



Mr. Billy J. Straham

January 17, 1932 - March 2, 2017

STRAHAM, Mr. Billy J. - Age 85, passed away Thursday, March 2, 2017 at Hurley Medical Center. Family hour 10:00 AM Thursday, March 9, 2017 from the Chapel of Lawrence E. Moon Funeral Home, 906 W. Flint Park Blvd., with funeral service commencing at 11:00 AM Pastor Michael Dexter officiating. Interment Great Lakes National Cemetery, G-4200 Belford Rd., Holly, MI. Friends and pallbearers will assemble at the funeral home 10:00 AM Thursday. Mr. Straham will lie in state in the Chapel of Lawrence E. Moon Funeral Home, and may be viewed from 1:00 PM - 8:00 PM Wednesday, with family present from 4:00 PM - 6:00 PM to receive friends.

Billy J. Straham made his transition to be with his Lord at 1:07 am on March 2, 2017. He was born on January 17, 1932 in Moffett, Oklahoma, the second son of Earnest Sr. and Virgil (Toles) Straham. Billy was raised in a Christian family and accepted Jesus as his Savior at an early age. At the age of 17, he joined the United States Army and served his country for a term of four years. He retired from Ford Motor Company. Billy was politically astute and felt blessed to see the first African American President Barack Obama take office. He enjoyed dancing and was an award-winning Ballroom Dancer. He also was a "Golden Glove" boxer while in high school. Furthermore, Billy was an outdoorsman that enjoyed activities such as fishing and landscaping. In 1994, Billy worked for the Mr. Rogers Garden Program mentoring at risk youth in the community at Bunche Elementary School. He thoroughly enjoyed working in

this capacity for two years. Billy would tell Mr. Gaines that when his group of kids would see him out in the community, they would call him “Mr. Rogers” and this made him proud.

Billy J. Straham leaves to cherish his memory: wife, Mrs. Lenora Straham; children, Mrs. Gina (Bill) Ratcliff, Ms. Gianna Straham, Mrs. Dee (Pastor Mike) Dexter, Mrs. Pam (Gregory) Gaines, Mr. Charles Blake (Beulah) Montgomery and Ms. Jennifer Montgomery; 11 grandchildren; 9 great-grandchildren; siblings, Mr. Milton (Nisha) Straham, Mrs. Bobbie Kay (Amir) Houshiar, Mr. Sherman (Quincy) Straham and Mrs. Freddie Mae Strims; sisters-in-law, Bessie Straham, Mammie Straham and Edith Robinson; along with a host of nieces, nephews, cousins, other relatives and friends.

Billy was preceded in death by his son, Robert Wayne Montgomery; parents, Earnest Sr. and Virgil (Toles) Straham; sister, Mary Ann Washington; 3 brothers, Earnest Straham Jr., Curtis Straham and Dr. Clarence Straham.

Cemetery Details

Great Lakes National Cemetery

G-4200 Belford Rd.
Holly, MI 48442

Previous Events

Public Viewing

MAR 8. 1:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

Lawrence E. Moon Funeral Home Chapel, Flint
906 W. Flint Park Blvd.
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Family Present

MAR 8. 4:00 PM - 6:00 PM (ET)

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Service

MAR 9. 11:00 AM (ET)

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Tribute Wall



“ *Mr. Billy J. Straham*

October 09, 2023 at 07:02 AM



“ *K Rice sent a virtual gift in memory of Mr. Billy J. Straham*



K Rice - March 11, 2022 at 11:56 AM



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KR

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KF

“ granduncle billy you are hero served your county for four year in see you as a wonderful husband to your loved petty wonderful nice wife and kids and your grandchildren and great grandchildren you be missed a lot but you are in a better place I see you in the next Life you gone but not forgotten you are in heaven with your mom and dad your you might not be here both you always be in are heart your Grand Nephew kevoni fails

Kevoni fails - August 18, 2021 at 08:08 PM

KF

“ I missed you Grand Uncle Billy you are the best uncle in the world you see me as a baby rest in peace you got better a wonderful beautiful petty wife nick King and wondering grandchildren great grandchildren family Kevin rice aka kevoni fails your best great nephew in the world kevoni fails


Kevin fails - August 18, 2021 at 06:18 PM

LH

“ *Laura Henry lit a candle in memory of Mr. Billy J. Straham*



Laura Henry - May 26, 2017 at 06:43 PM


Cynthia
Straham
Evans

“ *Cynthia Straham Evans lit a candle in memory of Mr. Billy J. Straham*



Cynthia Straham Evans - March 16, 2017 at 09:04 PM


Cynthia
Straham

Rest in peace, Uncle Billy. Prayers to the family.

Cynthia Straham Evans - March 16, 2017 at 09:05 PM

C.

“ *I am really gonna miss Mr. Billy Straham. He was the highlight of my day. Every morning he come down to my office to sit and talk to me all day. Sometimes from the time i arrived at 730a until i left at 430p. You are truly missed!! Christina and all staff from (Prestige Point)!!*

C.Jackson - March 11, 2017 at 12:31 PM



“ *Sharon Mixon lit a candle in memory of Mr. Billy J. Straham*



Sharon Mixon - March 10, 2017 at 02:00 AM

GC

“ *Genell Crain-Reeves lit a candle in memory of Mr. Billy J. Straham*



Genell Crain-Reeves - March 09, 2017 at 06:26 PM

FS

“ *Freddie Mae Strims lit a candle in memory of Mr. Billy J. Straham*



Freddie Mae Strims - March 09, 2017 at 05:24 PM

FS

Rest in Peace. Your sister Freddie Mae Strims. Tulsa, Okla.

Freddie Mae Strims - March 09, 2017 at 05:25 PM

EO

“ *Elaine "Lanie" Strims Owens lit a candle in memory of Mr. Billy J. Straham*



Elaine "Lanie" Strims Owens - March 09, 2017 at 05:22 PM

EO

Your niece in Tulsa, Okla.

Elaine "Lanie" Strims Owens - March 09, 2017 at 05:23 PM

MB

“ *"Uncle Billy" he insisted on me addressing him and the rest of his siblings, although I am their first cousins, but such an age difference their is that I respected them and called them "Uncle and Aunt". We had some many memories that they all flooding my mind right now, because although God said this is it for my dear cousin I am still like he is asleep and will wake up soon. TRIBUTE In a matter of months God saw a road of memory was getting rough, the hills of life were hard to climb the river was yet to be crossed, when he closed his eyes he softly said "Rest In Peace." You and Clifford stood out to us more, because you two always kept up with my Daddy , their Uncle Raymond. Even after he moved to Muskogee, Oklahoma, they had time to visit every once in a while, which showed me the everlasting love they demonstrated not only to me but my parents. We laughed, cried, argued, and always put God first in everything, you discussed good men versus boys and I listened. You guys helped me train my only son and now he is a good man! Family we are praying that God will comfort our hearts, you all should know I am available if you need someone to talk, pray or listen, I here. Love your Cousin Elder Roosevelt and Mary (Pinkey) Toles Brice. Muskogee, Oklahoma.*

Mary Toles Brice - March 08, 2017 at 11:47 PM

AL

“ *Angela Lenear lit a candle in memory of Mr. Billy J. Straham*



Angela Lenear - March 08, 2017 at 09:14 PM

GM

“ *GLORIA MOSES-COLEN lit a candle in memory of Mr. Billy J. Straham*



GLORIA MOSES-COLEN - March 08, 2017 at 05:56 PM

TH

“ *Tommy & Bea Horton lit a candle in memory of Mr. Billy J. Straham*



Tommy & Bea Horton - March 08, 2017 at 04:56 PM

LD

“ *Love, Ron and Betty Davis purchased the Medium Dish Garden for the family of Mr. Billy J. Straham.*



Love, Ron and Betty Davis - March 08, 2017 at 02:58 PM

CB

“ *Mr. Billy was one of my favorite people! We enjoyed a good game of beanbag toss!* ”



Chrissy Barker - March 08, 2017 at 01:49 PM

RH

“ *Renee Hill sent a virtual gift in memory of Mr. Billy J. Straham* ”



Renee Hill - March 07, 2017 at 02:33 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Mr. Billy J. Straham.* ”



March 07, 2017 at 01:59 PM

CF

“ *Clarence and Delores Gaten and Family purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Mr. Billy J. Straham.* ”



Clarence and Delores Gaten and Family - March 06, 2017 at 04:36 PM

SW

“ Stephanie Washington-McCauley sent a virtual gift in memory of Mr. Billy J. Straham



Stephanie Washington-McCauley - March 06, 2017 at 04:19 PM

CS

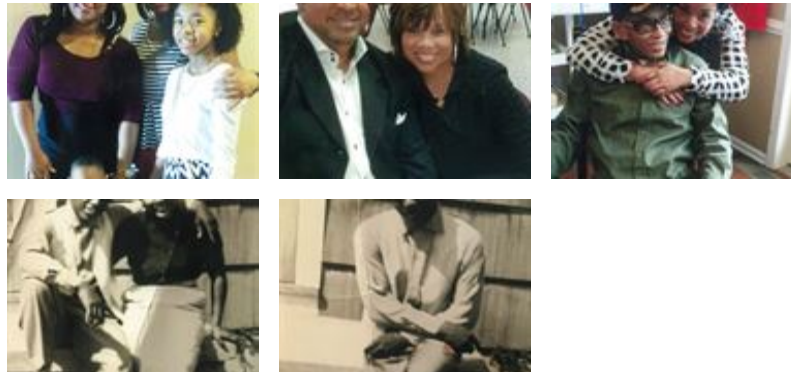
“ Cynthia Straham lit a candle in memory of Mr. Billy J. Straham



Cynthia Straham - March 06, 2017 at 03:54 PM



“ 39 files added to the album Life Tributes



Lawrence E. Moon Funeral Home - March 06, 2017 at 03:23 PM

PG

“ Pamela Gibson lit a candle in memory of Mr. Billy J. Straham



Pamela Gibson - March 06, 2017 at 08:26 AM

ZM

“ Zina McMullen lit a candle in memory of Mr. Billy J. Straham



Zina McMullen - March 06, 2017 at 06:12 AM

CJ

“ Cynthia Jones-Burton lit a candle in memory of Mr. Billy J. Straham



Cynthia Jones-Burton - March 05, 2017 at 02:22 PM

LC

“ Lydia Coleman lit a candle in memory of Mr. Billy J. Straham



Lydia Coleman - March 04, 2017 at 09:17 PM

AF

“ *Angela Gillen And Family lit a candle in memory of Mr. Billy J. Straham*



Angela Gillen and Family - March 04, 2017 at 05:37 PM



“ *Sending love & prayers, Chris & Kim Miller*



Kimberly Hall-Miller - March 04, 2017 at 12:21 PM

MF

“ *Mrs. Shawn Smith & Family lit a candle in memory of Mr. Billy J. Straham*



Mrs. Shawn Smith & Family - March 03, 2017 at 09:45 PM

RY

“ *Renea Yarbrough sent a virtual gift in memory of Mr. Billy J. Straham*



Renea Yarbrough - March 03, 2017 at 12:55 AM

JM

“ *Jean Montgomery lit a candle in memory of Mr. Billy J. Straham*



Jean Montgomery - March 02, 2017 at 07:31 PM

CT

“ *Cleo Thompson sent a virtual gift in memory of Mr. Billy J. Straham*



Cleo Thompson - March 02, 2017 at 06:34 PM