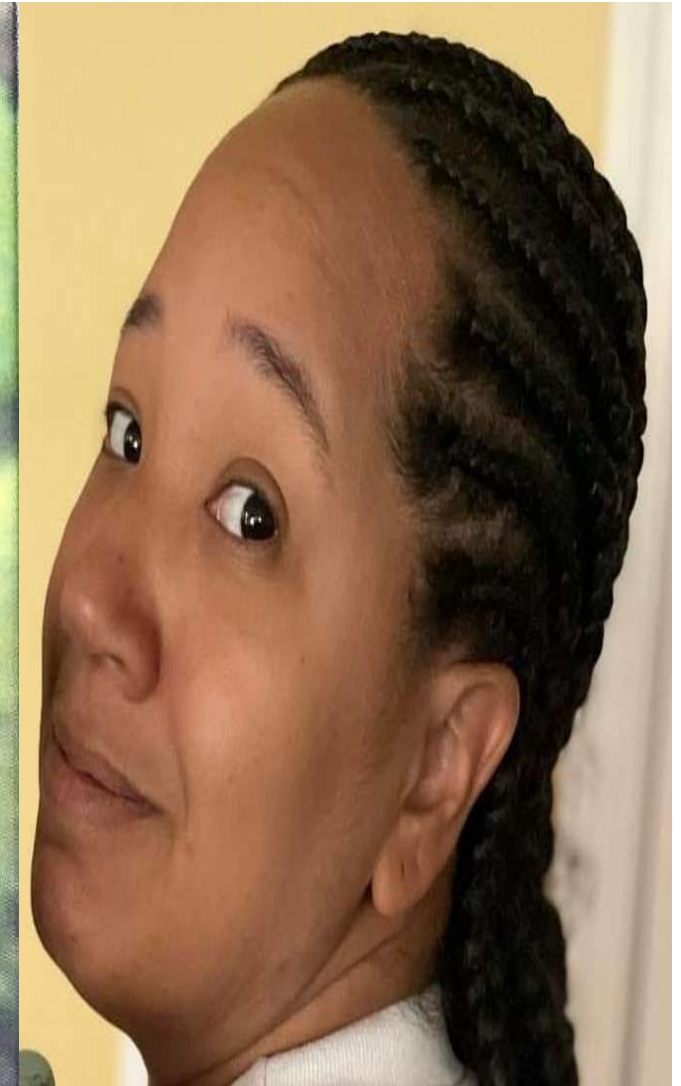


Brent Winston Gillum and Deborah Janice Allen

Their  produced 2 children



- **Erin Renee Gillum**
- **Birth 01/24/1984**
- **Death xx/xx/xxxx**
- **Married/Divorced - MARRIED**

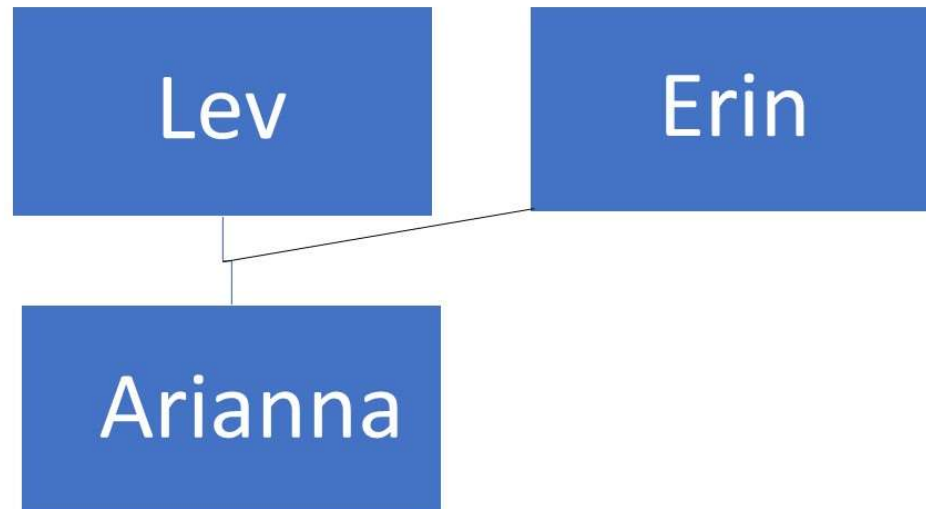


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- **Lev Kahmel Mills**
 - **Birth 09/09/1972**
 - **Death xx/xx/xxxx**
 - **Married/Divorced - MARRIED**



Lev Kahmel Mills and Erin Renee Gillum

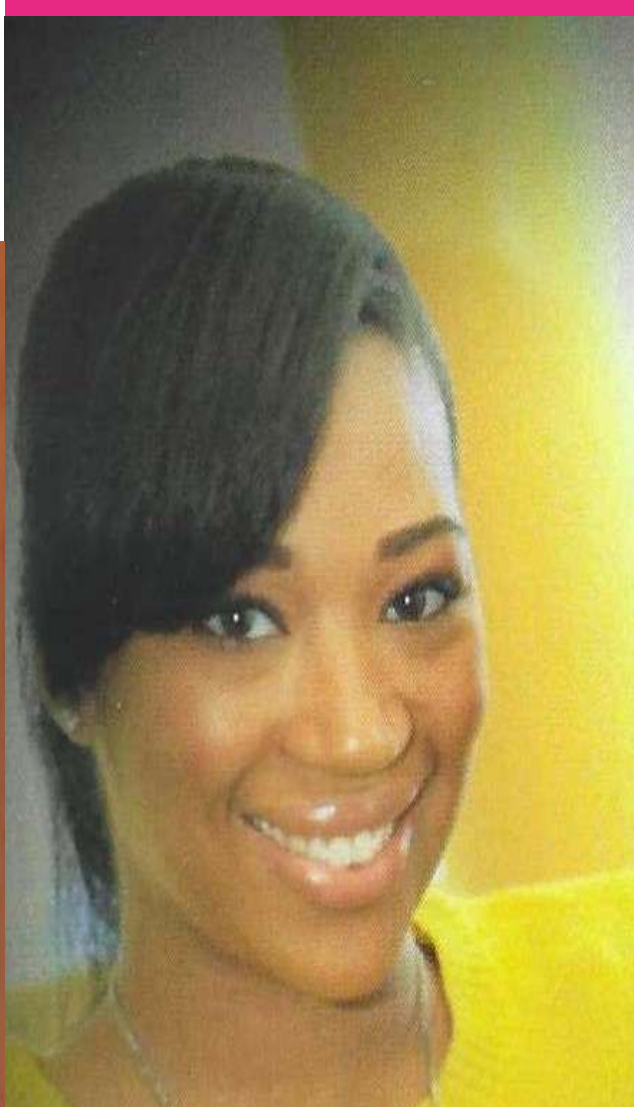
Their  produced 1 child



- **Arianna Isabella Mills**
- **Birth 04/27/2022**
- **Death xx/xx/xxxx**
- **Married/Divorced -**



- Ashlee Brie Gillum
- Birth 03/16/1987
- Death xx/xx/xxxx
- Married/Divorced - MARRIED



- **Durrell Scott**
- **Birth xx/xx/xxxx**
- **Death xx/xx/xxxx**
- **Married/Divorced - MARRIED**

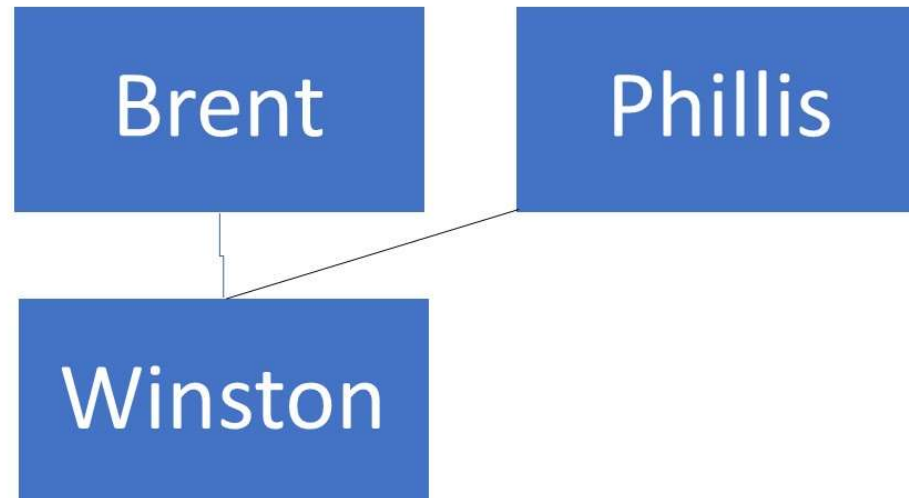


- **Phillis Cherie (Mims) Gillum**
- **Birth 09/18/1971**
- **Death xx/xx/xxxx**
- **Married/Divorced - DIVORCED**



Brent Winston Gillum and Phillis Cherie Mims

Their  produced 1 child



- **Winston Alexander Gillum**
- **Birth 11/10/2005**
- **Death xx/xx/xxxx**
- **Married/Divorced -**





The Agnes Calhoun Hollins (Hudder)Family

Matriarch – Agnes Louise (Calhoun) Hollins (Hudder)

Patriarch – Hosea William Hollins, Sr.

- Agnes Louise (Calhoun) Hollins
- Birth 04/05/1902
- Death 03/04/1997
- Married/Divorced - MARRIED

*In
Loving
Memory
Of...*



Agnes Louise Hollins

April 5, 1902 - March 4, 1997

Interment

*Woodlawn Cemetery
19975 Woodward Avenue
Detroit, Michigan*



Obituary

Agnes Louise Hollins, affectionately called Hudder by her brothers, sisters, nieces and nephews, was born April 5, 1902 in Selma, Alabama. She had six siblings, all preceding her in death. She received a general education and attended Normal Teachers College, State of Alabama. She taught elementary school before she joined in holy matrimony to Hosea Will Hollins. Together they moved to Detroit, Michigan. They were happily married for 59 years. From this union four children were born; Hosea Will Jr., Ralph Burt, Ella Barbara and David Wilbur. David Wilbur, her youngest, preceded her in death. Agnes was endeared to her family and friends, always ready to lend a hand. She was vibrant with strong determination and vision. Agnes was loving and supportive to family and friends and loved having them around her. She enjoyed cooking, especially for church activities, sewing and working in the garden. In the early forties, she accepted Christ as her personal savior and became a member of St. Phillips Lutheran Church. She served in the church until her health began to deteriorate. On Monday, March 4, 1997, Agnes went home to be with Christ. To cherish her memory is her sons, Hosea Hollins Jr., and Ralph Hollins, Sr.; daughter, Barbara Denning; five grandsons, Kenneth Hollins, Blaine Denning, Ralph Hollins Jr., Anthony Hollins and David Hollins, Jr.; a granddaughter, Candace Williams; twelve great grandchildren and other relatives and many friends.

- Hosea William Hollins, Sr.
- Birth 08/30/1903
- Death 07/07/1982
- Married/Divorced - MARRIED

JOHN GRANT
IRA C. HOLLIS
JAMES H. MOORE

Ballbearers

MARVIN RUSSELL
WALTER TINSLEY
THEODORE VAN BUREN

Flower Bearers
LADIES OF ST. PHILIPS

Final Arrangements Entrusted To
FRITZ FUNERAL HOME
246 East Ferry — Phone: 871-6090

Interment
WOODLAWN CEMETERY
Woodward Avenue and State Fair

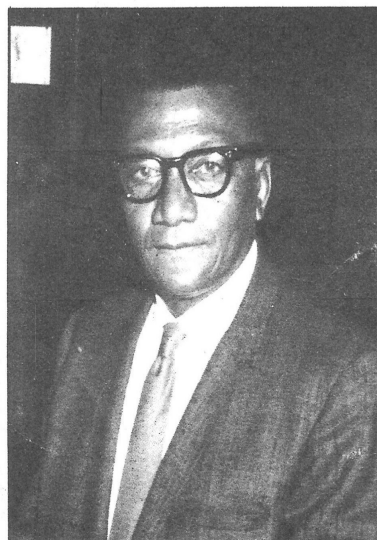
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The family wishes to acknowledge with deep appreciation the many comforting messages, floral tributes, prayers and many other expressions of kindness and concern evidenced at this time in thought and deed. A more personal acknowledgment will be made at a later date.

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Funeral Services

— For The late —



HOSEA WILL HOLLINS

WEDNESDAY, JULY 7, 1982
AT 11:00 A.M.

Services To Be Held At
St. Phillips Lutheran Church
2884 EAST GRAND BOULEVARD
DETROIT, MICHIGAN

REV. KITTRELL O. MOORE, Officiating

The Obituary

Hosea Will Hollins was born as one of five children to David and Lula Hollins in Birmingham, Alabama on August 30, 1903.

He accepted Christ at an early age and was baptized at Trinity Baptist Church.

Hosea was joined in marriage to Agnes Calhoun in 1926. God blessed their union with four children.

Hosea moved to Detroit, Michigan in 1928. He was employed at Ford Motor Company for thirty years. He retired in 1965.

He was confirmed in his faith as a member of St. Philip's Lutheran Church in 1941. He continued to serve His Lord actively in his church as Church Treasurer, officer of the Men's Club and other leadership roles. He was active in the community, and member of the Detroit Amateur Golf Club and Sturtevant Block Club.

He leaves to cherish his memory: his wife, Agnes; two sisters, Ruth Saxon and Louise Gooden; four children: Hosea Jr., Ralph, Barbara and David; Six grandchildren: Kenenth, Ralph, Anthony, Candace and David Jr. and Blaine Denning; two great grandchildren, Nichelle Hollins and Blaine Denning, III; other relatives and friends.

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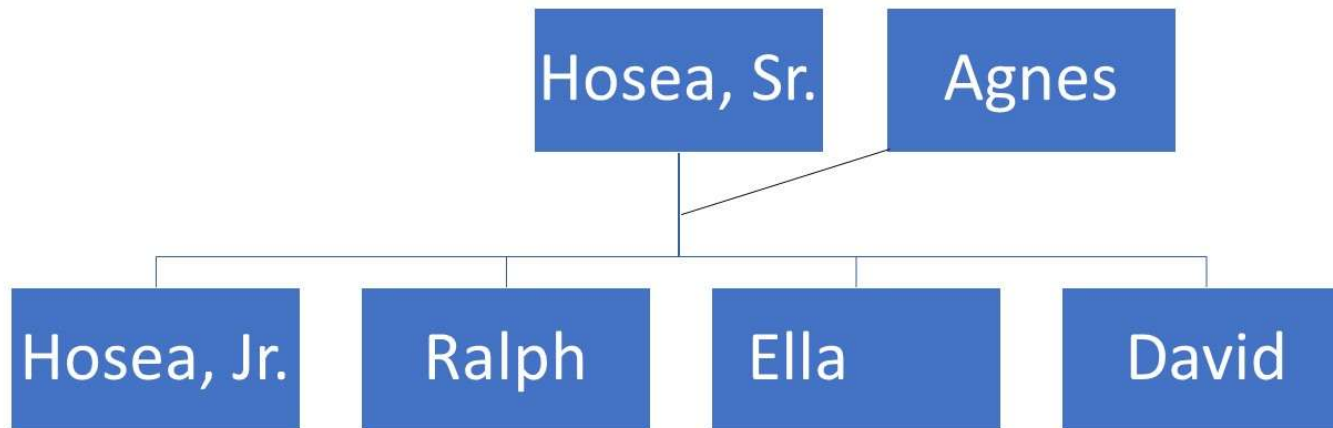
*To everything there is a season,
And a time to every purpose under the heaven:
A time to be born and a time to die;
A time to plant, and a time to pluck up that which
is planted;
A time to kill and a time to heal;
A time to break down, and a time to build up;
A time to weep, and a time to laugh;
A time to mourn, and a time to dance.*



"I am the resurrection, and the life: he that believeth in me, though he were dead, yet shall he live: And whosoever liveth and believeth in me shall never die." —St. John 11:25-26

Hosea William Hollins, Sr. and Agnes Louise Calhoun

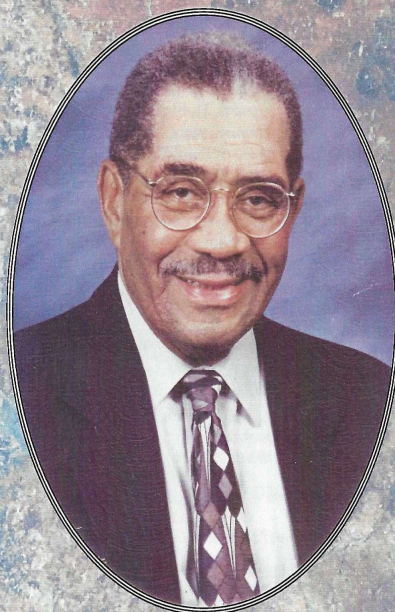
Their  produced 4 children



- Hosea William Hollins, Jr.
- Birth 10/13/1928
- Death 02/05/2005
- Married/Divorced - MARRIED

In Loving Memory

~ Of ~



Hosea W. Hollins

Sunrise: October 13, 1928 - Sunset: February 5, 2005

FEBRUARY 10, 2005 - AT 11:00 A.M.

Service Held At

ST. PHILLIPS LUTHERAN CHURCH

2884 EAST GRAND BOULEVARD
DETROIT, MICHIGAN 48202

REVEREND DAVID F. BURGESS, Officiating

THE OBITUARY

Hosea W. Hollins, Jr., was born to the union of the late Hosea Sr. and Agnes Hollins on October 13, 1928 in Detroit, Michigan, where he lived all of his life.

He graduated from Northern High School. At an early age, he joined St. Phillip's Lutheran.

After graduation, he married the late Marion E. Moon, and to this union one son was born, Kenneth S. Hollins.

Hosea was a very compassionate, loving and loyal person who never lost sight of the importance of family and friends. He loved spending time with his great-grandchildren when he could. He was called by our Father in Heaven on February 5, 2005.

He leaves to mourn his passing and to cherish his memory: one son, Kenneth S. Hollins; three grandchildren: Patricia (Calvin) Turner, Nechelle Hollins and Kenneth Hollins II; four great-grandchildren: Chanise Turner, Charise Turner, Jordon Patterson and Kenneth III; one sister, Barbara Hollins Denning; and a host of nieces, nephews, many other relatives and very special friends.

"Only A Dad"

Only a Dad

*Can make everything right
When things are going wrong.*

Only a Dad

Can know you as well as you know yourself.

Only a Dad

Could care and share and love so very much.

You really were amazing, Dad

The way you seem to handle things

No matter how demanding life can be . . .

Yet through each busy day of yours,

You somehow always managed

To take some time especially for us.

We know that we could count on

Your encouragement and wisdom,

We know your love

Will always see us through . .

And that is why you mean so much

And why we're very proud

To have had a Dad as wonderful as you.

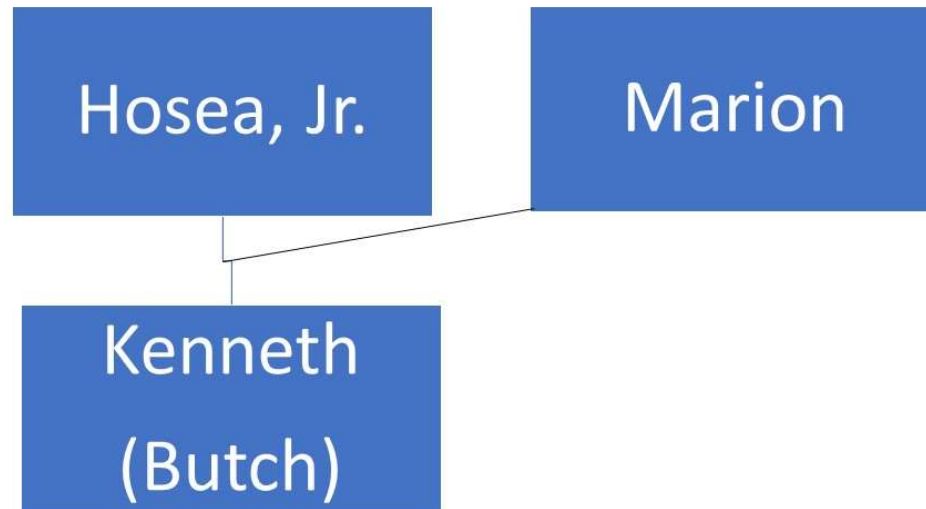
YOUR LOVING SON, KENNETH

-
- **Marion (Norwood) Hollins**
 - **Birth 05/18/1929**
 - **Death 05/07/1967**
 - **Married/Divorced - MARRIED**

Photo Coming Soon

Hosea William Hollins, Jr. and Marion Norwood

Their  produced 1 child



- **Kenneth Stanley Hollins (Butch)**
- **Birth 09/11/1946**
- **Death xx/xx/xxxx**
- **Married/Divorced - MARRIED**

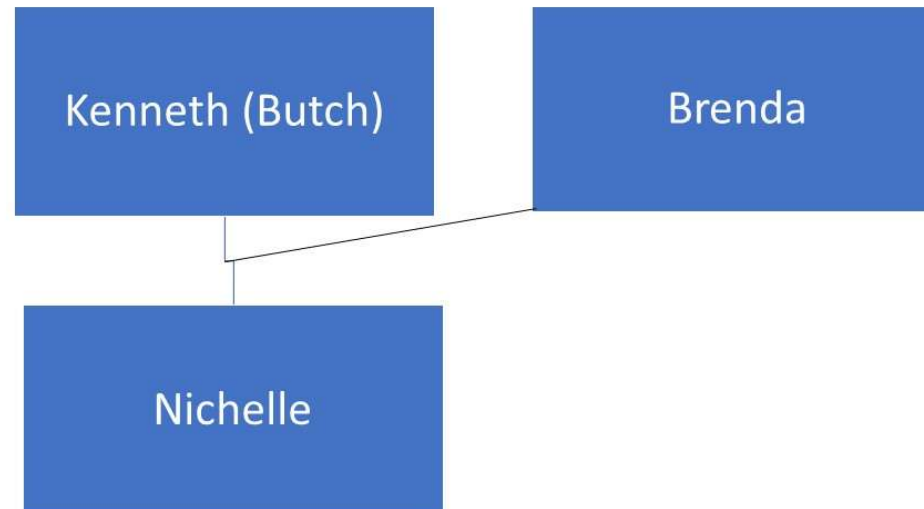


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- **Brenda ?**
 - **Birth 01/07/1948**
 - **Death xx/xx/xxxx**
 - **Married/Divorced - MARRIED**

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Kenneth Stanley Hollins (Butch) and Brenda

Their  produced 1 child



-
- **Nichelle Hollins**
 - **Birth 06/19/1969**
 - **Death xx/xx/xxxx**
 - **Married/Divorced -**

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Nichelle

Her  produced 1 child

Nichelle

Jordan

-
- **Jordan Pettus**
 - **Birth 01/26/2001**
 - **Death xx/xx/xxxx**
 - **Married/Divorced -**

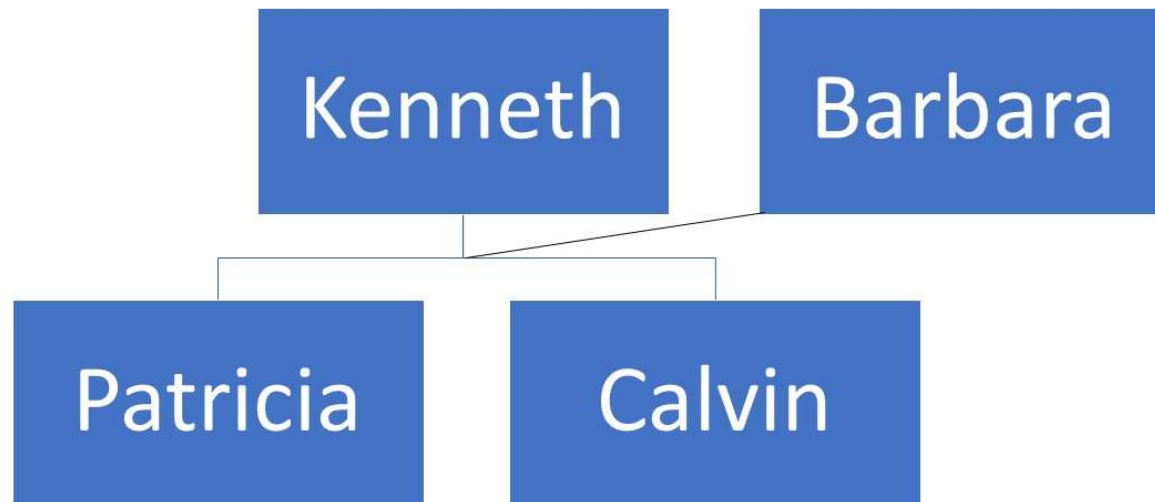
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- **Barbara Turner**
 - **Birth** xx/xx/xxxx
 - **Death** xx/xx/xxxx
 - **Married/Divorced** -

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Kenneth Stanley Hollins (Butch) and Barbara Turner

Their  produced 2 children



-
- **Patricia Turner**
 - **Birth 02/08/1966**
 - **Death xx/xx/xxxx**
 - **Married/Divorced -**

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- **Calvin Turner**
 - **Birth** xx/xx/xxxx
 - **Death** xx/xx/xxxx
 - **Married/Divorced** -

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- **Charise Turner**
 - **Birth 01/02/1990**
 - **Death xx/xx/xxxx**
 - **Married/Divorced -**

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- **Charice Turner**
 - **Birth 06/24/2000**
 - **Death xx/xx/xxxx**
 - **Married/Divorced -**

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- **Sharon Cannon**
 - **Birth** xx/xx/xxxx
 - **Death** xx/xx/xxxx
 - **Married/Divorced** -

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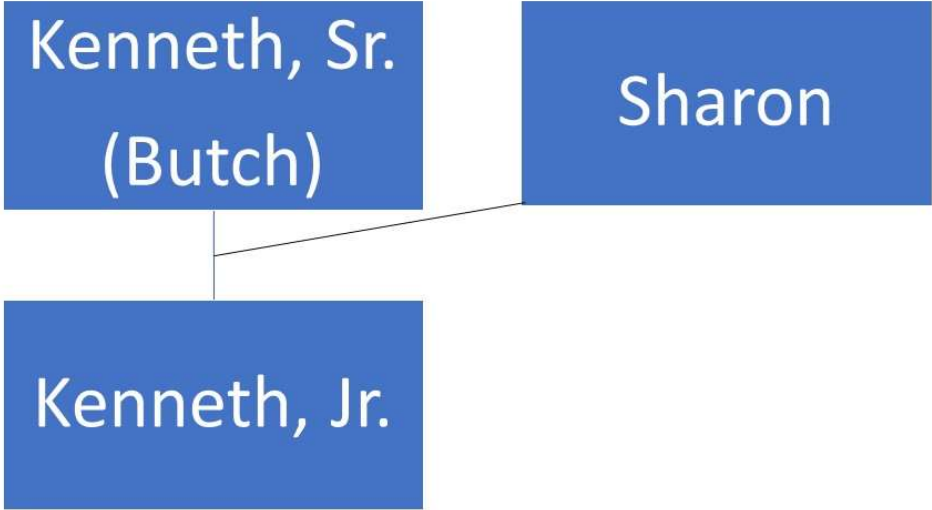
Kenneth Stanley Hollins (Butch) and Sharon Cannon

Their  produced 1 child

Kenneth, Sr.
(Butch)

Sharon

Kenneth, Jr.



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-
- **Kenneth Hollins II**
 - **Birth 04/15/1973**
 - **Death xx/xx/xxxx**
 - **Married/Divorced -**

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Kenneth Hollins II

His  produced 3 children

Kenneth, Jr.

Asante

Kenneth, III

Kassiana

-
- **Asante Cannon**
 - **Birth 09/17/1997**
 - **Death xx/xx/xxxx**
 - **Married/Divorced -**

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-
- **Kenneth Hollins III**
 - **Birth** xx/xx/xxxx
 - **Death** xx/xx/xxxx
 - **Married/Divorced** -

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- **Kassiana Wallace**
 - **Birth 10/17/2016**
 - **Death xx/xx/xxxx**
 - **Married/Divorced -**

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- **Ralph Burt Hollins, Sr.**
- **Birth 10/01/1930**
- **Death 11/29/1998**
- **Married/Divorced - DIVORCED**



Ralph Burt Hollins Sr.

October 1, 1930 - November 29, 1998



Ralph B. Hollins Sr., was born in the union of the late Hosea and Agnes Hollins on October 1, 1930 in Detroit, Michigan where he lived all of his life.

At an early age, he joined St. Phillips Lutheran Church, attended Detroit Public Schools, and graduated from Northern High School at the age of sixteen, with honors.

After graduation, he met and married the late Elaine Williams, and from this union two sons were born, Ralph Jr. and Anthony Hollins.

Ralph had a gentle soul. He was a very compassionate, loving, and loyal person who never lost sight of the importance of family and friends. Whenever possible he willingly gave a helping hand to those in need. He enjoyed reminiscing about the "good old days" and most of all he enjoyed spending time with his adored grandchildren, until declining health limited this activity. He was called by our Father in heaven on November 29, 1998.

He leaves to cherish his memory, two sons, Ralph Hollins Jr. and Anthony Hollins, a brother Hosea Hollins; a sister, Barbara Hollins Denning; one daughter-in-law, Marina Hollins; three grandchildren, Devon, Anthony Jr. and Camille; nieces and nephews; a host of relatives and a multitude of friends who will miss him dearly.

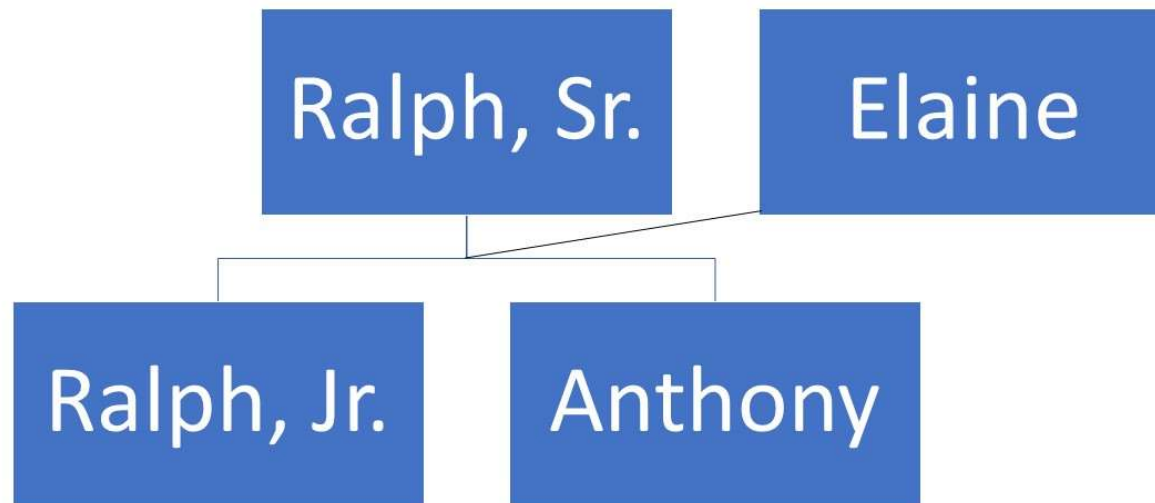
*"The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not want.
He maketh me to lie down in green pastures; He leadeth me beside still waters.
He restoreth my soul; He leadeth me in the paths of righteousness for his name's sake.
Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil; for thou art with me; thy rod and thy staff they comfort me
Thou preparest a table before me in the presence of mine enemies; thou anointest my head with oil; my cup runneth over.
Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life; and I will dwell in the house of the Lord forever."
PSALM 23*

-
- **Elaine (Williams) Hollins**
 - **Birth 06/25/1933**
 - **Death xx/xx/xxxx**
 - **Married/Divorced - DIVORCED**

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Ralph Burt Hollins, Sr. and Elaine Williams

Their  produced 2 children



- **Ralph Burt Hollins, Jr**
- **Birth 01/23/1952**
- **Death xx/xx/xxxx**
- **Married/Divorced -**

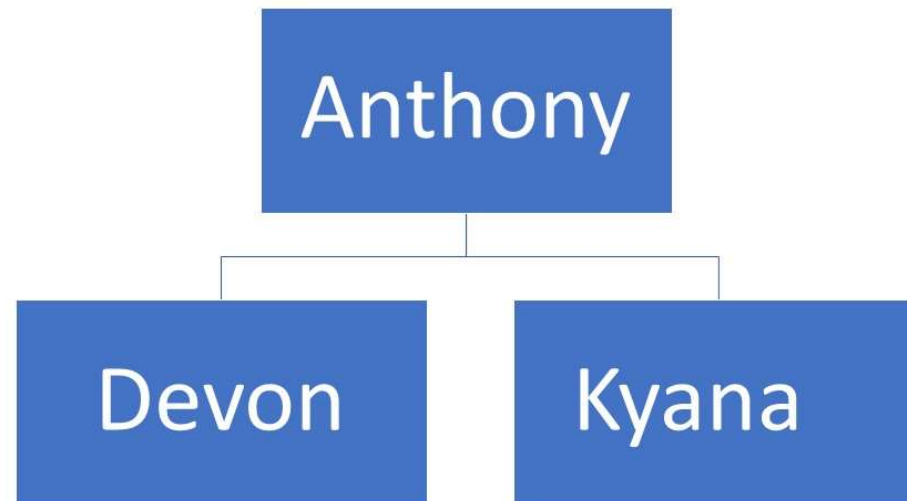


- **Anthony Robert Hollins**
- **Birth 05/12/1954**
- **Death xx/xx/xxxx**
- **Married/Divorced -**



Anthony Robert Hollins

His  produced 2 children



- **Devon Johnson**
- **Birth 09/03/1991**
- **Death xx/xx/xxxx**
- **Married/Divorced -**



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- **Kyana Johnson**
 - **Birth 06/22/1987**
 - **Death xx/xx/xxxx**
 - **Married/Divorced -**



Kyana Johnson

Her  produced 1 child

Kyana

Liliana

- **Liliana Johnson**
- **Birth 07/28/2014**
- **Death xx/xx/xxxx**
- **Married/Divorced -**

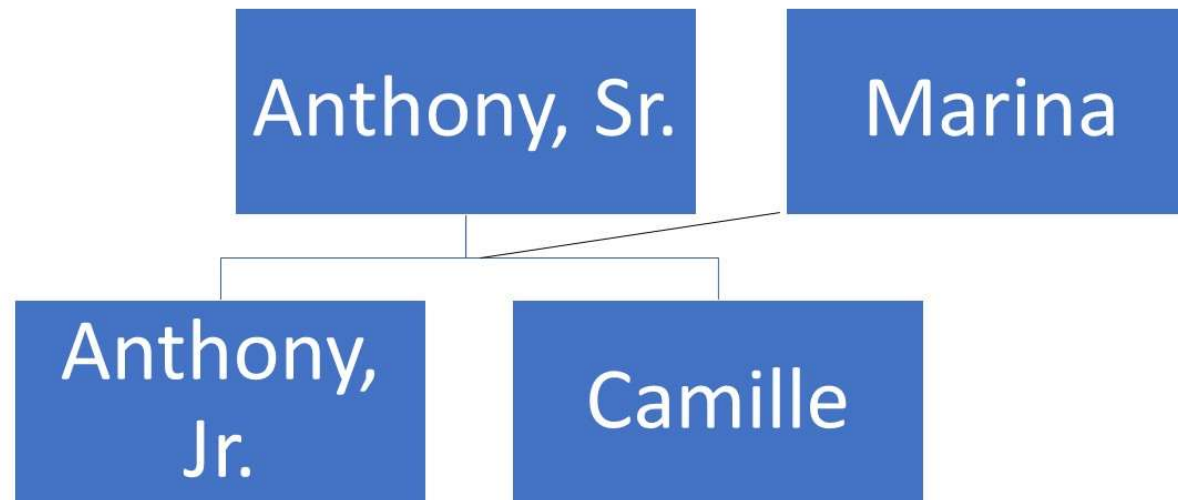


- **Marina Joan Hollins**
- **Birth 11/11/1969**
- **Death xx/xx/xxxx**
- **Married/Divorced - MARRIED**



Anthony Robert Hollins Sr. and Marina Joan Hollins

Their  produced 2 children



-
- **Anthony R. Hollins, Jr**
 - **Birth 01/27/1996**
 - **Death xx/xx/xxxx**
 - **Married/Divorced - MARRIED**

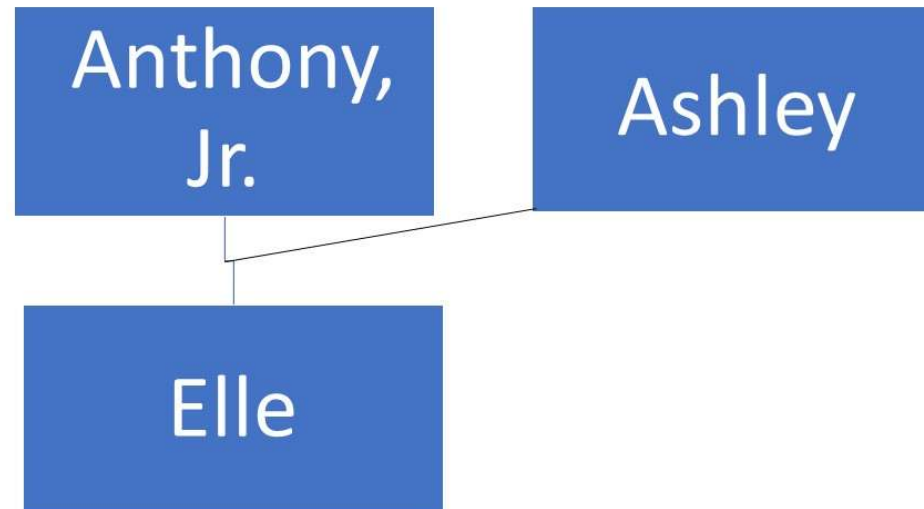


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- **Ashley Z. Hollins**
 - **Birth 10/20/1995**
 - **Death xx/xx/xxxx**
 - **Married/Divorced - MARRIED**

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Anthony R. Hollins, Jr. and Ashley Z. Hollins

Their  produced 1 child



-
- **Elle Elaina Hollins**
 - **Birth 10/04/2019**
 - **Death xx/xx/xxxx**
 - **Married/Divorced -**

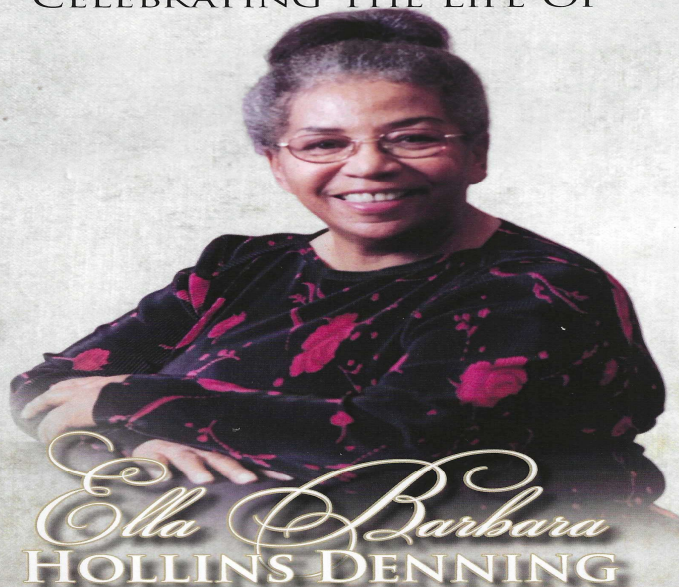
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- **Camille E. Hollins**
- **Birth 05/30/1997**
- **Death xx/xx/xxxx**
- **Married/Divorced -**



- **Ella Barbara (Hollins) Denning**
- **Birth 10/10/1931**
- **Death 05/04/2020**
- **Married/Divorced - DIVORCED**

Memorial Service
CELEBRATING THE LIFE OF



Service to be held
Friday, July 7, 2023
10:30 A.M. Family Hour • 11:00 A.M. Service
St. Philip's Evangelical Lutheran Church
2884 East Grand Blvd. • Detroit, Michigan 48202
Rev. Richard Robinson, *Officiating*



OBITUARY

Ella Barbara Hollins Denning

was born October 10, 1931, to the late Agnes and Hosea Hollins Sr. in Detroit, Michigan. She was affectionately known as “Barbara”. Her siblings Hosea Jr., Ralph and David Hollins preceded her in death. Barbara attended Detroit Public Schools and graduated in June 1948 from Northern High School. While attending Northern, Barbara was active in after school activities and a member of the Delsprites. In high school, she met Blaine Denning Sr. They were married in 1949 at St. Philip’s Church. Although their marriage was brief, they had one son, Blaine Denning Jr.

The apple of Barbara’s eye was her son, “Blainey”. She also had a great love for her family. She could often be found having conversations with her cousins and updating the family tree. She attended family functions at home and at St. Philip’s Church. Barbara loved to travel and would often take bus trips with her son to places such as Chicago, Toronto, and New York for long weekend visits.

In 1978, Barbara made a life changing decision to live and work in Las Vegas, Nevada. Except for the short period of time that she came back to visit Detroit, she was there for 37 years and only left when her health challenges became too great. She returned to Detroit under the care of her son in 2015 and remained until her passing on May 4, 2020 during the Covid-19 pandemic.

Precious memories of Barbara will be cherished by her son Blaine Jr. (Rosalind), grandsons Blaine III, Kyle (ShaQuysta), one great-granddaughter, Akaia Elise Denning, and a host of relatives and friends.

- **Blaine Denning, Sr.**
- **Birth 09/19/1930**
- **Death 01/25/2016**
- **Married/Divorced - DIVORCED**

*Celebrating
The Life
of*

Blaine Denning, Sr.

SEPTEMBER 19, 1930 - JANUARY 25, 2016

Memorial Service to be held
Saturday, February 6, 2016
10:00 A.M. Family Hour • 11:00 A.M. Service

Hartford Memorial Baptist Church
18700 James Couzens Highway • Detroit, MI
Rev. Dr. Charles G. Adams, Pastor, Officiating



OBITUARY FOR

BLAINE DENNING, SR.

Blaine Denning, Sr. was born Blaine Mitchell, Jr., to farmers Blaine and Lemie Mitchell, September 19, 1930 in Fulton, Kentucky. The Mitchell's, who had four other children, Gloria, Helen, Arthur, and Oscar, sent Blaine Jr. to live with his Uncle Bennie and Aunt Fern Denning. The Denning's, who had no children of their own, raised Blaine. Due to this living arrangement his name was legally changed.

Blaine and his family arrived in Detroit after living in Pittsburgh Pennsylvania in 1942. Settling in his beloved North End neighborhood he quickly started to make a name for himself on the school yard basketball courts.

He attended Detroit Public Schools and graduated from Northern High School, where he was described as a speedy and deceptive 6'2" basketball forward who possessed an awesome hook shot near the basket with either hand and a sharp left-handed push shot. His coach Eddie Powers selected Blaine as one of two captains of his "All Time All Star Team of Players" that he coached from 1926-1948. Blaine was part of a historic game in Detroit; the 1947 City Championship game, Northern High School against Miller High School, which was the first time in Detroit that the starters of both teams were African-American.

In 1957, The Michigan Chronicle honored him as one of the greatest African American high school basketball players in Detroit in the decade from 1947-1957. After high school, Blaine played for Lawrence Institute of Technology (L.I.T.). During his senior year he carried a 20 point per game average as he led his team to a berth in the National Invitational Tournament (N.I.T.). To top off his season, Blaine was named as a college All American. With help from his rival coach and friend, Will Robinson, Blaine landed a spot with the Harlem Globetrotters in 1952. After playing with the Globetrotters, he was drafted by the Baltimore Bullets, making him the first DPS graduate to play in the NBA.

Seizing on a business opportunity Blaine retired from basketball and became co-owner with Gilbert Holmes of Holmes and Denning, Inc., a wholesale distributor of dairy products. During the 1950's and 1960's the two took a two truck operation and made it one of the largest minority businesses in the city. He and Gilbert Holmes also owned Metropolitan Wine Distributors. After the Rebellion of '67 in Detroit, Blaine became part owner and manager of Our Supermarket, the first black owned and operated neighborhood market.

In 1975, Blaine was honored by the Michigan Office of Minority Business Enterprises when they selected him as Minority Businessman of the Year.

In 1999, Blaine was honored by the Black Legends of Professional Basketball for his contributions to the game locally.

In 2001, Blaine was selected by the Detroit Urban League along with his wife, Bernadine, as Distinguished Warriors.

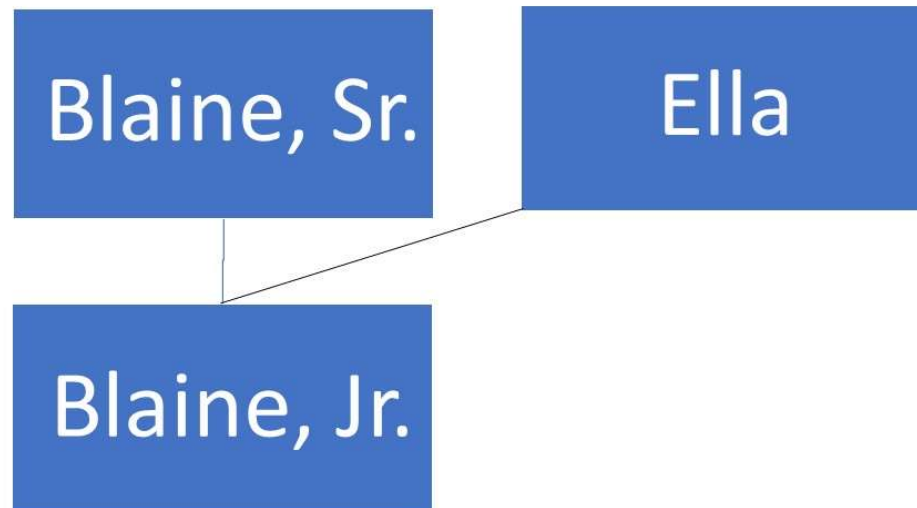
In 2011, after many years of not having a basketball team, Lawrence Technological University re-established its basketball program and Blaine was part of its inaugural class of Athletic Hall of Fame members being the first to have his number retired.

Blaine married Barbara Hollins in 1949, and to this union, one child, Blaine Jr., was born. They divorced and in 1956 he married Bernadine Newsom, who preceded him in death in 2011.

Blaine departed this life Monday, January 25, 2016, and leaves to celebrate his memory one son, Blaine Jr. (Rosalind); two grandsons, Blaine III and Kyle Askew Denning, who affectionately call him "PaPa"; two sisters, Helen Toney of Atlanta, Georgia and Gloria Smith of Detroit; one sister-in-law, Ruby Graham, and a host of relatives and friends.

Blaine Denning, Sr. and Ella Barbara (Hollins) Denning

Their  produced 1 child



- **Blaine Denning, Jr.**
- **Birth 03/20/1952**
- **Death xx/xx/xxxx**
- **Married/Divorced - MARRIED**

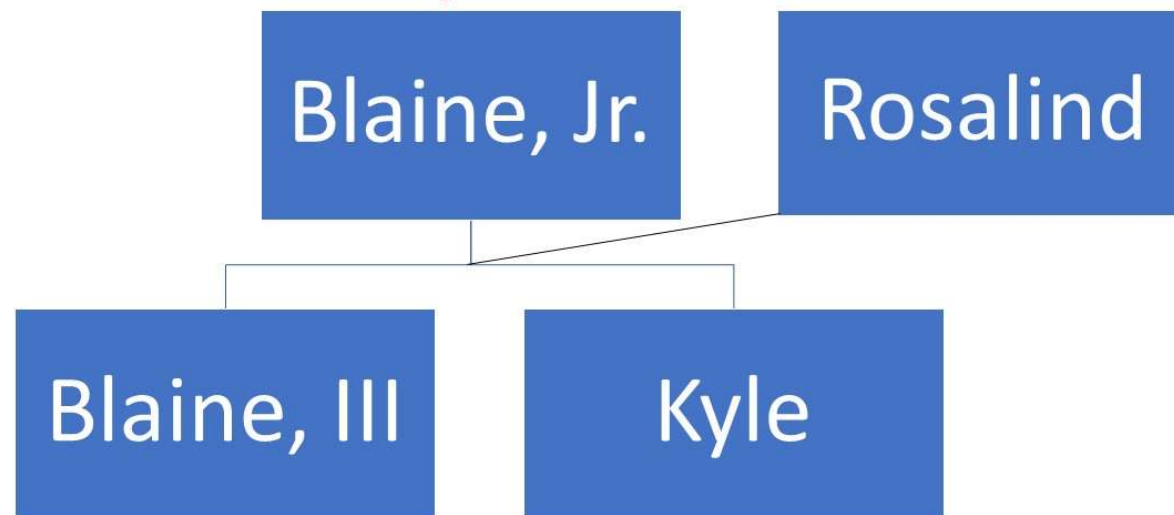


- **Rosalind Elene (Askew) Dennin**
- **Birth 04/07/1954**
- **Death xx/xx/xxxx**
- **Married/Divorced - MARRIED**



Blaine Denning, Jr. and Rosalind Elene Askew

Their  produced 2 children



-
- **Blaine Denning III**
 - **Birth 09/10/1980**
 - **Death xx/xx/xxxx**
 - **Married/Divorced -**

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- **Kyle Askew Denning**
 - **Birth 03/14/1987**
 - **Death xx/xx/xxxx**
 - **Married/Divorced – MARRIED**

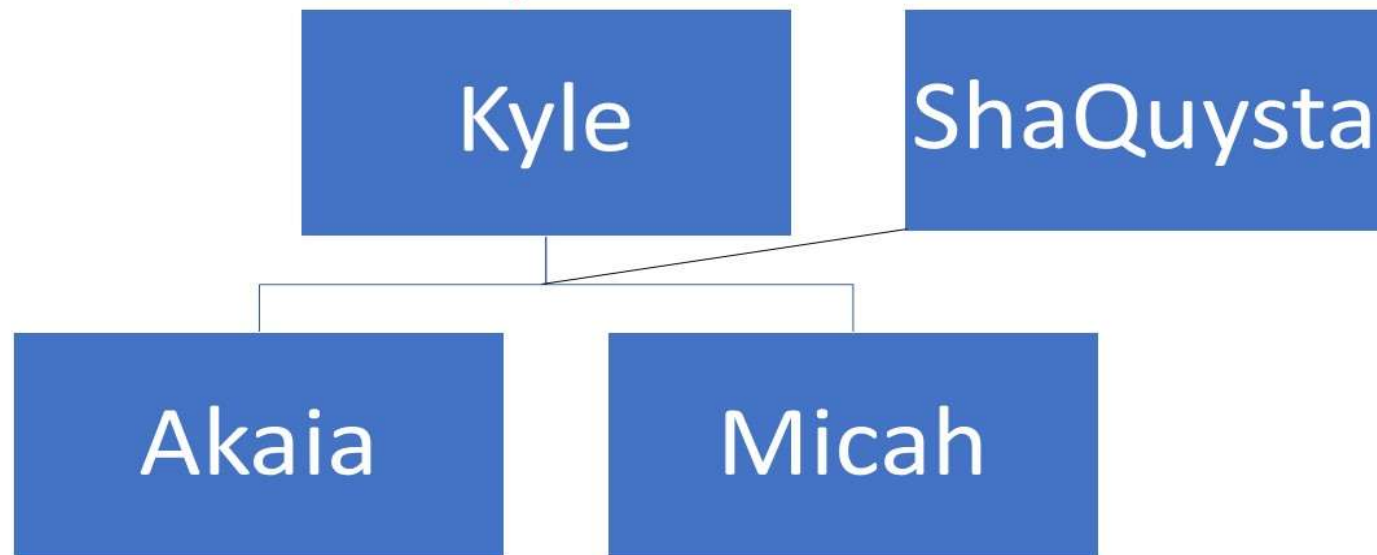
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- **ShaQuysta (Davis) Denning**
 - **Birth** xx/xx/xxxx
 - **Death** xx/xx/xxxx
 - **Married/Divorced - MARRIED**

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Kyle Askew Denning and ShaQuysta Davis

Their  produced 2 children



-
- **Akaia Elise Denning**
 - **Birth 12/30/2022**
 - **Death xx/xx/xxxx**
 - **Married/Divorced -**

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- **Micah Anthoney Denning**
 - **Birth 06/18/2025**
 - **Death xx/xx/xxxx**
 - **Married/Divorced -**

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- **David Wilbur Hollins, Sr.**
- **Birth 10/26/1941**
- **Death 12/12/1990**
- **Married/Divorced - MARRIED**

October 26, 1941

December 12, 1990

*A Memorial Service
For*



David Hollins

Saturday, December 15, 1990
2:00 p.m.

Service To Be Held At
PEACE CHAPEL FUNERAL HOME
Westside Chapel
12530 West Seven Mile Road
Detroit, Michigan

Bishop George Brown
Living Truth Temple
Officiating



The Obituary



Mr. David Wilbur Hollins, Sr., was born on October 26, 1941 in Detroit, Michigan, to the union of Hosea Hollins, Sr., (deceased) and Agnes Hollins.

Mr. David Hollins suddenly became ill in August of 1990. He was taken to Grace Hospital until he departed this life on Wednesday, December 12, 1990.

He is survived by, his daughter, Candace Hollins; his son, David Hollins, Jr.; his mother, Agnes Hollins; one sister Barbara Hollins; two brothers, Hosea Hollins, Jr. and Ralph Hollins; many other relatives and very special friends.

Interment

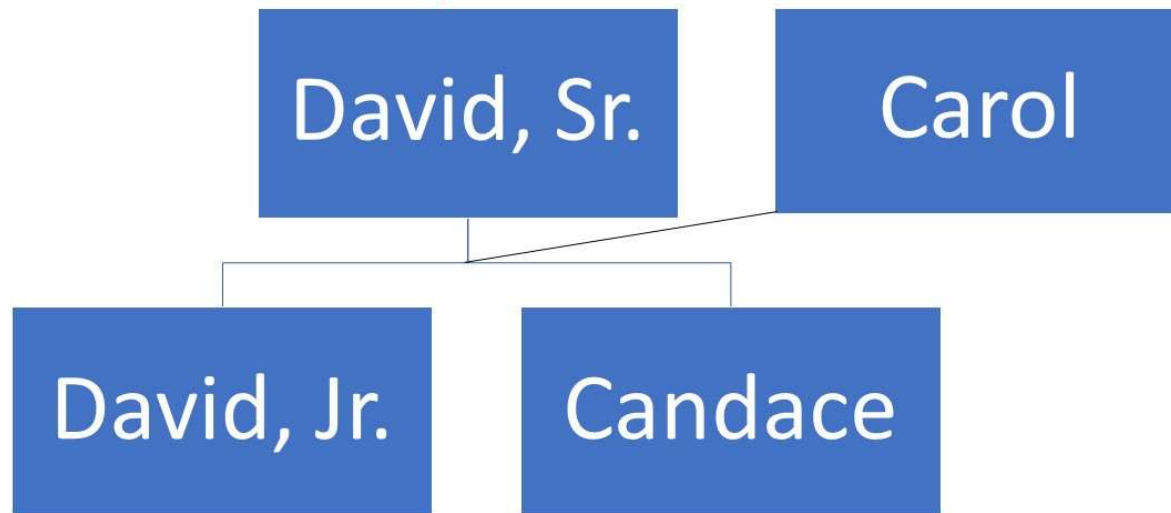
WOODLAWN CEMETERY
21661 Woodward
Detroit, Michigan

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- **Carol Jean (Nelson) Hollins**
 - **Birth 10/26/1941**
 - **Death 08/05/2011**
 - **Married/Divorced - MARRIED**

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David Wilbur Hollins, Sr. and Carol Jean Nelson

Their  produced 2 children



- **Candace DeLaine (Hollins) Williams**
- **Birth 05/26/1966**
- **Death xx/xx/xxxx**
- **Married/Divorced - DIVORCED**

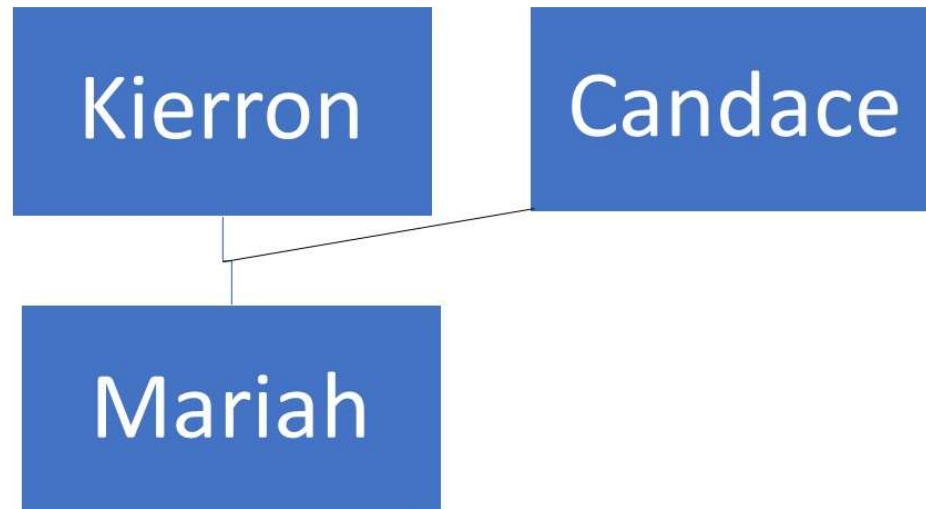


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- **Kierron Calip Williams**
 - **Birth 01/27/1956**
 - **Death xx/xx/xxxx**
 - **Married/Divorced - DIVORCED**

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Kierron Calip Williams and Candace DeLaine Hollins

Their  produced 1 child



- **Mariah Charnise (Williams) Evans**
- **Birth 08/23/1994**
- **Death xx/xx/xxxx**
- **Married/Divorced - MARRIED**

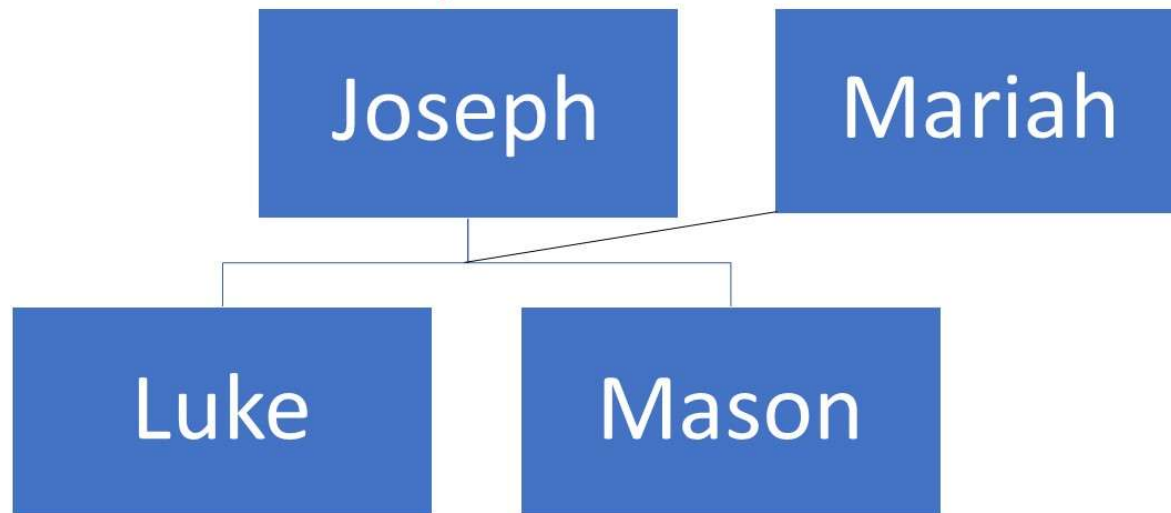


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- **Joseph Evans**
 - **Birth xx/xx/xxxx**
 - **Death xx/xx/xxxx**
 - **Married/Divorced - MARRIED**

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Joseph Evans and Mariah Charnise Williams

Their  produced 2 children



- **Luke Benjamin Evans**
- **Birth 12/08/2017**
- **Death xx/xx/xxxx**
- **Married/Divorced -**



- **Mason Alexander Evans**
- **Birth 07/30/2021**
- **Death xx/xx/xxxx**
- **Married/Divorced -**



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- **David Wilbur Hollins, Jr.**
 - **Birth 10/13/1968**
 - **Death xx/xx/xxxx**
 - **Married/Divorced - DIVORCED**

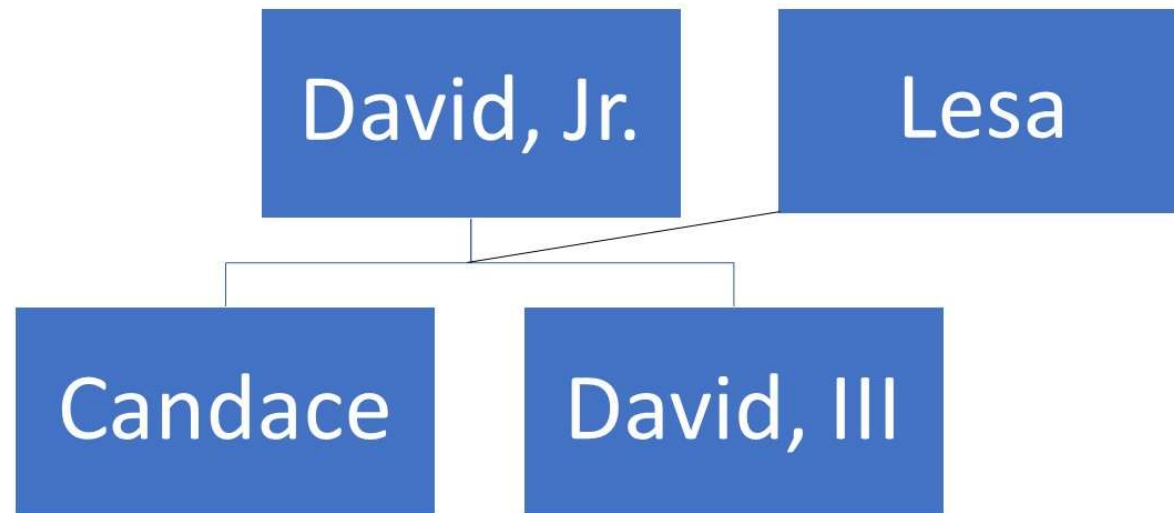
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- **Lesa Arvette (?) Hollins**
 - **Birth xx/xx/xxxx**
 - **Death xx/xx/xxxx**
 - **Married/Divorced - DIVORCED**

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David Wilbur Hollins, Jr. and Lesa Arvette (?)

Their  produced 2 children



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- **Candace Janay Bruce**
 - **Birth 07/07/1989**
 - **Death xx/xx/xxxx**
 - **Married/Divorced -**

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- **David Wilbur Hollins III**
 - **Birth 09/14/1992**
 - **Death xx/xx/xxxx**
 - **Married/Divorced -**

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The Thomas Henry Calhoun II Family

Patriarch – Thomas Henry Calhoun II

Matriarch – Ella Elizabeth (Moore) Calhoun

-
- **Thomas Henry Calhoun II
(Brother)**
 - **Birth 02/19/1902**
 - **Death 11/28/1958**
 - **Married/Divorced - DIVORCED**

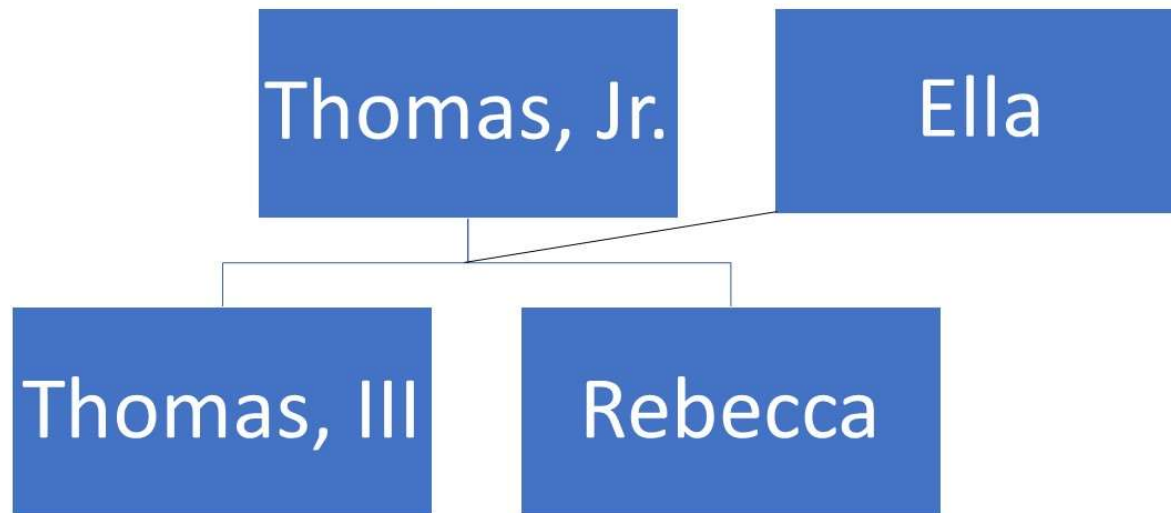
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- **Ella Elizabeth (Moore) Calhoun**
- **Birth 01/31/1911**
- **Death 02/03/1985**
- **Married/Divorced - DIVORCED**



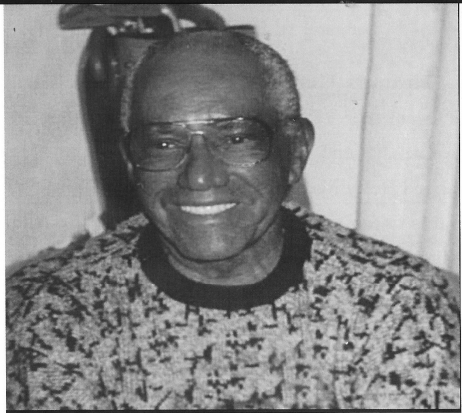
Thomas Henry Calhoun II and Ella Elizabeth Moore

Their  produced 2 children



- **Thomas Henry Calhoun III**
- **Birth 12/11/1929**
- **Death 04/06/2013**
- **Married/Divorced - MARRIED**

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OF

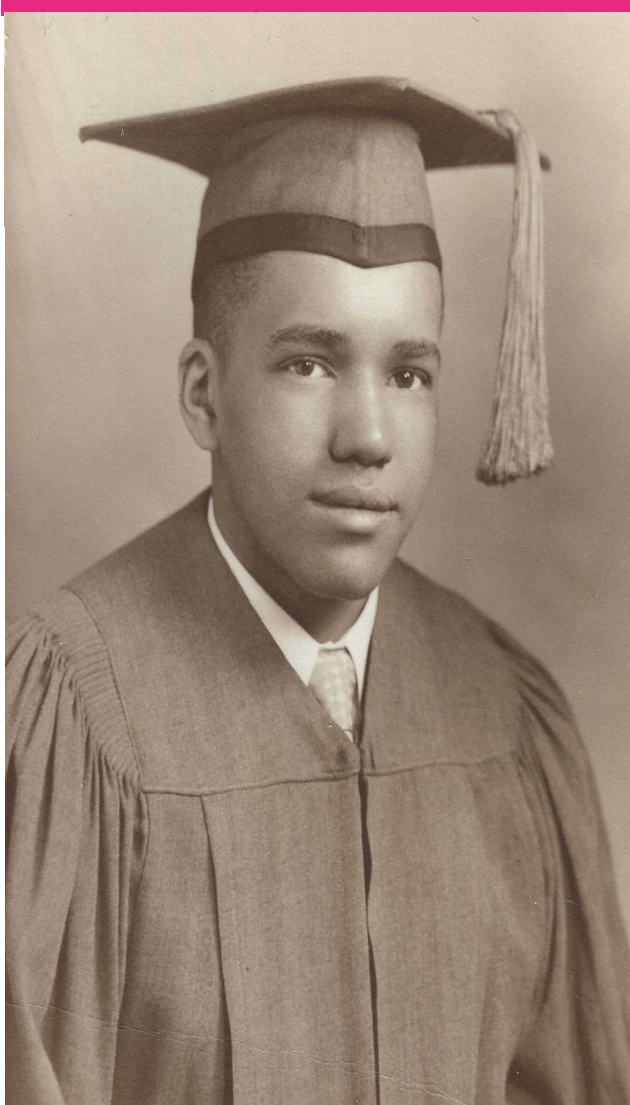


Thomas Henry Calhoun III

December 11, 1929 - April 6, 2013

Service to be held
Sunday, April 14, 2013
2:00 P.M. Service

Detroit Unity Temple
17505 Second Avenue • Detroit, Michigan
Reverend Gregory Guice, *Officiating*



The Obituary

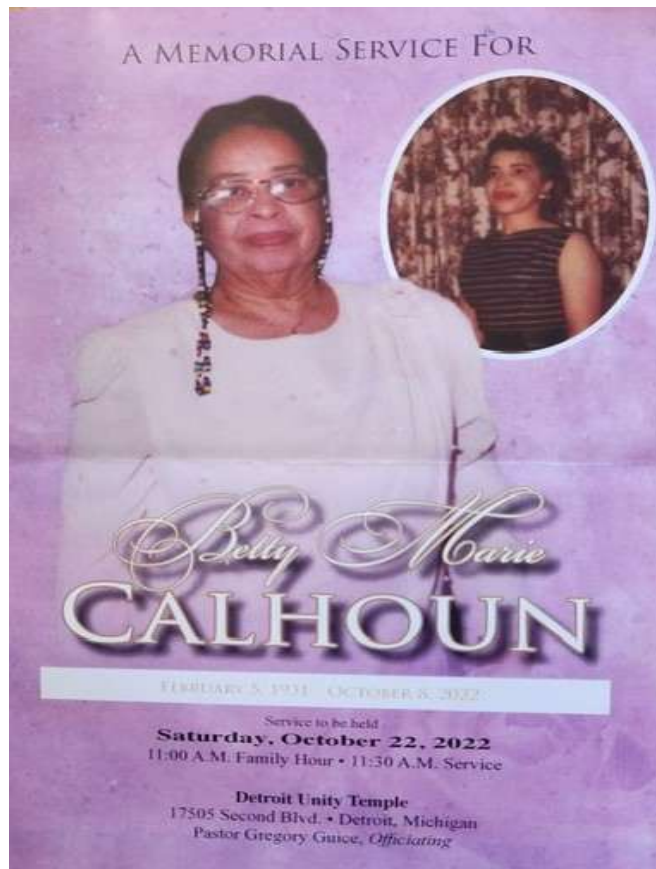
Thomas Henry Calhoun III

December 11, 1929 - April 6, 2013

Thomas Henry Calhoun III was born on December 11, 1929 in Detroit, Michigan to Thomas Jr., and Ella (nee Moore) Calhoun. He married Betty M. Shreve on September 16, 1956. To this union two children were born Leslie Ann Calhoun and Thomas Louis Calhoun. He was predeceased by his sister Rebecca Jane Marbury.

He is survived by his wife, Betty; his children, Leslie and Thomas; a daughter-in-law, Virna Hobbs-Calhoun; two grandchildren, Kaylyn Laurette Calhoun and Thomas Virgil Calhoun; brother-in-law, James E. Marbury (Eddie Mae); three sisters-in-law; nieces, nephews and cousins.

- **Betty Marie (Shreve) Calhoun**
- **Birth 02/05/1931**
- **Death 10/08/2022**
- **Married/Divorced - MARRIED**



OBITUARY

Betty Marie Calhoun (nee Shreve) was born February 5, 1931, in Windsor Ontario, Canada to Linton D. Shreve and Eldora (Daisy) Shreve (nee Johnston). Betty was the only girl of five children. She had an interest in and a talent for math and science, and she loved puzzles of all kinds.

After graduating from high school in Windsor, Betty came to the United States to study pharmacy. She graduated from the Detroit Institute of Technology (now a part of Wayne State University), with a bachelor's degree in Pharmacy. She worked as a pharmacist at the Children's Hospital of Detroit, and Crowley's Department store.

Betty married Thomas Henry Calhoun III, a Detroit educator, on September 16, 1956. They had two children, Leslie Ann, and Thomas Louis. Betty and Thomas Henry, who was affectionately called, "Calhoun," raised their children in the teachings of Detroit Unity Temple.

A long-time member of over fifty years of Detroit Unity Temple, Betty served as a volunteer in many capacities at the church, and she later worked in the business office.

Betty, 91, made her transition October 8, 2022, after a brief illness.

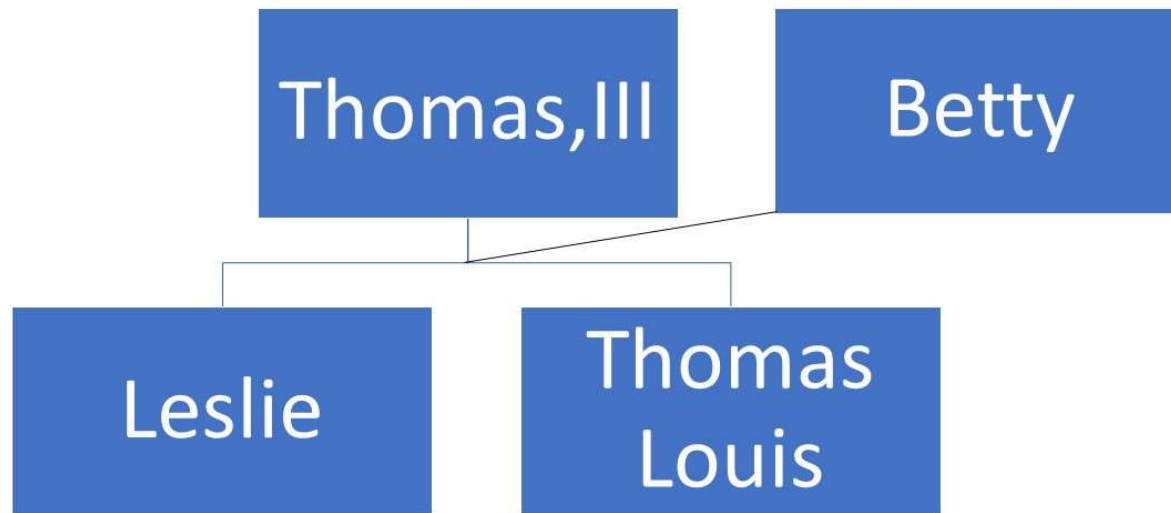
Betty was preceded in death by her husband, Thomas Henry, her four brothers and three of her sisters-in-law: Eugene (Colleen), Winslow (Anna), Waynard (Eleanor), and Leonard (Wanda).

Betty is survived by her daughter, Leslie Ann Calhoun, son, Thomas Louis Calhoun, daughter-in-law Virna (nee Hobbs), grandchildren Kaylyn Laurette Calhoun, and Thomas Virgil Khalfani Calhoun V, special family friends, Darlene Shaughnessy and Khairah Green, brother-in-law James E. Marbury, sister-in-law, Wanda Shreve and a host of nieces and nephews, great-nieces and great-nephews, family, and friends.

INTERMENT
Elmwood Cemetery
 1200 Elmwood
 Detroit, Michigan

Thomas Henry Calhoun III and Betty Marie (Shreve)

Their  produced 2 children



- **Leslie Ann Calhoun**
- **Birth 08/09/1957**
- **Death xx/xx/xxxx**
- **Married/Divorced -**



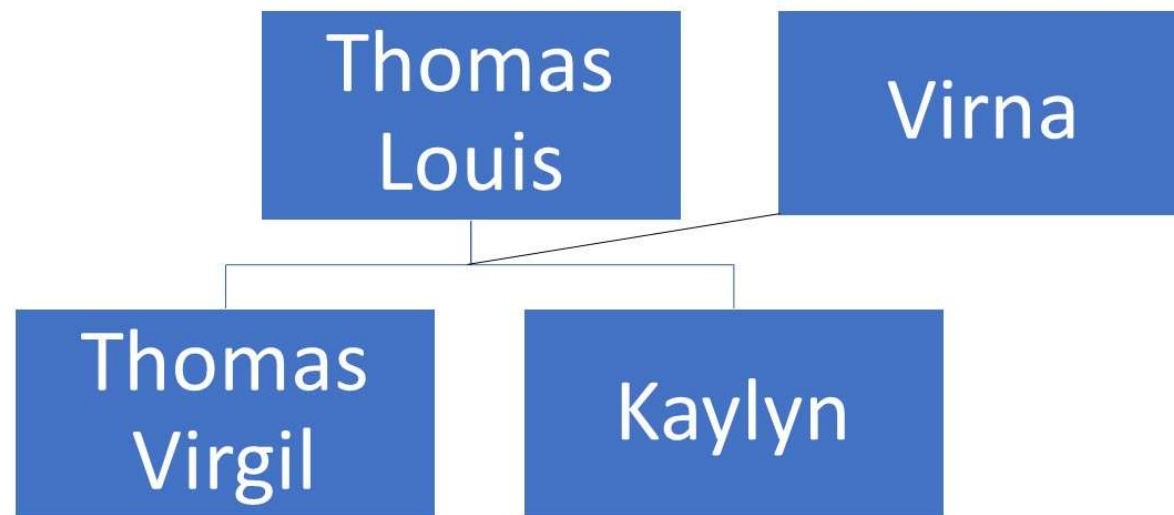
- **Thomas Louis Calhoun**
- **Birth 06/03/1961**
- **Death xx/xx/xxxx**
- **Married/Divorced - MARRIED**



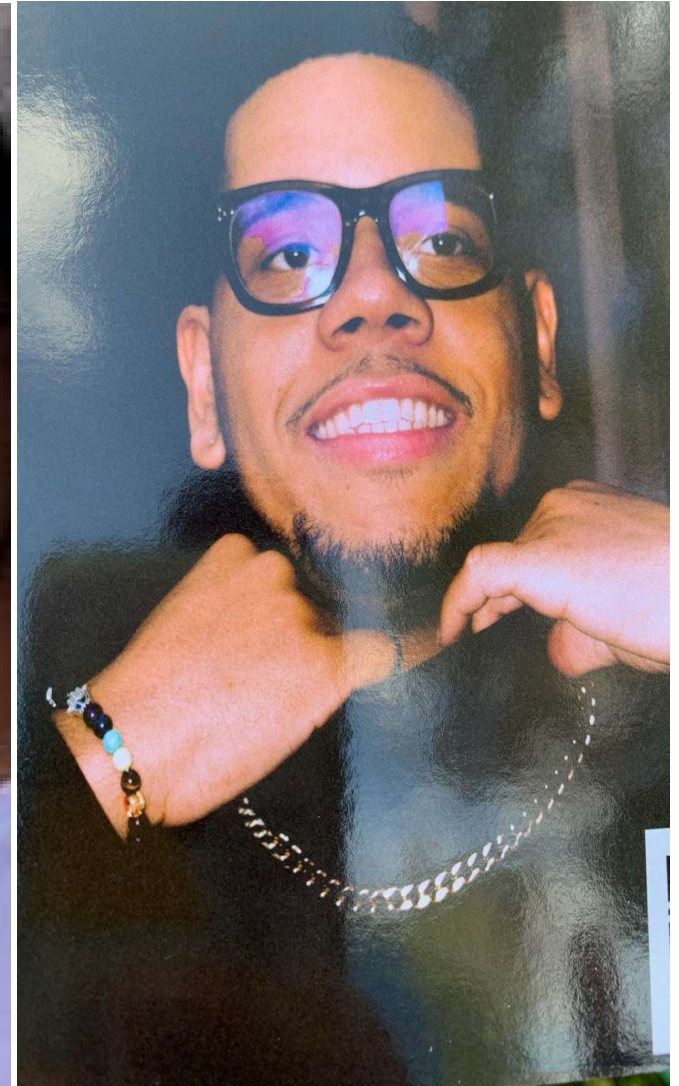
- **Virna Connia (Hobbs) Calhoun**
- **Birth 12/17/1960**
- **Death xx/xx/xxxx**
- **Married/Divorced - MARRIED**



Thomas Louis Calhoun and Virna Connia Hobbs
Their  produced 2 children



- **Thomas Virgil Khalfani Calhoun**
- **Birth 01/17/2000**
- **Death xx/xx/xxxx**
- **Married/Divorced -**



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- **Kaylyn Laurette Calhoun**
 - **Birth 08/04/1997**
 - **Death xx/xx/xxxx**
 - **Married/Divorced -**

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- **Rebecca Jane (Calhoun) Marbur**
- **Birth 09/14/1934**
- **Death 08/22/2001**
- **Married/Divorced - MARRIED**



*A Service of Memory
-Celebrating the life of-*



Rebecca Jane Calhoun Marbury

September 14, 1934 – August 22, 2001

Homegoing Celebration: Mass
Saturday, August 25, 2001
Eleven o'clock in the morning

St. Cecilia Roman Catholic Church
Livernois & Stearns
Detroit, Michigan 48204

Rev. Fr. Theodore Parker, OSC, Officiating
Rev. Fr. Robert Moran
Deacon, Wyatt L. Jones, Jr., Pastoral Minister
Joseph F. Thompson, Minister of Service

The Obituary

Rebecca Jane Calhoun Marbury was born in Detroit, Michigan on September 14, 1934, to the late Thomas H. Calhoun, II and Ella E. Moore. Rebecca and her elder brother Thomas H. Calhoun, III were raised from an early age by their loving grandparents, the late Charlie and Rebecca Moore. At an early age, Rebecca was baptized into the Catholic Church at Sacred Heart Catholic Church in Detroit. Rebecca attended Alger and Sacred Heart Elementary Schools, Hutchins Middle School, and the High School of Commerce. Rebecca graduated from Wayne State University in 1989.

Rebecca and James Edward Marbury were united in holy matrimony on July 25, 1953. From this union three daughters were born, Michele Renee, Jeanine Marie and Cheryl Patricia. In January 1952, Rebecca began a long career with Blue Cross Blue Shield of Michigan in Detroit. She was the first African-American supervisor in this company's group billing department and was also the first African-American to become an underwriter in the Actuarial and Underwriting Department. Rebecca was Acting Manager and developed a new corporate department for BCBSM. Rebecca retired from Blue Cross in 1988 after many years of dedicated service.

Rebecca became a member of Saint Theresa Catholic Church and subsequently joined Saint Cecilia Catholic Church. She served as a faithful member of the Aler Rosary Society, and the Sacred Heart Alumni, where she served as secretary, and was a past member of the Knights of Peter Claver Ladies Auxiliary, Court 167. Rebecca's community outreach service included past Board leadership with the Michigan Metropolitan Girl Scout Council as Troop Leader at Saint Theresa Church. Rebecca enjoyed molding and mentoring young women, especially her four granddaughters. Rebecca was active in community service until her illness. Rebecca also had a special interest in genealogy and was a member of the Fred Hart Williams Genealogical Society. She enjoyed researching and documenting her ancestral history.

Rebecca and James traveled extensively. Their travels included trips to India, Alaska, Mexico, the Caribbean, and various locations in the United States. They enjoyed many activities together, but always had time for their family. Rebecca lived for her family. She gave of herself without hesitation. Rebecca will be remembered by everyone as having a strong will, outstanding character, and an ability to accept and meet all of life's challenges and responsibilities. Her spirit will continue to be with us through her children, grandchildren, other relatives, and friends who loved her dearly.

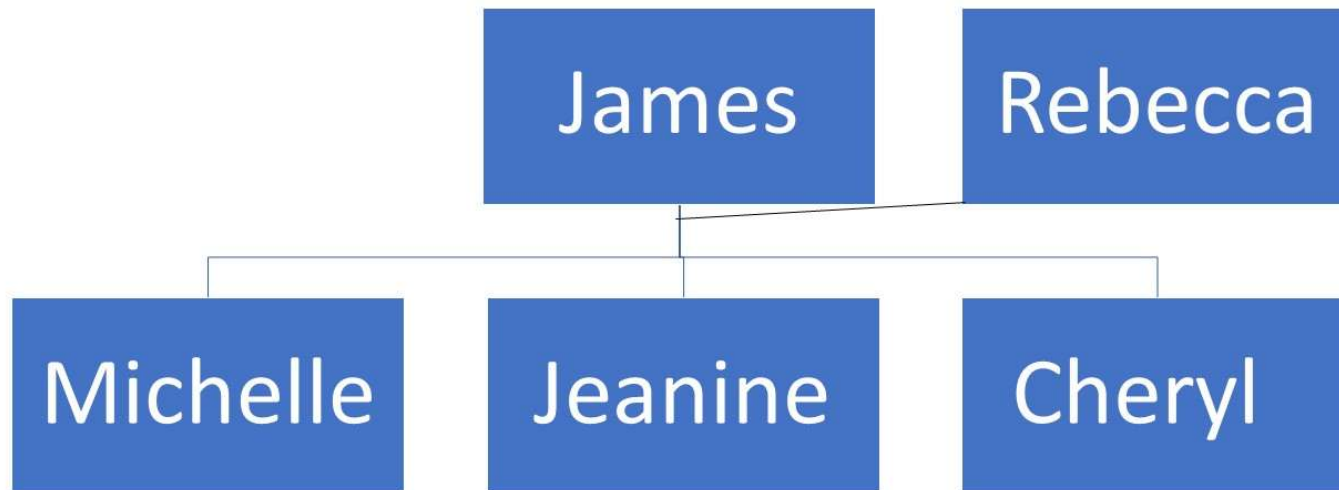
To cherish her legacy of love, dream of her smile, sustain her kindness and to spread her joy, Rebecca leaves her loving husband, James Edward Marbury; one brother, Thomas Calhoun III (wife Betty); Sister-in-law Barbara Marbury Clark; three devoted children, Michele Renee Hudson (husband Gerald), Jeanine Marie Bryant (husband James), and Cheryl Patricia Lofton (husband Mack); seven grandchildren, Vanessa and Renee Hudson, Jennifer, Jessica and James Franklin Bryant, Edward and Charles Lofton; and one niece, Leslie Calhoun, two nephews, Thomas Louis Calhoun (Vina) and Jamaal D. Clark, one great niece and nephew, Kaylyn Laurette and Thomas Virgil Calhoun and a host of family and friends.

- **James Edward Marbury**
- **Birth 08/05/1931**
- **Death xx/xx/xxxx**
- **Married/Divorced - MARRIED**



James Edward Marbury and Rebecca Jane Calhoun

Their  produced 3 children



- Michele Renee (Marbury) Hudson
- Birth 06/28/1955
- Death xx/xx/xxxx
- Married/Divorced - MARRIED

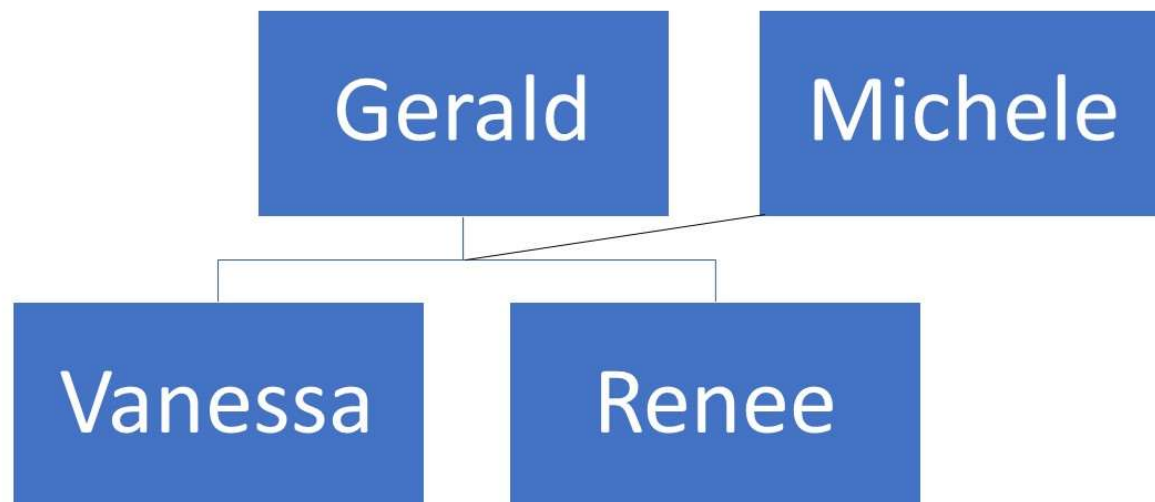


- **Gerald Alexander Hudson**
- **Birth 06/27/1951**
- **Death xx/xx/xxxx**
- **Married/Divorced - MARRIED**



Gerald Alexander Hudson and Michele Renee Marbury

Their  produced 2 children



- **Vanessa Rachel Hudson**
- **Birth 05/20/1984**
- **Death xx/xx/xxxx**
- **Married/Divorced - MARRIED**

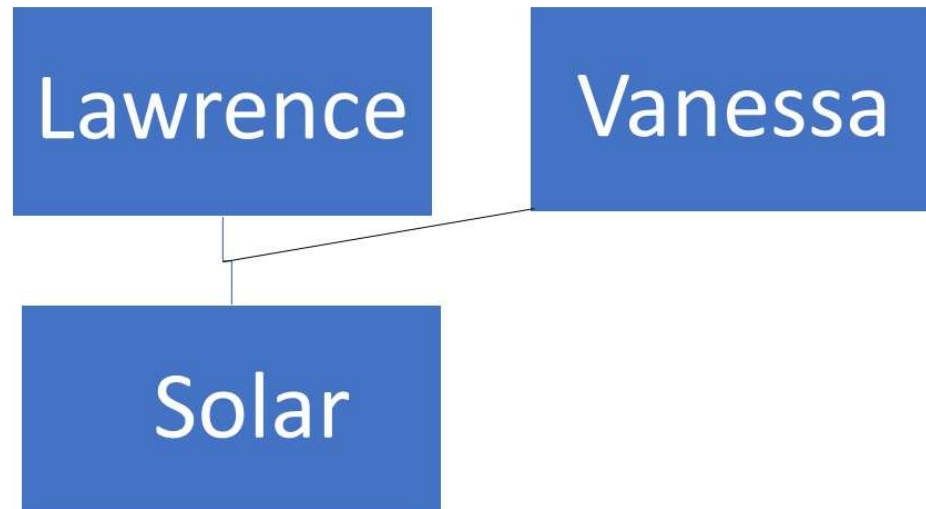


- **Lawrence Christopher McAfee**
- **Birth 08/25/1984**
- **Death xx/xx/xxxx**
- **Married/Divorced - DIVORCED**



Lawrence McAfee and Vanessa Rachel Hudson

Their  produced 1 child



- **Solar Lyda Rebecca McAfee**
- **Birth 05/15/2020**
- **Death xx/xx/xxxx**
- **Married/Divorced -**



- **Cortez Brenan Williams, Jr.**
- **Birth 12/12/1994**
- **Death xx/xx/xxxx**
- **Married/Divorced -MARRIED**



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- **Renee Alexis Hudson**
 - **Birth 11/10/1990**
 - **Death xx/xx/xxxx**
 - **Married/Divorced - MARRIED**

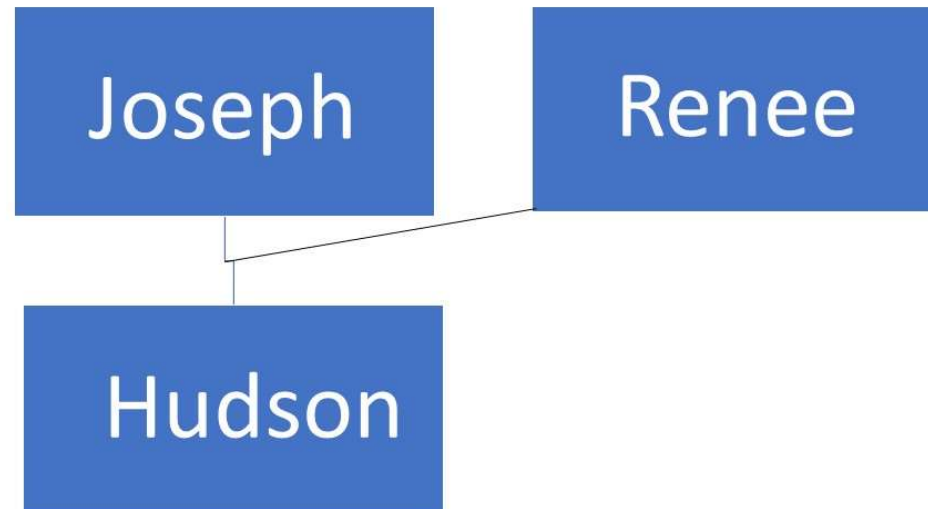
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- **Joseph Arthur**
 - **Birth xx/xx/xxxx**
 - **Death xx/xx/xxxx**
 - **Married/Divorced - MARRIED**

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Joseph Arthur and Renee Alexis Hudson

Their  produced 1 child



-
- **Hudson**
 - **Birth 09/15/2021**
 - **Death xx/xx/xxxx**
 - **Married/Divorced -**

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- **Jeanine Marie (Marbury) Bryant**
- **Birth 01/12/1957**
- **Death xx/xx/xxxx**
- **Married/Divorced - MARRIED**



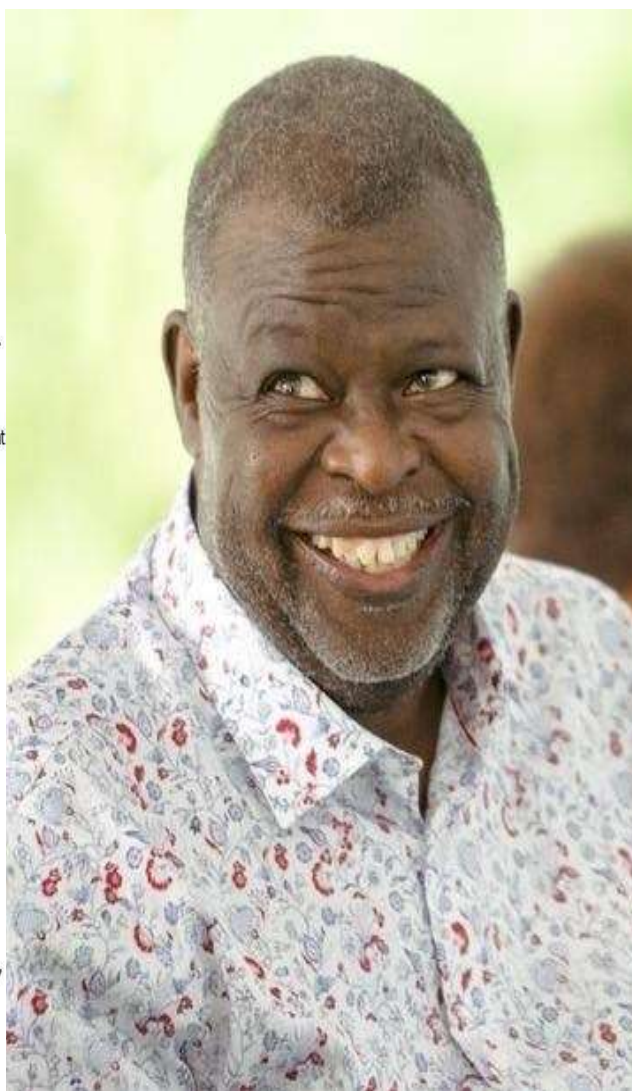
- **James Dean Bryant**
- **Birth 04/30/1950**
- **Death 04/29/2023**
- **Married/Divorced - MARRIED**

Obituary

James Dean Bryant went home to be with the Lord on April 29, 2023. James was born on April 30, 1950 in Osceola, Arkansas to Adlean Cole and James Otis Bryant. He was the third of Adlean's twelve children. Even as a child, James was a strong and fiercely protective older brother; he took jobs as a paperboy, a shoeshine boy and a grocery clerk to assist his mother with providing for his siblings. From an early age, James prayed for a bright future; he often said that God always fulfilled his heart's dreams. He wrote that he prayed for a future that would include "going to college, establishing a career, getting married, and even how I would parent my children." James knew that his vision for the future would always give him comfort and lift him up.

In keeping with his prayers, James pursued an education, attending Grand Rapids Junior College and graduating from Lane College, a historically black college in Jackson, Tennessee. He became a proud Phi Beta Sigma. He majored in sociology as an undergraduate, and eventually obtained a masters' degree in educational leadership from Central Michigan University. He pursued a career in juvenile justice, rising through the ranks from the entry level position of group worker to ultimately become Kent County's superintendent of juvenile detention. James took immense pride in his life's work helping at-risk youth get back on the right track and find their way. He also took a second career with Grand Rapids Public Schools as assistant principal of Southeast Career Pathways, an alternative high school.

James met his future wife, Jeanine, in 1978. James charmed Jeanine with his big bright smile, with his booming voice, and with his powerful vision for the future. They were joined in the sacrament of marriage on August 30, 1980. Together, James and Jeanine breathed life into their mutual vision for the strong Catholic family that they wanted to build. They were blessed with three children: Jennifer, Jessica, and James Franklin. James and Jeanine were able to provide shelter, safety and love for their three children in exactly the way James had dreamed and prayed for as a child. All three of his children speak reverently to day about the wisdom that James was able to impart to them and the time, attention, and



Years ago, James wrote in his personal journal that his greatest hope was to someday have grandchildren and to be able to play with them. He was blessed to have that hope fulfilled with three grandchildren: James Thomas, Giovanni, and Mattie. He was overjoyed to see his prayers answered and his dream actualized.

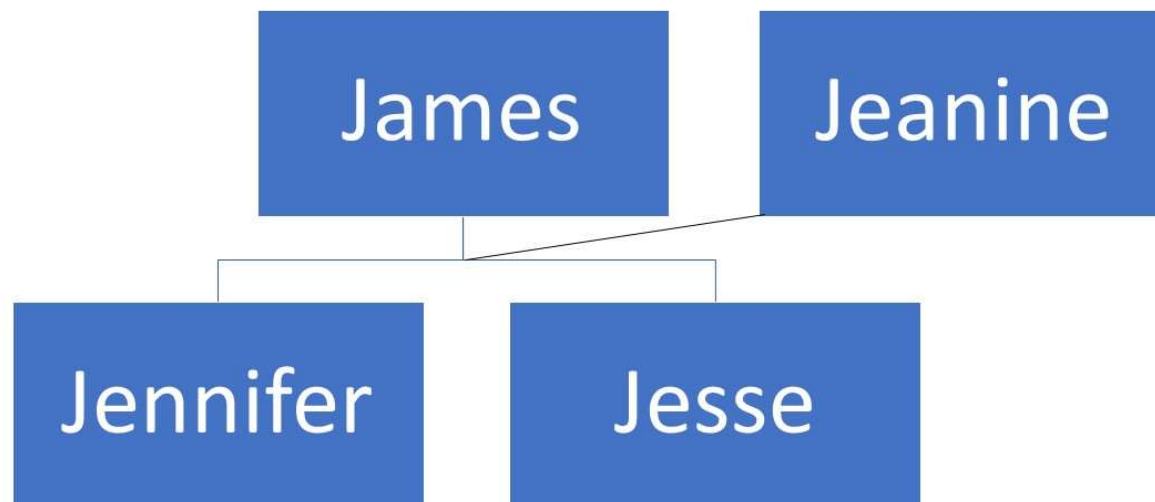
In addition to being a family man and a man of deep faith, James was a devoted and enthusiastic community servant. Motivated by his own upbringing, he was called to action to support causes that lift up children and provide them with places to thrive and excel, such as Big Brothers/Big Sisters, the Santa Clause Girls, Kent County Head Start, Ta-Wa-Si Athletic Association, and many others. Even in his very last weeks on earth, James worked with his twin sister Gloria on a project benefiting Camp Blodgett, a West Michigan summer camp for children that afforded him and his siblings the opportunity to experience an outdoor adventure and the magic of Lake Michigan.

James is survived by his wife Jeanine Marbury-Bryant; his daughters Jennifer (Ryan) Bryant Grondzik and Jessica (Majdi) Bryant-Naddari; his son James Franklin Bryant; his twin sister Gloria Bryant; his siblings Mary Louise Bryant, Margaret Little, Janice Bryant, Rosemary Coleman, Alice Cole, Dera Cole, Robert Cole, Sterling Cole, and Katrina Cole, and a host of nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by his mother, Adlean Cole; his father, James Otis Bryant; and his brother, Tommy Bryant.



James Dean Bryant and Jeanine Marie Marbury

Their  produced 2 children



- **Jennifer Marbury (Bryant) Grondzik**
- **Birth 08/10/1982**
- **Death xx/xx/xxxx**
- **Married/Divorced - MARRIED**

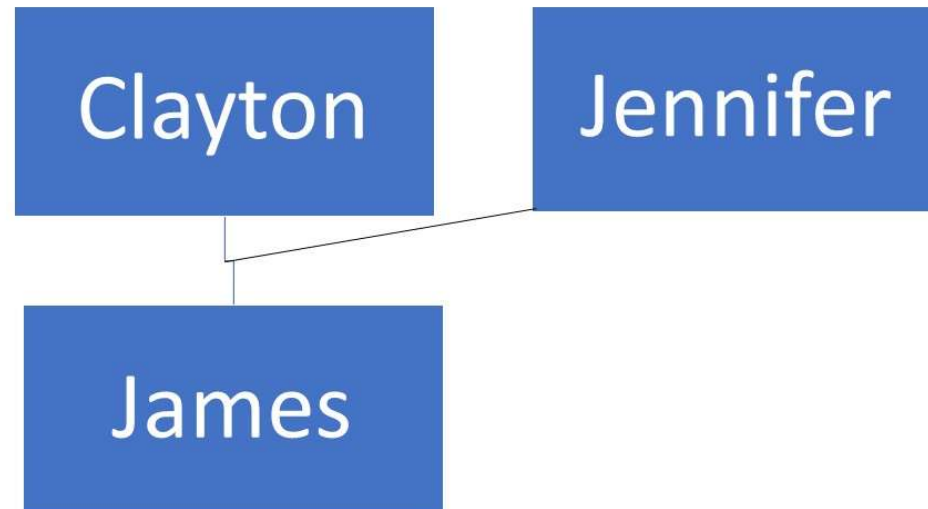


- **Clayton Grondzik**
- **Birth xx/xx/xxxx**
- **Death xx/xx/xxxx**
- **Married/Divorced - MARRIED**



Clayton Grondzik and Jennifer Marbury Bryant

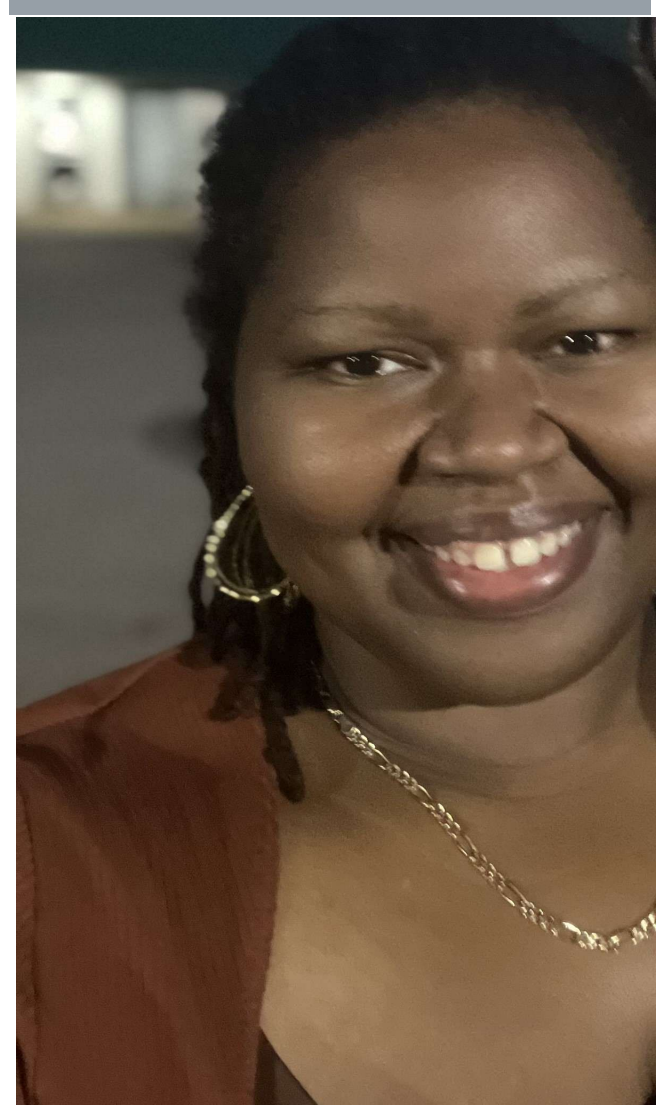
Their  produced 1 child



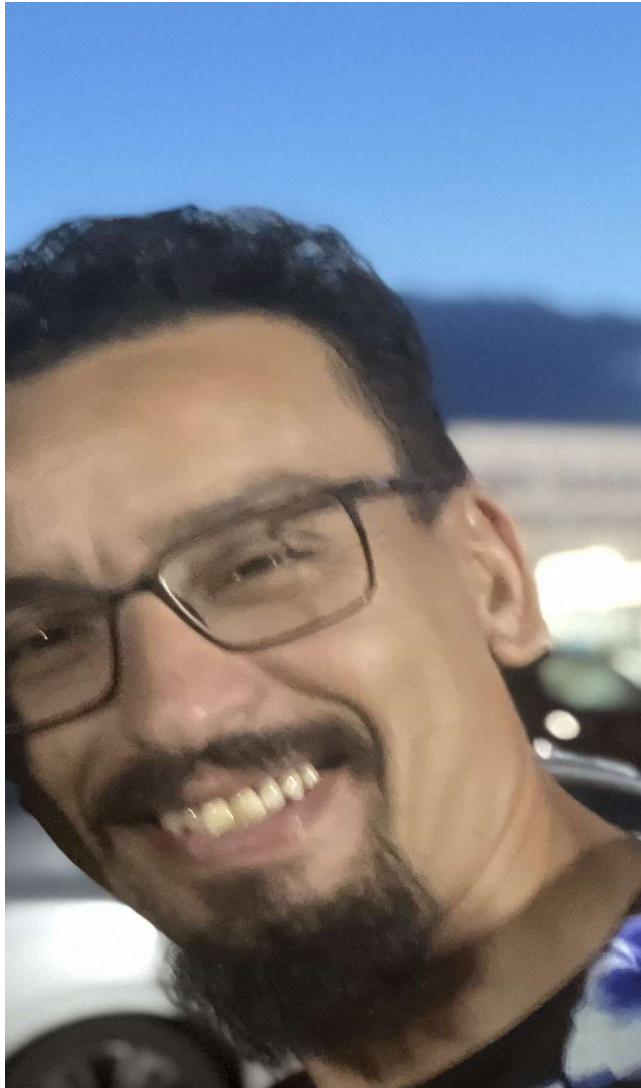
- **James Thomas Bryant Grondzik**
- **Birth xx/xx/xxxx**
- **Death xx/xx/xxxx**
- **Married/Divorced -**



- **Jessica Marbury (Bryant)-Nadda**
- **Birth 11/18/1984**
- **Death xx/xx/xxxx**
- **Married/Divorced - MARRIED**



- **Majdi Naddari**
- **Birth xx/xx/xxxx**
- **Death xx/xx/xxxx**
- **Married/Divorced - MARRIED**



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- **James Franklin Marbury Bryant**
 - **Birth 11/07/1993**
 - **Death xx/xx/xxxx**
 - **Married/Divorced -**

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- Cheryl Patricia (Marbury) Lofton
- Birth 08/10/1958
- Death xx/xx/xxxx
- Married/Divorced - MARRIED

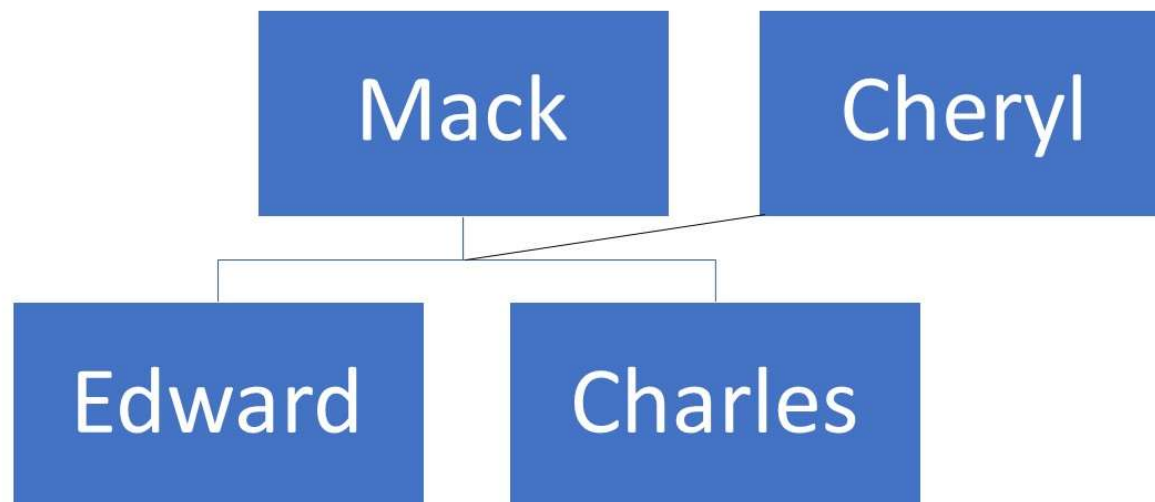


- **Mack Henry Lofton**
- **Birth 11/13/1957**
- **Death xx/xx/xxxx**
- **Married/Divorced - MARRIED**



Mack Henry Lofton and Cheryl Patricia Marbury

Their  produced 2 children



- **Edward Mack Henry Lofton**
- **Birth 05/19/1991**
- **Death xx/xx/xxxx**
- **Married/Divorced -**

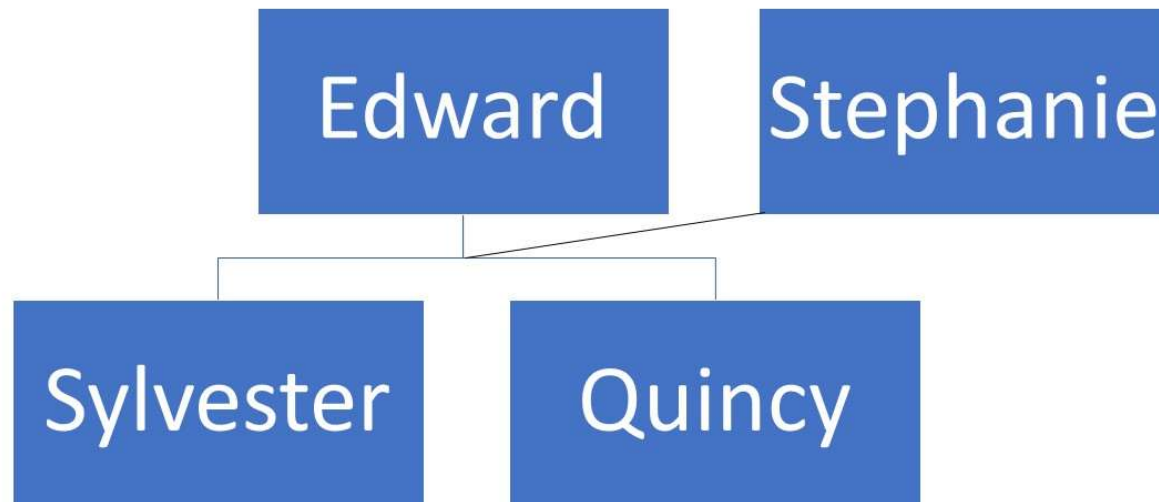


- **Stephanie Calthorpe**
- **Birth 09/06/1991**
- **Death xx/xx/xxxx**
- **Married/Divorced -**



Edward Lofton and Stephanie Calthorpe

Their  produced 2 children



- **Sylvester Mack Lofton**
- **Birth 04/25/2020**
- **Death xx/xx/xxxx**
- **Married/Divorced -**



- Quincy Kai Lofton
- Birth 10/27/2023
- Death xx/xx/xxxx
- Married/Divorced -



- **Charles Andrew Marbury Lofton**
- **Birth 08/05/1996**
- **Death xx/xx/xxxx**
- **Married/Divorced - Married**

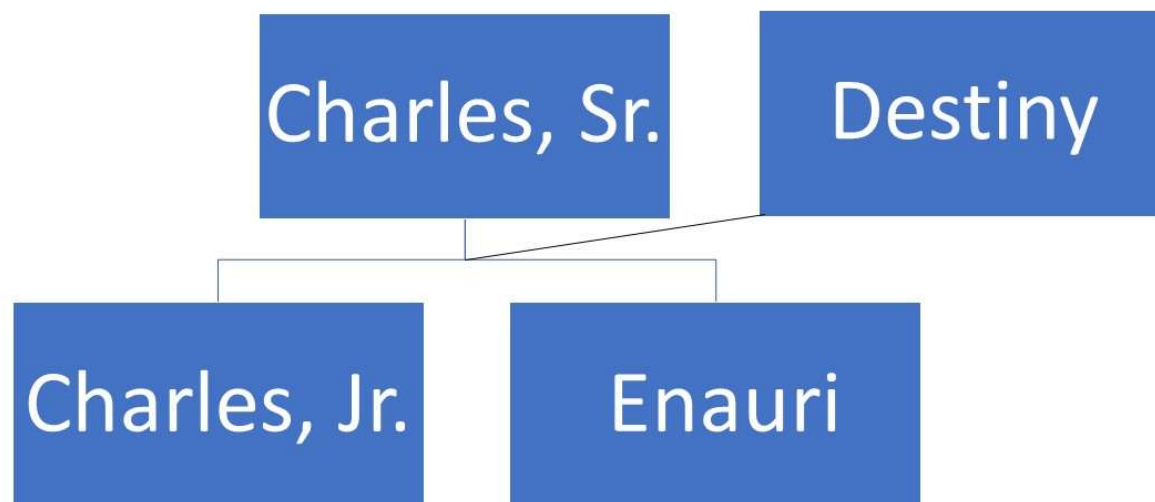


- **Destiny Realitti Kerri-On Lofton**
- **Birth 09/20/1999**
- **Death xx/xx/xxxx**
- **Married/Divorced - Married**



Charles Andrew Marbury Lofton and Destiny Realitti Kerri-On

Their  produced 2 children



- **Charles Andrew Marbury Lofton**
- **Birth 10/17/2019**
- **Death xx/xx/xxxx**
- **Married/Divorced -**



- **Enauri Dezyah Marbury Lofton**
- **Birth 01/28/2021**
- **Death xx/xx/xxxx**
- **Married/Divorced -**





The Ollie C. Calhoun, Sr. Family

Patriarch – Ollie C. Calhoun, Sr.

Matriarch – Mabel (Cason) Calhoun Phillips

- **Ollie C. Calhoun, Sr. (Bub)**
- **Birth 01/11/1908**
- **Death 04/11/1949**
- **Married/Divorced - MARRIED**



- **Mabel (Cason) Calhoun Phillips**
- **Birth 05/28/1907**
- **Death 04/10/2004**
- **Married/Divorced - MARRIED**



Mabel Cason Calhoun Phillips

Sunrise: May 28, 1911 - Sunset: April 10, 2004

Service to be held

Friday, April 16, 2004

10:30 A.M. Family Hour • 11:00 A.M. Funeral

Twelfth Street Missionary Baptist Church

1840 Midland • Detroit, Michigan

Pastor Floyd A. Davis, Officiating



THE OBITUARY

Mabel Cason was born on Sunday, May 28, 1911 in Birmingham, Alabama to Rev. Ervin Cason and Mattie Lou (Johnson) Cason. She was the eighth of nine children: Alberta, Leola, Eugene, Henry, Suzanne, Jimmy, Millett, Mabel, and Annie Mae. Mabel's mother passed away when she was about five years old. Her father died one year later. Mabel and three siblings were raised by her older sister, Alberta Woolens (mother of five children). An older brother, Eugene, helped Alberta by working to support their younger sisters and brothers. All eight siblings preceded Mabel in death many years ago.

Mabel attended the Cleveland Elementary School and High School in Birmingham through the eleventh grade. At age 12 she accepted Christ, and was baptized at the Mount Pilgrim Baptist Church, Rev. R.W. Weatherly, Pastor.

At age five, Mabel first saw Ollie C. Calhoun (Bub) climb the church yard fence and knew then he was going to be her beloved husband. In 1927, Mabel and Ollie married. Together they became the proud parents of five sons and two daughters. They are (oldest to youngest): Wilbert Cason, Electa (daughter), Ollie C., Horace Lee, James Ervin, Douglas Barry, and Deborah (daughter). The first six of Mabel's children preceded her in death.

Mabel and Ollie left their home in Birmingham, Alabama, in 1936 and moved to Detroit, and united with the Berea Lutheran Church and the children were the first members of the Sunday school.

At age 39 Ollie C. passed away. Mabel was left to raise her children. Alone she fulfilled their family plans, to once again witness that "The Lord is good and HIS mercy endureth forever." Mabel bought a home for her family. In 1953 she purchased a second home on Pilgrim Street in Highland Park. She then united with the 12th Street Missionary Baptist Church. For as long as her health allowed, she faithfully served on the Senior Usher Board and at the Church Food Center. She married the late Nathaniel Riddenbury and years later married the late Jessie Phillips.

Mabel loved the Lord and her Spirit showed her gentle nature, love for children, patience, wisdom, wit and Peace Maker. Mabel was highly respected, humble and modestly elegant. She played an important role in shaping the character of so many people/children within and outside the family. She was known as Mama, MaMaMa, Mama Mabel, and just Mabel.

She loved watching gospel videos, listening to gospel music, gardening and wearing fashionable hats. Best of all, she loved being a mother, homemaker, good friend and confidant.

As she slept at home on the morning of April 10, 2004, the Lord whispered in her ear, "Come unto me and I'll give you rest." As she took flight and entered into heaven's gate she reunites with her daughter, five sons and countless loved ones.

Mabel leaves to cherish her memory: her loving and devoted daughter, Deborah; stepson, Jesse Phillips (Linda); two special daughters-in-law, Mary Ann Calhoun and Glenda Calhoun; nine grandchildren, LaDonn People (Eddie), Rene Hunter (Arthur), Andre Graham (Debra), Marc Graham (Rosita), LeRoy Graham (Linda), Pierre Graham (Otelie), Coleman Graham (Karen), Monique Calhoun, Douglas Calhoun (Teri); numerous great and great-grandchildren; a host of many other close family members and wonderful friends.

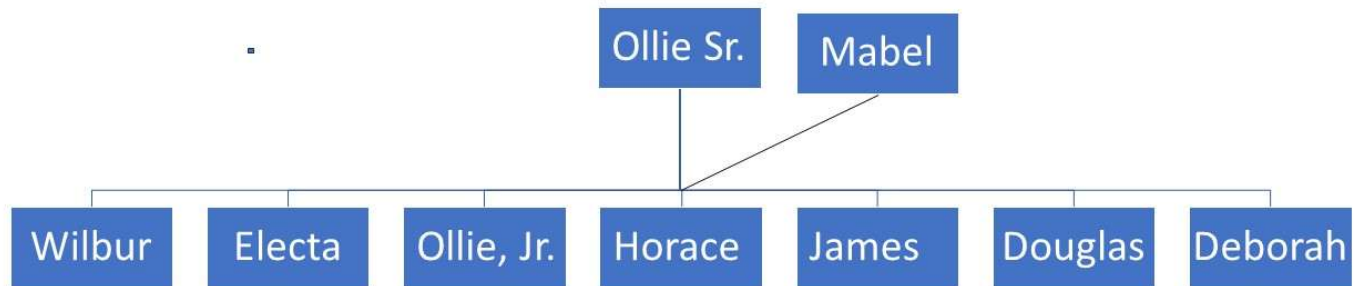
*And I said, Oh that I had wings, like a dove!
For then would I fly away, and be at rest. (Psalm 55:6)*



Arrangements Entrusted To
Barksdale Funeral Homes, Inc.
7321 Puritan / 861-3400 — 1120 E. State Fair / 368-7773
Detroit, Michigan

Ollie Calhoun, Sr. and Mabel Cason

Their  produced 7 children



- Wilbert Cason Calhoun
- Birth 03/25/1928
- Death 08/01/1994
- Married/Divorced -

March 25, 1928

August 1, 1994

In Remembrance

—Of Our Beloved—



WILBERT CASON CALHOUN

Thursday, August 4, 1994
12:00 Noon

BARKSDALE FUNERAL HOME
NORTHEAST CHAPEL
1120 E. State Fair
Detroit, Michigan 48203

Rev. Norman C. LaMotte
Officiating



— The Obituary —

MR. WILBERT CASON CALHOUN was born March 25, 1928 in Birmingham, Alabama, to the union of Ollie C. Sr. and Mabel Cason Calhoun. Wilbert was the first of seven children.

Wilbert, reared by his grandfather Thomas, a Methodist Minister, and grandmother Lena Calhoun, accepted *Christ* and was baptized at an early age. He traveled with his grandparents and lived in Detroit, Michigan, LaPorte, Indiana, Three Rivers, Michigan and finally settled in Jackson, Michigan, where he graduated from high school.

Wilbert proudly served in both the United States Navy and the United States Army, where he worked as a Medic. Wilbert always enjoyed working, earning and sharing. He held various jobs throughout his life, including the VA Hospital and Chrysler Corp, from where he retired seven years ago.

Wilbert was a quiet, private man who learned many creative building skills from his grandfather. He could repair almost anything . . . He was an organized man who felt everything must be in order and things don't have to be costly to have value.

Although quiet and private, Wilbert was solid and very dependable. He would come whenever he was needed. He loved and enjoyed gardening, to the extent that he shared his flowers and plants with his family. Every year we will remember him when our flowers bloom. His talents included painting, playing the piano and being the big brother.

As a family, we will always remember Wilbert with deep love and appreciation. We will miss him dearly, his ideas, his support, and his loving, caring friendship in all family endeavors, financial and emotional.

He leaves to cherish his memory: a dear devoted mother, Mabel Phillips; a loving brother, Horace Calhoun; a dedicated sister, Deborah Pettus; aunts; nieces; nephews; cousins; and other relatives and friends. We give thanks to GOD for allowing Wilbert to share his life so unselfishly with us.

— Pallbearers —

Coleman Graham	Pierre Graham
LeRoy Graham	Virgil Hardeman
Lloyd Graham	Eddie People
Marc Graham	Spurgeon Walker

— Flower Bearers —

Friends of the Family

— Final Arrangements Entrusted To —

BARKSDALE FUNERAL HOMES
7321 Puritan 1120 E. State Fair
861-3400 368-7773
Detroit, Michigan

— Interment —

EVERGREEN CEMETERY
19807 Woodward
Detroit, Michigan

*Drivers in the Funeral Procession,
please turn on headlights for safety.*

- Electa (Calhoun) Graham
- Birth 12/20/1929
- Death 04/01/1971
- Married/Divorced - MARRIED

FINAL RITES
for
MRS. ELECTA GRAHAM
1929 1971

Berea Lutheran Church
7047 Tireman Ave.
Detroit, Michigan 48204

Dr. David Friedrichs, Asst. Pastor

Tuesday, April 6, 1971 11:00 a.m.

S E R V I C E

ORGAN PRELUDE
PROCESSIONAL
SOLO Mrs. Erma Dandridge
INVOCATION
THE PSALMS Psalm 90 (Page 142 in hymnal)
THE LESSON I Thess. 4: 14-18
SOLO Mrs. Erma Dandridge
THE SERMON
Text: Rev. 14:13
Theme: "That She May Rest From Her Labors"

COLLECT
THE LORD'S PRAYER
THE BENEDICTION
RECESSIONAL

PALLBEARERS

Richard Gibson	Clarence Allen
Ervin L. Love	Albert Tomlinson
Harrison Smith	Willie Young

INTERMENT
Woodlawn Cemetery

IN CHARGE
Swanson Funeral Home



O B I T U A R Y

Mrs. Electa Graham was born December 20, 1929 in Birmingham, Ala. to Ollie and Mabel Calhoun. She was the second of seven children.

She was educated in the Detroit Schools.

On June 13, 1946, she was united in marriage to Leroy Graham, this union was blessed with seven children.

After moving to the westside of Detroit she joined the Berea Lutheran Church.

She served as a Traffic Guard for the Sampson School for the past 7 years, where she made many friends among the children and adults.

She departed this life on Thursday, April 1, 1971.

She leaves a husband, Leroy; mother, Mrs. Mabel Riddenberry; seven children, Mrs. LaDon People, Mrs. Rene Hunter, Andre, Marc, Leroy, Pierre and Coleman; one granddaughter, Comique People. Five brothers and one sister. Many other relatives and friends.

ACKNOWLEDGMENT

The Graham Family wish to acknowledge the many kind expressions of sympathy shown during this sad hour. Each will be answered personally in the very near future.

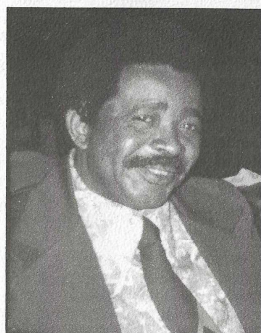
- **Leroy James Graham, Jr.**
- **Birth 07/13/1925**
- **Death 06/12/1983**
- **Married/Divorced - MARRIED**

July 13, 1925

June 12, 1983

In Loving Memory

— Of —



LEROY JAMES GRAHAM, JR.

THURSDAY, JUNE 16, 1983
AT 11:00 A.M.

Services To Be Held At
Berea Evangelical Lutheran Church
7047 TIREMAN AVENUE
DETROIT, MICHIGAN

PASTOR VENICE C. DOUGLAS, Officiating



The Obituary

Mr. Leroy James Graham, Jr. was born in Atlanta, Georgia on July 13, 1925, the first child of Myrtis and Leroy Graham, Sr.

In 1932, the family moved to Detroit. He enrolled and attended the Detroit Public Schools, graduating from Cass Technical High School.

He was baptized and confirmed at Berea Evangelical Lutheran Church.

Leroy served his country dutifully as a Seaman First Class in the United States Navy during World War II. During his tour-of-duty in the Asiatic Pacific, he received a Victory Medal. After his service discharge on April 13, 1946, he became an employee of the City of Detroit (Detroit Streets and Railways). He served from October 9, 1946 to August 19, 1978 from which he retired after 31 years of dedicated service. During this time he was awarded many safe driving medals.

Leroy entered into holy matrimony in 1946 with Electa Calhoun. Born to this loving and warm-hearted union was seven children: two girls and five boys. Electa preceded him in death in 1971.

On Sunday, June 12, 1983 at 2:20 a.m., Mr. Graham departed this life. He was deeply loved and respected by all who knew him. His life was centered around helping and making others happy. If someone was to go lacking, then he chose to be that person.

He leaves to rejoice in his memory: his loving mother and father; two daughters, LaDonn People and Rene' Hunter; five sons: Andre, Marc, LeRoy, Pierre and Coleman; twelve grandchildren; one brother, Lloyd; one sister-in-law, Mary; one daughter-in-law, Karen; two sons-in-law, Eddie People and Arthur Hunter; one uncle, James Barnette and wife Maude of Opelika, Ala.; four nieces, one nephew and a host of other relatives and friends.

Ballbearers

HENRY CHERRY
ARTHUR FRAZIER
WILLIAM LANE, SR.
DOUGLAS MELONSON

FELIX PACK
RAYMOND PACK
CRAWFORD SMITH
THOMAS PETTIGREW

Flower Bearers

FRIENDS OF THE FAMILY

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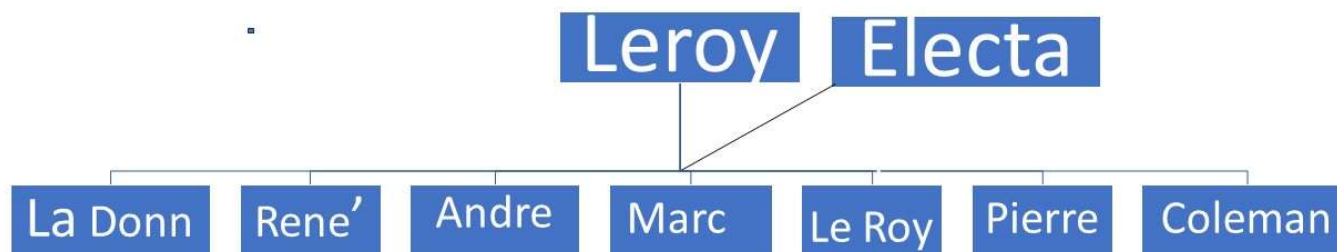
JAMES H. COLE HOME FOR FUNERALS, Inc.
2624 W. Grand Blvd. - 873-0771 — 13631 Puritan - 835-3997
AT TWELFTH AT SCHAEFER

Interment

WOODLAWN CEMETERY
Woodward Ave. near State Fair

Leroy James Graham, Jr. and Electa Calhoun

Their  produced 7 children



- LaDonn (Graham) People
- Birth 02/02/1947
- Death xx/xx/xxxx
- Married/Divorced - MARRIED

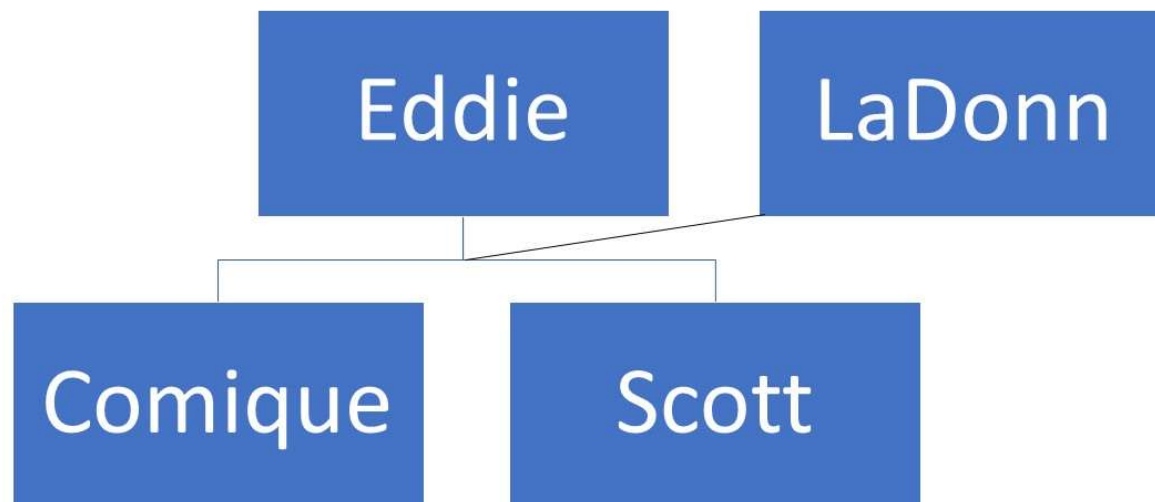


- **Eddie James People**
- **Birth 08/11/1945**
- **Death xx/xx/xxxx**
- **Married/Divorced - MARRIED**



Eddie James People and LaDonn Graham

Their  produced 2 children



- **Comique Michelle People**
- **Birth 03/02/1971**
- **Death xx/xx/xxxx**
- **Married/Divorced -**



- **Scott Anthony People**
- **Birth 02/26/1974**
- **Death xx/xx/xxxx**
- **Married/Divorced -**

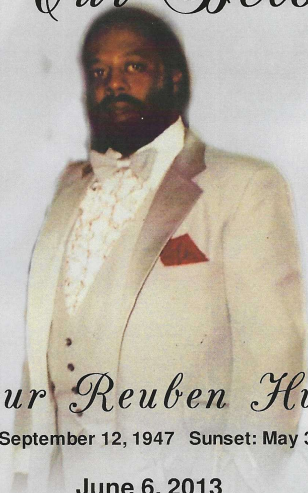


- Rene' (Graham) Hunter
- Birth 07/14/1949
- Death xx/xx/xxxx
- Married/Divorced - MARRIED



- **Arthur Rueben Hunter**
- **Birth 09/12/1947**
- **Death 05/31/2013**
- **Married/Divorced - MARRIED**

*In Remembrance
Of Our Beloved*



Arthur Reuben Hunter

Sunrise: September 12, 1947 Sunset: May 31, 2013

**June 6, 2013
10:00 am**

C.P. Bannon Mortuary
6800 International Blvd., Oakland, CA

Pastor Brian Murphy, Officiating



OBITUARY

Arthur Reuben Hunter was born September 12, 1947 in Detroit, Michigan. He was the only child of Florence Lee Hunter and Al Lewis who both preceded him in death. Arthur was a happy man yet pensive, talkative yet quiet, very opinionated and exceedingly intelligent. Most importantly, he was a loving father and devoted husband.

Arthur had many accomplishments throughout the 65 years of an adventurous life. He graduated from Chadsey High School, Detroit, Michigan in January, 1966. At the age of 18, he was drafted into the United States Army. He served his country honorably from 1966 to 1972 with an 18 month stint in Vietnam.

On May 23, 1970, Arthur was united in marriage with Rene' Graham. They soon left Michigan and moved to San Francisco, California to build a life together. They became the proud parents of three children.

Arthur attended the University of San Francisco (USF), graduating with a Bachelors Degree in Mathematics and later, a Masters Degree in Information Systems Management. He was an entrepreneur, owning software consulting and foreclosure consulting companies. He was a property owner, general contractor and big rig driver. He also worked with children coaching basketball, tutoring math and computer science.

Arthur held 33 degrees as a mason of the Scottish Rites. His passions were math, numbers and thoroughbred horse racing.

Arthur lived for his children and grandchildren. Their energy and love extended his life and gave him the strength for living with pancreatic cancer.

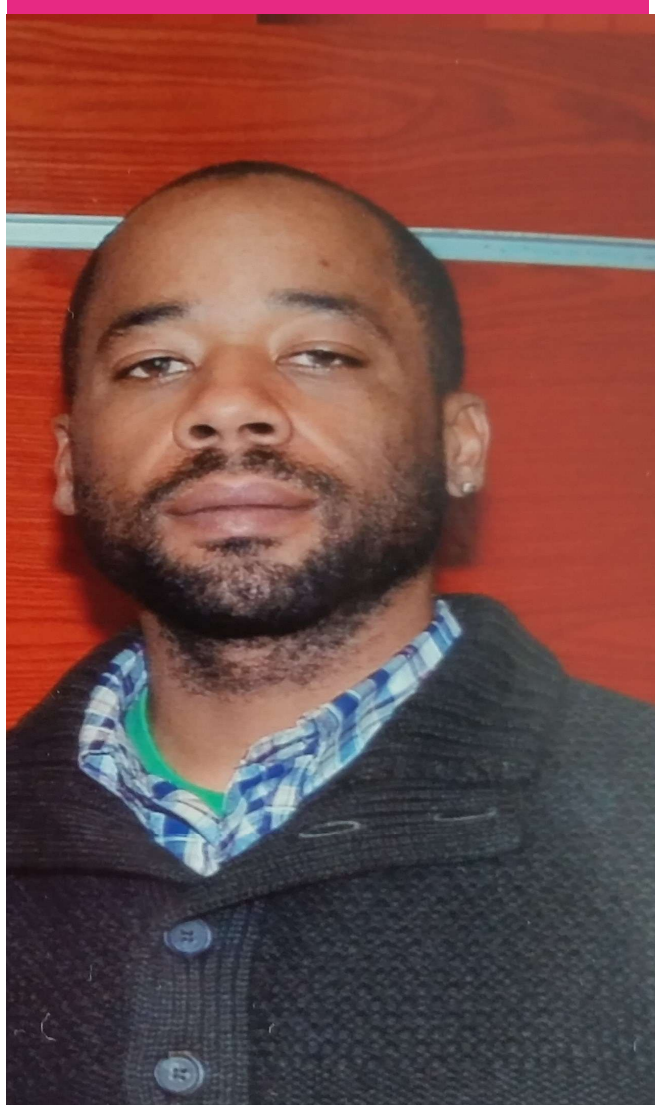
Arthur leaves to cherish his memory, his loving and devoted wife, Rene'; his sons Ivan James Watson of Birmingham, AL; Rahsaan Walter Hunter and Atif Leroy Hunter; daughter, Naja Hunter, of San Leandro, CA; six grandchildren, Ivan James Watson, Jr., Elijah James Watson and Elicia Harzett Watson of Birmingham, AL; Numair Rayyan Hunter, Daylan Niem Lewis and Danae Niyah Lewis of San Leandro, CA. He also leaves a lifelong friend Joseph Coleman and a host of family and friends.

Arthur Rueben Hunter and Rene' Graham

Their  produced 3 children



- **Rahsaan Walter Hunter**
- **Birth 10/13/1974**
- **Death xx/xx/xxxx**
- **Married/Divorced -**

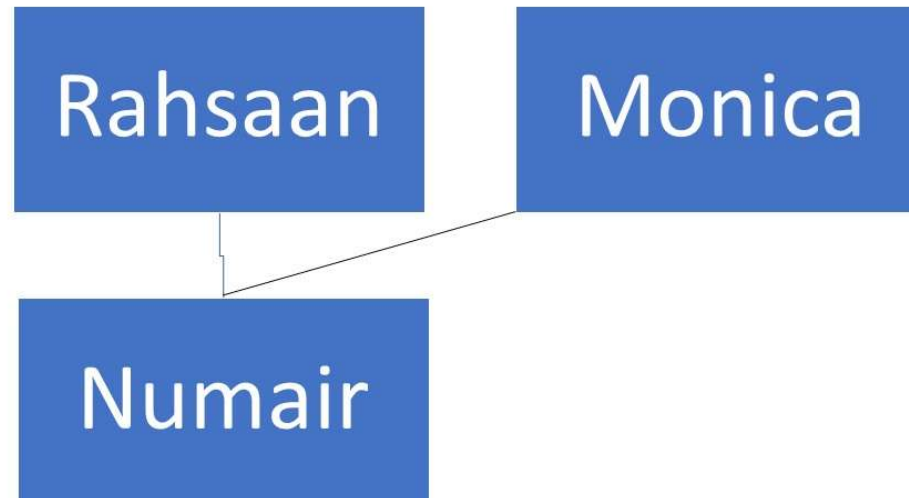


- **Monica Ontarvrious**
- **Birth 02/05/1981**
- **Death xx/xx/xxxx**
- **Married/Divorced -**



Rahsaan Walter Hunter and Monica Ontarvrious

Their  produced 1 children



- **Numair Rayyan Hunter**
- **Birth 12/20/2004**
- **Death xx/xx/xxxx**
- **Married/Divorced -**

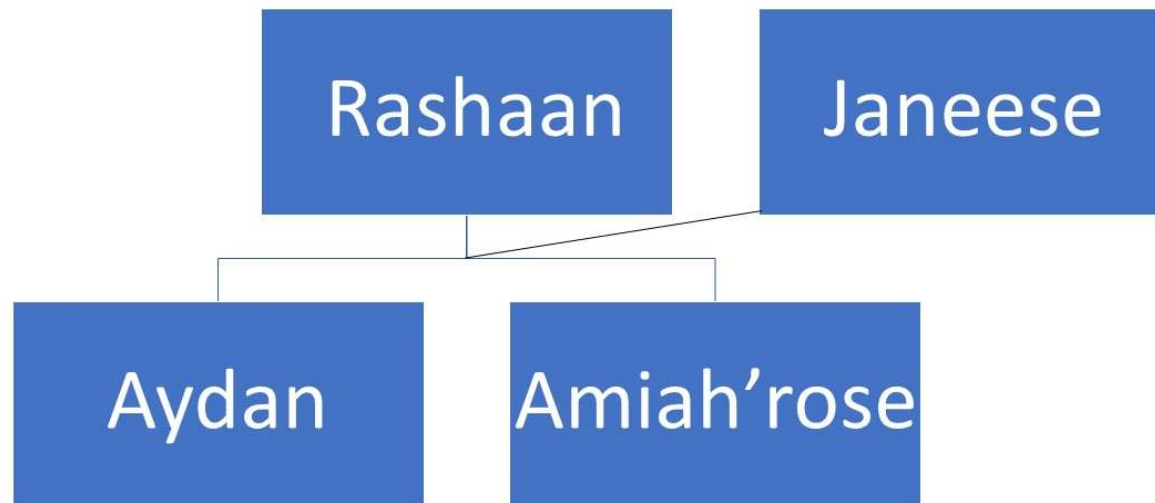


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- **Janeese McDonald**
 - **Birth 07/02/1985**
 - **Death xx/xx/xxxx**
 - **Married/Divorced -**

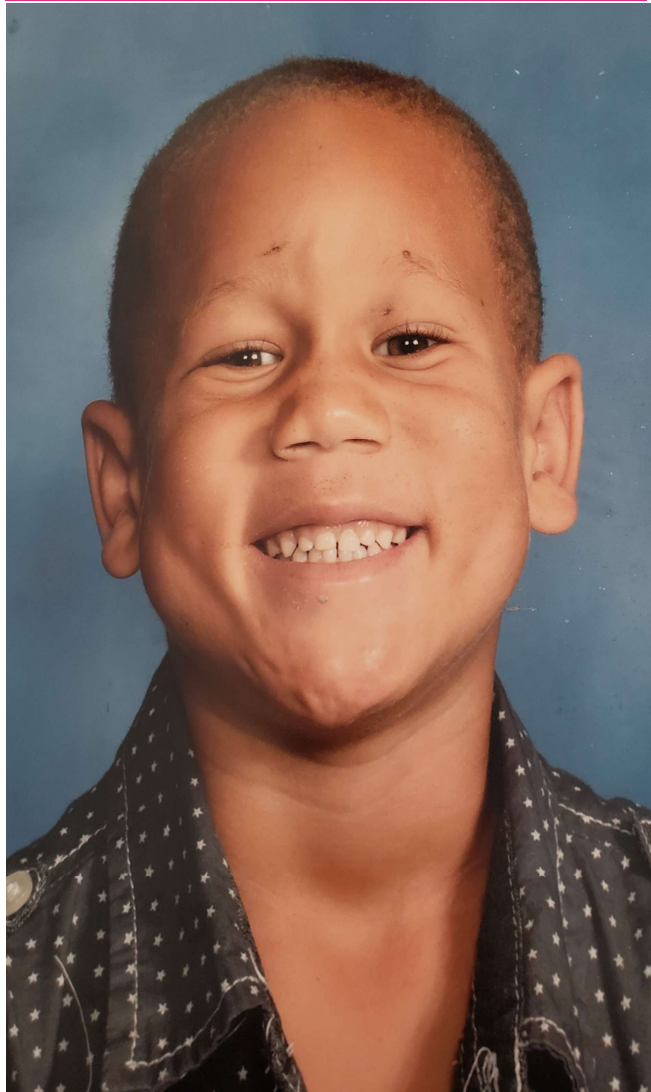
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Rahsaan Walter Hunter and Janeese McDonald

Their  produced 2 children



- **Aydan Emyr Hunter**
- **Birth 02/28/2014**
- **Death xx/xx/xxxx**
- **Married/Divorced -**



- **Amiah'rose Hunter**
- **Birth 02/01/12017**
- **Death xx/xx/xxxx**
- **Married/Divorced -**



- **Atif Leroy Hunter**
- **Birth 01/05/1979**
- **Death xx/xx/xxxx**
- **Married/Divorced - MARRIED**



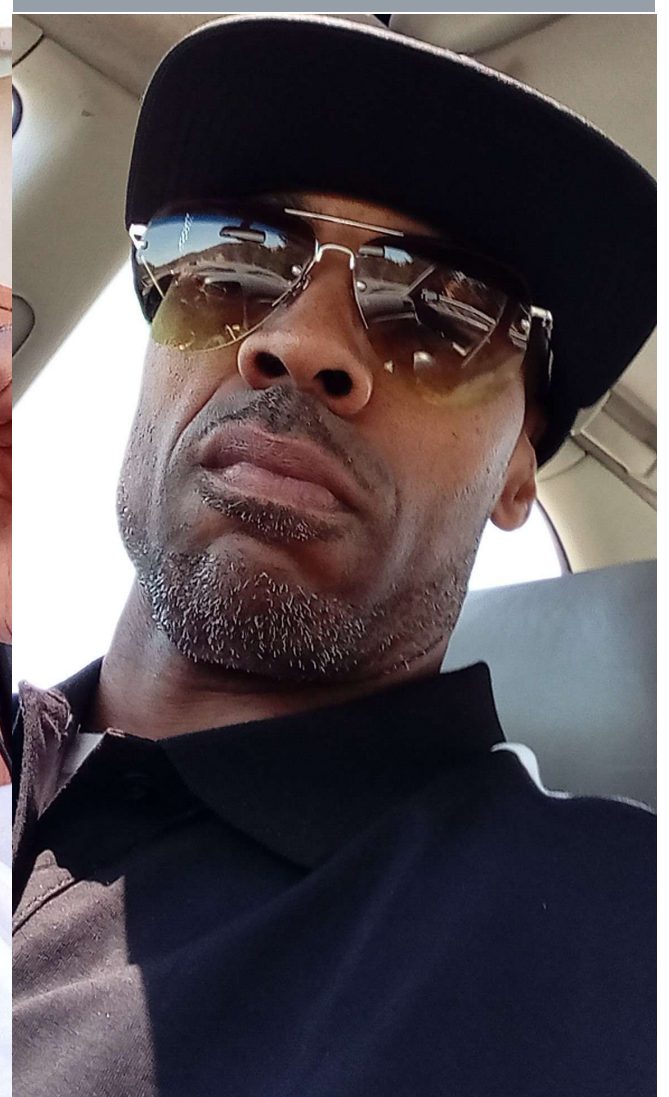
- **Hannah Bennett**
- **Birth xx/xx/xxxx**
- **Death xx/xx/xxxx**
- **Married/Divorced - MARRIED**



- **Naja Hunter**
- **Birth 04/26/1980**
- **Death xx/xx/xxxx**
- **Married/Divorced -**

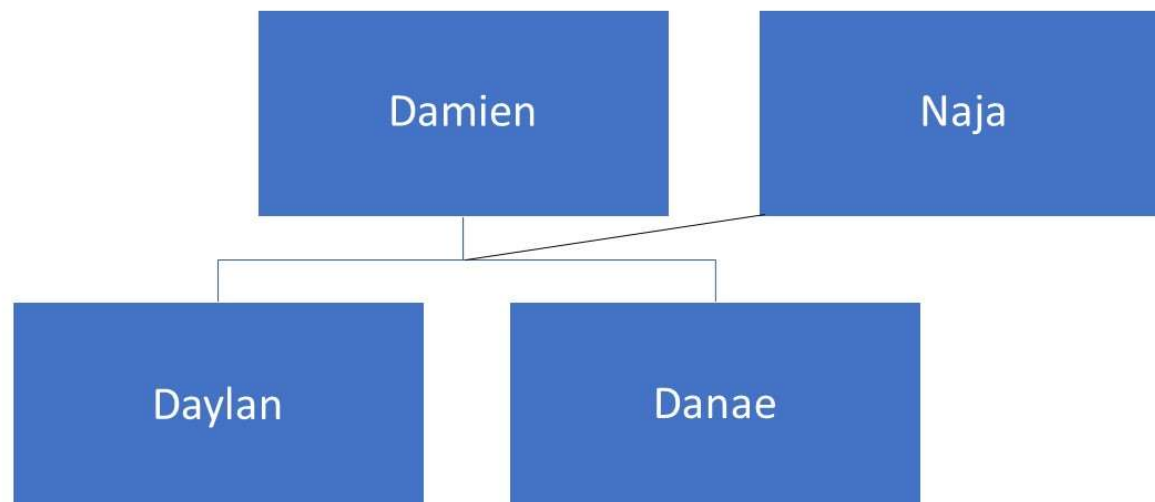


- **Damien Zackary Lewis**
- **Birth 05/26/1974**
- **Death xx/xx/xxxx**
- **Married/Divorced -**

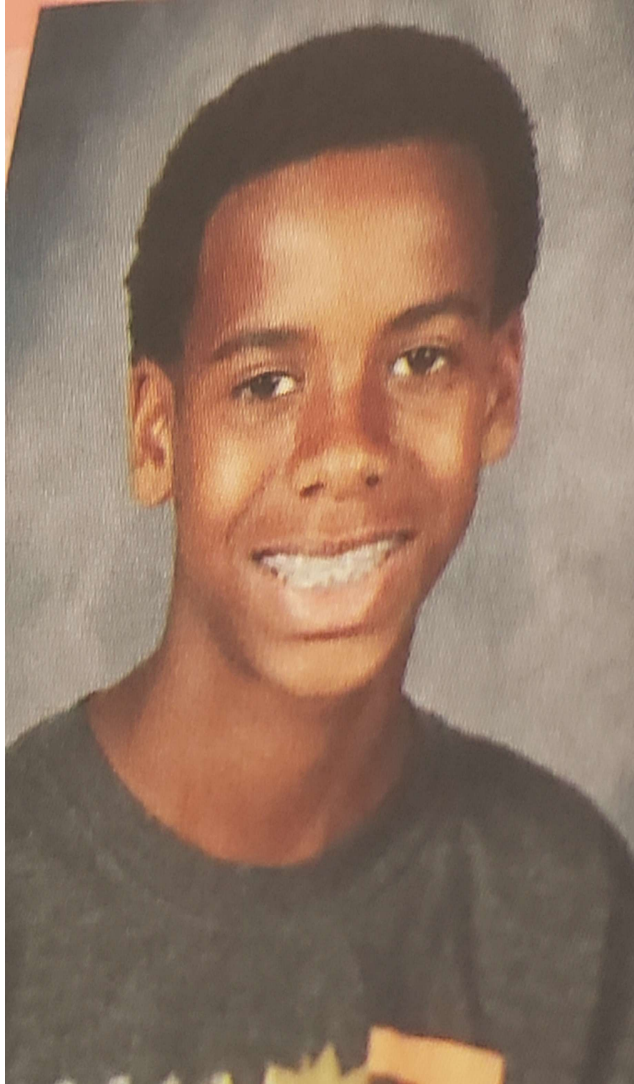


Damien Zachary Lewis and Naja Hunter

Their  produced 2 children



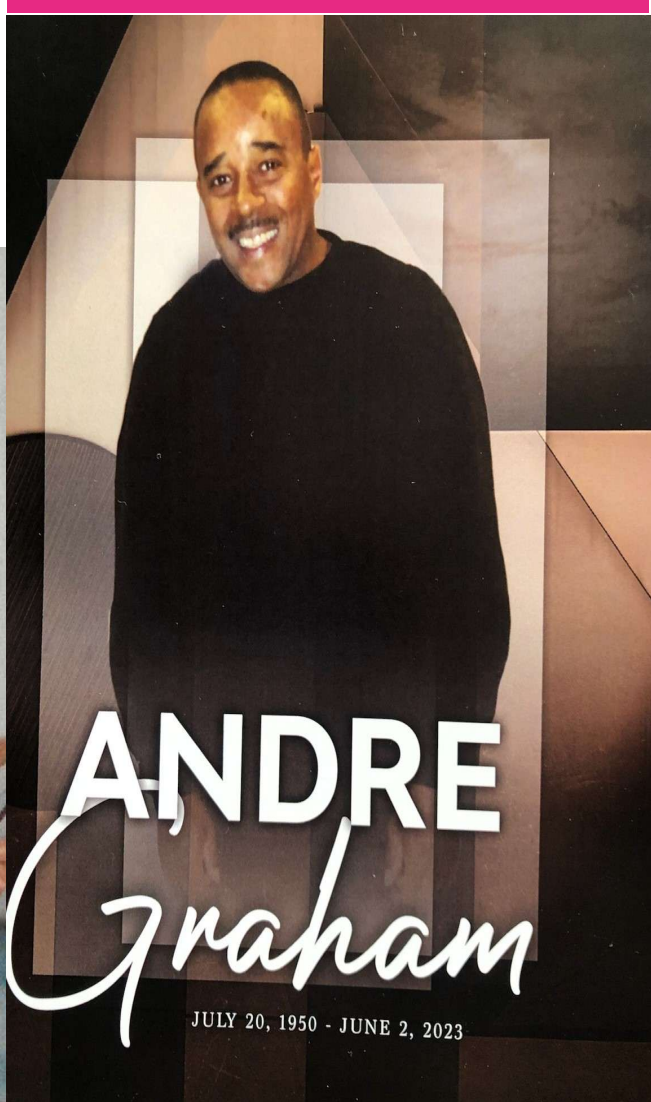
- **Daylan Niem Lewis**
- **Birth 08/05/2009**
- **Death xx/xx/xxxx**
- **Married/Divorced -**



- **Danae Niyah Lewis**
- **Birth 09/12/2010**
- **Death xx/xx/xxxx**
- **Married/Divorced -**



- **Andre Graham**
- **Birth 07/20/1950**
- **Death 06/02/2023**
- **Married/Divorced - MARRIED**



OBITUARY

Andre Graham was born on July 20, 1950, in Detroit Michigan to the late Leroy James Graham Jr. and Electa Calhoun Graham. He was the third of seven children born to this union. He is preceded in death by his brothers Marc and Pierre.

Being raised in a Christian family, he was baptized at an early age at Berea Evangelical Lutheran Church in Detroit. In his youth, he attended Sunday School and served as an acolyte at Berea. When he moved to California, he was baptized into the Pentecostal church. Through the years as he reflected, he said, "Deb, my faith never disappeared no matter where life took me. I ain't never stopped believing, maybe, it was Mommy."

Andre was educated in the Detroit Public School System graduating from Northwestern High School. Andre later returned to school in California and graduated with a Degree in Electronics from Associated Technical College.

Andre was drafted into the U.S. Army where he served from 1970 to 1972 during the Vietnam War. While serving his country, he became ill.

In 1983 Andre moved to Los Angeles, California. He married high school sweetheart, Debbra Yavonne Smith in 1984. To this union one son, Jeffrey Dupree Graham was born. They also raised Debbra's niece Candice Collette Smith.

For over ten years he was employed as a Field Service Technician for Computerized Mail Systems and Equipment.

He enjoyed being able to travel and he traveled throughout the US and made a few trips throughout the world. Travel and flying were two of Andre's close friends. He would fly to Detroit when he wanted a "White Castle" or hear best friend Duane Parham play his sax. He would fly to Philadelphia for a "Phillysteak" or even to Australia just to check out the kangaroos. He said he wanted to see the world that was created for us and people, places, and things in it. His most memorable trips were the ones he took to Japan with Jeffrey and to Israel.

He also enjoyed watching USC and UCLA Football games and playing golf.

Andre was a 33rd Mason of the Scottish Rite. He also was a very active volunteer participating in activities for disabled and homeless veterans.

On June 2, 2023, Andre closed his eyes for the final time and made his transition after a lengthy battle succumbing to the effects of cancer.

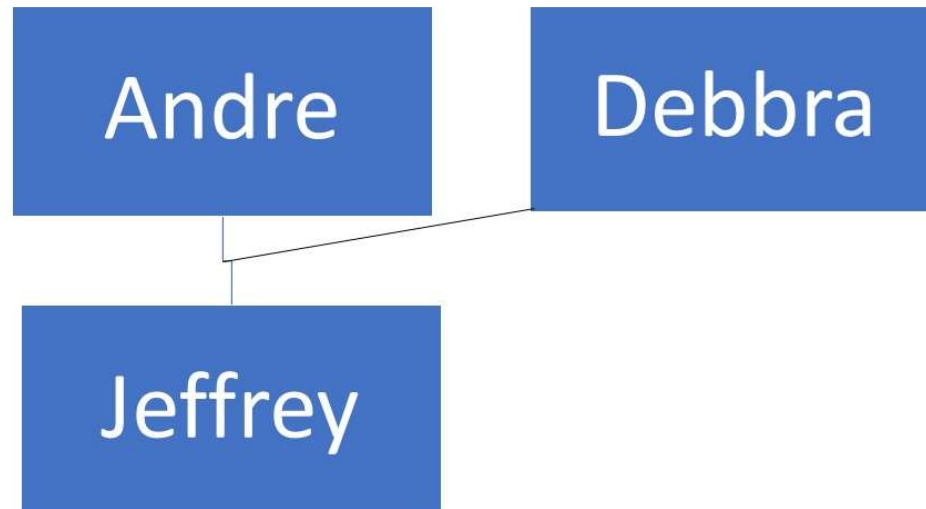
Andre leaves to remember his life, celebrate his love, and cherish his memory his devoted wife Debbra, son Jeffrey, siblings LaDonn People (Eddie), Rene' Hunter, LeRoy (Linda), Coleman (Karen), aunts Deborah Bluford (James), Mary Graham, special nieces Candice and great-niece Skye, nieces, nephews, cousins, in-laws, lifelong friend Duane Parham, and a host of other family members and friends.

- Debbra Yvonne (Smith) Graham
- Birth 11/08/1950
- Death xx/xx/xxxx
- Married/Divorced - MARRIED

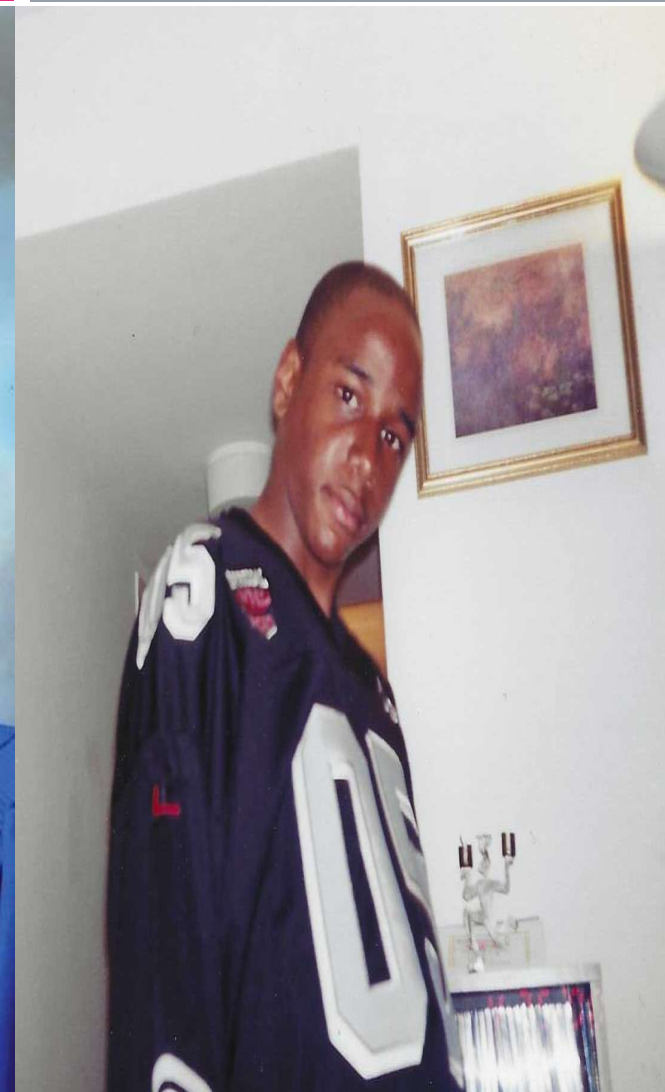


Andre Graham and Debbra Yvonne Smith

Their  produced 1 child



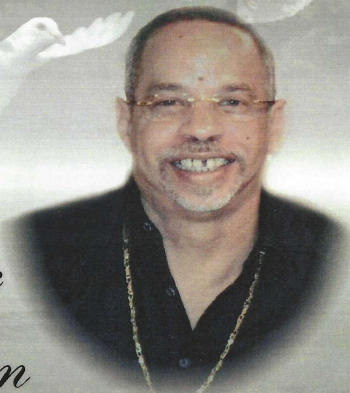
- **Jeffrey Dupree Graham**
- **Birth 02/04/1985**
- **Death xx/xx/xxxx**
- **Married/Divorced -**



- **Marc Graham**
- **Birth 12/21/1951**
- **Death 10/11/2014**
- **Married/Divorced - MARRIED**

Sunrise: December 21, 1951 Sunset: October 11, 2014

*Home Going
Celebration
For Our
Beloved
Marc
Graham*



Home Going Service To Be Held
Monday, October 20, 2014
Family Hour: 10:30 a.m. ~ Funeral: 11:00 a.m.
St. Stephen A.M.E. Church
6000 John E. Hunter Drive - Detroit, Michigan 48210

Officiating
Dr. Michael A. Cousin, Pastor



The Obituary

Marc Graham was born on December 21, 1951 in Detroit, MI to the late Leroy and Electa Graham. He was in the fourth of seven siblings.

Marc was educated in the Detroit Public School System. He was employed by the Detroit Newspaper Agency and Signature Flight Support at the Detroit Metropolitan Airport.

Marc accepted Christ at an early age and was baptized at Berea Lutheran Church where he served as an acolyte. Later he joined St. Stephen A.M.E. Church under the leadership of Rev. Harold C. Huggins.

Marc was happily married to Rosita (Whitman) Graham for 25 years and to this union a son, Marcus, was born. His sons, Terrence Lett (who preceded his death); Lemar Jackson, and Master Sergeant Marlon Jackson all brought joy into his life.

Marc loved his activities and hobbies. Some included swimming for the YMCA, love for fashion, love for cars (Marc never missed a Woodward Dream Cruise), and he loved perfecting his lawn. Marc loved to engage in conversation, but it was never just a conversation, it was an adventure. He also enjoyed assisting his neighbors and encouraging the neighborhood youths. Marc's latest endeavor was binge watching Tyler Perry's House of Payne.

On Saturday afternoon October 11, 2014 a light shone from heaven and took Marc home. He leaves to cherish his memories a devoted wife Rosita, sons: Lemar, Marlon (LaToyia) and Marcus (Brianna). Grandchildren: Dae'Ja, Antoine, Denaaja, Mariyon and Ava. Siblings: LaDonn (Eddie), Rene', Andre (Debbra), LeRoy (Linda), Pierre (Otelie) and Coleman (Karen); sister-in-law Carita (Larry) Benson and brother-in-law Richard (Sandra) Whitman M.D. He also leaves to mourn two aunts: Deborah Bluford and Mary Graham, one uncle: James Bluford, and many nieces, nephews, other family members and friends.

Interment

Historic Elmwood Cemetery
1200 Elmwood ~ Detroit, Michigan 48207

Interment

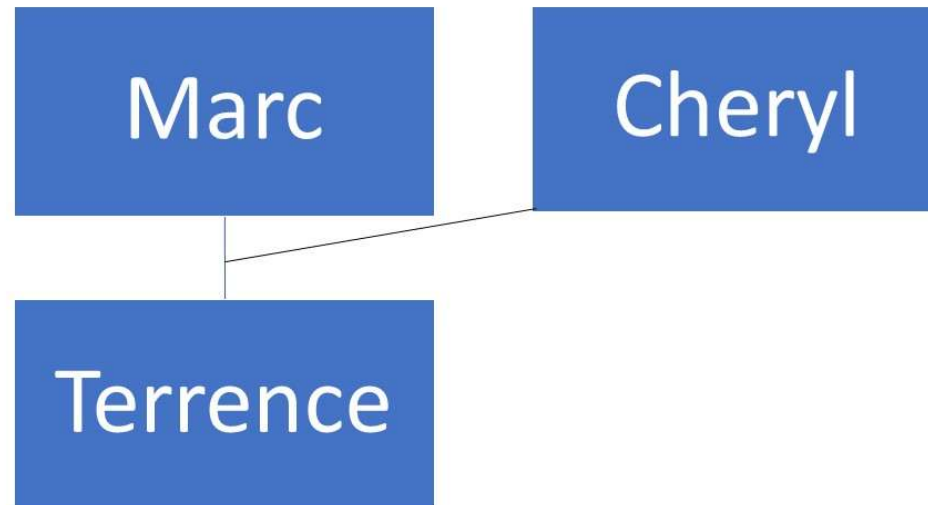
Historic Elmwood Ce
1200 Elmwood ~ Detroit, Mic

- Cheryl Lett
- Birth 02/04/1951
- Death 12/07/2011
- Married/Divorced -



Marc Graham and Cheryl Lett

Their  produced 1 child



- **Terrence Carlton Lett**
- **Birth 05/28/1969**
- **Death 03/26/2011**
- **Married/Divorced -**

Home Going Service
Celebrating The Life of Our Beloved



Terrence Carlton Lett
 Sunrise: May 28, 1969 Sunset: March 26, 2011
 ~ Home Going Service To Be Held ~
Friday, April 1, 2011
 Family Hour: 10:30 a.m. ~ Funeral: 11:00 a.m.
 James H. Cole Home For Funerals
 2624 W. Grand Blvd - Detroit, Michigan 48208
 ~ Officiating ~
 Minister Jerel P. Bland



May 28, 1969 Terrence Carlton Lett was the first born, to Mark Graham and Cheryl E. Mathis in Detroit, Michigan. He was baptized in to the Catholic Faith at an early age and often held the role of altar boy.

Terrence was educated in the Detroit Public School System. Known for his rapping, break-dancing skills and graffiti art-work, Terrence; first known as "Sleepy" in the 80's, and better known as "Daddy DEF" touched the lives of many.

Terry was a man of many talents. A chef in his own right, he obtained employment throughout metro-Detroit area dining establishments. He took pleasure in utilizing his culinary skills by doing what he loved most; being an artistic chef and cooking for his family and friends.

On Saturday, March 26, 2011, the Lord called Terrence home to rest beyond the clouds. Terrence will always be remembered by his family and friends as a Giver of the Heart; a caring person; and a voice of encouragement. He was always willing to take care of someone in need, without asking any questions; because that was "Daddy DEF."

A people person; who never met a stranger. He was also known for his fun personality and great sense of humor.

A loyal and dedicated son to his mother; Terrence was also a father to many of the neighborhood children who often came to him for advice and guidance. As he always quoted "Daddy DEF loves the kids!"

There are no words that can express how deeply Terrence will be missed by the many lives in which he deposited bits and pieces of himself into, he will Never be forgotten!

Preceding him in death were his grand parents.; Lamar & Christine Lett, Sr. and uncle Lamar Lett, Jr.

Those left to cherish his precious memory include his loving mother: Cheryl E. Mathis, father: Marc Graham (Rosita), children; Dae'Ja Renee Lett; Jamecia Rhodes; Antoine Alexander; sisters, Rashawnda and Tiffany Mathis (Shaun), brothers; Eldrick Williams; Nigel D. Nichols; Lemar Jackson; Marlon Jackson (Latoiya) and Marcus Graham, aunts; Marcia Smith and Deidra Lett, girlfriend; Tuane "Toni" Coleman, his nephew; Khalil "Lil Buddy" Mathis, and a host of family and friends.

Interment

Historic Elmwood Cemetery

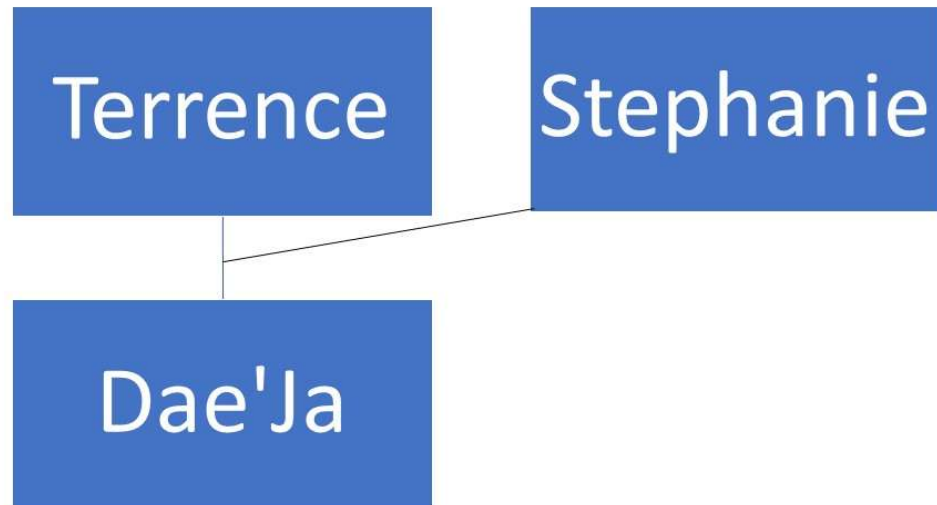
1200 Elmwood Ave. ~ Detroit, Michigan 48207

- **Stephanie Baylock**
- **Birth 03/13/1970**
- **Death xx/xx/xxxx**
- **Married/Divorced -**



Terrence Carlton Lett and Stephanie Baylock

Their  produced 1 child



- **Daeja Renee Lett**
- **Birth 08/22/1998**
- **Death xx/xx/xxxx**
- **Married/Divorced -**

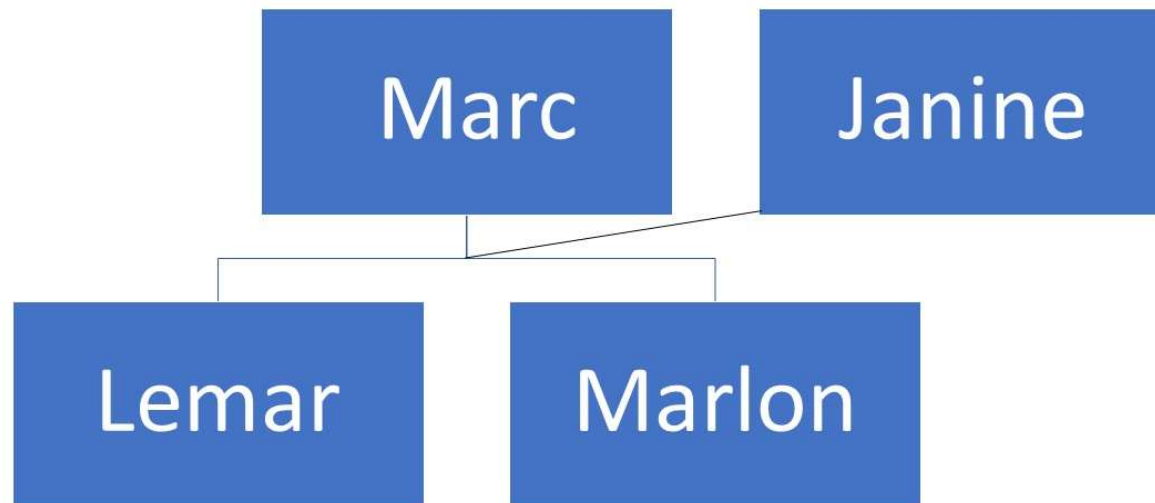


- **Ruth Janine Jackson**
- **Birth 10/03/1958**
- **Death xx/xx/xxxx**
- **Married/Divorced - MARRIED**



Marc Graham and Janine Jackson

Their  produced 2 children



- **Lemar Coleman Jackson**
- **Birth 07/22/1978**
- **Death xx/xx/xxxx**
- **Married/Divorced -**



- **Marlon Djuan Jackson**
- **Birth 07/17/1980**
- **Death xx/xx/xxxx**
- **Married/Divorced - MARRIED**

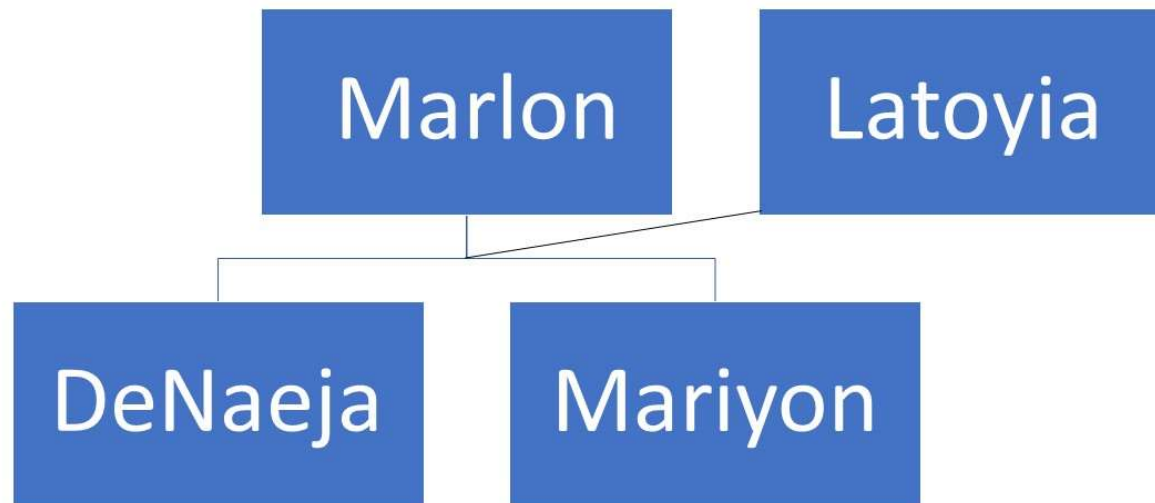


- **Latoyia DaShawn Jackson**
- **Birth 08/08/1980**
- **Death xx/xx/xxxx**
- **Married/Divorced - DIVORCED**



Marlon Djuan Jackson and Latoyia DaShawn Jackson

Their  produced 2 children



- **DeNaeja Jaylin Jackson**
- **Birth 10/26/2000**
- **Death xx/xx/xxxx**
- **Married/Divorced -**



- **Mariyon Immanuel Jackson**
- **Birth 10/08/2003**
- **Death xx/xx/xxxx**
- **Married/Divorced -**



- Rhoneiula Renee Jackson
- Birth 12/21/1981
- Death xx/xx/xxxx
- Married/Divorced - MARRIED

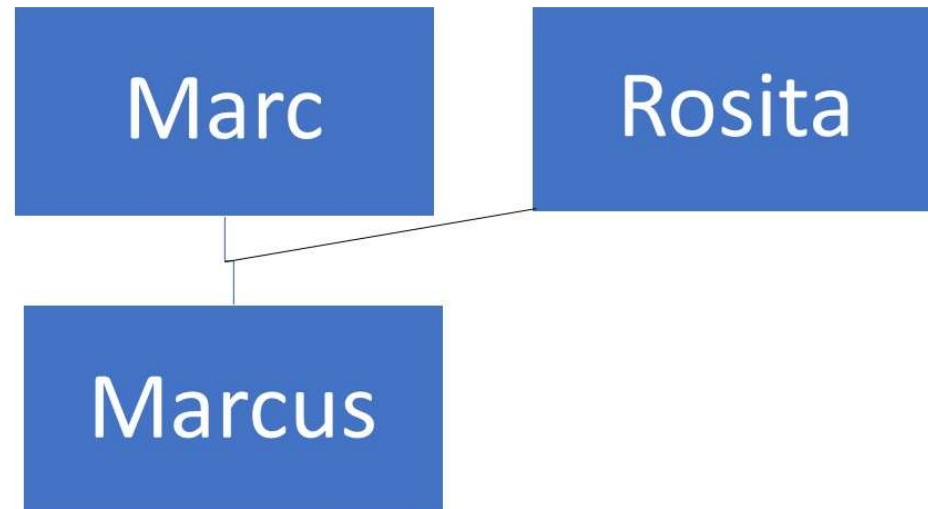


- **Rosita Annette (Whitman) Graham**
- **Birth 02/11/1952**
- **Death xx/xx/xxxx**



Marc Graham and Rosita Annette Whitman

Their  produced 1 child



- **Marcus Allen Graham**
- **Birth 12/26/1987**
- **Death xx/xx/xxxx**
- **Married/Divorced - MARRIED**



- **Brianna Ashley (Moore) Graham**
- **Birth 03/04/1990**
- **Death xx/xx/xxxx**
- **Married/Divorced - MARRIED**

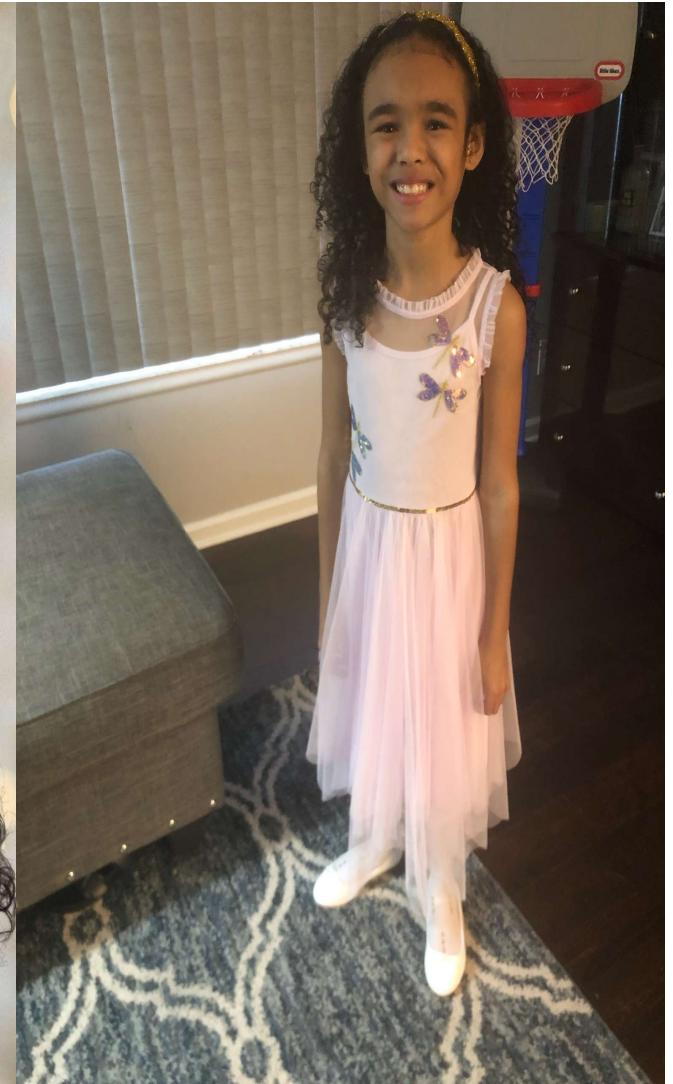


Marcus Allen Graham and Brianna Ashley Moore

Their  produced 3 children



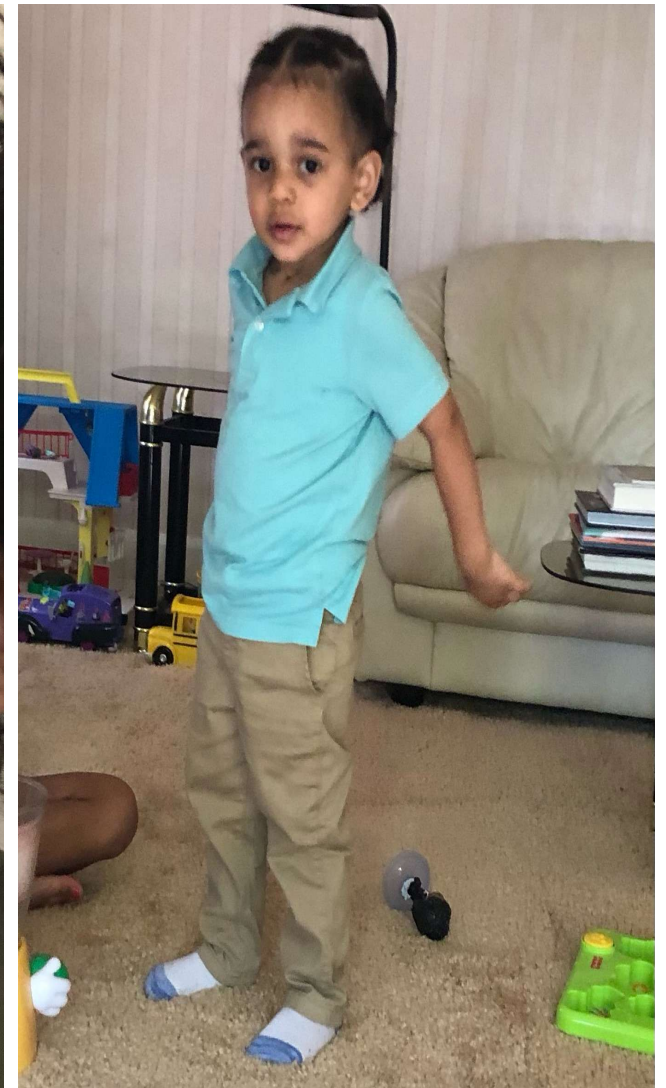
- **Ava Graham**
- **Birth 05/07/2014**
- **Death xx/xx/xxxx**
- **Married/Divorced -**



- **Ashlynn Kai Graham**
- **Birth 10/01/2016**
- **Death xx/xx/xxxx**
- **Married/Divorced -**



- **Ali Mason Graham**
- **Birth 10/14/2020**
- **Death xx/xx/xxxx**
- **Married/Divorced -**



- **Le Roy Graham**
- **Birth 07/31/1953**
- **Death xx/xx/xxxx**
- **Married/Divorced - MARRIED**

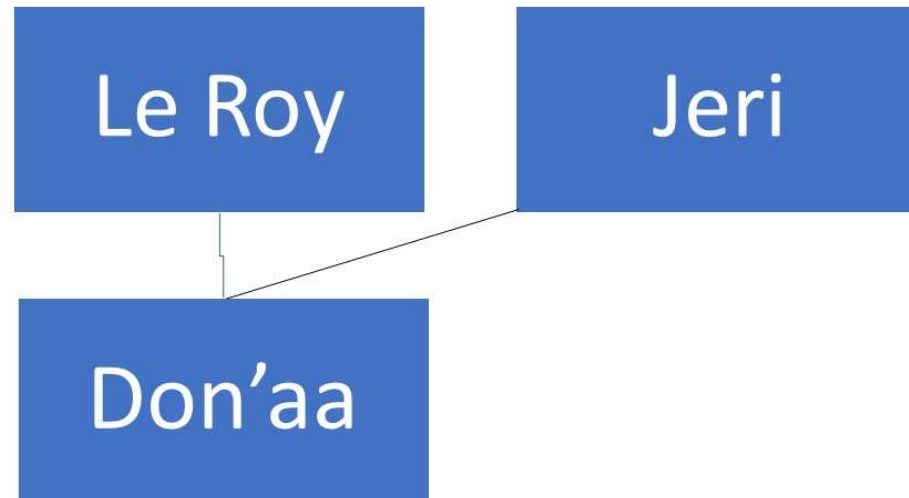


- **Jeri McCartha**
- **Birth 01/06/1957**
- **Death xx/xx/xxxx**
- **Married/Divorced - MARRIED**



Le Roy Graham and Jeri McCartha

Their  produced 1 child



- Don'aa (McCartha) Ellis
- Birth 10/29/1972
- Death xx/xx/xxxx
- Married/Divorced - MARRIED

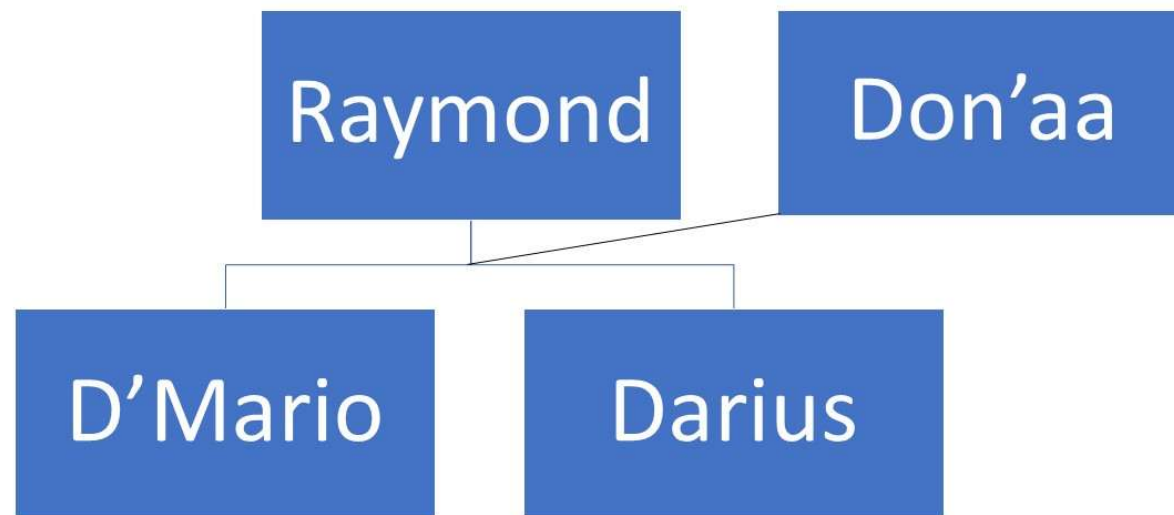


- **Raymond Ellis**
- **Birth 12/30/1968**
- **Death xx/xx/xxxx**
- **Married/Divorced - MARRIED**



Raymond Ellis and Don'aa McCartha

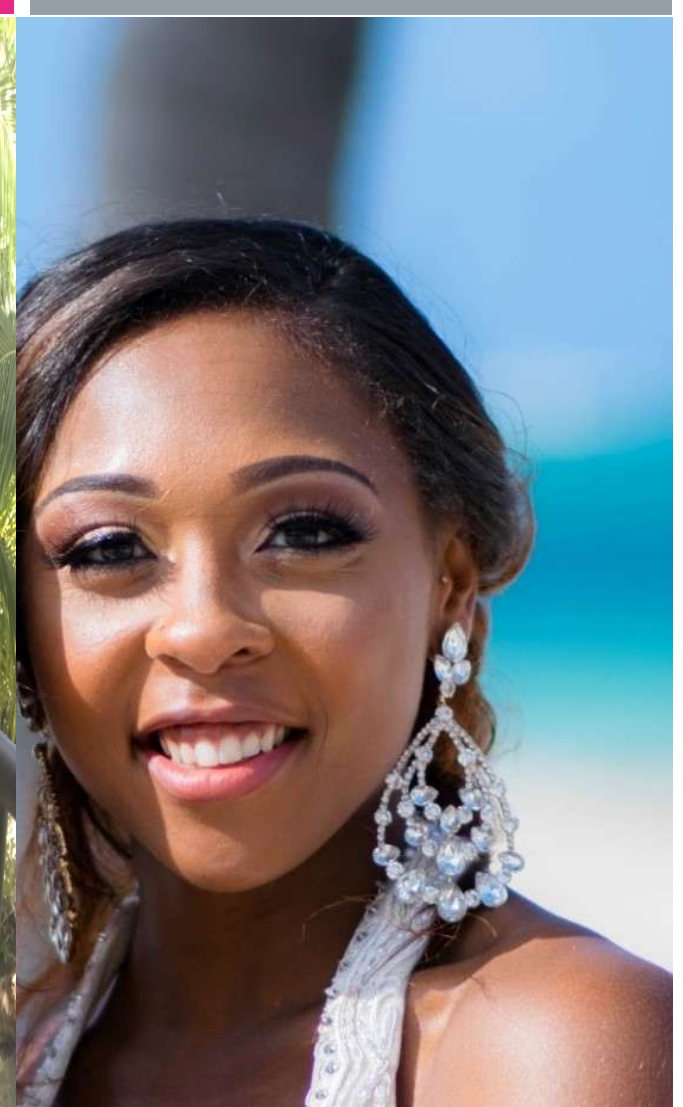
Their  produced 2 children



- D'Mario Ellis
- Birth 06/18/1992
- Death xx/xx/xxxx
- Married/Divorced - **DIVORCED**



- **Taylor Demetria Harris**
- **Birth 11/16/1993**
- **Death xx/xx/xxxx**
- **Married/Divorced - DIVORCED**



- **Darius Ellis**
- **Birth 03/26/1998**
- **Death xx/xx/xxxx**
- **Married/Divorced -**



- **Alena Truitt**
- **Birth xx/xx/xxxx**
- **Death xx/xx/xxxx**
- **Married/Divorced -**



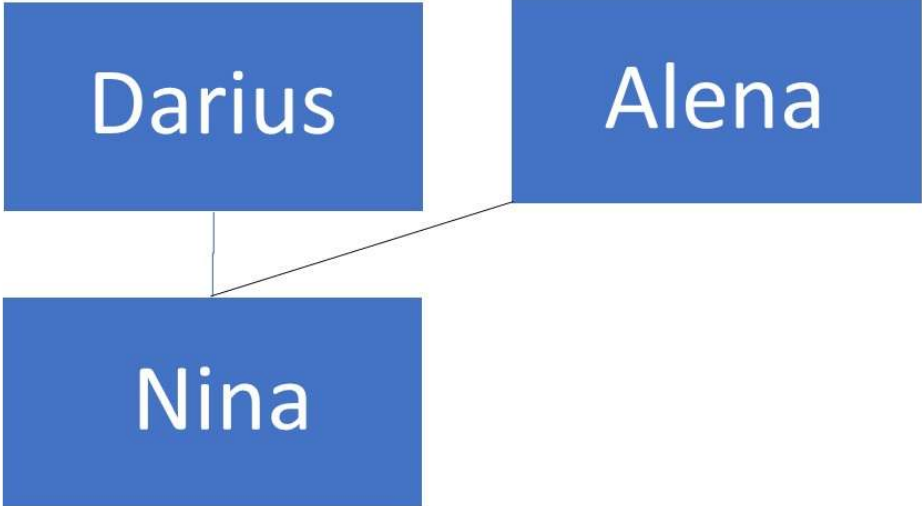
Darius Ellis and Alena Truitt

Their  produced 1 child

Darius

Alena

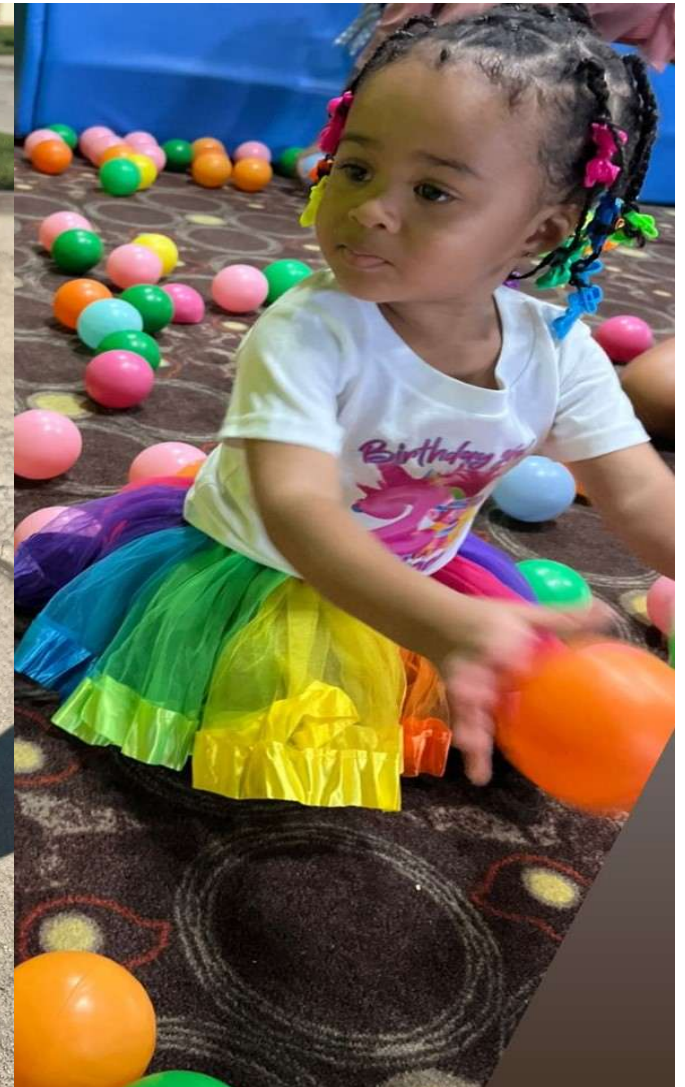
Nina



- Nina Ellis
- Birth 09/29/2021
- Death xx/xx/xxxx
- Married/Divorced -

Nina, Pops and I was upgraded to first class 😊
I pray Nina can keep her composure, if not she'll have to go in the back with the common folk. 😊😊😊😊😊

Creating memories!

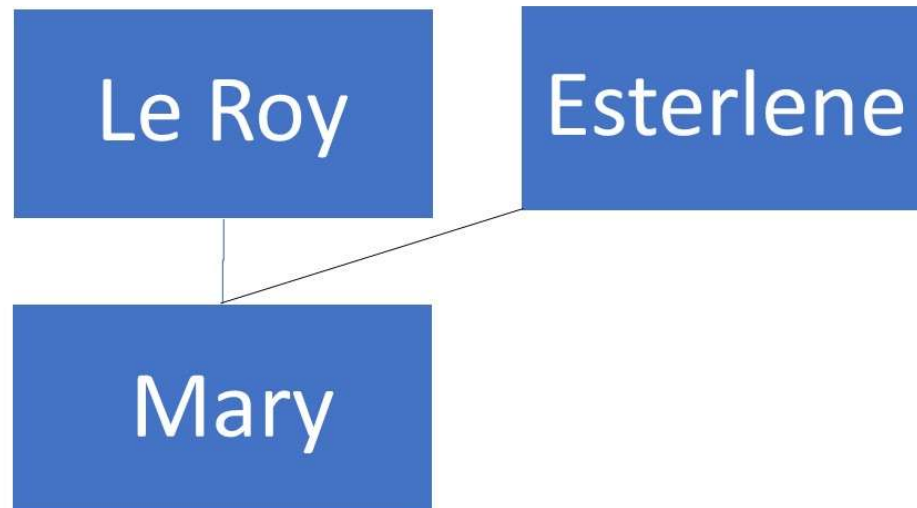


- Esterlene Motley
- Birth 08/25/1951
- Death xx/xx/xxxx
- Married/Divorced -



Le Roy Graham and Esterlene Motley

Their  produced 1 child



- **Mary Orlanda Motley**
- **Birth 08/19/1973**
- **Death xx/xx/xxxx**
- **Married/Divorced - MARRIED**



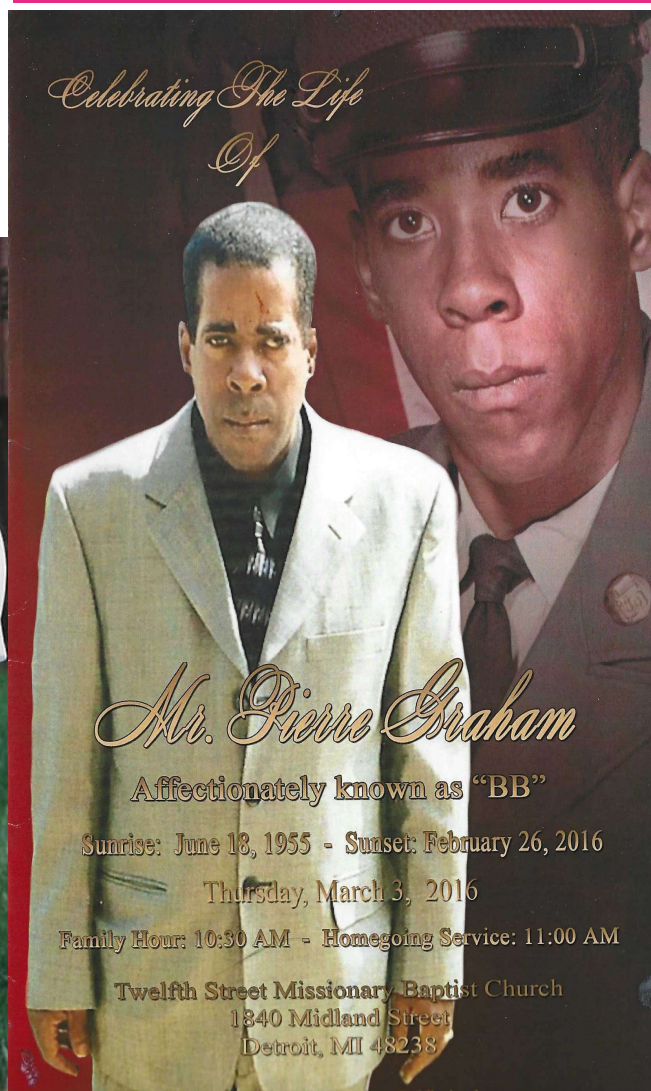
- **Clement Ogunbiyi**
- **Birth 10/27/1975**
- **Death xx/xx/xxxx**
- **Married/Divorced - MARRIED**



- **Linda Rhee DeVaul-Graham**
- **Birth 03/15/1957**
- **Death xx/xx/xxxx**
- **Married/Divorced - MARRIED**



- **Pierre Graham (BB)**
- **Birth 06/18/1955**
- **Death 02/26/2016**
- **Married/Divorced - MARRIED**



Pierre Graham His Story...

Pierre Graham, the sixth of seven children, was born to LeRoy James Graham and Electa Calhoun Graham on June 18, 1955 in Detroit, Michigan. He was preceded in death by his parents, and his brother Marc.

Pierre affectionately known as "BB", grew to be a handsome loving son that over-came the challenges of losing his parents at an early age. A truly reflection of Proverbs 22:6, "Train up a child in the way he should go: and when he is old, he will not depart from it".

He accepted Christ as his personal savior at an early age and grew up attending Berea Lutheran Church. BB received his education in the Detroit Public School System. Additionally, he joined the United States Army at the age of 18 and honorably served his country until 1979. When he return to civilian life he began working for General Motors Hamtramck Plant for over 31 years, (UAW Local 22). Pierre believed in being a hard worker, being on time, and "doing what you got to do".

On July 12, 2000, BB joined in Holy Matrimony to his best friend and companion of over 30 years Otelie Corley; Pierre was a beautiful, spiritual and no holds barred father and brother. He loved cracking jokes!

BB loved spending time with his family and friends, especially for barbecqs, holidays, and when the Lions were playing. As an adult he joined the Oak Grove African Methodist Episcopal Church and was an active member until his illness. Pierre took Jesus hand and walked into the Kingdom of Heaven on February 26, 2016 at 4:30 am.

He leaves behind to cherish his memories his loving and devoted wife Otelie; three wonderful daughters: Christine, Deloria (Michael) Anderson and Crystal Williams; grandchildren: Alaiyah Taylor, Michael Anderson Jr. and Davarrio Taylor Jr.; sisters: LaDonn (Eddie) People, Rene' of California; brothers: Andre (Linda) of California, Leroy (Linda) of Nevada and Coleman (Karen); sister in law: Lue Willie Corley; brother in law: Carl Corley and a beautiful host of nieces, nephews, cousins, family and friends.

Interment

Woodlawn Cemetery
19975 Woodward Avenue
Detroit, MI 48203
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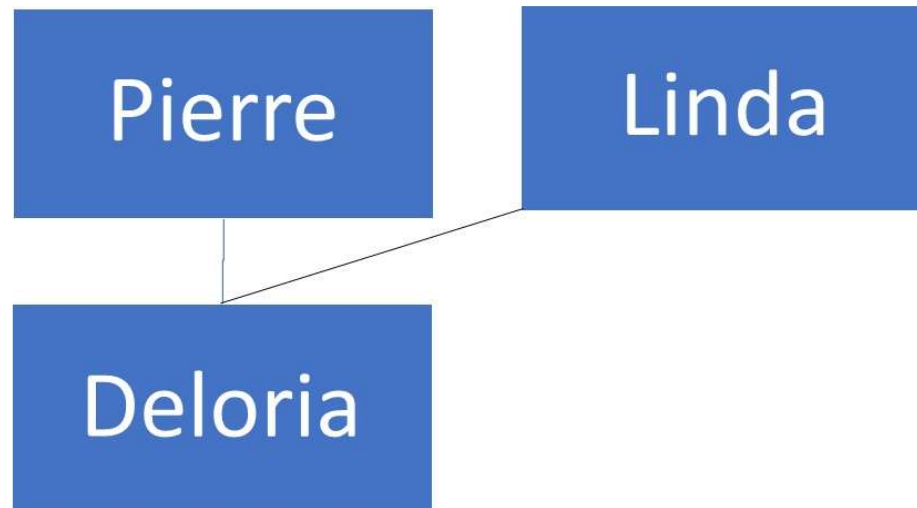
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19975 Woodward Avenue
Detroit, MI 48203
(313) 368-0010

- **Linda O'Neal**
- **Birth xx/xx/xxxx**
- **Death xx/xx/xxxx**
- **Married/Divorced -**



Pierre Graham and Linda O'Neal

Their  produced 1 child



- **Deloria (O'Neal) Anderson**
- **Birth 08/10/1984**
- **Death xx/xx/xxxx**
- **Married/Divorced - MARRIED**

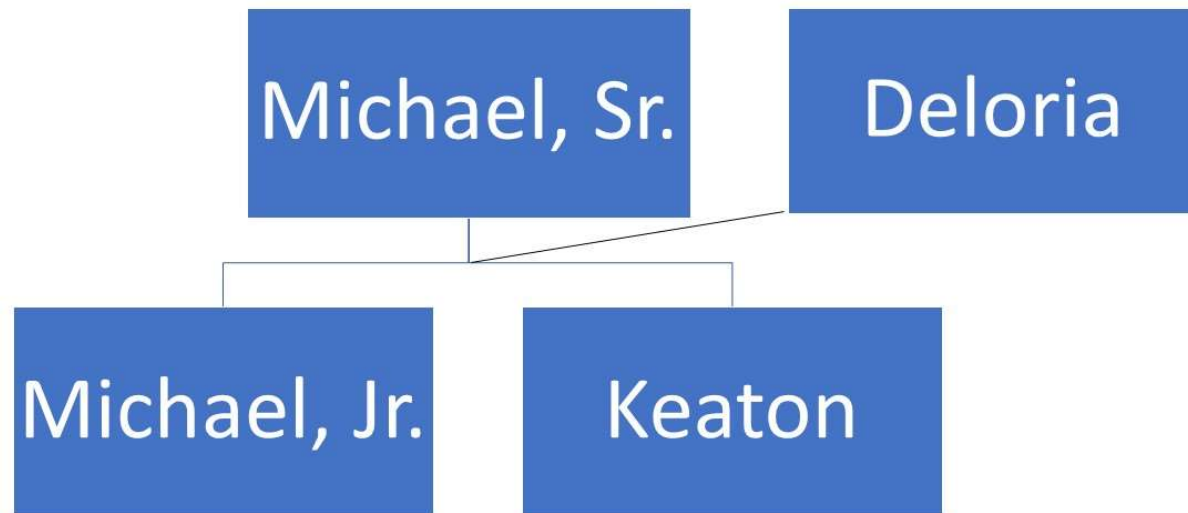


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- **Michael Davon Anderson, Sr.**
 - **Birth 11/11/1986**
 - **Death xx/xx/xxxx**
 - **Married/Divorced - MARRIED**

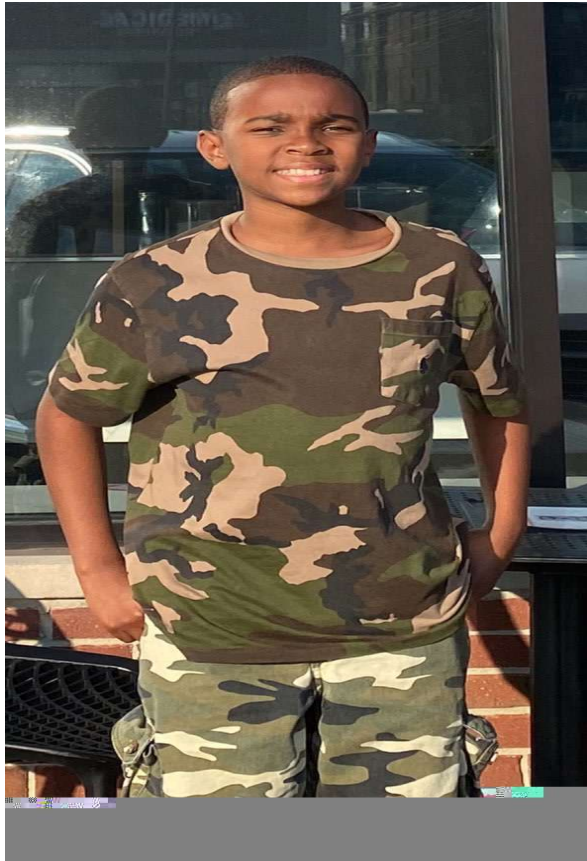


Michael Davon Anderson and Deloria O'Neal

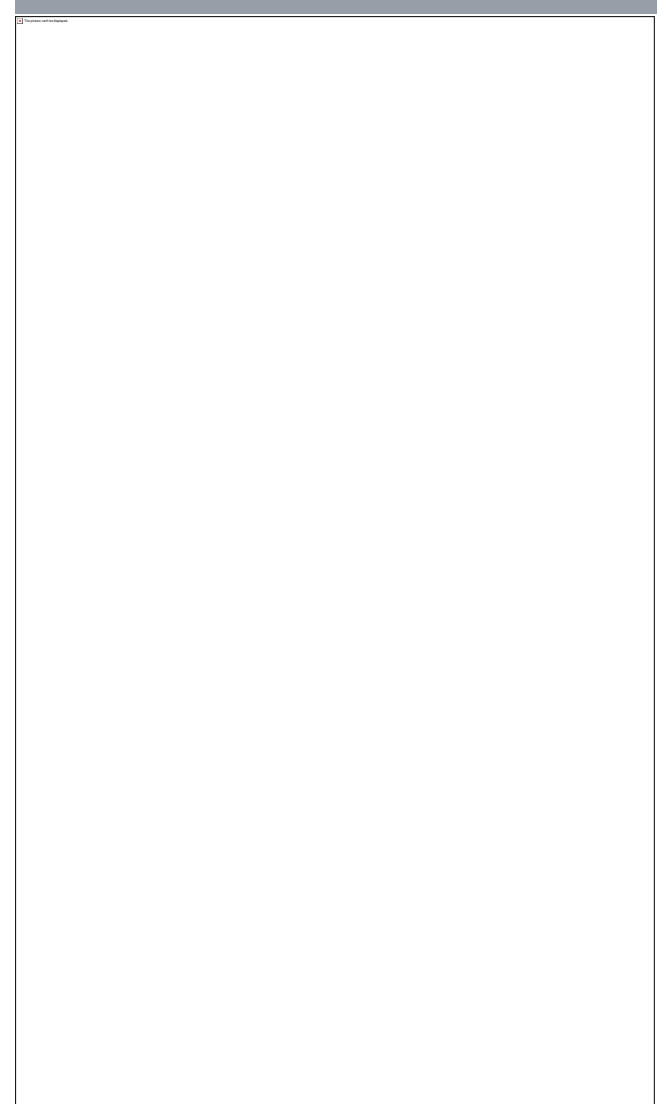
Their  produced 2 children



- **Michael Davon Anderson, Jr.**
- **Birth 11/03/2012**
- **Death xx/xx/xxxx**
- **Married/Divorced -**



- Keaton Anderson
- Birth 12/07/2017
- Death xx/xx/xxxx
- Married/Divorced -

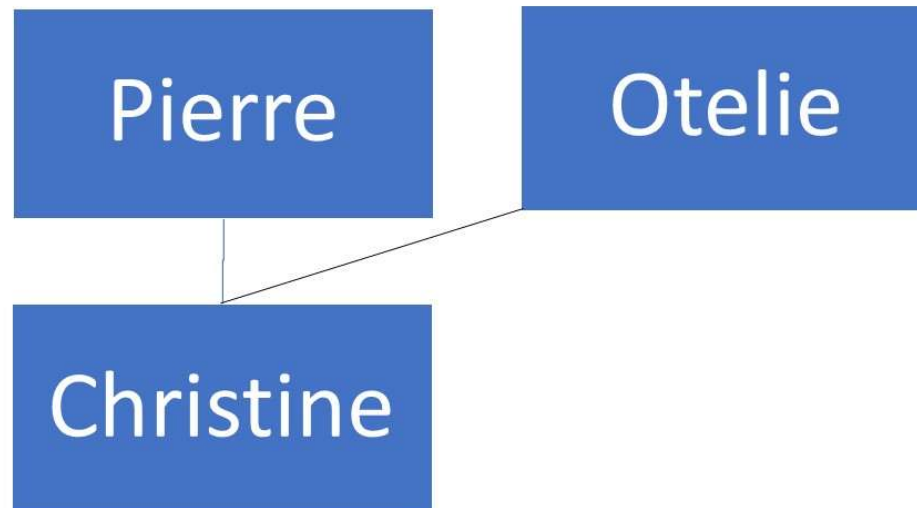


- **Otelie (Corlley) Graham**
- **Birth 10/28/1952**
- **Death xx/xx/xxxx**
- **Married/Divorced - MARRIED**



Pierre Graham and Otelie Corley

Their  produced 1 child



- **Christine Ladawn Graham**
- **Birth 04/11/1989**
- **Death xx/xx/xxxx**
- **Married/Divorced -**



- **Coleman Graham**
- **Birth 12/19/1956**
- **Death xx/xx/xxxx**
- **Married/Divorced - MARRIED**



- Karen (Hudson) Graham
- Birth 03/05/1957
- Death xx/xx/xxxx
- Married/Divorced - MARRIED



Coleman Graham and Karen Hudson

Their  produced 1 child

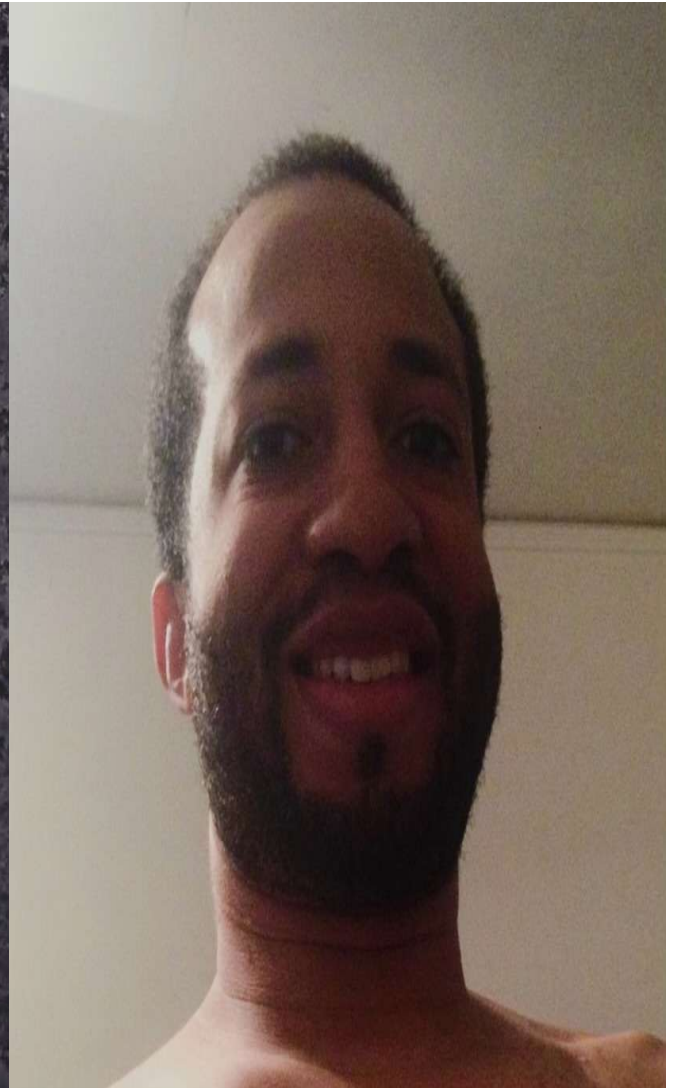
Coleman

Karen

Dante'



- Dante' Ottmar Graham
- Birth 09/26/1978
- Death xx/xx/xxxx
- Married/Divorced - MARRIED



- **Lynette Elaine (Adams) Graham**
- **Birth xx/xx/xxxx**
- **Death xx/xx/xxxx**
- **Married/Divorced - MARRIED**



Lynette Adams

Her  produced 1 child

Lynette

Khalil

- **Khalil Mykol Hill**
- **Birth 06/06/2010**
- **Death xx/xx/xxxx**
- **Married/Divorced -**



- **Ollie C. Calhoun, Jr.**
- **Birth 07/05/1931**
- **Death 01/08/1989**
- **Married/Divorced -**

July 5, 1931 January 8, 1989

*In
Remembrance
of
Our Beloved*



Ollie C. Calhoun Jr.

Thursday, January 12, 1989
6:00 p.m.

TWELFTH STREET MISSIONARY BAPTIST CHURCH
1840 Midland
Detroit, Michigan

REV. LEE A. EARL
Officiating Minister




The Obituary

MR. OLLIE C. CALHOUN JR. was born July 5, 1931 in Birmingham, Alabama to the union of Ollie C. Calhoun Sr. and Mabel Cason Calhoun. Ollie was the third of seven children.

The family moved to Detroit in 1935 and he attended the Detroit Public School system. Being reared in a Christian family, he was baptized and confirmed at the age of 13 at Berea Evangelical Lutheran Church by Pastor, Dr. Norman Brandt.

In 1951, Ollie enlisted in the United States Navy, served aboard the USS Massey and was awarded the National Defense Service Medal. While serving his country he became ill and retired from the service with a military disability.

In 1956, Ollie attended and graduated from the Michigan Barber College.

His pleasures included an appreciation for music, playing the drums and weight lifting. He often said "When have you ever seen a sick weight lifter?" His great sense of humor, jovial disposition and stories of sailing the Mediterranean and Carribean brought smiles and laughter to his family and friends.

We remember with deep love and appreciation, the way you could count on Ollie for his support in all family endeavors, whether financial, spiritual or emotional.

On Sunday, January 8, 1989 at 7:22 a.m. Ollie closed his eyes for the final time and made his transition.

He leaves to cherish his memory, a dear devoted mother, Mabel Phillips; a son, Orion; a daughter, Deborah; three dedicated brothers, Wilbert, Horace, and James; a loving sister, Deborah; two aunts and a host of nieces, nephews, cousins, other relatives and friends. We give thanks to God for Ollie's presence in our lives.

PALLBEARERS

Coleman Graham
Marc Graham
Pierre Graham

John Hall
Virgil Hardeman
Tim Harris

Eddie People

HONORARY PALLBEARERS

LaRue Harvey
Leon Ferguson
Gene Connors
Donald Walden
Johnny Metcalfe
Willie Metcalfe

Scott People
John Harvey
Lloyd Graham
John Kemp
Teddy Kemp
Ronnie Kemp

FLOWER BEARERS
Friends of the Family

INTERMENT
Evergreen Cemetery
Woodward at State Fair

Ollie Calhoun, Jr.

His  produced 1 child

Ollie, Jr.

Orrin

- Orrin Devon Green
- Birth xx/xx/xxxx
- Death xx/xx/xxxx
- Married/Divorced -



- **Horace Lee Calhoun**
- **Birth 10/29/1933**
- **Death 01/07/1995**
- **Married/Divorced -**

October 29, 1933

January 7, 1995

*In Remembrance
of our Beloved*



Horace Lee Calhoun

**THURSDAY, JANUARY 12, 1995
2:00 P.M.**

**TWELFTH STREET MISSIONARY BAPTIST CHURCH
1840 Midland
Detroit, Michigan**

Officiating Pastor
Rev. Donald R. Hudson



Obituary

Horace Lee Calhoun was born October 29, 1933 in Birmingham, Alabama to the union of Ollie C. Sr. and Mabel Cason Calhoun. Horace was the fourth of seven children.

In 1935, Horace moved with his family to Detroit, Michigan where at an early age, he accepted Christ and was baptized and became one of the first members of the Berea Evangelical Lutheran Church along with his brothers and sister. Horace was educated through the Detroit Public School System. In Horace's younger years, he enjoyed weight lifting and body building and held various chauffeur and factory worker jobs.

Horace was admired by his family for his efforts and achievements in spite of having to cope with his illnesses. He led a simple, quiet life and yet he obtained the necessary comforts that were needed for life and enjoyment. Although he was quiet and spoke very few words, his mental growth and maturity sent a strong message that could be heard by everyone who knew him; he became an independent adult. The results of that independence were owning his own home and assuming the full responsibility for the care and upkeep. When Horace gave his word you could depend on him to follow through without fail. You only needed to ask him and he would not refuse to give you his helping hand. Even though he felt most comfortable by sitting in the background, he showed his love and support for family by just being there. Horace's personal struggles were many, they cannot be measured by everyday normal standards, yet we witnessed the many battles he won. He became a productive son, brother and uncle through determination, courage and God's grace.

Horace was preceded in death by his father, Ollie C. Sr.; one sister, Electa Graham and four brothers, Douglas, Ollie Jr., James and Wilbert.

Horace leaves to cherish his memory: his devoted mother, Mabel Phillips; dedicated sister, Deborah Pettus; aunt, nieces, nephews, cousins and a host of other relatives and friends.

We thank God for the time he gave us with Horace. We will miss him dearly, but he will forever remain in our hearts.

Ballbearers

**Coleman Graham
LeRoy Graham
Marc Graham
Virgil Hardeman**

**Pierre Graham
Eddie People
Lloyd Graham**

Flower Bearers

Friends of the Family

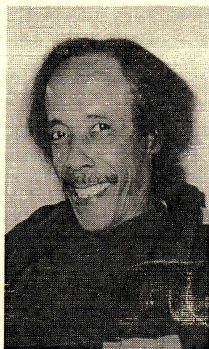
Interment

**Evergreen Cemetery
19807 Woodward — Detroit, Michigan**

- James Ervin Calhoun
- Birth 12/14/1935
- Death 02/16/1994
- Married/Divorced - DIVORCED

A Service Of Memory

—Celebrating The Life Of—



JAMES ERVIN CALHOUN
December 14, 1935 - February 16, 1994

Monday, February 21, 1994
11:00 A. M.

TWELFTH STREET BAPTIST CHURCH
1840 Midland
Detroit, Michigan

Rev. Joe Green
Officiating



—The Obituary—



JAMES "STIX" CALHOUN was born December 14, 1935 in Birmingham, Alabama to the union of Ollie C. Sr. and Mabel Cason Calhoun. James was the fifth of seven children.

The family moved to Detroit, Michigan in 1935, where he attended the Detroit Public Schools. Being reared in a Christian family, he was baptized at an early age at Berea Evangelical Lutheran Church.

James proudly served and was honorably discharged from the United States Army. After being discharged, he pursued a career and completed studies at Detroit Barber College and was later known as the "traveling barber". James placed a great deal of importance on higher education and continued his education by attending Shaw and Marygrove Colleges. He was a jazz enthusiast, musician, poet and outstanding chess player. In all his endeavors he earned numerous awards, honors and credits.

In 1965, at the age of 29, James was joined in marriage to Mary Ann Hughes.

James enjoyed the simple things in life. He is fondly remembered for his warm smile, intellect and passionate love for his African American Heritage.

On Wednesday, February 16, 1994, at 7:50 p.m., the LORD quietly called James to rest.

James was preceded in death by his sister, Electa Graham and two brothers, Ollie and Douglas.

He leaves to cherish his memory: his dear devoted mother, Mabel Phillips; two dedicated brothers, Wilbert and Horace; a loving sister, Deborah; aunts; nieces; nephews; cousins; and a host of other relatives and friends.

We are grateful for the time the LORD gave us with James. His presence in our lives will never be forgotten.

— Pallbearers —

Marc Graham	Coleman Graham
LeRoy Graham	Eddie People
Pierre Graham	Wiley Robertson

— Honorary Pallbearers —

John Hall	Horace Calhoun
Freddie McGhee	Wilbert Calhoun

— Flower Bearers —

Friends of the Family

— Final Arrangements Entrusted To —

BARKSDALE FUNERAL HOMES
7321 Puritan 1120 E. State Fair
861-3400 368-7773
Detroit, Michigan

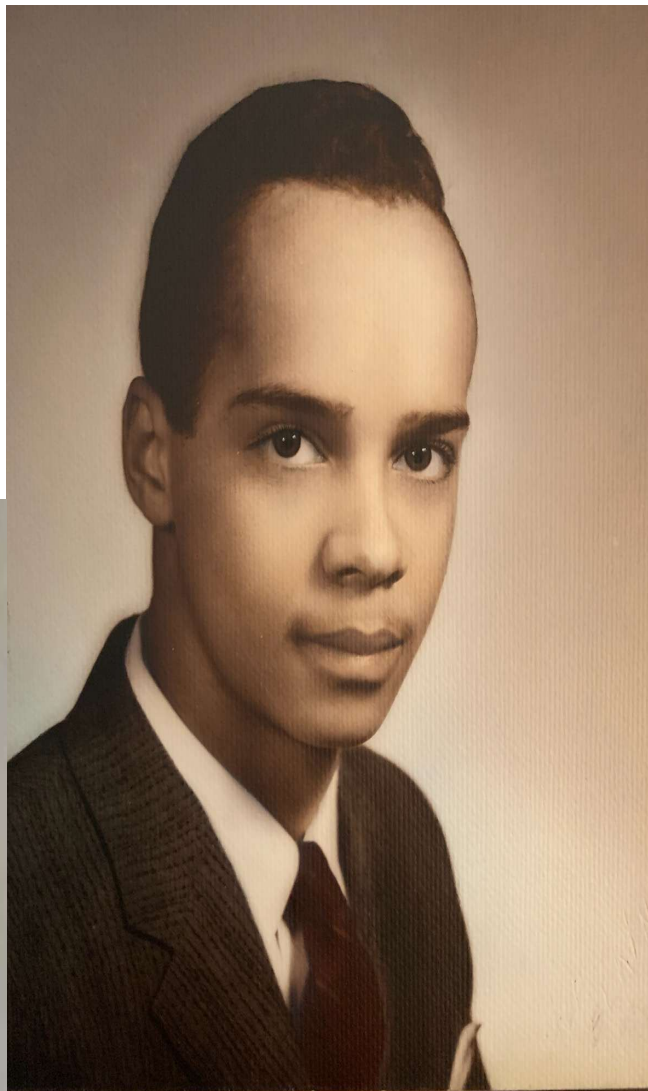
— Interment —

EVERGREEN CEMETERY
19807 Woodward Avenue
Detroit, Michigan

- **Maryann (Hughes) Calhoun**
- **Birth xx/xx/xxxx**
- **Death xx/xx/xxxx**
- **Married/Divorced - DIVORCED**



- **Douglas Barry Calhoun**
- **Birth 04/07/1941**
- **Death 04/30/1974**
- **Married/Divorced - DIVORCED**



O B I T U A R Y

Mr. Douglas Barry Calhoun was born April 7, 1941 in Detroit, Michigan to the union of Ollie and Mabel Calhoun. He was the sixth of seven children. He was a graduate of Highland Park High School.

In 1966, he was united in marriage to the former Glenda Smith. This union was blessed with two children, Monique Charise and Douglas Jr.

Departing this life he leaves to mourn a mother, Mabel Riddenbury, a wife Glenda; two children; one sister Deborah and four brothers Wilbert, Ollie, Horace and James and a host of other relatives and friends.

INTERMENT

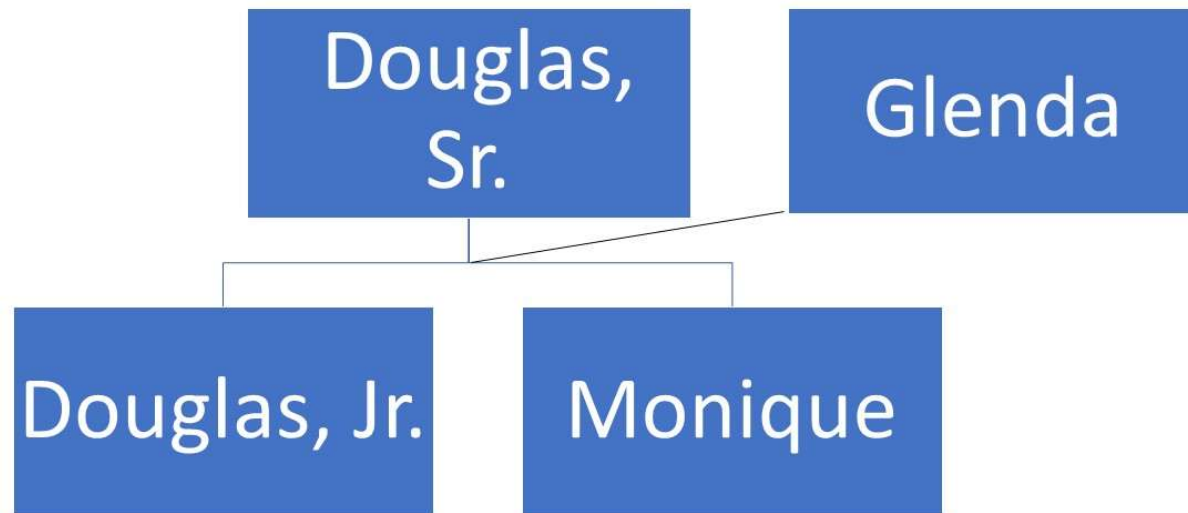
Westlawn Cemetery
Michigan Ave. at Merriman

- **Glenda (Smith) Calhoun**
- **Birth 08/08/1947**
- **Death xx/xx/xxxx**
- **Married/Divorced - DIVORCED**



Douglas Barry Calhoun, Sr. and Glenda Smith

Their  produced 2 children



- Douglas Barry Calhoun, Jr.
- Birth 01/28/1969
- Death xx/xx/xxxx
- Married/Divorced -

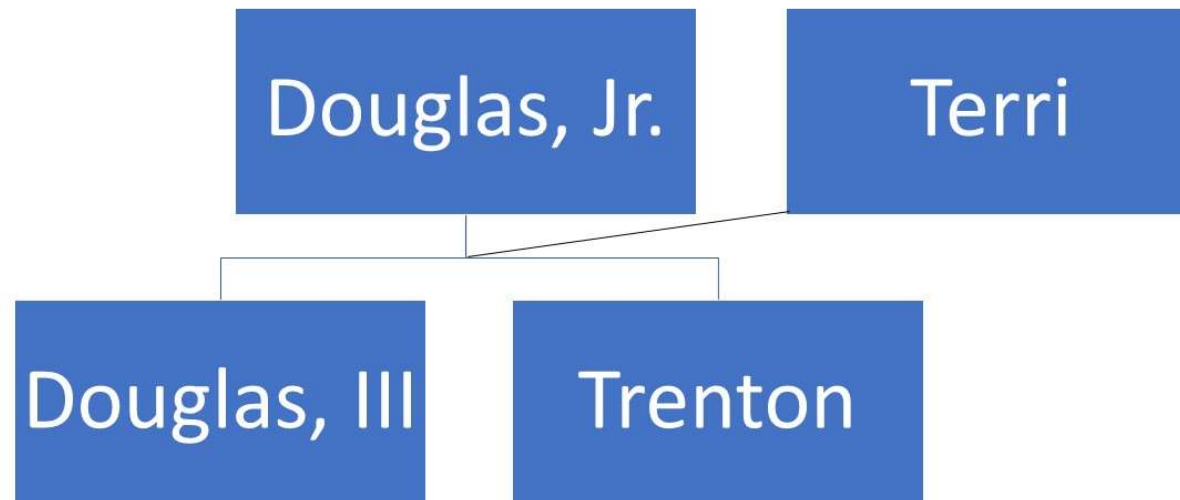


- **Terri Latrice (Hayes) Calhoun**
- **Birth xx/xx/xxxx**
- **Death xx/xx/xxxx**
- **Married/Divorced -**



Douglas Barry Calhoun, Jr. and Terri Latrice Hayes

Their  produced 2 children



- **Douglas Berry Calhoun, III**
- **Birth 08/13/1996**
- **Death xx/xx/xxxx**
- **Married/Divorced -**



- **Alexis Harper**
- **Birth xx/xx/xxxx**
- **Death xx/xx/xxxx**
- **Married/Divorced -**



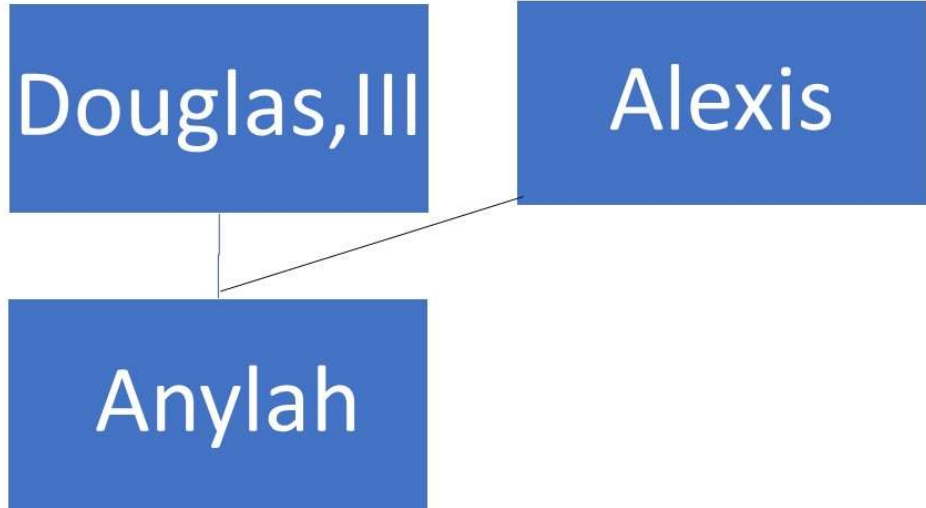
Douglas Berry Calhoun, III and Alexis Harper

Their  produced 1 child

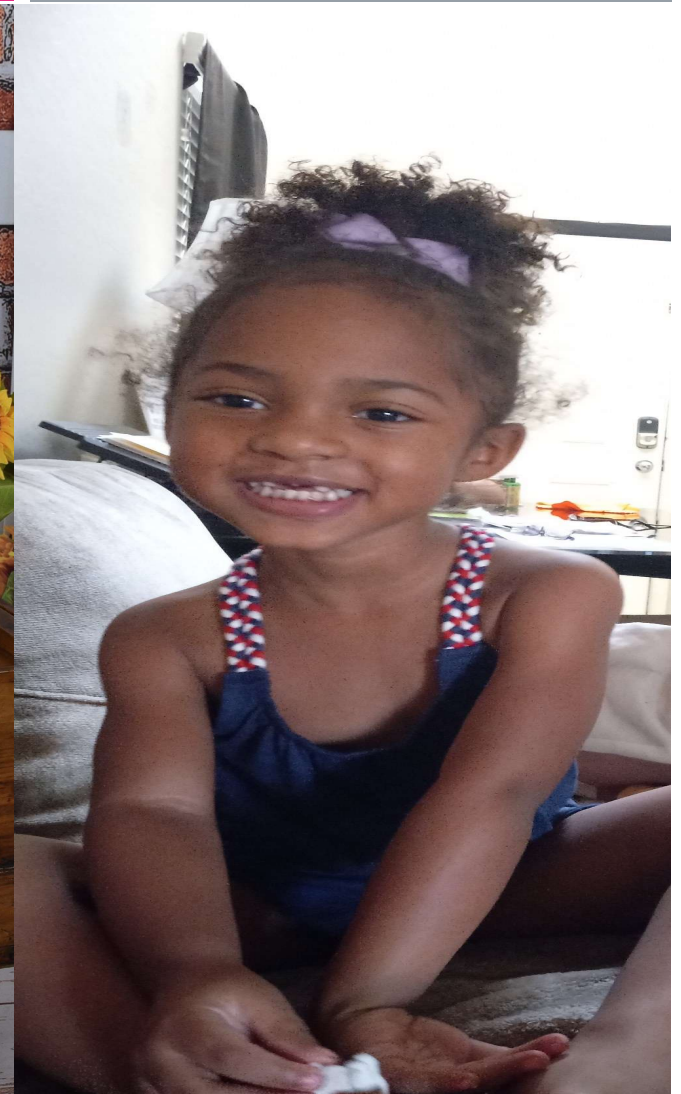
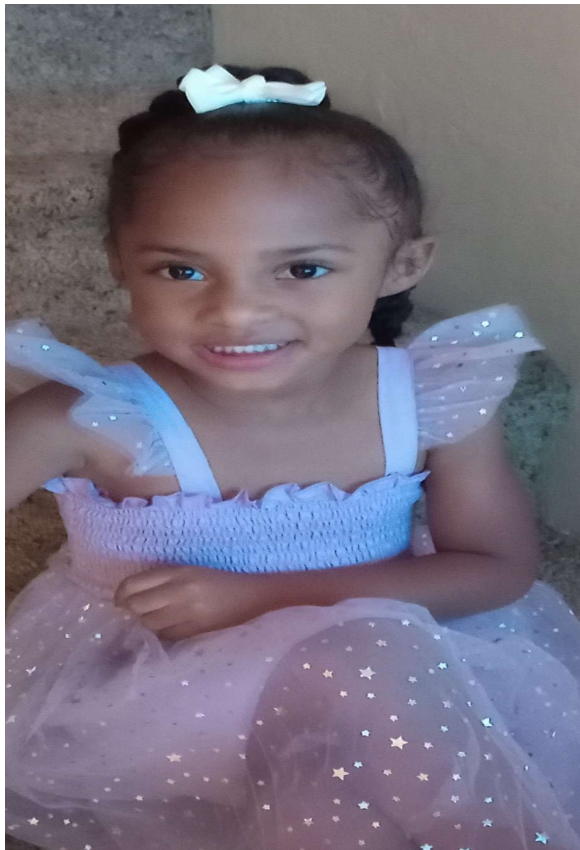
Douglas, III

Alexis

Anylah



- **Anylah Calhoun**
- **Birth xx/xx/xxxx**
- **Death xx/xx/xxxx**
- **Married/Divorced -**



- **Trenton Jarret Calhoun**
- **Birth 05/05/2003**
- **Death xx/xx/xxxx**
- **Married/Divorced -**



- **Monique Sharese Calhoun**
- **Birth 05/23/1966**
- **Death xx/xx/xxxx**
- **Married/Divorced - DIVORCED**



- Deborah (Calhoun) Pettus Bluford
- Birth 10/29/1947
- Death xx/xx/xxxx
- Married/Divorced - MARRIED



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- **Walter Fred Pettus**
 - **Birth 05/03/1947**
 - **Death xx/xx/xxxx**
 - **Married/Divorced - DIVORCED**

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- **James Francis Bluford**
- **Birth 09/06/1943**
- **Death xx/xx/xxxx**
- **Married/Divorced - MARRIED**





The James Benson Calhoun Family

Patriarch – James Benson Calhoun

Matriarch – Alma Desiree Arnesia (Anderson) Calhoun Sanford

-
- **James Benson Calhoun (Dissy)**
 - **Birth 07/31/1908**
 - **Death 10/18/1945**
 - **Married/Divorced - MARRIED**

Photo Coming Soon

- **Alma Desiree Arnesia (Anderson) Calhoun Sanford**
- **Birth 12/27/1908**
- **Death 07/04/2000**
- **Married/Divorced - MARRIED**

Pallbearers

Curtis Anderson, Jr.	Maurice Mason
Decorian Forest	Ezell Patterson, Jr.
Garrett Godwin	Edward Saunders
Timothy Harris	Herman Winkler

Danny Houser

Flower Bearers Friends of the Family

Interment
Woodlawn Cemetery
19975 Woodward
Detroit, Michigan 48203

Final Arrangements Entrusted To: **Swanson Funeral Home**

14751 W. McNichols	806 E. Grand Blvd.
Detroit, MI. 48235	Detroit, MI 48207
(313) 272-9000	(313) 923-1122

Acknowledgment

The family wishes to acknowledge with deep appreciation, the many comforting messages, floral tributes, prayers and many other expressions of kindness and concern evidenced at this time in thought and deed. A more personal acknowledgment will be made at a later date.

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(248)948-0175

Celebrating The Life of



Alma Desiree Arnesia Sanford

Sunrise:
December 27, 1908

Sunset:
July 4, 2000

Services Held:
Friday, July 7, 2000
11:00 a.m.

Allen Temple A.M.E. Church
4101 Helen
Detroit, Michigan 48207

Rev. C. Calvin Rice, Officiating

It is written in scripture, "There is a time for everything, and a season for every activity under heaven."

**We Remember and Celebrate
the Life of our Beloved Mother
Alma Desiree Arnesia Sanford**

A time to be born...

Alma Anderson was born December 27, 1908 in Spartanburg, South Carolina to the late Harrison and Florence Anderson. Three brothers, Reginald, Harrison, and Henry, preceded her in death. Having confessed Christ at an early age, Alma was "re-born" and prior to her family moving to Detroit, she united with Majority Baptist Church in Spartanburg, South Carolina. In the early 1920's the family moved to Detroit, Michigan and united with Second Baptist Church.

A time to love ...

In 1928, Alma became engaged to the late James Benson Calhoun and she joined Allen Temple A.M.E. Church then located on Russell and Holbrook. James and Alma were united in holy matrimony in 1931 and two daughters were born, Florence Janie and Patricia Annette. She later met and married Cleveland Sanford who preceded her in death.

A time to build...a time to plant...

Alma's love for music was evident and she became the pianist at Allen Temple and began to build and plant a music legacy that will always be remembered. During the building and planting stages, a male chorus was started and they bought the first **baby grand** piano before the church moved from Marston and Melrose streets to the present location. That piano was replaced some years later by the current **baby grand** piano. Many seeds were planted which resulted in the growth and building of the children's choir which was directed by Alma's daughter, Florence, for many years, the Mother's Club, the Senior choir, the Gospel Chorus, Sunday School, and youth classes. Alma also played an active role in building and planting seeds as a dedicated member of the Courtesy Club and the Sarah Allen Missionary Society. She planted seeds of faith in God, unselfish love for family and friends, kindness, generosity, wisdom, sharing, caring, encouragement, and determination.

A time to live, a time to die ...

Alma Desiree Arnesia Sanford suddenly and peacefully departed this life and entered eternal life on Tuesday, July 4, 2000.

A time to mourn...

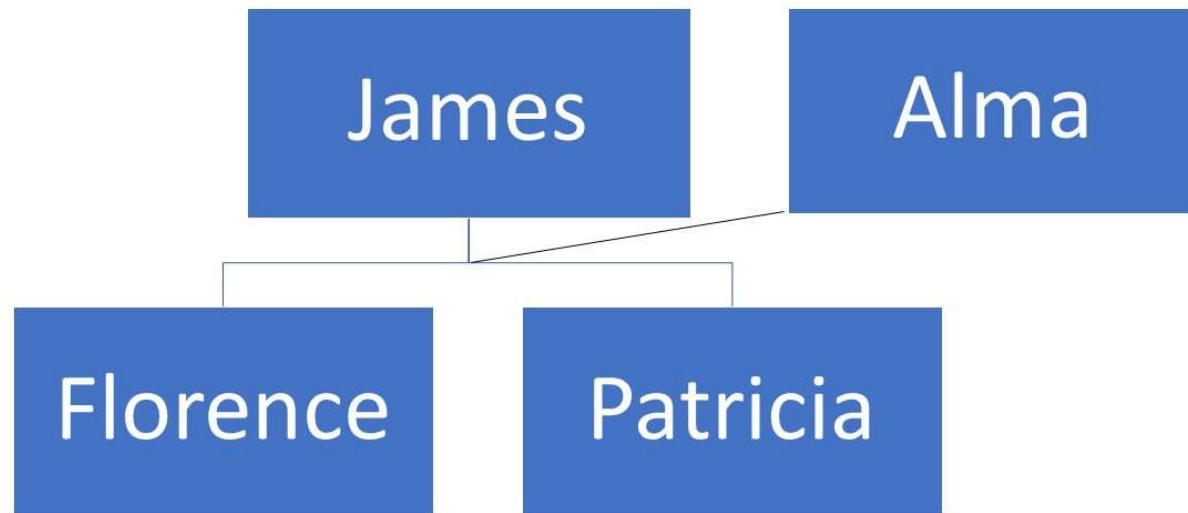
She leaves to remember her life, celebrate her love, and mourn her departure: two daughters, Florence and Annette; three grandchildren, Selena Annette, Sean Darius, and Leslie Denise; one great granddaughter, Leandra Denise; and a host of nieces and nephews, cousins, extended family members, and friends.

A time to dance...

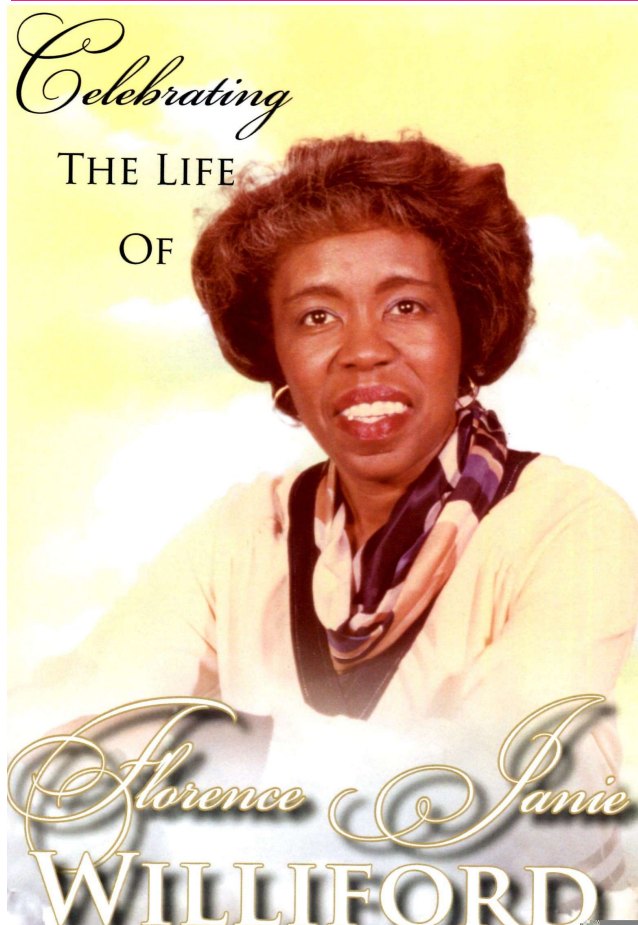
Meeting her in Heaven (having preceded her in death)...mother, father, brothers

James Benson Calhoun and Alma Desiree Arnesia
(Anderson) Calhoun Sanford

Their  produced 2 children



- Florence Janie (Calhoun) Jackson Williford
- Birth 04/01/1940
- Death xx/xx/xxxx



THE OBITUARY

Florence Janie Calhoun Williford, the firstborn of Alma Desiree Calhoun and James Calhoun was born April 1, 1940, in Detroit, Michigan,

Florence was educated in the Detroit Public School System. After graduating from Commerce High School, she later attended William Tyndale Theological Seminary and Biblical Institute, where she earned her Bachelor of Arts Degree. As a young child, Florence confessed Christ as her personal savior. She attended and was baptized Allen Temple A.M.E. Church, then located on Marston and Melrose Streets in Detroit, Michigan. Being gifted with a beautiful soprano voice and leadership qualities, Florence sang many solos and she directed the church choir.

INTERMENT

Evergreen Cemetery

19807 Woodward

Detroit, MI

Monday, September 18, 2023

-
- **Armored Jackson**
 - **Birth 10/11/1938**
 - **Death xx/xx/xxxx**
 - **Married/Divorced -**

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Armored Jackson and Florence Janie (Calhoun) Jackson
Williford

Their  produced 1 child

Armored

Florence

Selena

-
- **Selena Annette Jackson**
 - **Birth 07/18/1965**
 - **Death xx/xx/xxxx**
 - **Married/Divorced - MARRIED**

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- **Ernest Williford, Jr.**
 - **Birth 06/10/1930**
 - **Death xx/xx/xxxx**
 - **Married/Divorced - MARRIED**

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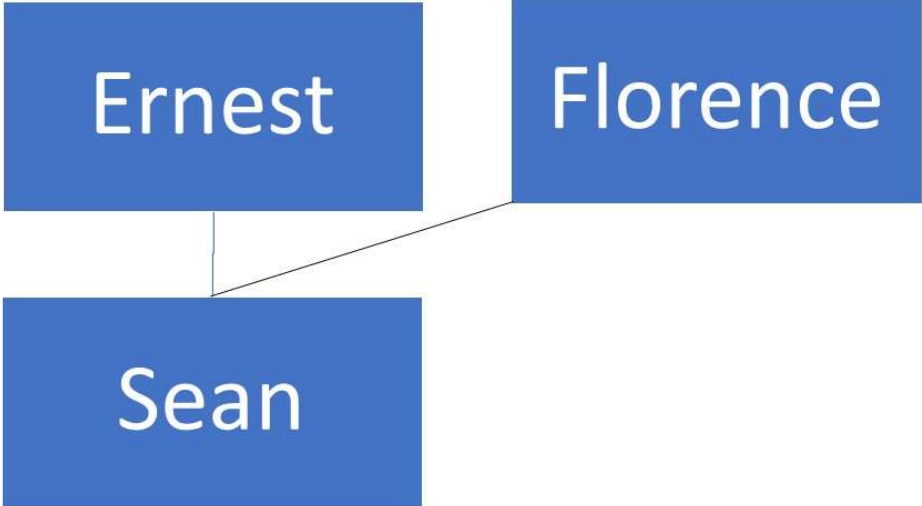
Ernest Williford, Jr. and Florence Janie (Calhoun)
Jackson Williford

Their  produced 1 child

Ernest

Florence

Sean



- **Sean Darius Williford**
- **Birth 01/31/1979**
- **Death xx/xx/xxxx**
- **Married/Divorced -**



Sean Darius Williford

His  produced 1 child

Sean

Seanna

- **Seanna H. Willford**
- **Birth 01/18/2006**
- **Death xx/xx/xxxx**
- **Married/Divorced -**



- **Patricia Annette Calhoun**
- **Birth 10/20/1941**
- **Death xx/xx/xxxx**
- **Married/Divorced -**





The Emma Mildred (Calhoun) Dunlap Family

Matriarch – Emma Mildred (Calhoun) Dunlap

Patriarch – Robert Dunlap

- **Emma Mildred (Calhoun) Dunlap**
- **Birth 10/30/1908**
- **Death 05/02/1957**
- **Married/Divorced - MARRIED**

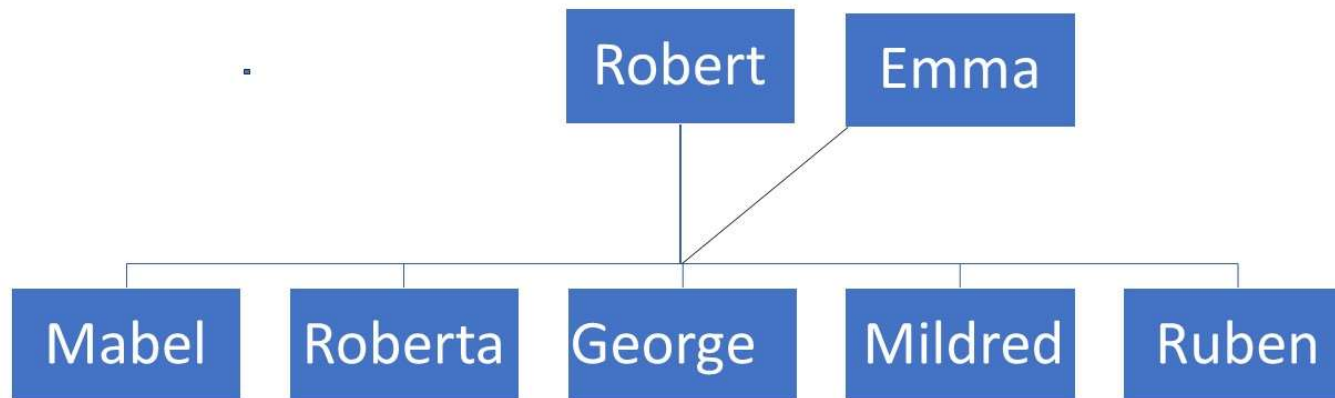


- **Robert Dunlap**
- **Birth 08/15/1905**
- **Death 11/23/1967**
- **Married/Divorced - MARRIED**



Robert Dunlap and Emma Mildred (Calhoun) Dunlap

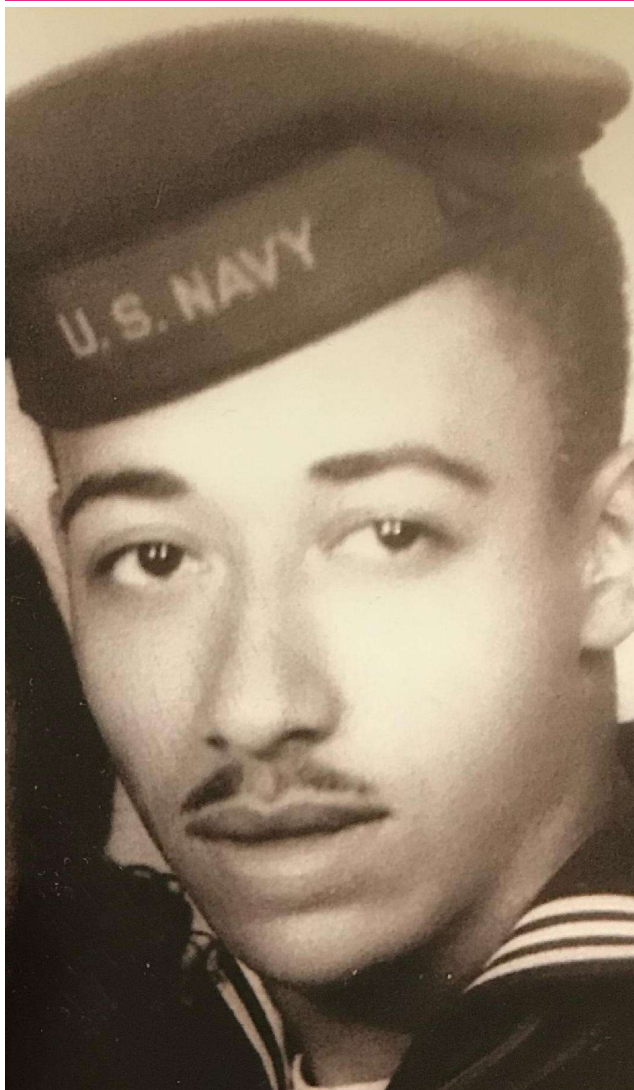
Their  produced 5 children



- **Mabel Agnes (Dunlap) Ford**
- **Birth 07/24/1928**
- **Death 11/03/1965**
- **Married/Divorced - MARRIED**

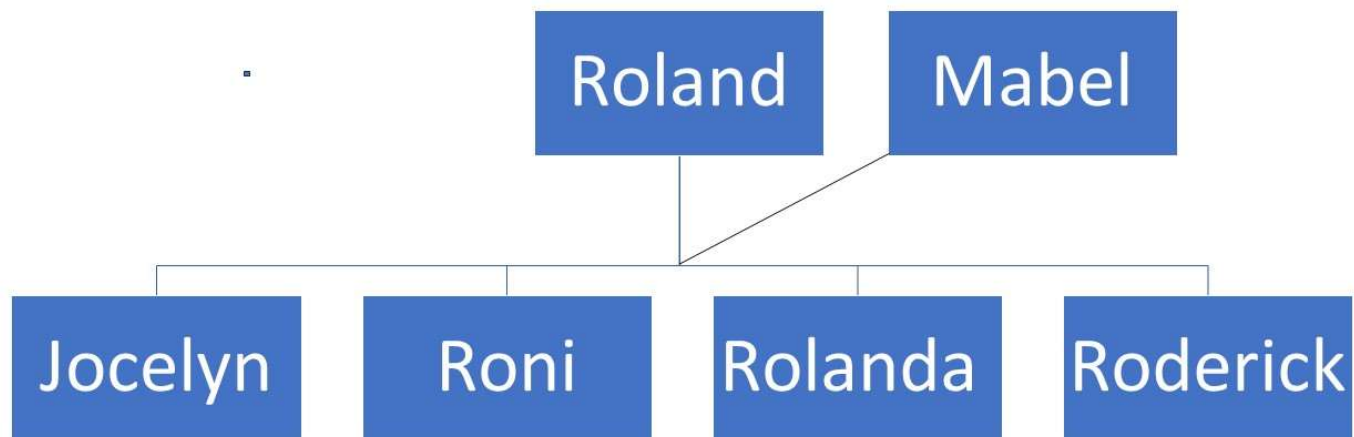


- **Roland Ford**
- **Birth 10/12/1927**
- **Death 12/27/1979**
- **Married/Divorced - MARRIED**

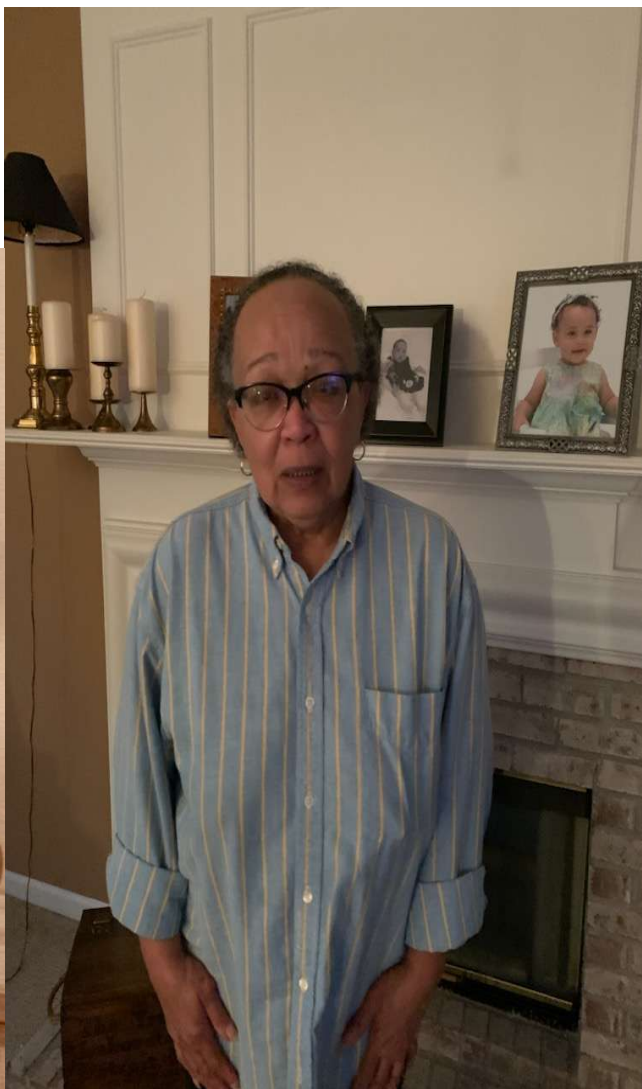


Roland Ford and Mabel Agnes Dunlap

Their  produced 4 children



- **Jocelyn Francile (Ford) Ervin**
- **Birth 01/06/1948**
- **Death xx/xx/xxxx**
- **Married/Divorced - MARRIED**

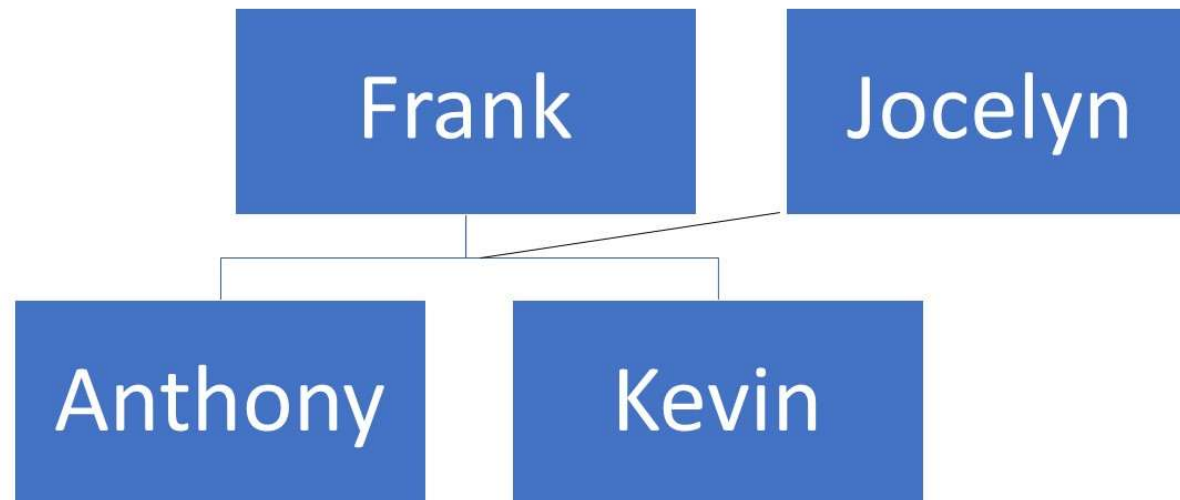


- **Frank W. Ervin**
- **Birth 10/01/1947**
- **Death xx/xx/xxxx**
- **Married/Divorced - MARRIED**



Frank W. Ervin and Jocelyn Francile Ford

Their  produced 2 children

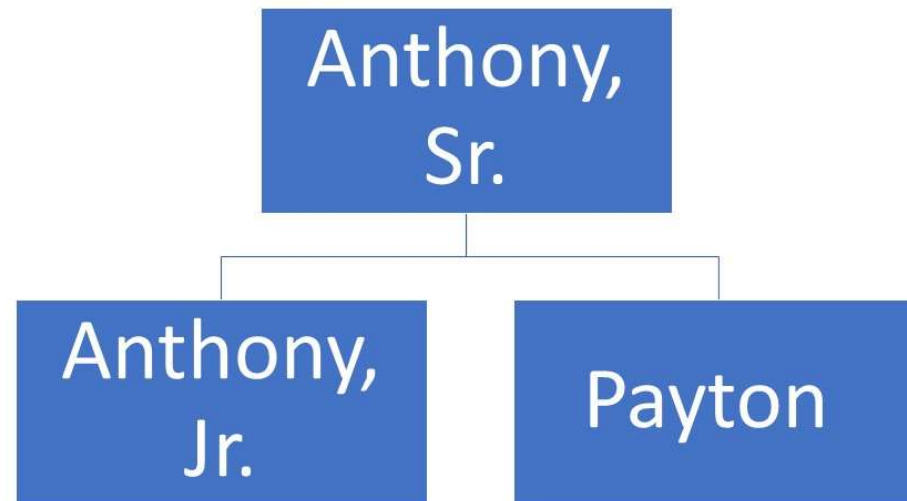


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- **Anthony Frank Ervin, Sr.**
 - **Birth 04/08/1968**
 - **Death 11/25/2018**
 - **Married/Divorced -**

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Anthony Frank Ervin, Sr.

His  produced 2 children



- **Anthony Frank Ervin, Jr.**
- **Birth 06/01/1994**
- **Death xx/xx/xxxx**
- **Married/Divorced -**



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- **Payton Nicole Ervin**
 - **Birth 07/01/2007**
 - **Death xx/xx/xxxx**
 - **Married/Divorced -**

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- **Kevin Lamont Ervin**
 - **Birth 12/27/1972**
 - **Death xx/xx/xxxx**
 - **Married/Divorced -**

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- **Stacy Rodemoyer**
 - **Birth 09/30/1973**
 - **Death xx/xx/xxxx**
 - **Married/Divorced -**

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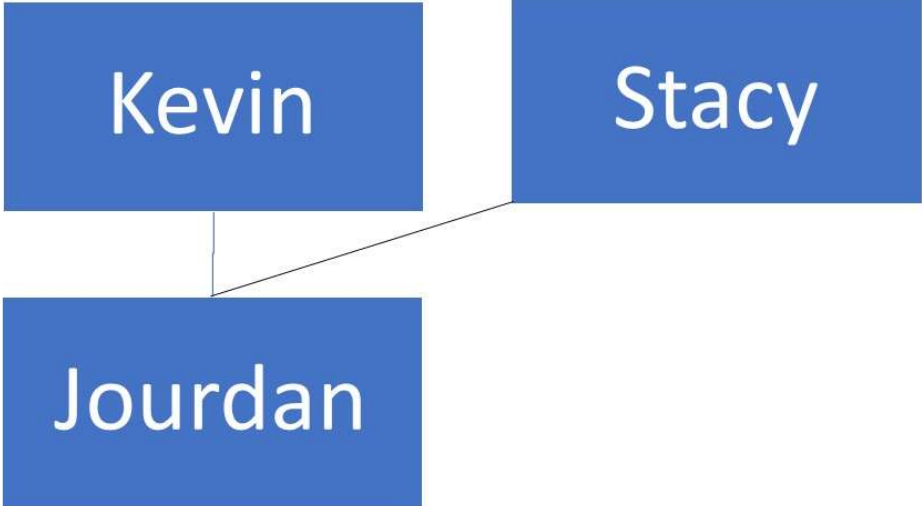
Kevin Lamont Ervin and Stacy Rodemoyer

Their  produced 1 child

Kevin

Stacy

Jourdan



-
- **Jourdan Alexander Ervin**
 - **Birth 08/30/2002**
 - **Death xx/xx/xxxx**
 - **Married/Divorced -**

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- **Roni Aletha Ford**
- **Birth 10/02/1950**
- **Death 12/29/2018**
- **Married/Divorced -**



Celebrating
THE LIFE
OF



RONI A. FORD

SUNRISE: OCTOBER 2, 1950 - SUNSET: DECEMBER 29, 2018

Service to be held
Thursday, January 10, 2019

O.H. Pye, III Funeral Home
17600 Plymouth Rd. • Detroit, Michigan
Michael Wilson, *Officiating*

OBITUARY

Roni Ford was born on October 2, 1950 in Detroit, Michigan. She impacted all our lives. Family was always her priority and nothing got in her way. Her dedication to us spoke volumes of how much family meant to her.

Roni was a phenomenal swimmer and graceful diver. Towards the end of her academic career at Mumford High School, when she was 17, she qualified for the Olympic swim team. She proudly worked at AT&T for 34 years. In that time, she accumulated many life-long friendships. Roni retired from AT&T in 2003. She cared for our Nonnie shortly after her retiring. She kept excellent care of Nonnie right up to the last moment.

Later in life, she worked part-time at Greenfield Village and as a lunch mom to keep an eye on her grandchildren while in school. She continued to work part-time doing what she loved, dancing. She worked at the Jazz & Spirit Dance Theatre of Detroit. She loved every one of the dance students and teachers. Roni ingrained herself in several different villages throughout her life, leaving her mark of positivity and faith wherever she went.

Roni had to be encouraged (mostly by Mary) to travel and party, because at heart she was a homebody, but when she packed her bags it was on! Her favorite place to travel was Orlando, Florida. She loved to see "the mouse" and never got tired of it.

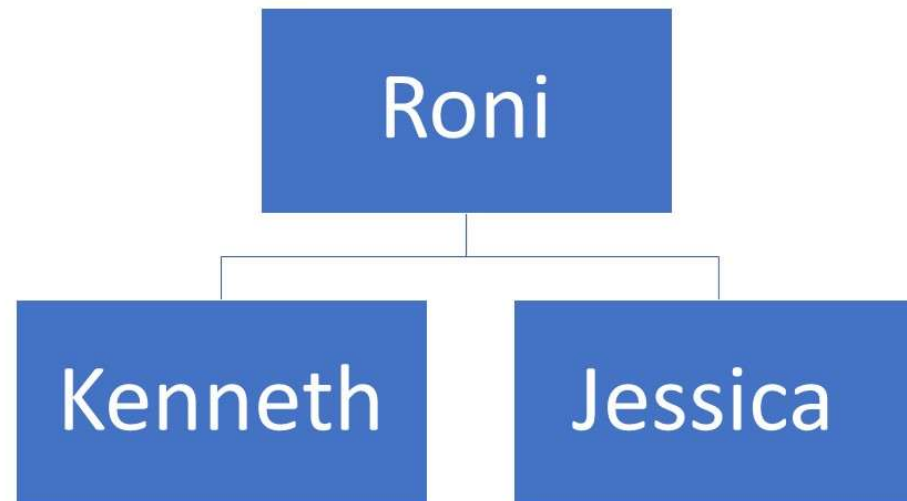
She was extremely organized and ran a tight ship. Everything in her home, car and office had its place. She always spoke her mind and had an opinion. She was reliable, trustworthy and made herself available for critical situations.

We all know Roni loved butterflies, books and photography. She also loved her music and could recall the artist, song and first time she heard it faster than anyone else in the room. She was a great mother, grandmother, guardian (Chloe), homemaker and was a very good baker. Everyone will miss her iconic Christmas cookies and her famous banana nut bread. She had a role in all our lives and she will be missed.

Roni is survived by: her son, Ken Ford and her daughter Jess Ford; two grandchildren, Ironi and Alex Ford; Chloe (the dog); her sisters, Joce and Kim; her brother, Roderick; a host of nieces, nephews, relatives, friends; and her best friend, her soul sister, Mary Campbell.

Roni Aletha Ford

Her  produced 2 children

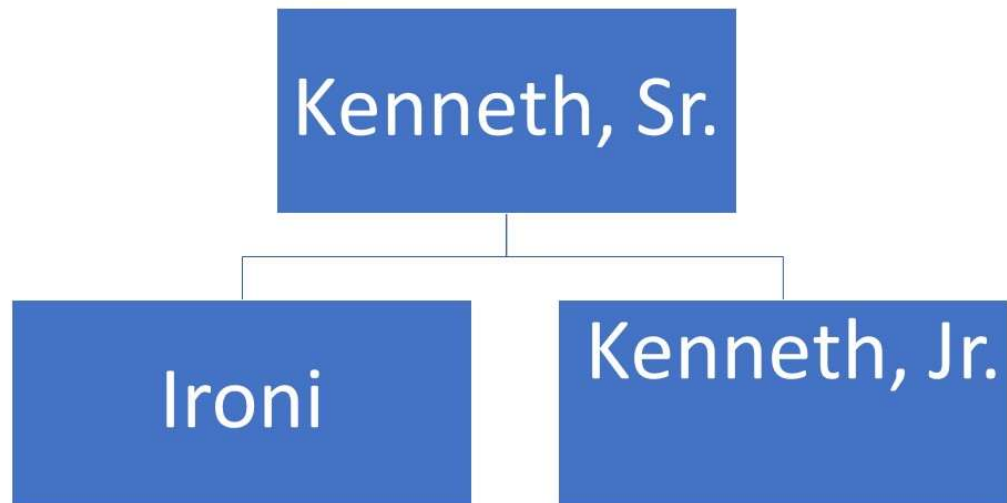


- **Kenneth Lynn Ford, Sr.**
- **Birth 06/30/1977**
- **Death xx/xx/xxxx**
- **Married/Divorced -**

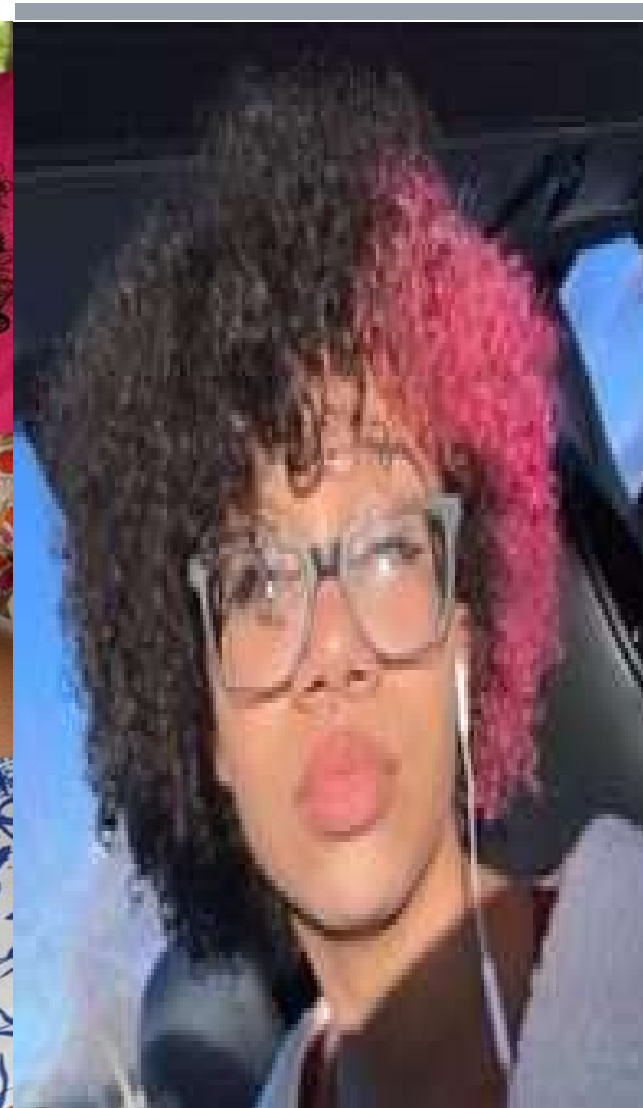


Kenneth Lynn Ford, Sr.

His  produced 2 children



- Ironi Leshawn Ford
- Birth 04/23/2004
- Death xx/xx/xxxx
- Married/Divorced -



- **Kenneth Alexander Ford, Jr.**
- **Birth 08/21/2005**
- **Death xx/xx/xxxx**
- **Married/Divorced -**



- **Jessica Kristen Ford**
- **Birth 05/23/1987**
- **Death xx/xx/xxxx**
- **Married/Divorced -**



- **Rolanda Kim (Ford) Tanner**
- **Birth 10/24/1955**
- **Death xx/xx/xxxx**
- **Married/Divorced - MARRIED**

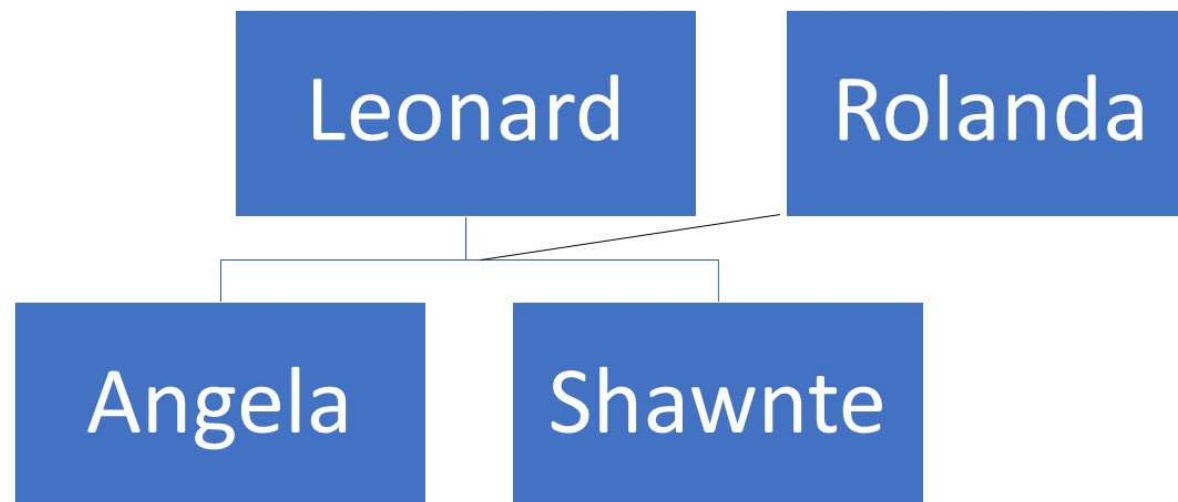


- **Leonard Brookine Tanner**
- **Birth 05/02/1954**
- **Death xx/xx/xxxx**
- **Married/Divorced - MARRIED**



Leonard Brookine Tanner and Rolanda Kim Ford

Their  produced 2 children



- **Angela Kwamise Tanner Collins**
- **Birth 02/06/1974**
- **Death xx/xx/xxxx**
- **Married/Divorced - MARRIED**

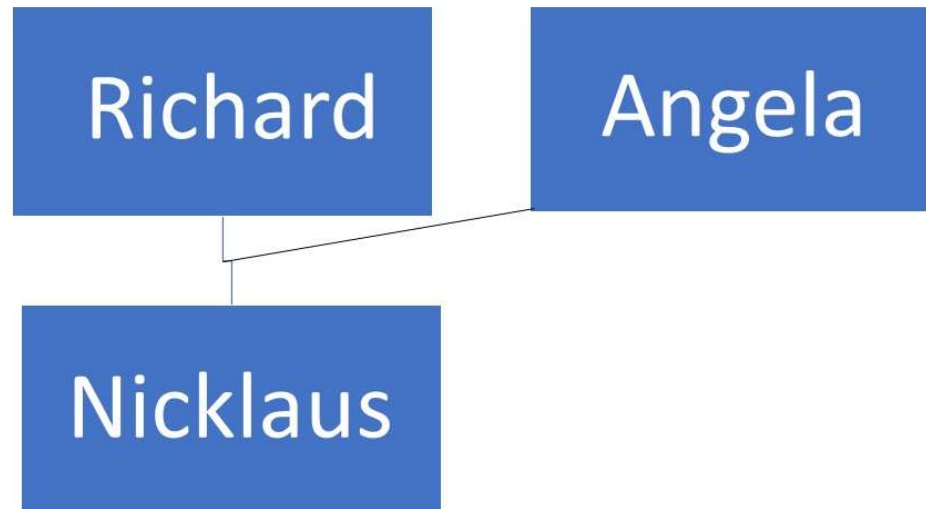


- **Richard Wesley Collins**
- **Birth 03/16/1969**
- **Death 11/06/2023**
- **Married/Divorced - MARRIED**

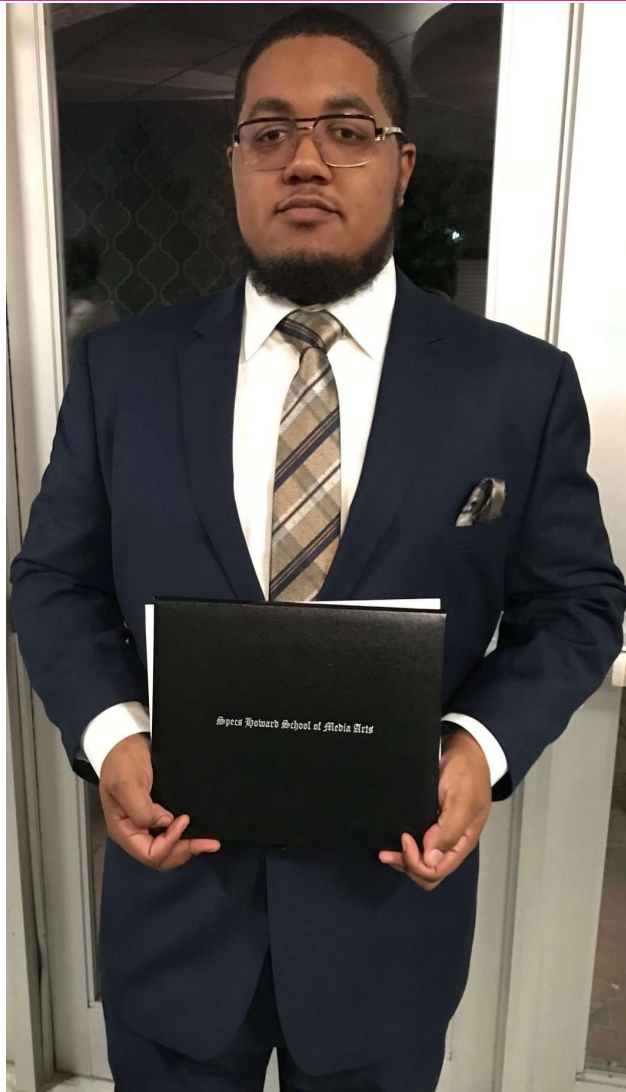


Richard Wesley Collins and Angela Kwamisa Tanner

Their  produced 1 child



- **Nicklaus Tristan Tanner Collins**
- **Birth 10/18/1995**
- **Death xx/xx/xxxx**
- **Married/Divorced -**



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- **Shawnte Lynette (Tanner) Thomas**
 - **Birth 07/21/1977**
 - **Death xx/xx/xxxx**
 - **Married/Divorced - MARRIED**

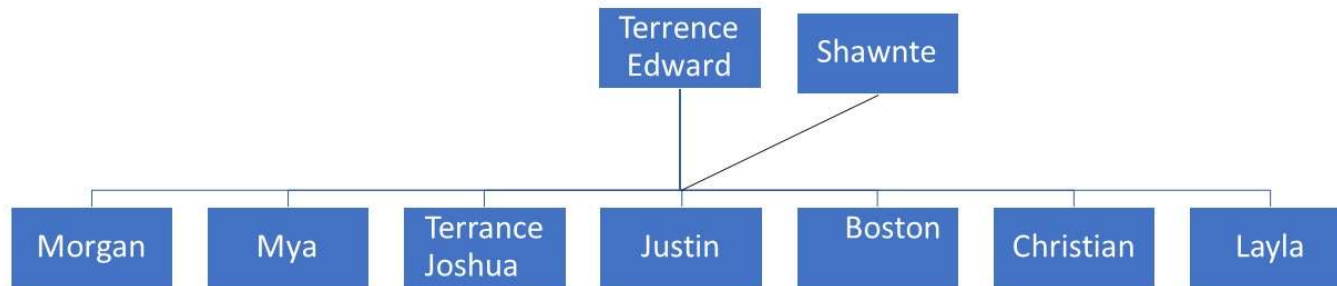


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- **Terrence Edward Thomas**
 - **Birth 11/17/1972**
 - **Death xx/xx/xxxx**
 - **Married/Divorced - MARRIED**

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Terrence Edward Thomas and Shawnte Lynette Tanner

Their  produced 7 children



- **Morgan Mariah Thomas**
- **Birth 02/27/1998**
- **Death xx/xx/xxxx**
- **Married/Divorced -**



- **Mya Krisdion Thomas**
- **Birth 07/16/1999**
- **Death xx/xx/xxxx**
- **Married/Divorced -**



- **Terrance Joshua Thomas**
- **Birth 09/18/2002**
- **Death xx/xx/xxxx**
- **Married/Divorced -**



- **Justin Matthew Thomas**
- **Birth 05/26/2004**
- **Death xx/xx/xxxx**
- **Married/Divorced -**



- **Boston Elijah Thomas**
- **Birth 08/18/2006**
- **Death xx/xx/xxxx**
- **Married/Divorced -**



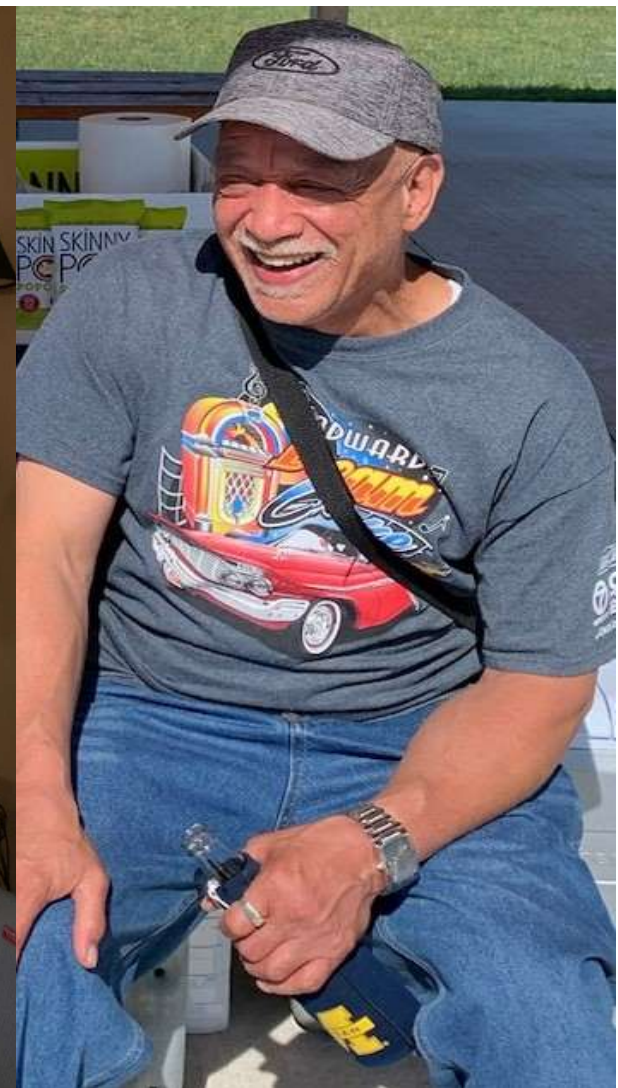
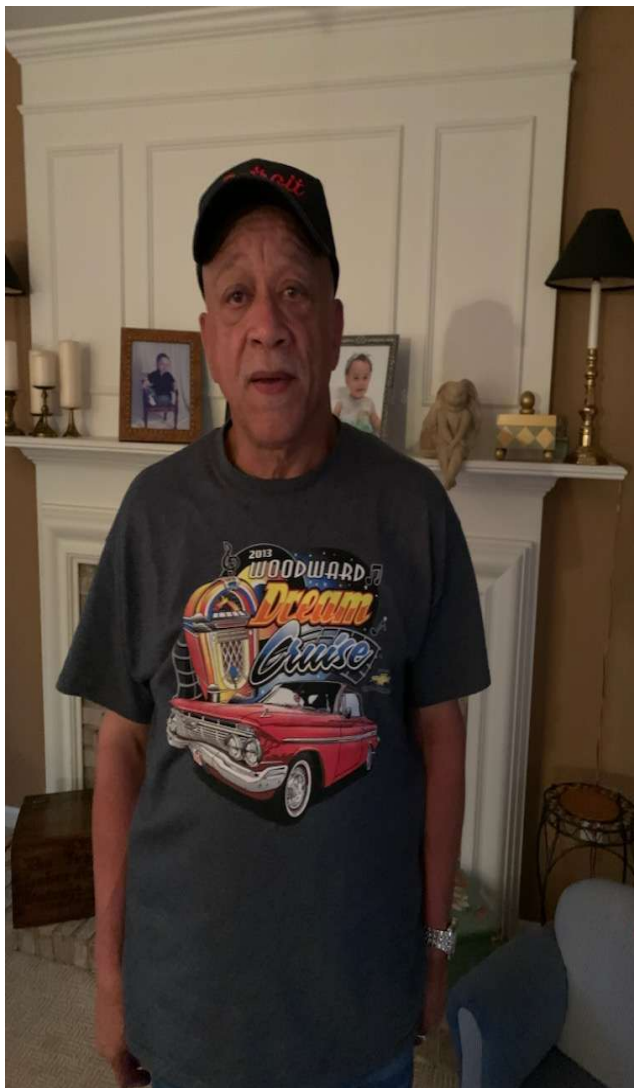
- **Christian Jeremiah Thomas**
- **Birth 05/21/2010**
- **Death xx/xx/xxxx**
- **Married/Divorced -**



- **Layla Elise Thomas**
- **Birth 03/27/2012**
- **Death xx/xx/xxxx**
- **Married/Divorced -**



- Roderick Dwayne Ford (Houdy)
- Birth 11/23/1961
- Death xx/xx/xxxx
- Married/Divorced - DIVORCED

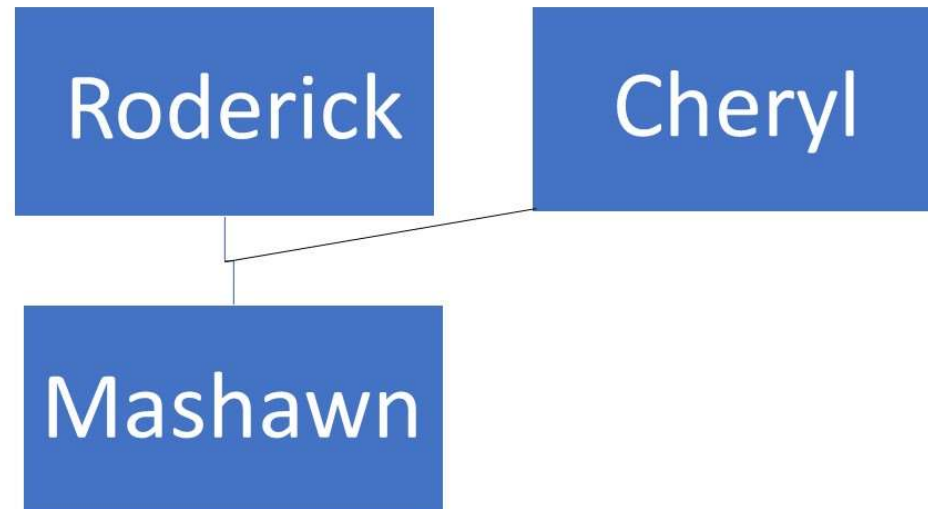


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- **Cheryl Denise (Allen) Ford**
 - **Birth 06/10/1957**
 - **Death xx/xx/xxxx**
 - **Married/Divorced - DIVORCED**

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Roderick Dwayne Ford (Houdy) and Cheryl Denise Allen

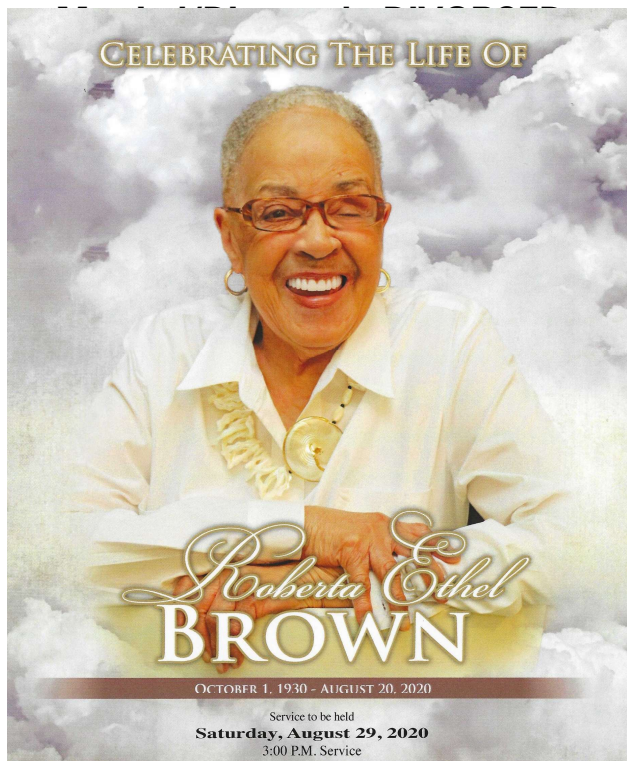
Their  produced 1 child



-
- **Mashawn Itell Ford**
 - **Birth 01/21/1983**
 - **Death xx/xx/xxxx**
 - **Married/Divorced -**

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- **Roberta Ethel (Dunlap) Brown (Bobbie)**
- **Birth 10/01/1930**
- **Death 08/20/2020**



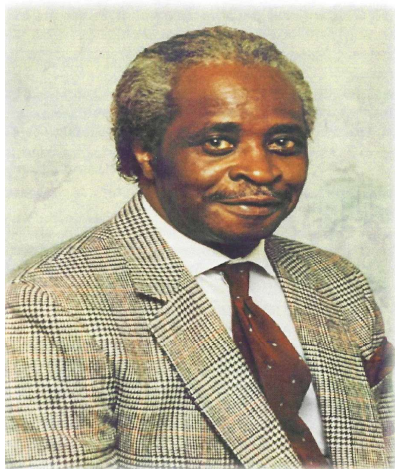
HER JOURNEY

Roberta Ethel Brown was born on October 1, 1930 to Emma and Robert

- **Charles Alonzo Brown**
- **Birth 11/09/1928**
- **Death 07/03/2007**
- **Married/Divorced - DIVORCED**

Sunrise: November 9, 1927

Sunset: July 3, 2007



A
Home Going
Celebration
For

Charles Alonzo Brown
(Sonny)

Service to be held
Wednesday, July 11, 2007
11:00 A.M. Funeral

Alpha & Omega Spiritual Church of Christ
446 Holbrook • Detroit, Michigan 48202
Bishop James E. Curry Jr., *Officiating*



The Obituary

On November 9, 1927 Charles and Martha Brown of Jackson, MI, welcomed into the family their fifth of eventually seven children, **Charles Alonzo Brown Jr.** His mother gave him the nickname of “*Sonny*” due to his being the first son of the family.

Charles spent all of his youth in the city of Jackson with his sisters Shirley, Ida, Thelma, Arlene, and brother William. Sister Rose Mae passed at a young age. He excelled in sports, Track and Field and Boxing and graduated from Jackson High School in June 7, 1946. On June 11, 1946 Charles enlisted in the U.S. Army where he served in an administrative capacity while earning The Army of Occupational Medal and The World War II Victory Medal, and earned an honorable discharged on November 6, 1947.

Prior to enlisting in the service, he met Roberta Dunlap and they married on June 25, 1949 and moved to Detroit, MI. This union produced two children, Charles Anthony (Tony) of Southfield, and Jennifer Denise of Warren, MI. He worked and retired from working with Wayne County, first at the Wayne County Hospital (Eloise), and The Wayne County Jail in Detroit.

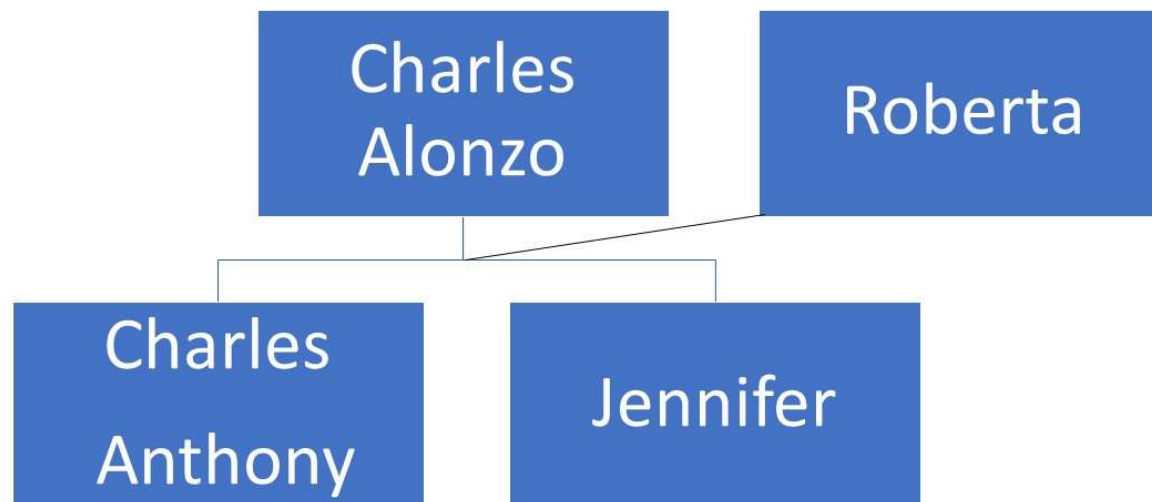
Charles loved people and life and easily made friends with all. He enjoyed reading, working crossword puzzles, spending time with family, orange sherbert ice cream, and driving his third child, a Lincoln Town car. He was a longtime member of The Alpha and Omega Spiritual Church of Christ in Detroit and an active member on the Board of Trustees.

On July 3, 2007 at 10:00 p.m. Charles departed this life succumbing to the effects of Parkinson's disease after a long-term battle. He is survived by his children, Charles Anthony (Betty) Brown, Jennifer Denise Brown; four grandchildren, Tangela, Rev. DuShawn (Monica) Brown, Bianca, and Kentrell Brown; and three great-grandchildren, Jacari Jackson, Gabriella and Malia Brown; two sisters, Ida and Arlene; special friend, Betty P. and a host of nieces, nephews, family members, and treasured friends.

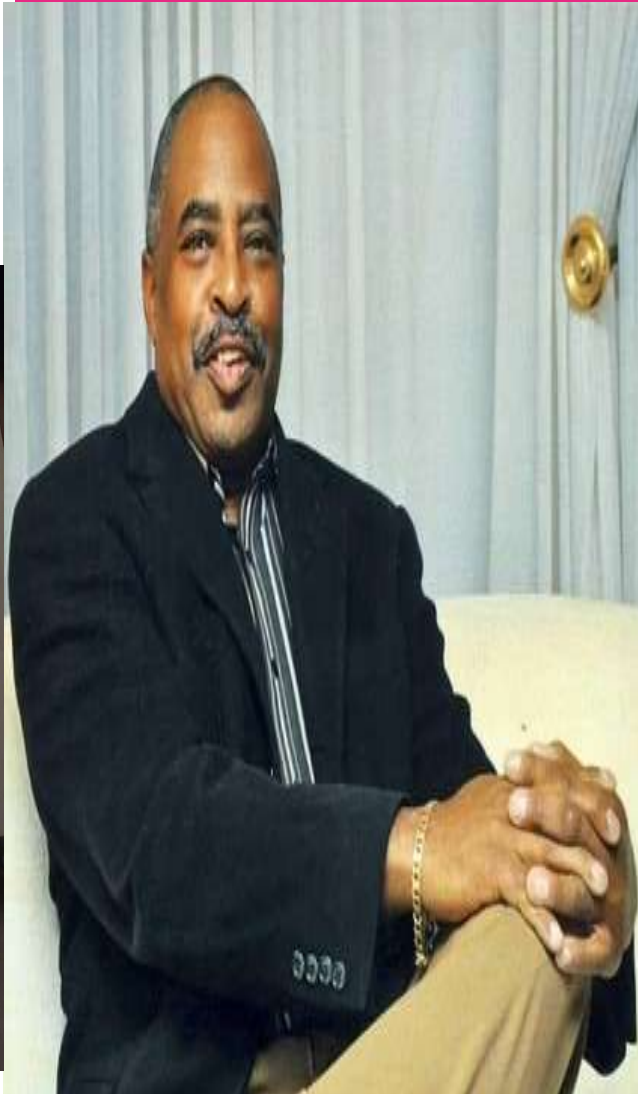


Charles Alonzo Brown and Roberta Ethel Dunlap

Their  produced 2 children



- **Charles Anthony Brown (Tony)**
- **Birth 07/24/1951**
- **Death xx/xx/xxxx**
- **Married/Divorced - MARRIED**

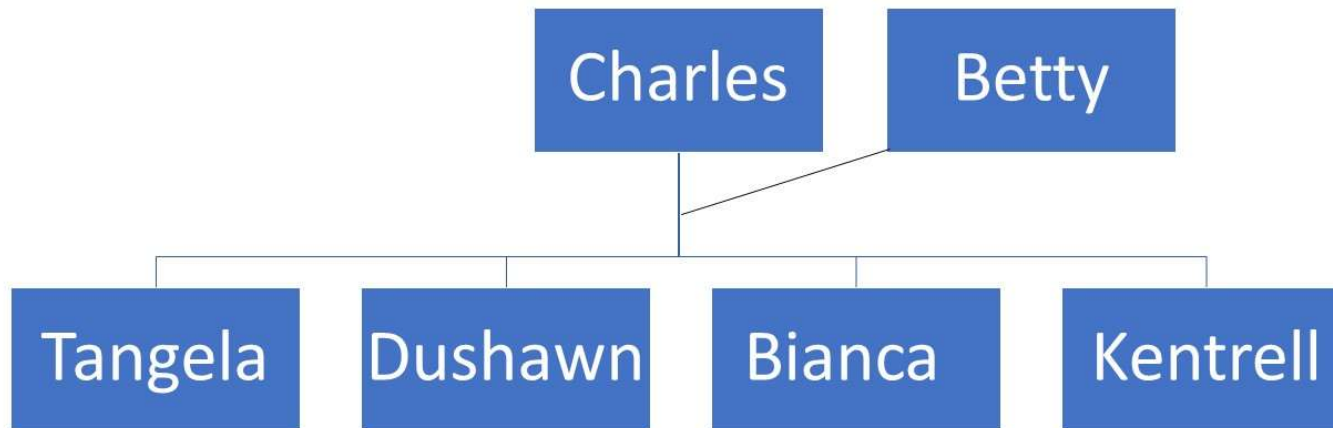


- **Betty (Louis) Brown**
- **Birth 03/13/1954**
- **Death xx/xx/xxxx**
- **Married/Divorced - MARRIED**



Charles Anthony Brown and Betty Louis

Their  produced 4 children



- **Tangela Denise Brown**
- **Birth 04/25/1973**
- **Death xx/xx/xxxx**
- **Married/Divorced -**



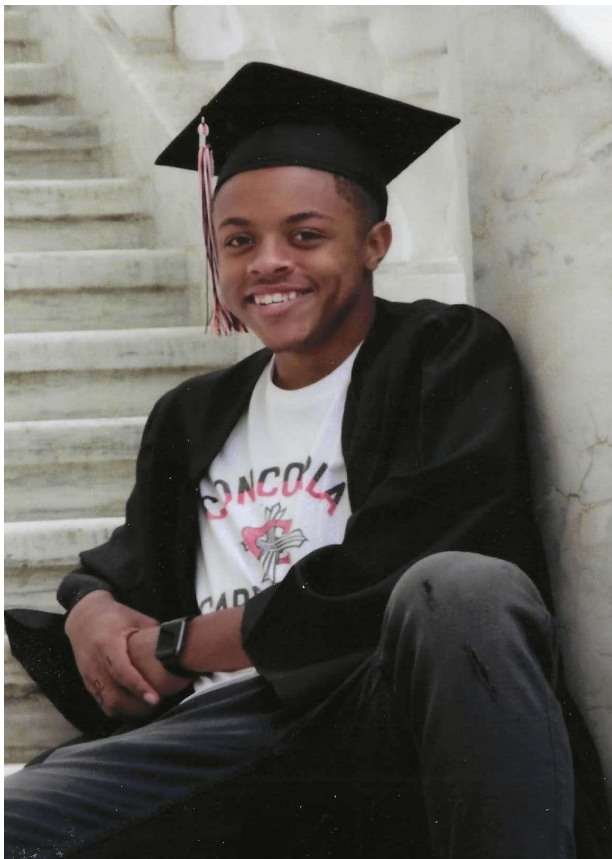
Tangela Denise Brown

Her  produced 1 child

Tangela

Jacari

- **Jacari Kentrell Jearl Jackson**
- **Birth 04/29/2003**
- **Death xx/xx/xxxx**
- **Married/Divorced -**



- **Dushawn Anthony Brown**
- **Birth 04/11/1975**
- **Death xx/xx/xxxx**
- **Married/Divorced - MARRIED**



- **Monica (Tombly) Brown**
- **Birth 10/30/1977**
- **Death xx/xx/xxxx**
- **Married/Divorced - MARRIED**



Dushawn Anthony Brown and Monica Tombley

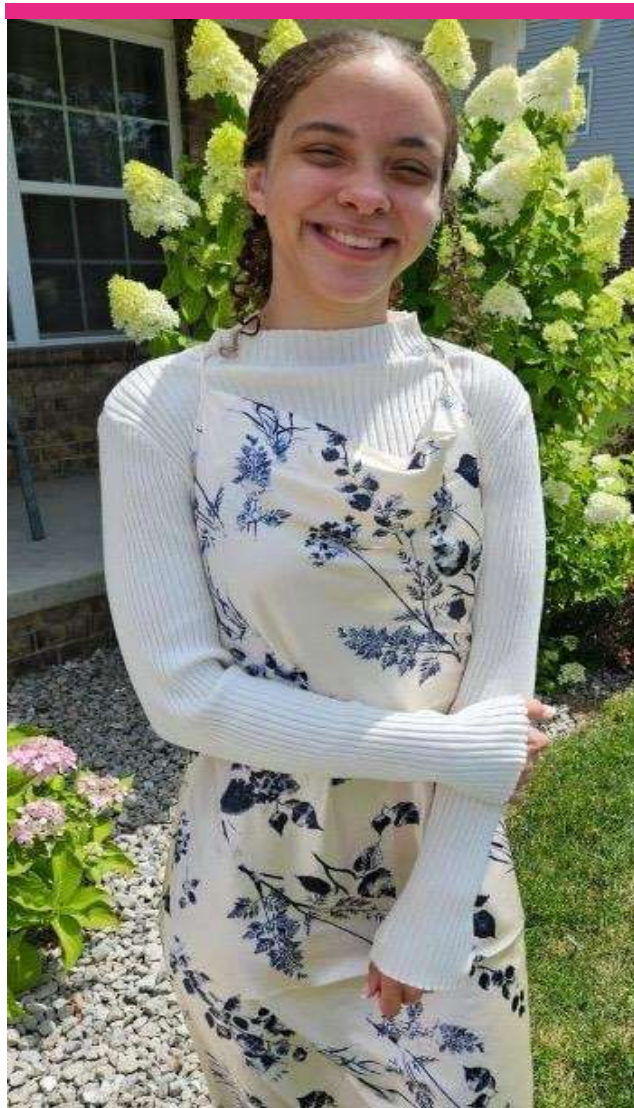
Their  produced 3 children



- **Gabriela Moriah Brown**
- **Birth 02/17/2004**
- **Death xx/xx/xxxx**
- **Married/Divorced -**



- **Malia Isabelle Brown**
- **Birth 07/30/2006**
- **Death xx/xx/xxxx**
- **Married/Divorced -**



- **Juliana Slena Brown**
- **Birth 06/14/2011**
- **Death xx/xx/xxxx**
- **Married/Divorced -**



- **Bianca Michelle Brown**
- **Birth 05/13/1989**
- **Death xx/xx/xxxx**
- **Married/Divorced -**



Bianca Michelle Brown

Her  produced 1 child

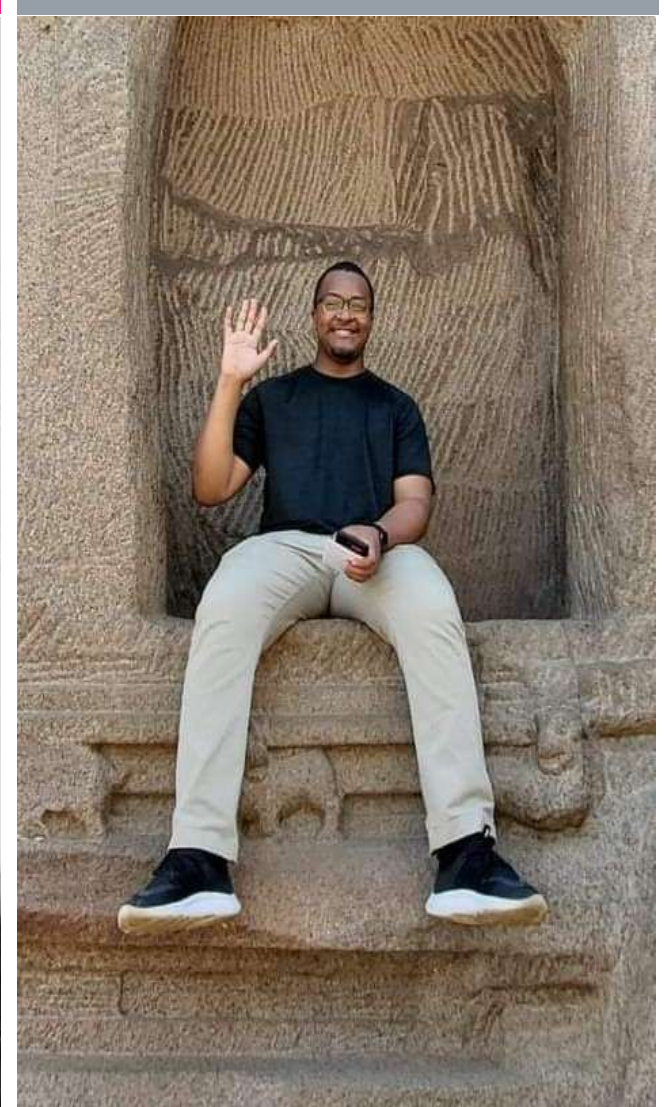
Bianca

Alena

- **Alena Morrow**
- **Birth 01/06/2009**
- **Death xx/xx/xxxx**
- **Married/Divorced -**



- **Kentrell Charles Brown**
- **Birth 08/22/1990**
- **Death xx/xx/xxxx**
- **Married/Divorced - MARRIED**

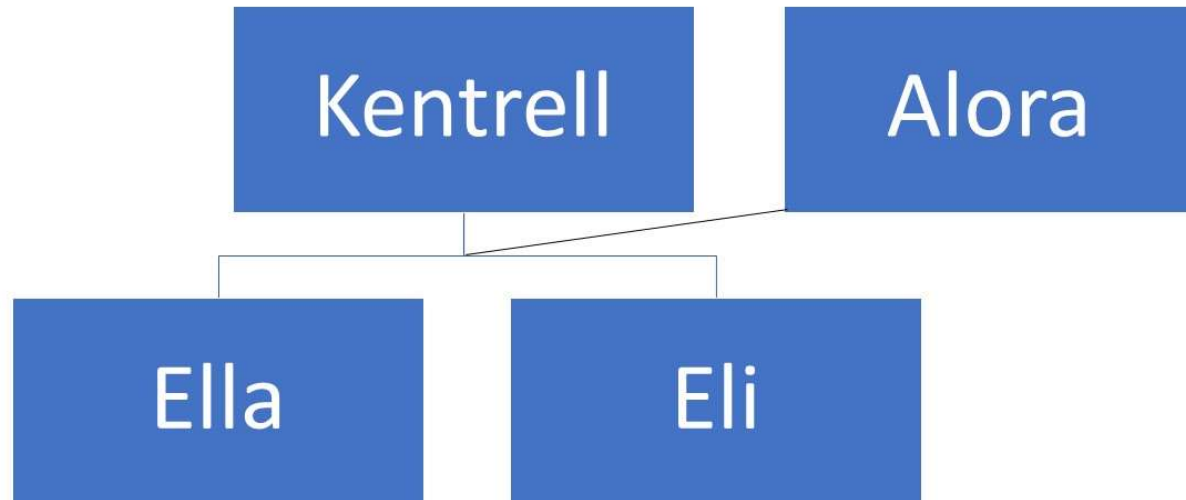


- **Alora Rachelle (Wilson) Brown**
- **Birth 04/25/1990**
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- **Married/Divorced - MARRIED**



Kentrell Charles Brown and Alora Rachelle Wilson

Their  produced 2 children



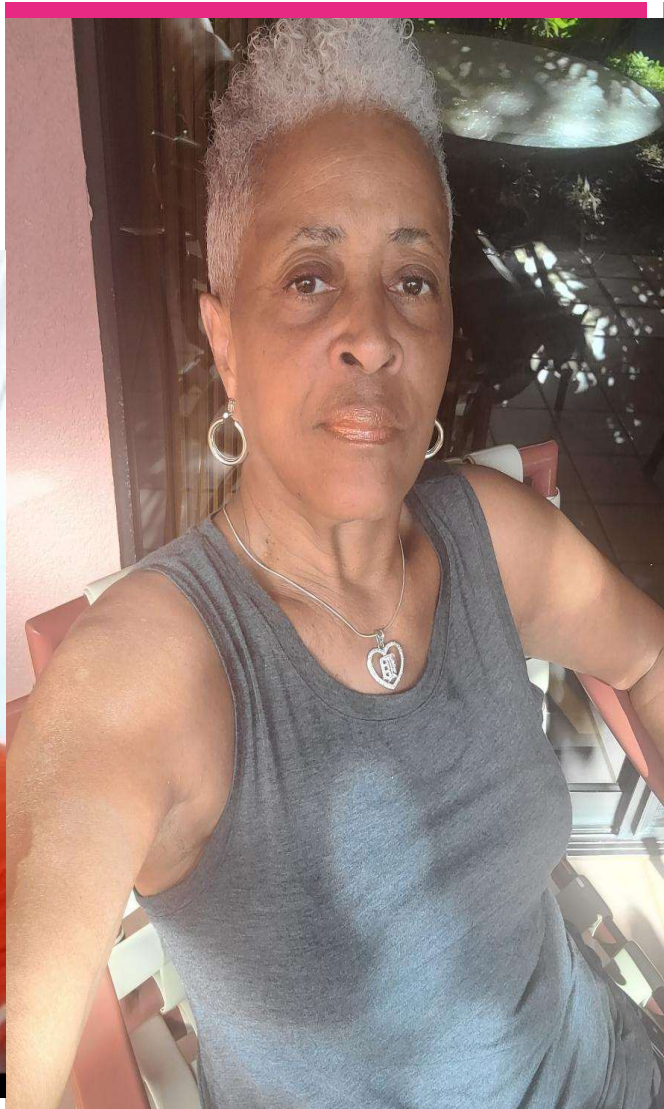
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- **Birth 02/06/2017**
- **Death xx/xx/xxxx**
- **Married/Divorced -**



- **Eli Brown**
- **Birth 01/06/2021**
- **Death xx/xx/xxxx**
- **Married/Divorced -**



- **Jennifer Denise Brown**
- **Birth 01/26/1956**
- **Death xx/xx/xxxx**
- **Married/Divorced -**



- **George Thomas Dunlap**
- **Birth 08/04/1932**
- **Death 02/22/2012**
- **Married/Divorced -**

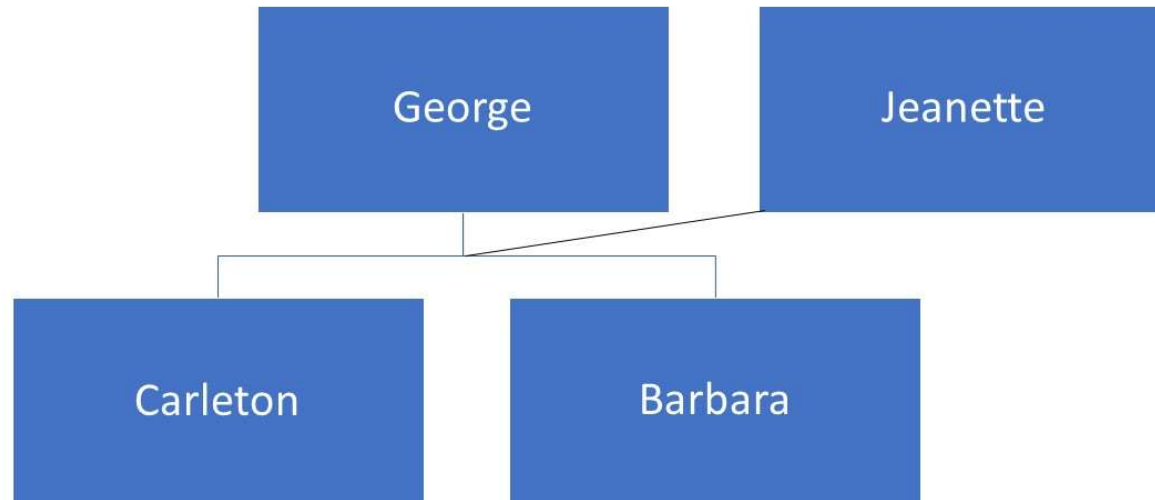


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- **Jeanette (Cornish)**
 - **Birth xx/xx/xxxx**
 - **Death xx/xx/xxxx**
 - **Married/Divorced -**

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George Thomas Dunlap and Jeanette Cornish

Their  produced 2 children



- **Carleton Jay Gregory**
- **Birth 06/25/1953**
- **Death xx/xx/xxxx**
- **Married/Divorced -**

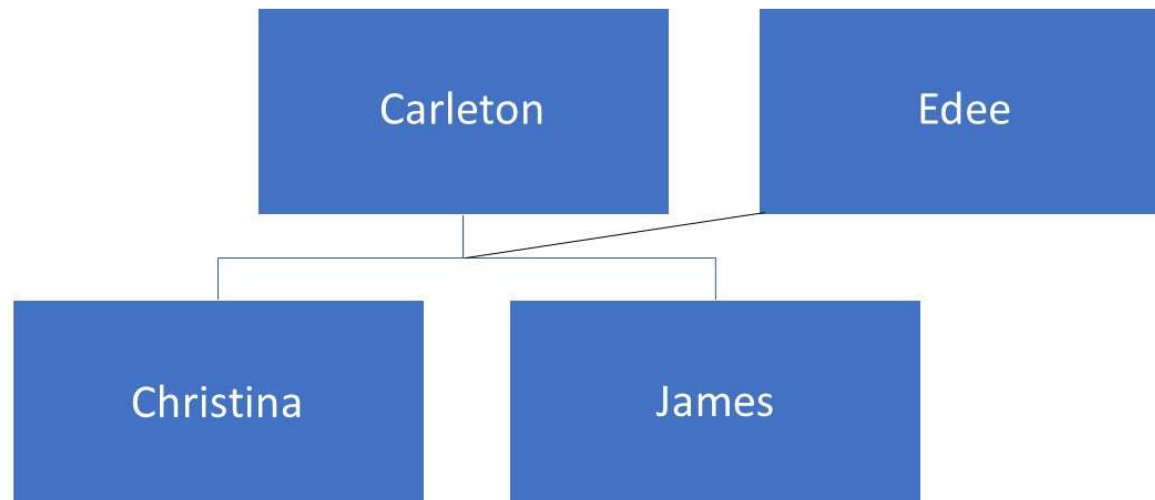


- Edee Gregory
- Birth 04/28/1957
- Death xx/xx/xxxx
- Married/Divorced -



Carleton Jay Gregory and Edee Gregory

Their  produced 2 children



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- **Christina Gregory**
 - **Birth 12/11/1983**
 - **Death xx/xx/xxxx**
 - **Married/Divorced -**

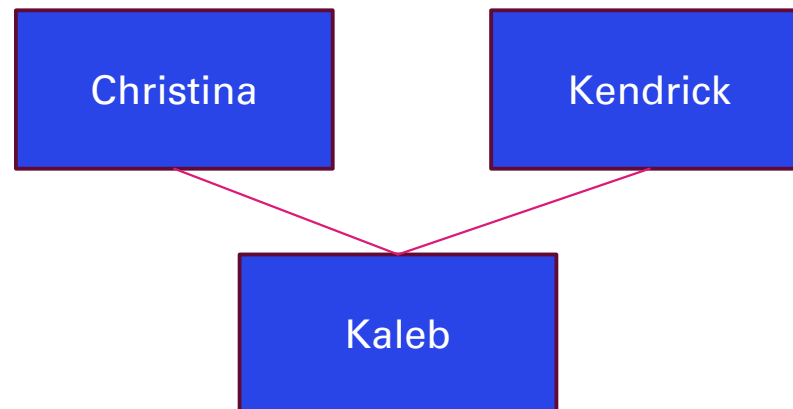


- **Kendrick Eugene Jackson**
- **Birth 8/8/1971**
- **Death xx/xx/xxxx**
- **Married/Divorced -**



Christina and Kendrick

Their <3 produced a child



- **Kaleb Emory Jackson**
- **Birth 09/15/2025**
- **Death xx/xx/xxxx**
- **Married/Divorced -**



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- **James Solomon Gregory, Sr.**
 - **Birth 05/23/1985**
 - **Death xx/xx/xxxx**
 - **Married/Divorced - MARRIED**



- **Mianca Gregory**
- **Birth xx/xx/xxxx**
- **Death xx/xx/xxxx**
- **Married/Divorced - MARRIED**



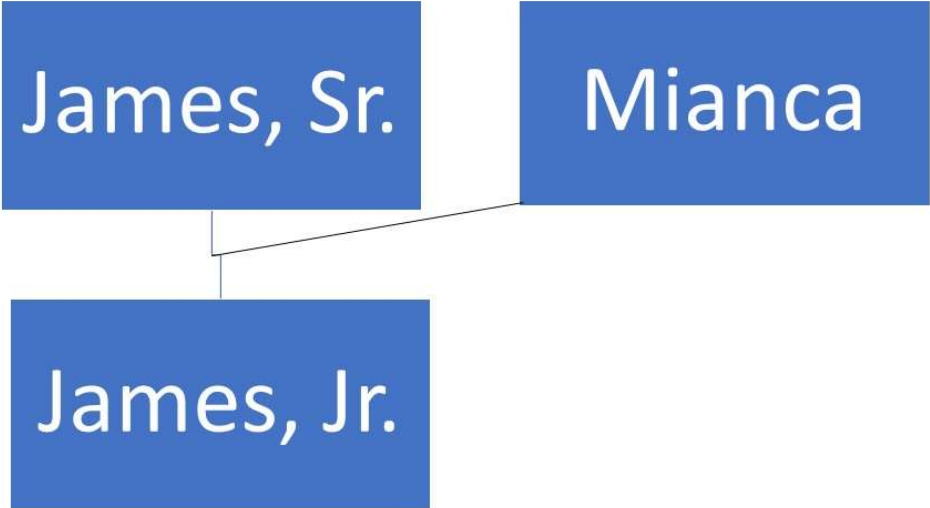
James Solomon Gregory, Sr. and Mianca Gregory

Their  produced 1 child

James, Sr.

Mianca

James, Jr.



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- **James Solomon Gregory, Jr.**
 - **Birth xx/xx/xxxx**
 - **Death xx/xx/xxxx**
 - **Married/Divorced -**



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- **Barbra Brown**
 - **Birth** xx/xx/xxxx
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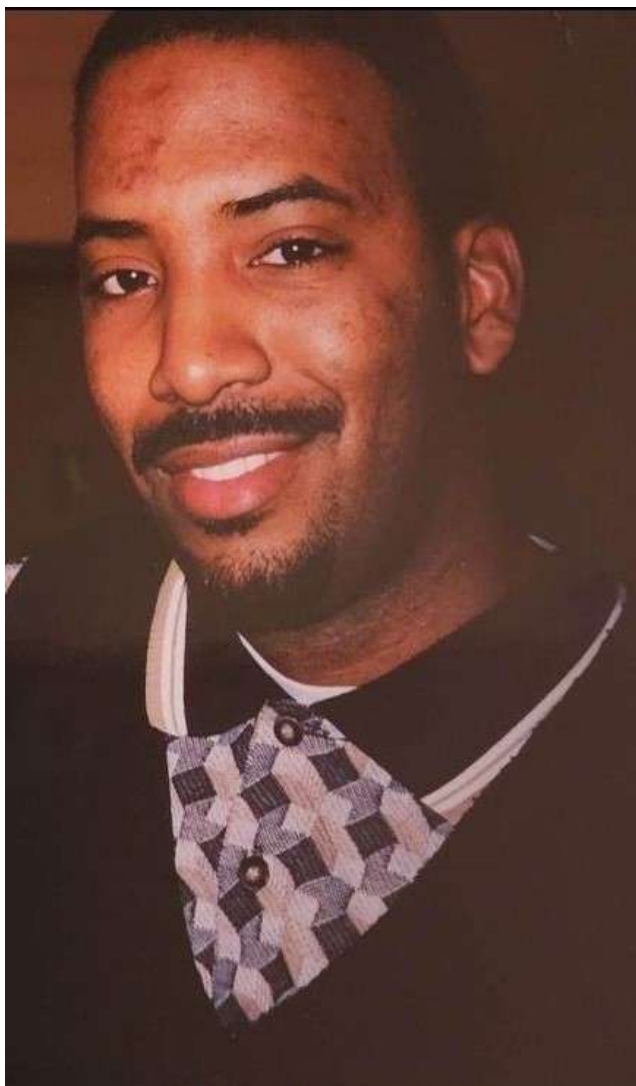
Barbra Brown

Her  produced 1 child

Barbara

Carleton

- **Carleton Jay Brown**
- **Birth 06/25/1953**
- **Death xx/xx/xxxx**
- **Married/Divorced -**



Carleton Jay Brown

His  produced 1 child

Carleton

Jay

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 - **Birth 08/14/1985**
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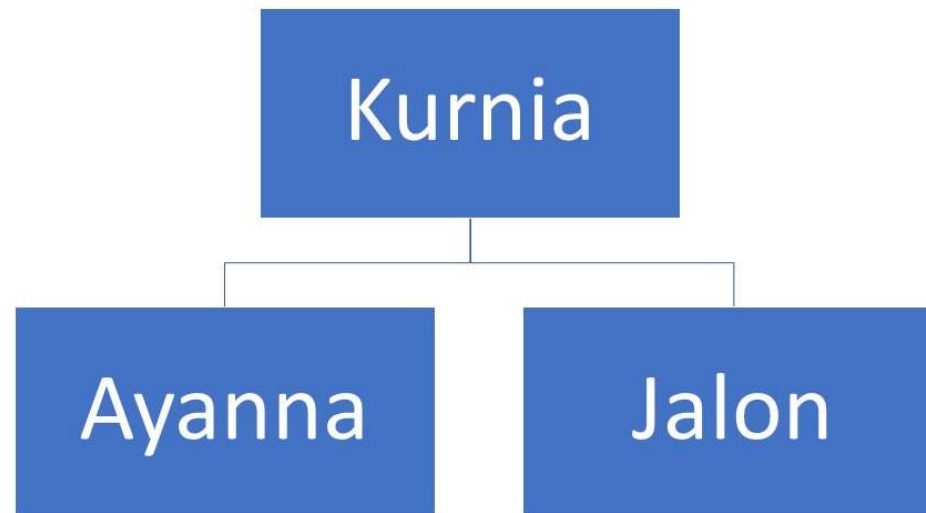
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- **Kurnia Davis**
 - **Birth 07/06/1972**
 - **Death xx/xx/xxxx**
 - **Married/Divorced -**



Kurnia Davis

Her  produced 2 children



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- **Ayanna**
 - **Birth 05/06/1989**
 - **Death xx/xx/xxxx**
 - **Married/Divorced -**

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- **Jalon**
 - **Birth 02/04/1998**
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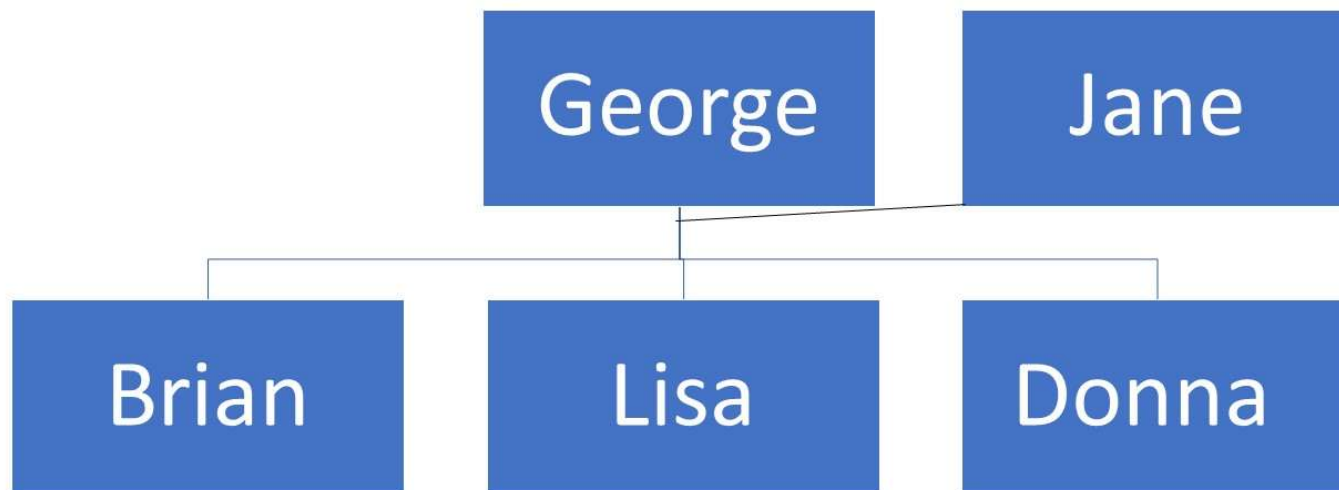
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- **Jane (Percy) Dunlap**
- **Birth 11/05/1929**
- **Death xx/xx/xxxx**
- **Married/Divorced - MARRIED**



George Thomas Dunlap and Jane Percy

Their  produced 3 children



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- **Brian Keith Dunlap**
 - **Birth 09/24/1959**
 - **Death xx/xx/xxxx**
 - **Married/Divorced - MARRIED**

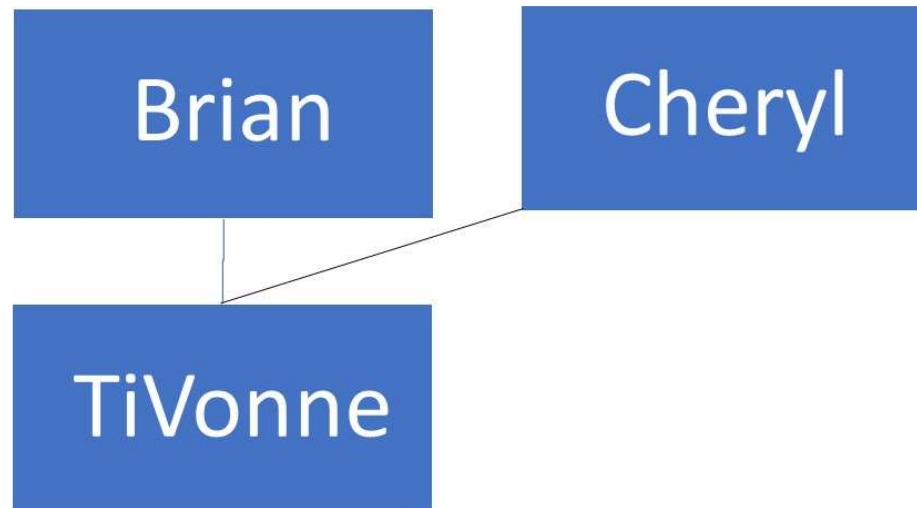
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- **Cheryl McKinsey**
 - **Birth xx/xx/xxxx**
 - **Death xx/xx/xxxx**
 - **Married/Divorced - MARRIED**

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Brian Keith Dunlap and Cheryl McKinsey

Their  produced 1 child



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- **TiVonne**
 - **Birth 12/27/1980**
 - **Death xx/xx/xxxx**
 - **Married/Divorced -**

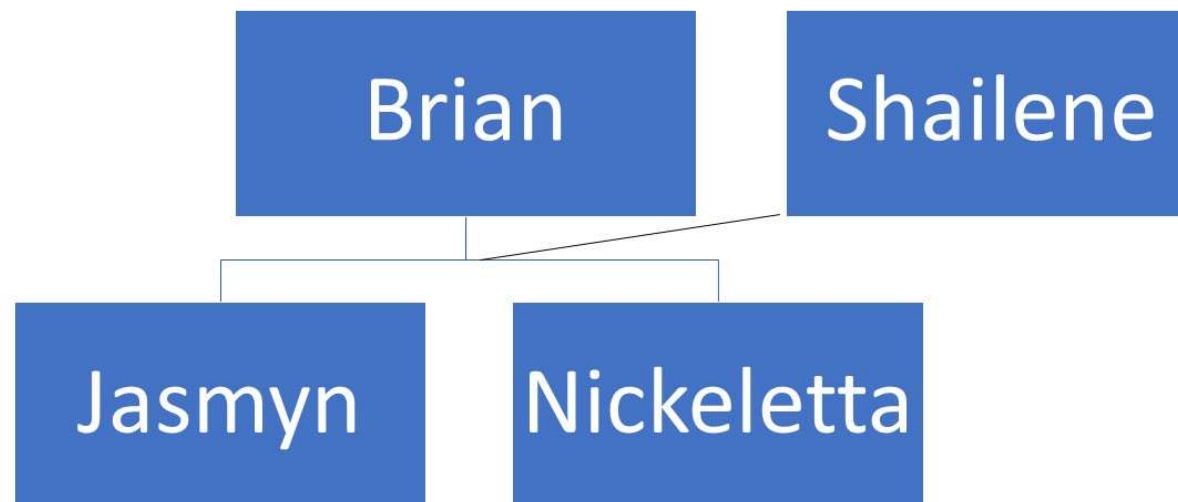
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- **Shailene() Dunlap**
 - **Birth 03/16/19xx**
 - **Death xx/xx/xxxx**
 - **Married/Divorced -**

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Brian Keith Dunlap and Shailene

Their  produced 2 children



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- **Jasmyn Dunlap**
 - **Birth 07/14/1992**
 - **Death xx/xx/xxxx**
 - **Married/Divorced -**

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- **Nickeletta Dunlap**
 - **Birth 02/16/1993**
 - **Death xx/xx/xxxx**
 - **Married/Divorced -**

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- **Lisa Carol Dunlap**
- **Birth 08/12/1962**
- **Death xx/xx/xxxx**
- **Married/Divorced -**



Lisa Carol Dunlap

Her  produced 1 child

Lisa

Nastassja

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- **Nastassja Camile Dunlap**
 - **Birth 03/08/1984**
 - **Death xx/xx/xxxx**
 - **Married/Divorced -**

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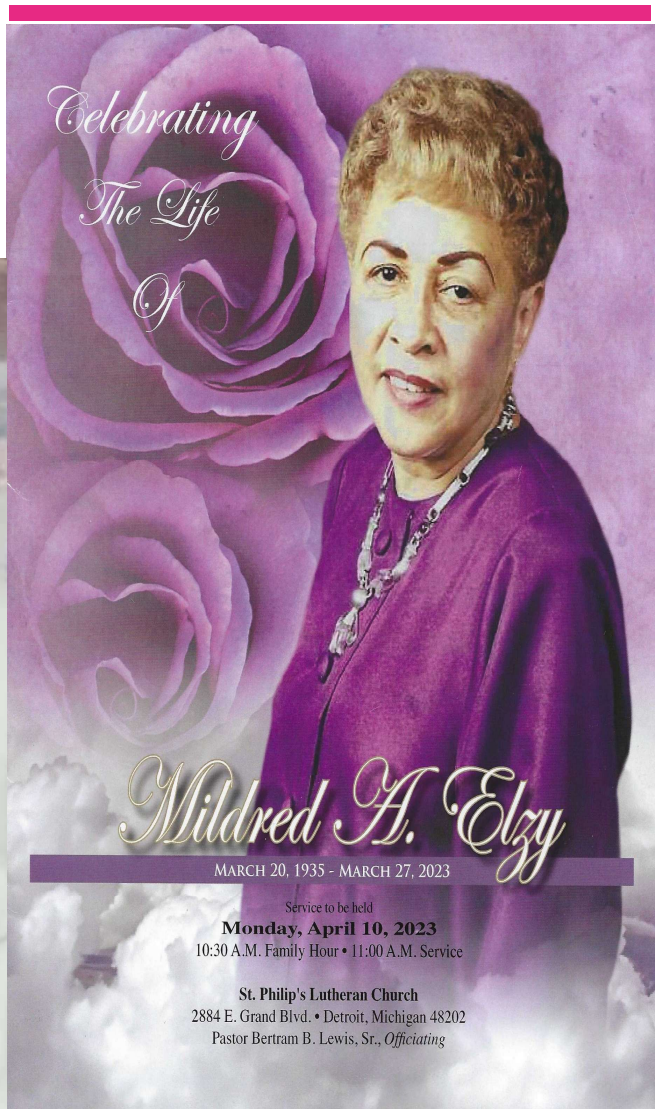
- **Donna Lynn (Dunlap) Alexander**
- **Birth 03/28/1965**
- **Death xx/xx/xxxx**
- **Married/Divorced - MARRIED**



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- **Steven Alexander**
 - **Birth 03/11/1967**
 - **Death xx/xx/xxxx**
 - **Married/Divorced - MARRIED**

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- **Mildred Amanda (Dunlap) Elzy**
- **Birth 03/20/1935**
- **Death 03/27/2023**
- **Married/Divorced - MARRIED**



OBITUARY

Mildred Amanda Dunlap was born March 20, 1935 in Tuscaloosa, Alabama to Robert Dunlap and Emma (Calhoun) Dunlap. The family relocated to Detroit, Michigan when Mildred was a child.

Mildred accepted Christ at an early age and was baptized at St. Philip's Lutheran Church in Detroit, Michigan.

Mildred attended the Jackson, MI public school system and graduated from Jackson Sr. High School in 1954. After high school, she attended Lewis College of Business and began a career at Michigan Bell Telephone Company. With her vivacious personality, she developed many friendships. Most importantly, through her employment at Michigan Bell Telephone Company, she met the love of her life whom she affectionately called Geno. Mildred was joined in holy matrimony to Eugene U. Elzy, Jr. for 47 loving years. Together they raised their two children Mark and Tracy.

During her career Mildred also worked for Greyhound Transportation Company, and The Detroit Institute of Art. Mildred really flourished in the fine jewelry retail industry having spent the majority of her successful sales career at Meyer Treasure Chest, and later at Jacques Jewelry where she developed lifelong friendships.

Mildred loved to express her creativity through a variety of craft projects. She and her cousin, Jackie Durham, had several craft ventures and once coined their crafting partnership, the "Left and Right of It" in reference to each of their dominate hands. Mildred's uniqueness was further demonstrated by her left-handed dexterity. Mildred enjoyed making uniquely designed jewelry, crocheting, sewing, and floral arrangements. Mildred also loved cooking and entertaining, she was famously known for hosting memorable cookouts and holiday dinners.

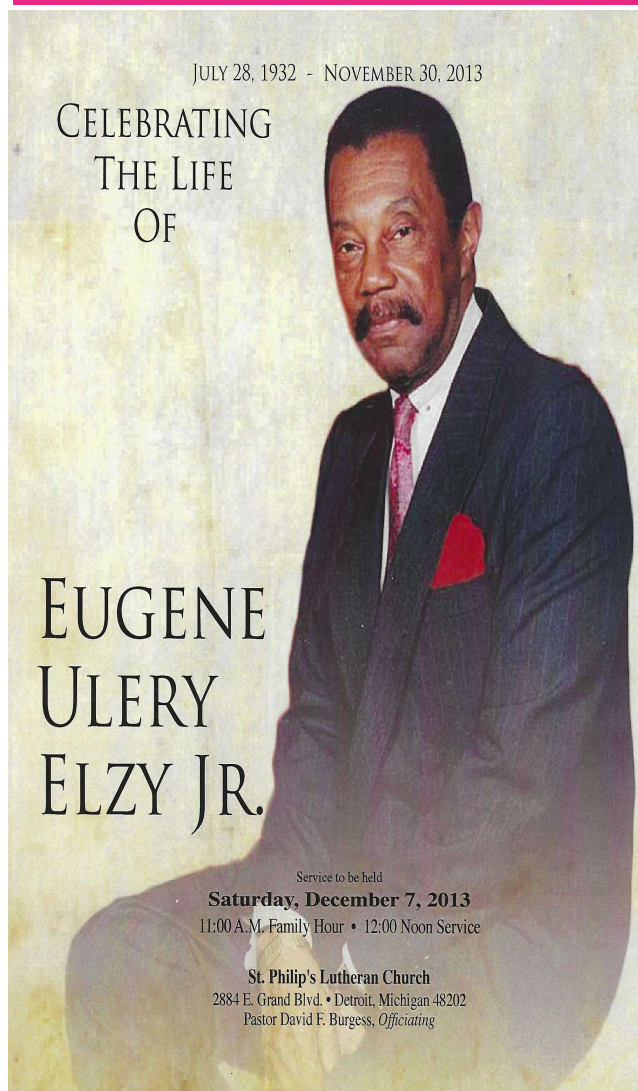
Mildred departed this life peacefully on Monday, March 27, 2023 with her family by her side. She was preceded in death by her loving husband Gene Elzy, her parents Robert and Emma Dunlap, her sisters Mabel Ford and Roberta Brown and her brother George Dunlap.

She leaves to cherish her memories her children, Mark (Kyrá), Tracy (Sherri); her brother Ruben Dunlap (Wilma); 2 granddaughters Mia Elzy and Marisa Elzy, and a host of nephews, nieces, cousins and friends.

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- **McClenn Rogers**
 - **Birth xx/xx/xxxx**
 - **Death xx/xx/xxxx**
 - **Married/Divorced - DIVORCED**

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- **Eugene Ulrey Elzy, Jr.**
- **Birth 07/28/1932**
- **Death 11/30/2013**
- **Married/Divorced - MARRIED**



HIS JOURNEY

Eugene (Geno) Elzy, Jr. was born July 28, 1932 in Mt. Clemens, MI to Eugene and Delfreda (Webster) Elzy. His father's family moved to Mt. Clemens from Indianapolis, IN finally settling in the near-east side of Detroit. Geno attended Balch, Garfield, and Northwestern High School. A teacher from Balch, Ms. Villers was the one who encouraged Geno to study music. He mastered the clarinet and played with the All City Band throughout his learning years. His love of music growing, he studied for 11 years at the Detroit Conservatory of Music along with Joe Hunter and James Jamerson (of Funk Brothers fame). Geno's exposure to Jazz and the history of it was the foundation of his future.

At Northwestern High School, Geno was all city in track as well as band earning letters in both. After graduating he joined the United States Air Force in 1952 where he served in Las Vegas and Fairbanks, Alaska. In Fairbanks, his knowledge of Jazz led to the Air Force assigning him as a disc jockey for Armed Forces Radio. It was clear that music was Geno's first love.

Geno was honorably discharged and return to his beloved near east side neighborhood in 1955. He attended DIT but his love of Jazz and being a disc jockey sent him to Professional Broadcasting School where he was taught by Pierre Paulen and Jim Garrett. After graduating he made a name for himself at radio stations WLIN, WCHB, and WCHD. In 1969 he joined the prestigious station WJR and rose in the ranks becoming the first African-American Music Director with his beloved assistant Michele Tedesco at his side. Geno then moved on to WDET where he hosted the popular weekly show that highlighted the Jazzy side of Blues and the Bluesy side of Jazz. Geno became known as one of the finest radio personalities in Detroit having interviewed the likes of Lena Horne, Ossie Davis, Stevie Wonder, Joe Williams, Nikki Giovanni, Muriel Humphries and Pia Zadora. Additionally, Geno was active with many charity organizations such as the Ronnie Milsap Foundation and Homes for Black Children. He was a proud member of the Near Eastsiders club that authored a book published in 2008. His many prestigious accomplishments include hosting the Montreux Detroit Jazz Festival and being the 2006 recipient of the Detroit Music Distinguished Award.

Geno was a devoted family man who cherished his role as patriarch. He was preceded in death by his parents and beloved sister Diane (Elzy) Griffis. Geno is survived by his beautiful wife Mildred of 47 years, two children Mark E. Elzy (Kyra) and Tracy Elzy, two grandchildren Mia Elzy and Marisa Elzy, brother-in-law Ruben Dunlap (Wilma), sister-in-law Roberta Brown, as well as a host of family and friends.

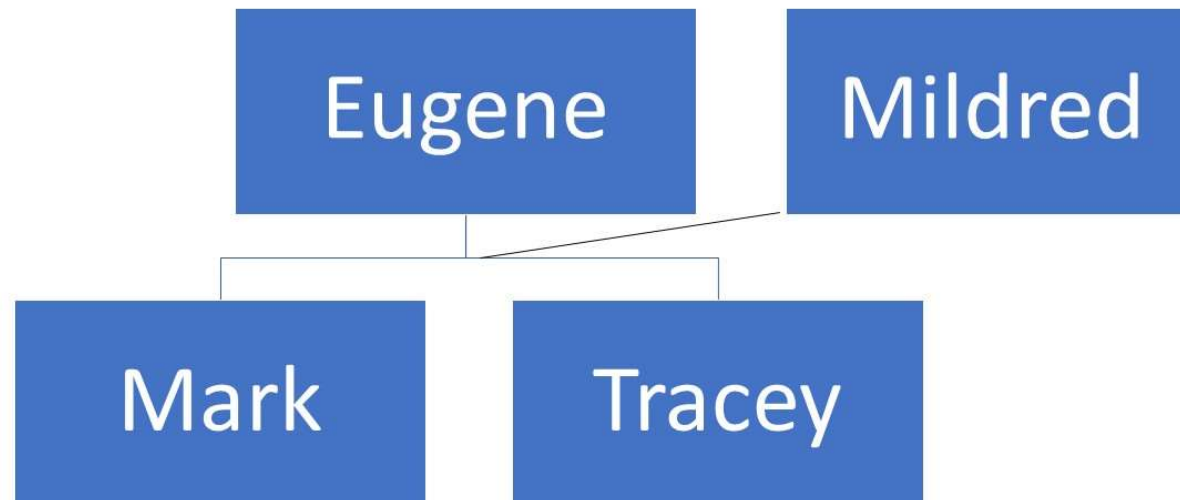
Donations can be made to:

The Cass Tech Alumni Association
C/O The Gene Elzy Performing Arts Memorial Fund
2501 Second Ave. Detroit, MI 48201

WDET, Wayne State University
In memory of Gene Elzy
5475 Woodward Ave.
Detroit, MI 48202

Eugene Ulrey Elzy, Jr. and Mildred Amanda Dunlap

Their  produced 2 children



- Mark Eugene Elzy
- Birth 10/17/1966
- Death xx/xx/xxxx
- Married/Divorced - MARRIED

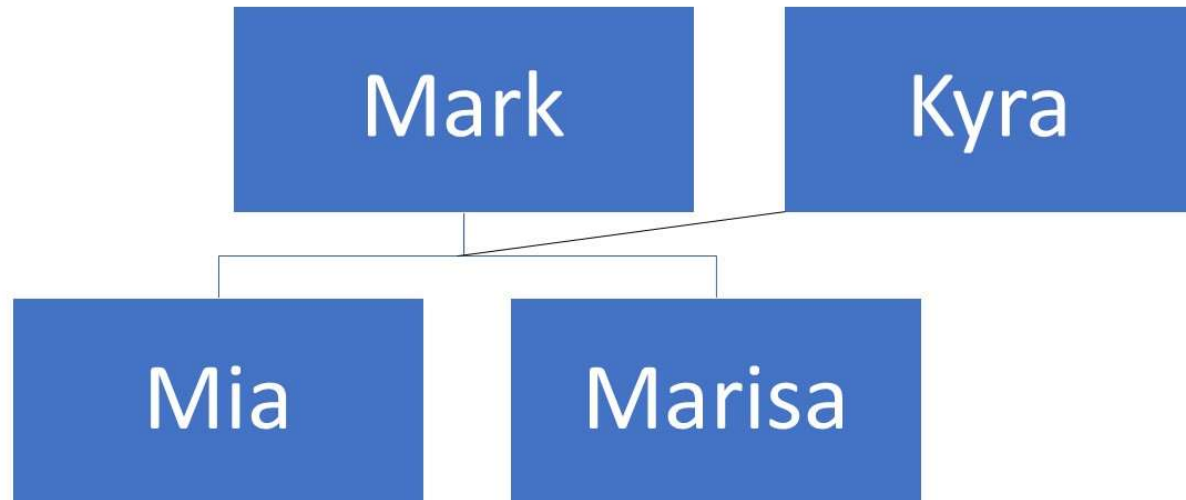


- **Kyra Kafia (Hall) Elzy**
- **Birth 08/14/1968**
- **Death xx/xx/xxxx**
- **Married/Divorced - MARRIED**



Mark Eugene Elzy and Kyra Kafia Hall

Their  produced 2 children



- **Mia Delores Hall Elzy**
- **Birth 09/13/1995**
- **Death xx/xx/xxxx**
- **Married/Divorced -**



- **Marisa Amanda Elzy**
- **Birth 02/15/1997**
- **Death xx/xx/xxxx**
- **Married/Divorced -**



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- **Tracey Michelle Elzy**
 - **Birth 09/24/1974**
 - **Death xx/xx/xxxx**
 - **Married/Divorced -**

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- **Ruben Calhoun Dunlap**
- **Birth 10/19/1941**
- **Death xx/xx/xxxx**
- **Married/Divorced - MARRIED**

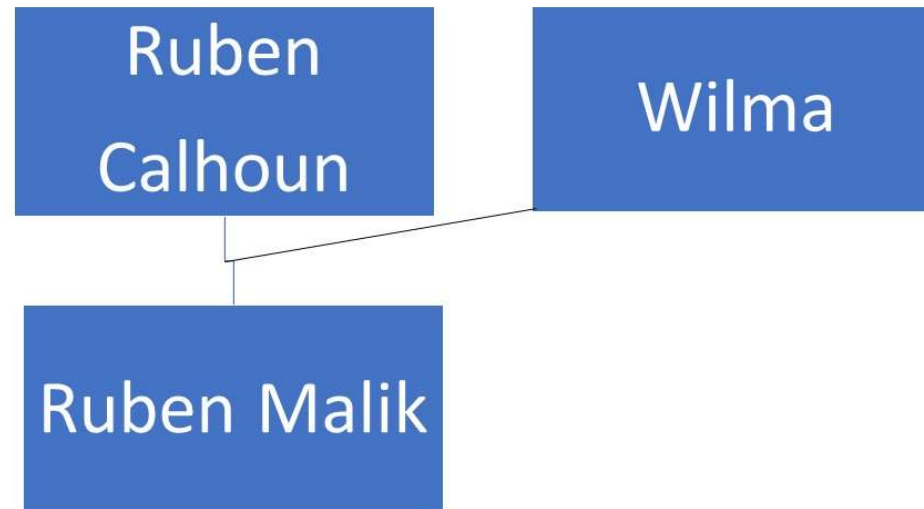


- Wilma Nadine (Leathers) Dunlap
- Birth 04/17/1944
- Death xx/xx/xxxx
- Married/Divorced - MARRIED



Ruben Calhoun Dunlap and Wilma Nadine Leathers

Their  produced 1 child



- **Ruben Malik Dunlap**
- **Birth 06/17/1971**
- **Death 08/31/2014**
- **Married/Divorced -**

Celebrating the Life...

SUNRISE: JUNE 17, 1971

Of

**Ruben
"Malik"
Dunlap**

SUNSET: AUGUST 31, 2014

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 6, 2014
FAMILY HOUR: TEN THIRTY A.M.
CELEBRATION OF LIFE: ELEVEN O'CLOCK A.M.

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The Past and the Present...

Ruben Malik Dunlap was born on June 17, 1971 in Detroit, MI to Ruben and Wilma Dunlap. At a young age, Malik was confirmed at St. Philip's Lutheran Church where he was also a member. Malik started his education at St. Philip's Lutheran School where he attended from nursery school through eighth grade. While at St. Philip's Malik made numerous lifelong friends. Malik entered high school at University of Detroit Jesuit High school where he attended one year before transferring to St. Martin DePorres, graduating in 1989. Malik continued his higher education at St. Augustine College in Raleigh, North Carolina, graduating in 1994 with a Bachelors of Arts Degree in Psychology.

Upon graduating Malik spent several years teaching in the Detroit Public School system. Malik was a person who never met a stranger, so with a bigger than life personality he switched gears professionally and went into car sales where he was very successful. Working for several years at Victory Honda in Monroe, MI, latterly joining Page Toyota in Southfield, MI. He recently returned to Victory Honda.

Malik lived life to the fullest and truly enjoyed every moment...Malik loved his family and friends dearly. Malik had a wonderful circle of friends, several dating back to childhood. Malik always had a huge grin on his face and a chuckle in his voice. He had his own special catch phrases and you'd always get an "Aqua Boogie Baby" at some point of a conversation with Malik.

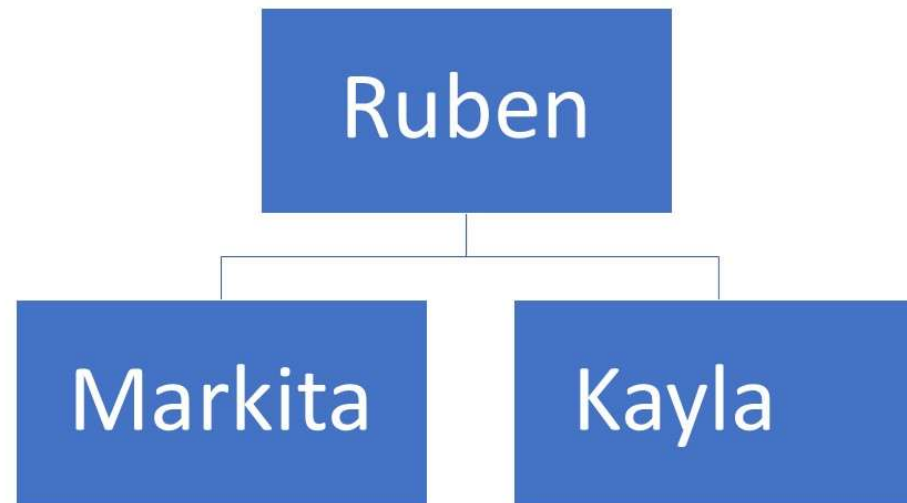
The joys of his life are his two beautiful daughters; Markita Darshield Pickney and Kaylah Malika Dunlap. Malik was also the proud grandfather of one grandson; Jon Pickney Jr., (3 years of age) affectionately known as PJ, as well as, one grand daughter; Ari Samiya Pickney, (4 months old).

Though we are deeply saddened by Malik's passing, many other families will be blessed by his "Gift of Life," organ donation. In honor of Malik's gift, Beaumont Hospital of Royal Oak, MI, flew a flag for 48 hours. Ruben Malik Dunlap leaves to cherish his memory, his devoted, and loving parents;

Ruben and Wilma Dunlap, his mother, whom Malik playfully called Big Baby; his children, Markita D. Pickney (Jon Sr.), Kaylah Dunlap; grandchildren, Jon Pickney Jr. and Ari Pickney; brother, Amukhoya Dunlap-Libutsi; A special cousin, Steven Johnson, in addition to a host of Aunts, Uncles, Cousins, and Friends.

-INTERMENT-
Historic Elmwood Cemetary
1200 Elmwood Avenue
Detroit, Michigan 48207
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His  Ruben Malik Dunlap produced 2 children



- **Markita Darshield (Dunlap) Pinckney**
- **Birth 12/29/1989**
- **Death xx/xx/xxxx**
- **Married/Divorced - MARRIED**



- **Jon Michael Pinckney, Sr.**
- **Birth 12/06/1986**
- **Death xx/xx/xxxx**
- **Married/Divorced - MARRIED**



Jon Michael Pinckney, Sr. and Markita Darshield
Dunlap

Their  produced 3 children



- **Jon Michael Pinckney, Jr.**
- **Birth 02/09/2011**
- **Death xx/xx/xxxx**
- **Married/Divorced -**



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- **Ari Samiya Pinckney**
 - **Birth 04/14/2014**
 - **Death xx/xx/xxxx**
 - **Married/Divorced -**



- **Nia Malika Pinckney**
- **Birth 07/15/2018**
- **Death xx/xx/xxxx**
- **Married/Divorced -**



- **Kayla Malika Dunlap**
- **Birth 09/10/1996**
- **Death xx/xx/xxxx**
- **Married/Divorced -**



Thank You God

Heavenly Father, please bless our family. Help us to be a source of strength and support for others. Give us your wisdom and guidance as we face challenges in our lives, strength when we are weak, love when we feel forsaken, courage when we are afraid, wisdom when we are foolish, comfort when we are alone, hope when we feel rejected and peace when we are in turmoil. Amen.