



## Grover Kirkland

February 3, 1934 - October 25, 2009

KIRKLAND, Mr. Grover C. "G.C." - Age 75, passed away Sunday, October 25, 2009 at Hurley Medical Center. Family hour 11AM Saturday, October 31, 2009 at Bethel United Methodist, 1309 N. Ballenger Hwy., with funeral service commencing at 12Noon, Rev. Dr. Tara Sutton officiating. Interment River Rest Cemetery, G-4413 Flushing Rd. Friends and pallbearers will assemble at the church 11AM Saturday. Mr. Kirkland will lie in state in the Chapel of Lawrence E. Moon Funeral Home, 906 W. Flint Park Blvd., and may be viewed from 10AM-2PM Friday. Afterwhich, Mr. Kirkland will be taken to Bethel United Methodist Church for a Memorial Service from 5-7PM. Mr. Grover Cleveland "G.C." Kirkland was born February 3, 1934 in Philadelphia, Mississippi, the son of Grover Cleveland and Josephine (Lewis) Kirkland. Grover was the sixth of nine children. He attended Hopewell Vocational High School and Alcorn State University in Lorman, Mississippi. Grover moved to Flint in December 1953. He was Honorably Discharged from the United States Army in 1958. On July 27, 1958, he married his wife of 51 years, Myrna Poke and to this union two children were born, Andre and Rhonda. Grover worked at General Motors Chevrolet Truck Assembly Plant, retiring in 1987 as a supervisor with 34 years of dedicated service. He loved fishing, hunting and growing vegetables. Grover took pride in his lawn and flowers; also attending to and planting flowers at his church. He was a member of Bethel United Methodist Men, where he sang with the Male Chorus for special programs. He was Vice-President of the Lapeer Street Area Neighborhood Association Inc., and a

member of the Alcorn Alumni Flint and Saginaw Chapter. Mr. Grover C. "G.C." Kirkland leaves to cherish his memories: loving wife of 51 years, Myrna Kirkland; son, Andre; daughter, Rhonda (Brian) Willingham; 4 grandchildren, Andrea' Kirkland, Dorian, Brittany and Brandon Willingham; 2 sisters, Ruthie (Julius) Winston of Chicago, IL and Maudie Rene (David) Jordan of Greenwood, MS; 2 brothers, Grover L. (Earlean) Kirkland and Nelson (Linda) Kirkland of Flint; a host of nieces, nephews, cousins, other relatives and dear and caring friends especially, Paul (Lenora) Whitmore, James (Earnestine) Jackson, The Wilsons, The McGee's, Charlie, (his Garden Buddies), longtime friend, "Willie", Alcorn Alumni Chapter, Neighborhood friends and his Bethel United Methodist Church family. Mr. Kirkland was preceded in death by his parents, Cleveland and Josephine Kirkland; brothers, Monroe, Woodrow and Eugene Kirkland; and sister, Beatrice Kirkland Aldridge. The family would like to express special thanks to Hurley Medical Center Emergency Department and Paramedics.

# Tribute Wall



“ Grover Kirkland

October 09, 2023 at 07:02 AM



“ Mrs. Kirkland & Family :

*I was sadden when I received the news about Mr. Kirkland. I am in Mississippi and will not be able to attend the funeral. Mr.Kirkland touched the lives of so many people and we are grateful that we shared moments of laughter with him. Prayers for you and your family.*

**Minnie Armstrong** - October 25, 2009 at 12:00 AM



“ I did not realize Mr. Kirkland the teacher had a brother with the same name. How nice. My condolences still go out to the family.

**Charlene Causey** - October 25, 2009 at 12:00 AM



“ " A rose has bloomed in heaven and when ever a love one pass they blossom forth in memories in the gardens of the heart. He will always live in your heart. I mourn with the entire family for your loss, We've lost a good friend, I worked with Grover at Truck and Bus for many years. We will miss him as a supervisor, coach, neighbor, gardener and friend. I have eaten many vegetables from his garden. Our prayers are with the family.

**Margaret Montgomery** - October 25, 2009 at 12:00 AM

RW

“ *Mynra, Rhonda and family,*

*Our thoughts and prayers are with you and your extended family and friends.*

*We have enjoyed the fruits of Mr. Kirkland's efforts with sweet potatoes that Myrna then adds her loving touch and makes out of this world sweet potato pie.*

*I remember some of the stories Rhonda would tell of her father and they still bring a smile to my face. I hope his memories will put a smile on your face and on your heart.*

*Rick & Corinne Warmbold*

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**Rick & Corinne Warmbold** - October 25, 2009 at 12:00 AM

LE

“ *Hello Everyone*

*I believe that everyone is thinking that the basketball coach Mr. Grover Kirkland passed away. Today Mr. Richard Wallen (former Asst. Principal of NW) called Lawrence E. Moon Funeral Home and confirmed that it was Coach Kirkland's brother. They have the same name, but different middle initials and they really do look alike, but he was one of his older brother that passed away.*

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**Listen everyone** - October 25, 2009 at 12:00 AM

LW

“ R.I.P Mr Grover Kirkland You will be sadly missed. You made Being a part of the Northwestern Wildcat family the best experience during the glory days of NDub Basketball. During basketball practice and in the classroom you always stressed hard work pays off. Even though we had great teams back then we still had to work hard. What effort you put in, is what you get out at the end. Still have the memories to keep with us. God Bless the Kirkland family, my condolences.

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**Lorenza ( Poppy) Walker** - October 25, 2009 at 12:00 AM

CF

“ Thoughts and prayers go out the family at this difficult time.

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**cheryl fargo** - October 25, 2009 at 12:00 AM

TE

“ We can never be separated from those we love because God leaves us with memories to hold and that doesn't pass away. Although I know at such a time there's little I can say. I want to let you know that your family are in prayer.

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**Terra** - October 25, 2009 at 12:00 AM

DW

“ My prayers gose out to the Kirkland family...Coach Kirkland will be miss...

*Kirkland Thank you for taken N-Dub to THE STATE FINALS 75, 84,85 and 88*

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**Delano Webb** - October 25, 2009 at 12:00 AM

TK

“ Uncle G.C., it was such a joy to spend time with you last fall; I will never forget your smile or laugh. Our family will keep you in our hearts and our minds, in a place of warm memories, always.

Love,  
Nelson's daughter,  
Tianna

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**Tianna Kirkland** - October 25, 2009 at 12:00 AM

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“ MY PRAYER ARE WITH THE FAMILY. AND COACH KIRKLAND WILL BE MISSED.

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**jurea harris (MACK)** - October 25, 2009 at 12:00 AM

KF

“ WILL BE SADLY MISSED.

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**Kenneth Flourney** - October 25, 2009 at 12:00 AM

JM

“ Sincerest condolences to the family of Mr.Kirkland.We have had the pleasure of knowing, being taught by,and spending many exciting moments with his younger brother during the glory years of NW basketball! We have met the deceased during some of these times, and remember him as a true gentleman.We will keep the family in our prayers. Love, The Manuels

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**Johnny and Sheena Manuel** - October 25, 2009 at 12:00 AM

GB

“ My Thoughts and prayers are with you. My god be your strength.

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**gloria bennett-love** - October 25, 2009 at 12:00 AM

PG

“ It is truly a great loss to Northwestern High School and the community. Coach Kirkland was amazing, funny, and a true asset to the school. My prayers go out to the family. Just keep your head lifted and lean on God. He will take care of everything. God Bless.

Patricia Gaither - October 25, 2009 at 12:00 AM

CC

“ Mr. Kirkland was my science teacher. My heart was sadden when I heard of his going on. My prayers are with the Kirkland family , I send my deepest sympathy in your time of bereavement.

Charlene Causey - October 25, 2009 at 12:00 AM

BL

“ My thoughts and prayers go out to the Kirkland family. Mr Kirkland was my biology teacher and a very kind man. He always took the time out to talk to his students whether sharing a laugh or giving a smile. He will be missed!

Beverly Carter Lawler - October 25, 2009 at 12:00 AM

SA

“ MRS. KIRKLAND, RHONDA AND FAMILY. ALAN AND I WANT TO EXTEND OUR DEEPEST SYMPATHY TO YOU AND YOUR FAMILY. WHEN ALAN CALLED ME SUNDAY NIGHT TO TOLD ME WHAT HAPPENED I COULDN'T BELIEVE IT. MAY GOD WRAP HIS ARMS OF COMFORT AROUND YOU ALLDURING THIS DIFFCULT TIME AND DAYS TO COME. WE LOVE YOU ALL, AND WILL MISS MR. KIRKLAND GREATLY,

LOVE,

STEPHANIE, ALAN, AND D'VAUGHANDRE

STEPHANIE ARON - October 25, 2009 at 12:00 AM

LW

“Wow! I'm truly saddened by the news of my former teacher & neighbor, I lived across the street from Mr/Mrs Kirkland and he taught me in school-Class of 85. I feel as though I've lost a relative of my own. My prayers go out to the entire family. Mr Kirkland will be missed.

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**Lyz Wilkins** - October 25, 2009 at 12:00 AM

PG

“My prayers go out to the Kirkland family, he will be missed by the entire Northwestern family of students from class of 86.

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**Patrice Gibson** - October 25, 2009 at 12:00 AM

PA

“My condolences and prayers are with the family. Mr. Kirkland was a positive influence in the Flint school system. May the memories of this great man comfort you.

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**Patricia** - October 25, 2009 at 12:00 AM

RS

“To the Kirkland family from all of us. You have our deepest sympathy for your loss. Coach, we go a loooooong ways back, Rest Well. R.I.P. Coach

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**Re-Naye Sanders** - October 25, 2009 at 12:00 AM

MG

“To the Kirkland family my God be with you in your time of bereavement.

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**Myron Glenn** - October 25, 2009 at 12:00 AM

LL

“ To Andre, c/o '77 and all his family,

*It is with deepest sympathy I send my prayers for your family.*

*The Kirkland Family has been some of Lapeer-Avon Street's the best neighbors.*

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**Lois Lewis-English** - October 25, 2009 at 12:00 AM

CJ

“ Please know you have our deepest heartfelt sympathy. We will continue to Pray for you all and may the LORD bless you and keep you.

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**Charlie Whitmore Jr** - October 25, 2009 at 12:00 AM

DS

“ In Loving Memory of the Grandfather that I believe could have brought me closer to my fathers family.

*I morn the loss of the family that I have not known. And My Grandfather that has past.*

*Love the eldest Grandchild,*

*Deirdre Scales-Kirkland*

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**Deirdre Scales-Kirkland, Donna Scales-Kienutske** - October 25, 2009 at 12:00 AM