



Howard Bryant

June 6, 1928 - February 16, 2010

BRYANT, Mr. Howard - Age 81, passed away Tuesday, February 16, 2010 at St. Mary's in Saginaw, MI. Family hour 12Noon Wednesday, February 24, 2010 at Fairhaven Seventh Day Adventist, G-1379 W. Louis Ave., with funeral service commencing at 1 p.m., Eld. Truman Bryant officiating, Pastor Leon George, host pastor. Interment River Rest Cemetery, G-4413 Flushing Rd. Friends and pallbearers will assemble at the church 12Noon Wednesday. Mr. Bryant 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. Tuesday. Mr. Bryant was born June 6th, 1928 in Carthage MS, to Arden and Birnicteen Bryant. Later his family moved to Walnut Grove, MS, where he attended and graduated from high school. He married Ernestine Wright before he joined the United States Army, in March of 1950. Serving in the Korean Conflict, he was captured and MIA for 2 weeks before being rescued. In January of 1952, he received an Honorable Discharge and was awarded a Purple heart from being wounded in captivity. Mr. Bryant returned back to his home town, and attended Alcorn State University in Lorman, MS, where he received his a BA Degree in Agriculture. He moved his family to Flint, Michigan, by way of Chicago to work for the General Motors Buick Plant on Industrial Avenue. Mr. Bryant always strived to find better work and pay to support his family. He worked at the Flint Main Postal Service in 1956 while studying for his Real Estate License. After overcoming many racial barriers from State and local Real Estate boards., he not only became a Licensed Sales Agent, but shortly passed the exam, and

became the First Black Real Estate Broker in Genesee County. Years later, he was a 2 term elected President of the Flint Board of Realtors. Mr. Bryant was owner of Home and Suburban Realty Corporation. His first Office was in his home. Then later moving to Harriet Street, West Flint Park Blvd., and then Clio Rd. Through the years, he motivated, and hired many African-American men, as well as women to becoming sales agents. In the Early 1960's, along with former City officials he pushed to pass many Fair housing laws that were discriminating against Blacks who were unable to buy homes in segregated neighborhoods. He single handily stopped the Flint Journal from posting "Colored Owned" in the Real Estate listings of the Classified Ads. Being a businessman, he was always involved with other opportunities to make money and take care of his family. Mr. Bryant was a Spiritual man. He was baptized into the North Street Seventh-Day Adventist Church in 1958. He was a devout Christian to his church; serving as Deacon, and Local Elder for many years. He especially devoted his attention to the church's practices of healthy living; and always counseled his friends, strangers, and family members on healthy eating, and his Seventh-Day Adventist Religion. Mr. Bryant had a big heart for people of all Races. He never met a stranger. Mr. Bryant loved his 8 children, grand and great-grand children. He believed in providing a good Christian Education for his 8 children. Sending them to church school, Boarding Academies and Universities in Michigan. Later he donated Real Estate properties to Fairhaven Seventh-Day Adventist Church schools. His hobbies were his obsession with the latest "Electronic Gadgets", talking about the Bible, and his love for the sport of Basketball. Mr. Bryant coached his church team for over 10 years. Taking them to a Lake Region Conference SDA Divisional Championship in 1983. He was a mentor, for many of the young men on his team. Surviving to carry on his legacy are: devoted 2nd wife of 34 years, Juanita H. Bryant; 7 daughters, Shirley R. Bryant of Willow Grove, PA., Serita (Frank) Jones of Atlanta, GA, Linda (Jimmie) Strong of Olympia Fields, IL, Conti (Allan) Norris, Chisandra (Fred) Lambert, Terri(Rufus) Braggs and Yvonne Bryant all of Flint; step daughter, Debra

Harris of Columbus, OH; special god daughter, Tonya (Keith) Evans of Racine, WI; 14 grandchildren, Tonisha Sibley, Doelynn Strong, Janelle Strong, Linda "Baby" Sanford, Krishelle Murphy, Marcus and Matthew Jones, DeNiro Forte', Gilbere Forte', Clarissa, Candace, Christopher and Terrin Bryant, and Vincent Norris; 14 great-grandchildren; 3 brothers, Leon (Edna) Bryant, Shelby Jean (Lawana) Bryant, all of Flint and Truman (Xenia) Bryant, of Dallas, TX; 3 sisters, Quintealya Bryant of Silver Springs, MD, Bonnie (Oliver) McKinney of Decatur, GA and Arvonne (John) Starks of Silver Springs, MD; sister-in-law, Patricia (Houston) Bryant all of Flint; a host of nieces, nephews, aunts and uncles, close business associates, former Agents, secretaries in the Real Estate and Flint Community and members of his beloved Church family. Mr. Bryant was preceded in death by his parents; his 1st wife, Ernestine; son, Reginald Bryant; step-son, Charles Webster; brother, Houston Bryant; uncle, Dr. Spurgeon Bryant; former in-laws in Chicago; nephews; and cherished friend, Julius Smith. The family would especially like to thank the staff of Heartland Nursing Facility, St. Mary's ER of Saginaw MI., Dr. Paul and PA., Theresa Musson, the staff of Hurley Medical Center, The Fairhaven SDA, Eternal Life SDA Churches, and his former Associate Broker Mrs. Dianne Martin and Sis. Bobbie West for her support.

Tribute Wall



“ *Howard Bryant*

October 09, 2023 at 07:02 AM



“ *SHIRLEY,*

YOU AND YOUR FAMILY ARE IN MY PRAYERS. JUST REMEMBER THE HAPPY TIMES YOU AND YOUR DAD SHARED TOGETHER.

ROSE M. GRE AUX - February 16, 2010 at 12:00 AM



“ *Shirley my thoughts and prayers are with you and your family during this time. If you need me for anything just let me know. Love ya.*

Joyce Jones - February 16, 2010 at 12:00 AM



“ *TO THE BRYANT FAMILY.. MR HOWARD BRYANT WAS A STRONG INFLUENCE IN OUR FAMILY..HIS LEADERSHIP WAS EXTEMELY A BLESSING TO ALL, HIS LOVE, KNOWLEDGE AND WISDOM WILL BE IN OUR HEARTS FOREVER..AS HE MAKES HIS TRANSITION TO HIS HEAVENLY HOME ,OUR PRAYER IS THAT THE LIFE HE LEFT BEHIND WILL COMFORT YOU! MAY YOU ALL BE BLESSED AND BE IN GODS WILL....ALMA JORDAN ,GLORIA JORDAN-THOMPSON,AND THE ENTIRE JORDAN FAMILY*

ALMA JORDAN &THE JORDAN FAMILY - February 16, 2010 at 12:00 AM

DC

“ To The Family of Mr. Howard Bryant;
I was deeply sadden to hear of Mr. Bryant's passing. I remember Mr. Bryant from my very early years as a child, he was my father Jessie Caldwell's friend of many years. He was always a positive voice of encouragement, much like an uncle to the Caldwell children. Our families share many special memories. Mr. Bryant was also my mother, Norma Caldwell's broker at Home & Suburban Realty for many years. I will miss his kind spirit and warm smile. On behalf of my mother, our deepest condolences go out to the entire Bryant family. May God Bless and Keep each of you in his care during this time of sadness. Dorothy Caldwell-Richardson

Dorothy Caldwell-Richardson - February 16, 2010 at 12:00 AM

DC

“ Our prayers are with you and your family during this time of sorrow. Hold on to the fond memories of Howard Bryant who was a father, brother, husband, uncle and cousin but most importantly a diligent servant of God.

Yours in Christ, Dexter, Stephanie and Family.

Dexter and Stephanie Clarke - February 16, 2010 at 12:00 AM

MF

“ We send our deepest sympathy to the entire Bryant family in the loss of Howard Bryant

Marie McBrayer & family - February 16, 2010 at 12:00 AM

JS

“ Shirley,
My deepest sympathy to you and your family at this time of sorrow.
Janet

Janet Scott - February 16, 2010 at 12:00 AM

IF

“ Your father was truly blessed to have a daughter who made every effort possible to assure his health was monitored and his needs were seen to. I know of the many trips you made back and forth doing anything and everything you could think of to help him. He must have been an exceptional parent to have instilled such dedication and obvious love in his children. May he be a role model to us all.

My sincere sympathy is extended to the child I know and the family that now shares her pain at this loss.

Irene H. Facha - February 16, 2010 at 12:00 AM

CA

“ To me it is like losing an uncle. He was a positive role model, in my life, for as long as I can remember. He was one of the best. My heart goes out to the family, because we go so far back. You have my sincere condolence and best wishes

Clarence Anderson - February 16, 2010 at 12:00 AM

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“ My condolences to the Bryant Family.

Cheryl Cooper Thompson - February 16, 2010 at 12:00 AM

BG

“ my sincere condolences to the family

Bridget T. Gurliaccio - February 16, 2010 at 12:00 AM