



Mr. Arthur Lee "Lovie Dove" Roper Jr.

June 13, 1947 - April 6, 2019

ROPER, Mr. Arthur Lee Jr. "Lovie Dove" - Age 71, passed away Saturday, April 6, 2019 at his residence. Family hour 10:00 AM Saturday, April 13, 2019 from the Chapel of Lawrence E. Moon Funeral Home, 906 W. Flint Park Blvd., with funeral service commencing at 11:00 AM. Min. Mary Haney officiating. Family and friends will assemble at the funeral home 10:00 AM Saturday. Mr. Roper will lie in state in the Chapel of Lawrence E. Moon Funeral Home, and may be viewed from 12:00 PM - 8:00 PM Friday with the family present to receive friends from 5:00 PM -7:00 PM.

Our Beloved Husband, Father, Grandfather, Great-Grandfather and Brother, Mr. Arthur L. Roper, Jr. age 71, passed away peacefully at home, Friday, April 5, 2019. He was born June 13, 1947 in Flint, Michigan, he was the eldest child of the late Arthur Sr. and Anna Lou (Morgan) Roper. "Lovie Dove" was a lifelong resident of Flint and attended Flint Public Schools. He was united in Holy Matrimony to Retha Mae Avery, June 20th, 1987. "Lovie Dove" retired from McLaren-Flint as a Security Guard. He was an avid painter, loved to ballroom dance and was a sharp dresser. "Lovie Dove" will especially be remembered as a Drill Team Instructor for the Elks Drill Team.

Arthur Lee leaves to cherish his memory: wife, Retha Mae Roper; daughter, Elizabeth L. Franklin; step-daughter, Antinett (Crain) Thompson; granddaughters, Emanee L. and Ebonee L. Walker; step-granddaughter,

LaQueala Avery; step-great granddaughter, Serenidy Garland; 2 sisters, Carla (William) Kyle of Bellevue, NE and Aniska Craig of Flint; brothers, Darrell (Shelley) Roper of Genesee, MI and Myron (Kathy) Roper of Mt. Morris, MI; special sister-in-law, Lizzie Prescott of Flint, sister-in-law, Easter (Charles) Baker of Mt. Morris, MI; brothers-in-law, Ellis (Loretta) Avery of Flint, Wilson (Helen) Avery of San Diego, CA; aunts, Gloria Reynolds of Mt. Morris, MI, Mary Buckner of Grand Blanc, MI and Nellie Bacon of Flint; and a host of nieces, nephews, cousins, other relatives and special friends including, Tverse Bay, Linwood Peacock, "Phil Moore", James, Petey, Goose and Earl.

"Lovie Dove" was preceded in death by his parents, grandparents, great-grandparents; a host of other relatives and friends.

The family would like to express special thanks to the Hurley Medical Center 9th Floor staff, Heart to Heart Hospice, the residents of Slidell Manor, George and Kim McNeal and his brothers and sisters.

Previous Events

Public Viewing

APR 12. 12:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

Lawrence E. Moon Funeral Home Chapel, Flint
906 W. Flint Park Blvd.
Flint, MI 48505
(810) 789-MOON (6666)
lemoonfhflint@gmail.com
<http://www.lawrenceemoonfuneralhome.com>

Family Present

APR 12. 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM (ET)

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Service

APR 13. 11:00 AM (ET)

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Tribute Wall



“ *Mr. Arthur Lee "Lovie Dove" Roper Jr.*

October 09, 2023 at 07:02 AM



“ *John & Tujunana Reaves lit a candle in memory of Mr. Arthur Lee "Lovie Dove" Roper Jr.*



John & Tujunana Reaves - April 14, 2019 at 08:32 PM



“ *Dennis & Shirley Jackson lit a candle in memory of Mr. Arthur Lee "Lovie Dove" Roper Jr.*



Dennis & Shirley Jackson - April 13, 2019 at 09:54 PM



“ *Deborah Johnson lit a candle in memory of Mr. Arthur Lee "Lovie Dove" Roper Jr.*



Deborah Johnson - April 13, 2019 at 09:29 PM

FR

“ *Freda Ratliff-Williams lit a candle in memory of Mr. Arthur Lee "Lovie Dove" Roper Jr.*



Freda Ratliff-Williams - April 13, 2019 at 10:46 AM



“ *Rest in Peace my cousin. When I think of Lovie Dove I think of the days when we were growing up and we all enjoyed and cherished each other.*

I think of the great times on St. John Street. I think of all my aunts put on our family reunion picnic every year. I visited with Lovie Dove every time we came home and I thank God for those times during the last years of his life. My prayers are with the entire family but especially Liz, Daryl, Carla, Myron and Aniska. Our generation is starting to pass on so let's get it together family, I know we all love each other. As we see, It don't have to be the older ones leaving first.

RIP Dove and thanks for the life long memories.

*Maurice Davis (Collins)
Denton, TX 76210
Flintstonemoed696@yahoo.com*



Maurice Davis - April 13, 2019 at 12:33 AM

CH

“ Sending all of our love and prayers to our family in the passing of our cousin Lovie Dove.....We are deeply saddened and he will always be remembered in our hearts.....He will be forever loved and never forgotten.....We love you family....

Carla Harris - April 13, 2019 at 12:00 AM

GH

“ Glenda Hodges lit a candle in memory of Mr. Arthur Lee "Lovie Dove" Roper Jr.



Glenda Hodges - April 12, 2019 at 11:35 PM

CH

“ When we lose a loved one here on earth, we gain an angel in heaven that watches over us. May you take comfort in knowing that you have an angel to watch over you now. The Hyman /Swinton families extend our most sincere condolences to Aretha and Elizabeth Roper and all the Roper Family
Izola & Eric Hyman / Crystal & Cody Swinton



CRYSTAL HYMAN-SWINTON - April 12, 2019 at 10:40 PM

CM

“ Chris And Pat Moore lit a candle in memory of Mr. Arthur Lee "Lovie Dove" Roper Jr.



Chris and Pat Moore - April 12, 2019 at 10:38 PM

BS

“ Bobby & Leola Sanders lit a candle in memory of Mr. Arthur Lee "Lovie Dove" Roper Jr.



Bobby & Leola Sanders - April 12, 2019 at 07:58 PM

BS

“ Bobby And Leola Sanders lit a candle in memory of Mr. Arthur Lee "Lovie Dove" Roper Jr.



Bobby and Leola Sanders - April 12, 2019 at 07:50 PM

ME

“ Margie Edmonds lit a candle in memory of Mr. Arthur Lee "Lovie Dove" Roper Jr.



Margie Edmonds - April 12, 2019 at 05:47 PM

RB

“ Rosa Burnett lit a candle in memory of Mr. Arthur Lee "Lovie Dove" Roper Jr.



Rosa Burnett - April 12, 2019 at 01:22 PM

JT

“ Joyce E (Bun) Tate lit a candle in memory of Mr. Arthur Lee "Lovie Dove" Roper Jr.



Joyce E (Bun) Tate - April 12, 2019 at 12:31 PM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Mr. Arthur Lee "Lovie Dove" Roper Jr..



April 12, 2019 at 12:01 PM



“ 2 files added to the album Memories Album



Maurice Davis - April 12, 2019 at 11:06 AM

MB

“ Michelle Belk lit a candle in memory of Mr. Arthur Lee "Lovie Dove" Roper Jr.



Michelle Belk - April 12, 2019 at 01:06 AM

CR

“ Cynthia Reeves lit a candle in memory of Mr. Arthur Lee "Lovie Dove" Roper Jr.



Cynthia Reeves - April 11, 2019 at 07:58 PM

BP

“ Sending our prayers to Mrs. Roper and family. May God be with you all, and may your loved one rest in eternal peace.



Brenda & James Poindexter - April 11, 2019 at 07:05 PM

OF

“ Ozie Boone I'm Praying For The Family lit a candle in memory of Mr. Arthur Lee "Lovie Dove" Roper Jr.



Ozie Boone I'm praying for the family - April 11, 2019 at 07:01 PM

KJ

“ 5 files added to the tribute wall



Karen Walton Johnson - April 11, 2019 at 11:53 AM

KJ

“ 1 file added to the tribute wall



Karen Johnson - April 11, 2019 at 10:34 AM

DL

“ Dorris M Lyons lit a candle in memory of Mr. Arthur Lee "Lovie Dove" Roper Jr.



Dorris M Lyons - April 11, 2019 at 09:53 AM

EA

“ Evelyn Abdul-Azeez lit a candle in memory of Mr. Arthur Lee "Lovie Dove" Roper Jr.



Evelyn Abdul-Azeez - April 11, 2019 at 06:55 AM



“ <https://youtu.be/v0Qs5Ln12Hw> Lovie Dove's Favorite Song (loved to dance!)

Karen Johnson - April 10, 2019 at 11:28 PM

LR

“ 1 file added to the tribute wall



Liz Roper-Franklin - April 10, 2019 at 11:05 PM

LR

Liz & her father!

Liz Roper-Franklin - April 11, 2019 at 12:31 PM



“ 1 file added to the tribute wall



Maurice Davis - April 10, 2019 at 10:33 PM



“ 0 file added to the tribute wall

Karen Johnson - April 10, 2019 at 10:24 PM



“ *Mr.Roper was the greatest "drill team" leader.To the Roper family you all are in my prayers may God comfort you all.*

Elder. A.Cheeks - April 10, 2019 at 09:20 PM



“ *My Condolences to the family from G. Burnett and Family*



Georgetta - April 10, 2019 at 07:34 PM



“ *Jerome And Tonedia Threlkeld lit a candle in memory of Mr. Arthur Lee "Lovie Dove" Roper Jr.*



Jerome and Tonedia Threlkeld - April 10, 2019 at 07:21 PM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Mr. Arthur Lee "Lovie Dove" Roper Jr..*



April 10, 2019 at 05:59 PM

BF

“ *Brenda Fluker lit a candle in memory of Mr. Arthur Lee "Lovie Dove" Roper Jr.*



Brenda Fluker - April 10, 2019 at 12:19 PM



“ *2 files added to the tribute wall*



Karen Johnson - April 10, 2019 at 08:14 AM

SF

“ *Sharon Fleming lit a candle in memory of Mr. Arthur Lee "Lovie Dove" Roper Jr.*



Sharon Fleming - April 10, 2019 at 08:13 AM



“ *Karen Johnson sent a virtual gift in memory of Mr. Arthur Lee "Lovie Dove" Roper Jr.*



Karen Johnson - April 10, 2019 at 08:11 AM

DT

“ *Deborah Thomas lit a candle in memory of Mr. Arthur Lee "Lovie Dove" Roper Jr.*



Deborah Thomas - April 10, 2019 at 07:00 AM



We. Did. Fairview school. Grew up on state street my prayers are with you

Nona Adams - April 13, 2019 at 03:55 PM

TJ

“ *Tonya Jackson-Battle lit a candle in memory of Mr. Arthur Lee "Lovie Dove" Roper Jr.*



Tonya Jackson-Battle - April 09, 2019 at 10:32 PM

JF

“ *Our deepest sympathy in the loss of "Lovie Dove", and may God continue to give you strength during this time.*



The Harris Family

JoAnn Harris and Family - April 09, 2019 at 09:53 PM

TA

“ Theresa Allen Sends love and Prayers to the Roper Family. May Gods grace be with you all .



Theresa Allen - April 09, 2019 at 09:33 PM

LS

“ Saddened to hear of the passing of my cousin, Lovie Dove. Fond memories of when we were teens and young adults- all the dance contests at the Armory and the Michigan, and roller skating. Praying for the family. May God’s love and peace cover each of you. Suff. Bishop Larry D. Thompson, Sr.

Larry D Thompson St - April 09, 2019 at 08:54 PM

MP

“ Mr. & Mrs. Alvin & Doretha Phillips lit a candle in memory of Mr. Arthur Lee "Lovie Dove" Roper Jr.



Mr. & Mrs. Alvin & Doretha Phillips - April 09, 2019 at 08:47 PM

MP

“ Mr. & Mrs Alvin & Doretha Phillips lit a candle in memory of Mr. Arthur Lee "Lovie Dove" Roper Jr.



Mr. & Mrs Alvin & Doretha Phillips - April 09, 2019 at 08:42 PM

LS

“ *Saddened to hear of the loss of my cousin, Lovie Dove. Fond memories when we were teens and young adults. Prayers for my family. Love all of you.*

Suff. Bishop Larry D. Thompson, Sr.

Larry D. Thompson, Sr. - April 09, 2019 at 08:41 PM

KA

“ *1 file added to the tribute wall*



karen - April 09, 2019 at 05:51 PM

BC

“ *It is with great sadness and sincere sympathy that I am sending my condolences to the family of Arthur "Lovie Dove" Roper Jr. This heartfelt tribute is sent with much LOVE to the Roper family. May the Peace of Our Lord and Savior be with you ALWAYS...*



Beverly Curry - April 09, 2019 at 05:51 PM

MW

“ *Mr & Mrs Roderick Watkins lit a candle in memory of Mr. Arthur Lee "Lovie Dove" Roper Jr.*



Mr & Mrs Roderick Watkins - April 09, 2019 at 05:50 PM

DB

“ David & Dana Bush lit a candle in memory of Mr. Arthur Lee "Lovie Dove" Roper Jr.



David & Dana Bush - April 09, 2019 at 03:03 PM

JW

“ Janice Williams lit a candle in memory of Mr. Arthur Lee "Lovie Dove" Roper Jr.



Janice Williams - April 09, 2019 at 01:27 AM

ER

“ Elvia Roberson sent a virtual gift in memory of Mr. Arthur Lee "Lovie Dove" Roper Jr.



Elvia Roberson - April 09, 2019 at 01:16 AM

DL

“ Debra LaCour sent a virtual gift in memory of Mr. Arthur Lee "Lovie Dove" Roper Jr.



Debra LaCour - April 09, 2019 at 01:15 AM

JD

“ Jean Durrett lit a candle in memory of Mr. Arthur Lee "Lovie Dove" Roper Jr.



Jean Durrett - April 09, 2019 at 01:05 AM

RB

“ Ricki Brooks lit a candle in memory of Mr. Arthur Lee "Lovie Dove" Roper Jr.



Ricki Brooks - April 08, 2019 at 10:44 PM

PC

“ Pamela Chambers lit a candle in memory of Mr. Arthur Lee "Lovie Dove" Roper Jr.



Pamela Chambers - April 08, 2019 at 08:53 PM

DM

“ Delores Mosley-Childs lit a candle in memory of Mr. Arthur Lee "Lovie Dove" Roper Jr.



Delores Mosley-Childs - April 08, 2019 at 06:45 PM

VW

“ *Velma Williams sent a virtual gift in memory of Mr. Arthur Lee "Lovie Dove" Roper Jr.*



Velma Williams - April 08, 2019 at 06:42 PM

VM

“ *Condolences goes out to the family*



Vicky McCreay - April 08, 2019 at 06:03 PM

VM

“ *My condolences goes out to the family*



Vicky McCreay - April 08, 2019 at 04:49 PM

WS

“ *Wanda Stitt lit a candle in memory of Mr. Arthur Lee "Lovie Dove" Roper Jr.*



Wanda Stitt - April 08, 2019 at 08:33 AM

JK

“ Jesse Kirksey lit a candle in memory of Mr. Arthur Lee "Lovie Dove" Roper Jr.



Jesse Kirksey - April 07, 2019 at 11:45 PM

IH

“ Iris J. Hare lit a candle in memory of Mr. Arthur Lee "Lovie Dove" Roper Jr.



Iris J. Hare - April 07, 2019 at 10:47 PM

JG

“ James, Ondria Gillespie sent a virtual gift in memory of Mr. Arthur Lee "Lovie Dove" Roper Jr.



James, Ondria Gillespie - April 07, 2019 at 08:41 PM

MM

“ Min & Mrs. David Martin lit a candle in memory of Mr. Arthur Lee "Lovie Dove" Roper Jr.



min & mrs. David Martin - April 07, 2019 at 07:14 PM

MP

“ MINISTER PAM sent a virtual gift in memory of Mr. Arthur Lee "Lovie Dove" Roper Jr.



MINISTER PAM - April 07, 2019 at 06:43 PM

MP

“ MINISTER PAM lit a candle in memory of Mr. Arthur Lee "Lovie Dove" Roper Jr.



MINISTER PAM - April 07, 2019 at 06:42 PM

BF

“ Don't cry for me,
Now I am free.
Resting safely in the arms of Jesus,
For all eternity.
RIH Lovie



Belk Family - April 07, 2019 at 01:20 PM

CM

“ Chris And Pat Moore lit a candle in memory of Mr. Arthur Lee "Lovie Dove" Roper Jr.



Chris and Pat Moore - April 07, 2019 at 01:14 PM

ES

“ Eddie & Shirlene Simmons lit a candle in memory of Mr. Arthur Lee "Lovie Dove" Roper Jr.



Eddie & Shirlene Simmons - April 07, 2019 at 12:28 PM

SP

“ Sheryl Payton lit a candle in memory of Mr. Arthur Lee "Lovie Dove" Roper Jr.



Sheryl Payton - April 07, 2019 at 10:16 AM

TJ

“ I'm so sorry to hear about Lovie Dove's Passing, I always looked up to him as a teenager, he was my Drill Team Leader. Carla and Daryl you are in my Prayer's. You will always be my St, John Street family.



Theresa (Doll) Jones - April 07, 2019 at 08:32 AM

OM

“ Ollie Morris lit a candle in memory of Mr. Arthur Lee "Lovie Dove" Roper Jr.



Ollie Morris - April 07, 2019 at 07:37 AM

SL

“ *Sandra Lewis lit a candle in memory of Mr. Arthur Lee "Lovie Dove" Roper Jr.*



Sandra Lewis - April 06, 2019 at 08:22 PM

BL

“ *Barbara Lakes lit a candle in memory of Mr. Arthur Lee "Lovie Dove" Roper Jr.*



Barbara Lakes - April 06, 2019 at 07:39 PM

WH

“ *Wanda Harrison lit a candle in memory of Mr. Arthur Lee "Lovie Dove" Roper Jr.*



Wanda Harrison - April 06, 2019 at 06:59 PM

AH

“ *Anita Harris lit a candle in memory of Mr. Arthur Lee "Lovie Dove" Roper Jr.*



Anita Harris - April 06, 2019 at 06:02 PM

SP

“ Sheryl Payton sent a virtual gift in memory of Mr. Arthur Lee "Lovie Dove" Roper Jr.



Sheryl Payton - April 06, 2019 at 05:33 PM

DR

“ RIH cuz! praying for my Roper family!

darrius j redwine - April 06, 2019 at 05:03 PM

LR

“ Me & my Daddy argued, fussed and fought! But after every argument he would say, I love you Liz & tell my granddaughter's I love them too! No more pain...Rest well!!!

Liz Roper-Franklin - April 06, 2019 at 12:18 PM