



Henry Daddy" Harden

October 12, 1931 - April 10, 2012

HARDEN, Mr. Henry - Age 80, passed away Tuesday, April 10, 2012 at McLaren-Flint. Family hour 10 a.m. Tuesday, April 17, 2012 at Grace Emmanuel Baptist Church, 3502 Lapeer Rd., with funeral service commencing at 11 a.m. Pastor Patricia Havis, officiating, Pastor Marvin A. Jennings, Sr., Host Pastor. Friends and pallbearers will assemble at the church 10 a.m. Tuesday. Mr. Harden will lie in state in the Chapel of Lawrence E. Moon Funeral Home, 906 W. Flint Park Blvd, and may be viewed from 12Noon-8 p.m. Monday with family present from 6-8 p.m. Mr. Henry Elbert Harden, affectionately known as "Big Daddy" and "Buddy Brown", was born October 12, 1931 in Pontotoc, Mississippi, one of 13 children to Byron and Vivian Harden. Growing up in Mississippi, he graduated from College Hill High. After graduation, he served in the armed forces, and was Honorably Discharged from the United States Air Force in July of 1950. Henry moved to Flint, Michigan in 1951 following his older brothers, to pursue work. He met and married the "Love of his Life", Minnie Coleman in 1955. To this union, four children were born: Minetta, Sheena, Sherri, and Tonja. During his 61 years of residency in Flint, Henry worked for General Motors Flint V-8 Engine, retiring after 30 years of service and was a member of UAW Local 659. He was a faithful member of St. James C.M.E. church for over 50 years, serving on the Trustee and Steward Boards. Henry was the owner/operator of Harden's Grocery for 44 years, during which time he provided employment opportunities, community/neighborhood events, and sponsored many local

basketball and softball leagues. He leaves to cherish his memory: His faithful wife of 56 years, Minnie Lee Harden; 4 daughters, Minetta Vickers of Grand Blanc, MI, Sheena (Johnny) Manuel of Flint, Sherri (Tyrone) Jordan of Clarkston, MI and Tonja Rison of Southfield, MI; 3 brothers, Frank (Verna) Harden, Tommie (Ruby Jewell) Harden and Leon Harden; 2 sisters, Earlene (LC) Murray and Freeda(Henry) Bizzle; 7 grandchildren, Damien Fountain, Najah Walker, Johnny Manuel, Jr., Jewan Manuel, Tyrone Jordan II, Tiara Jordan and Andre' Rison, Jr.; 1 great-grandchild, Damien Fountain, Jr; many nieces, nephews, cousins, and a host of other relatives and friends survive. Mr. Harden was preceded in death by his parents, Vivian and Byron Harden; brothers, William, Leonard, and George Harden; sisters, Flenore and Maggielene Henning, Dorothy Hornsby, and Adella Harden.

Tribute Wall



“ *Henry Daddy" Harden*

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“ *Praying that for the strength that only God can give as you go through this time. The same comfort that you all offered to me I extend to you today. Know that The Lord is only source of lasting peace.*

With Love and Prayers,

Ketesa Allen

Ketesa Allen - April 10, 2012 at 12:00 AM



“ *My prayers and thoughts go out to the family at this time. Mr. Harden was always a good dude we could look up to who had a black owned business on the North side of Flint. I still remember walking to the store when I stayed over my Granny's off Baltimore, and we would walk to Harden's to get those Freeze pops!! God is a heart reader and a mind reliever, Rev. 21:3,4.*

Michael J. - April 10, 2012 at 12:00 AM



“ *We will truly miss the fun & laughter that we've shared with this godly man.*

Extending our love to the Harden family, we encourage you to "Cherish the Memories" and "Trust in the Lord".

Sheila Wells - April 10, 2012 at 12:00 AM

LA

“ *To the family
My prayers are with you all! Mr. Harden was always smiling and shaking hands whenever i saw him! He will be greatly missed by many!*

God bless you all!

Lurla Avery - April 10, 2012 at 12:00 AM

MM

“ *We are mix emotions at the rearing of the home going of my friend and brother. We certainly will miss him but rejoice in his promotion from this land of sorrow and pain. If we can in any way ease the hurt in time of transitation please let us know*

Min. David M. Martin - April 10, 2012 at 12:00 AM

CW

“ *Our heart was truly saddened to learn of Mr. Harden's passing. My life has been blessed as God saw to it that I met a man like Mr. Harden & a family like yours. We fellowship on many occasions. They are some of my fondest childhood & young adult memories. God truly has favored the Harden's. May God's grace continue to surround you. We are praying for your strength.*

Charles & Linda Woods - April 10, 2012 at 12:00 AM

TJ

“ *In the family time of loss, may you seek the hand of the Lord, to lead,guide and hold you.*

THERMAN LUSANE JR. - April 10, 2012 at 12:00 AM

GJ

“ Brother Harden reminds my husband and I of the words from the great songwriter William J. Kirkpatrick:
Stepping in the Light: Trying to walk in the steps of the Savior, Trying to follow our Savior and King, shaping our lives by His blessed example, Happy, how happy, the songs that we bring. Pressing more closely to Him who is leading When we are tempted to turn from the way, Trusting the arm that is strong to defend us, happy, how happy, our praises each day. Walking in footsteps of gentle forbearance, footsteps of faithfulness, mercy and love, looking to him for the grace freely promised, happy, how happy, our journey above. Trying to walk in the steps of the Savior, upward, still upward we'll follow our Guide; when we shall see him, the King in his beauty. Happy, how happy, our place at His side. How beautiful to walk in the steps of the Savior, stepping in the light, stepping in the light, how beautiful to walk in the steps of the Savior, Led in paths of light. Brother Harden often said, "I just want to see His face and step into the light". We will see you again, Bro. Harden, love you much. Sis. Harden, we are praying for you and your family. May God continue to bless and keep you. The McKenzie Family

George (Rev. Victoria) McKenzie, Jr. - April 10, 2012 at 12:00 AM

NC

“ To the family of Mr. Harden, You have our deepest sympathy. Many good days were spent at Harden's Grocery, going to and from school. Mr & Mrs Harden always had wonderful words of encouragement for us and that we will always treasure. May you find confort in knowing you are in our prayers. Flint Northwestern Class of 1974. Alumni Commitee.
Diane Broady-James, Doug Hill, Laverna Christian-Murphy, Freda Ratliff-Williams, Debra Sanders, Jackie Watkins, Marlon Mitchell, Luther Brown, Archie Bowers, Beverly Tyson, Charles Jupree & families.

Northwestern Class of 1974 Alumni Com. - April 10, 2012 at 12:00 AM

DN

“ To the Harden family,
Words cannot not express the hurt I felt when hearing of Mr. Harden's passing. You all are family to me and I miss you guys so much. I am truly sorry I cannot be with you at this time. I have great memories of the love, fun and support from Mr. Harden and your whole family that will be in my heart forever. You are never alone because we have God's Love.

Louis, Deborah and Brandon

DEBORAH GREEN - NORRIS - April 10, 2012 at 12:00 AM

LM

“ Mrs. Harden and the entire Harden Family
My prayers, and heartfelt condolences are affectionately extended to all of you.
To my longtime friend Minetta, when I think about Mr. Harden, I'm reminded of the many childhood conversations we had while growing up wanting to go visit one another after school or perhaps attend a school dance or movie theater together, but never could. We'd talk of how strict and stern our fathers were with us concerning curfews, who are we going with, where do they live.. But as the years past, we grew to respect, understand and appreciate their cares and concerns for us and implanting morals and Christian values upon us. Setting examples for our younger siblings. That's the LOVE A FATHER has for his children and gratefully, say we "THANK YOU".. The righteous man leads a blameless life; blessed are his children after him. Proverbs 20:7 NIV
Love you
Laverna and family

Laverna Murphy - April 10, 2012 at 12:00 AM

BM

“ *My prayers are with the family during this time of bereavement*

Boyzie Mathis - April 10, 2012 at 12:00 AM

TG

“ *To the entire Harden FAMILY,*

Eventhough our hearts are heavy with sadness upon hearing of your loss, know that we (The Jones') are continuing to pray for your strength during and after this most difficult time.

Mrs. Harden, we're praying that our Heavenly Father restore peace to your soul.

Minetta, Sheena, Sherri & Tonja, your FATHER is one of God's first gifts to your hearts, and his love will stay with you ALWAYS!

*Mr. Harden was a good man who touched many lives in so many positive/special ways. Just thinking of all the wonderful memories of him and all of the wisdom he shared with anyone who visited the store, we're praying that the Lord will comfort you all. Love, The Baltimore Blve * Jones Family **

THEODORE/MAE GILLESPIE - April 10, 2012 at 12:00 AM

DF

“ *Hi Sherri & Tyrone My prayers are with you during a most difficult time. I never met your father, but I will say your humbleness of spirit speaks from the offspring of your DAD. When God call our parents home it's never easy, memories will always remain, and be rest assured that God will bring you peace and comfort for such a time as this. Again, prayer with you and you entire family. Loria Corder-Grace Emmanuel Baptist Church*

Denise Ferguson - April 10, 2012 at 12:00 AM

KF

“ May your family be comforted and strengthened by all the prayers going up in your behalf. I love you Minetta, stay strong dear, you and your family. We are BLESSED that GOD has made it possible for us to see our dead loved ones again.(John 11:25~Jesus said I am the resurrection and the life!) The rest is up to us, the living. From the Stallings, Felder, and Hemphill families!!

karen stallings felder - April 10, 2012 at 12:00 AM

OM

“ Mrs.Harden, my prays are with you and your family. I was out of town until yesterday. I will keep you all in my prays

Ollie Murphy - April 10, 2012 at 12:00 AM

BS

“ To The Harden Family----I am so sorry for your loss. Look to God in your time of need and he will comfort and keep you. My family will keep you in our prayers and we extend our deepest sympathy to you all.

Barney and Lorene Sorrells - April 10, 2012 at 12:00 AM

MN

“ To Mrs. Harden & family, We are so sorry for your loss. We'll always remember his smile & that you both were such a sweet couple!!!! From coming in the store when we were younger, our daughter & her daughter bonding with you too was priceless. Our daughter lives down from you & she used to bring our granddaughter to the store. You two would put her on the counter & tell her to pick out some candy. Praying ffor GOD to keep you strong during your bereavement.Blessed are they that mourn: for they shall be comforted. Matthew 5 : 4

monica nelson - April 10, 2012 at 12:00 AM