



## James Jefferson

April 29, 1958 - June 16, 2006

JEFFERSON, Mr. James "Ricky" - Age 48, passed away Friday, June 16, 2006 at Genesys Regional Medical Center. Family hour 10:30AM Thursday, June 22, 2006 at Fairhaven Seventh Day Adventist Church, 1379 W. Louis Avenue, with funeral service commencing immediately at 11AM. Pastor Charles Osborne, III, officiating. Interment River Rest Cemetery, G-4413 Flusing Rd. Friends and pallbearers will assemble at the church 10:30AM Thursday. Mr. Jefferson will lie in state in the Chapel of Lawrence E. Moon Funeral Home, 906 W. Flint Park Blvd., and may be viewed from 11AM-8PM Wednesday. Mr. James "Ricky" Jefferson was born April 29, 1958 in Chicago, Illinois the son of Vera and James Tate-Joshuae. James graduated from Flint Northern High School in 1976. He attended Mott Community College and Baker College, where he earned a Bachelors Degree in Industrial Management. After 26 years of service as a Die Designer, he retired from General Motors in skilled trades. Mr. James "Ricky" Jefferson leaves to cherish his memory: wife of 28 years, Gwinda; children, Jameese, James and Jawann Jefferson; grandchild, Khalil Brown; grandmother, Lentene Jefferson; sister, Lentene Gibbs; 2 brothers, Richard and Norman Jefferson; aunt, Ora Meyers all of Flint; a host of many other relatives and friends including special friends, Rutherford Hallman, the Porter family, Gary Sweeney, Cynthia Davis, Robert Harmon and Walter Townsend. James is now out of pain and resting with his parents, Vera and James Tate-Joshuae; grandfather, Murphy Jefferson; aunt, Clara Smith; mother-in-law, Christine Gough. The family

would like to express special thanks to The Fairhaven Seventh Day Adventist Church Family, HemaCare Dialysis Staff and Dr. M. Eustace.

# Tribute Wall



“ *James Jefferson*

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“ *May you find favor and comfort in the Lord in your time of sorrow.*

**Dan Williams** - June 16, 2006 at 12:00 AM



“ *Although there is little that we can do or say to help you in this time of grief, please know, that our thoughts are with you and the entire family at this time.*

**Brenda Kimble** - June 16, 2006 at 12:00 AM



“ *James was a really good person. He had a good sense of humor & was very honest. James was a fierce fighter for what he believed in. He didn't allow anyone to bully him or take advantage of him. There should be more people with this kind of integrity. He will be surely missed.*

**Ledrester Burton** - June 16, 2006 at 12:00 AM



“ *You will always be remembered!  
God speed James*

**Ken Johnson** - June 16, 2006 at 12:00 AM

AH

“ We will miss him here. He had a wealth of experience and always offered to help his union sisters and brothers.

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**Anne Hobbs** - June 16, 2006 at 12:00 AM

MD

“ James was a light to others. He always had a smile and stood up for what he believed.

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**Michele Denison** - June 16, 2006 at 12:00 AM

BT

“ James was always a gentlemen. It was a pleasure to have known him. May the memories you made throughout your lifes with James comfort you through the days ahead.

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**Brenda Tortorice** - June 16, 2006 at 12:00 AM

RB

“ We'll ALL miss you James !!!!!

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**Robert Burns** - June 16, 2006 at 12:00 AM

MC

“ I worked with James in Pontiac and Troy. I am sorry for your loss.

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**Mark Carter** - June 16, 2006 at 12:00 AM

BK

“ Gwenda, know that my prayers are with you in your time of sorrow.  
He will always be as close as a memory away. I found this poem,  
and hope you find comfort in it:  
*Accept My Sympathy*

*At a time like this it's oh so hard;  
To know just what to say.  
For I know inside you're hurting;  
In a very painful way.*

*Please know that I am with you;  
You are in my thoughts and prayers.  
And know that I am one of many;  
Who feels for you and cares.*

*Just know that they have now gone home;  
And their in a better place.  
And they have seen the Lord above;  
And the light from his sweet grace.*

*In time the pain will fade away;  
Along with all your tears.  
And you will smile once again;  
On shared memories from past years.*

*Poem by Betty Hawkins*

*I know that Christ will see you through, and God will hold you in His  
arm's.*

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**Betty Knapp** - June 16, 2006 at 12:00 AM

RH

“ *Gwinda and Children,*

*Godd will bless you for the love and care you gave to James during his long illness. There was never a moment that he could have felt alone, because you were always there. We will miss James, but God knows best. You will remain in our prayers.*

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**Robert and Alison Harmon** - June 16, 2006 at 12:00 AM

DL

“ *James always had a way of bringing light to any conversation. I will remember James for mastering the art of disguising a joke with a serious conversation. Half way through you could see the smile appearing on his face that he finally couldn't hold back - that's when you knew he had you! I hope that all who knew him, remember the JOY he blessed their life with. My prayers go out to the the Family and Friends.*

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**Dave Latimer** - June 16, 2006 at 12:00 AM

RH

“ *Farewell & safe jouney old friend.You were a faithfull & dedicated member of our Die Design Shop Committee.You put up a good fight & have earned your reward. God speed.*

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**R. M. "ROCKO" Heath** - June 16, 2006 at 12:00 AM

MT

“ *To the entire Jefferson family....  
Please remember that GOD is a very Present Help in trouble, and  
GOD will take care of you.  
You are in our thoughts and prayers.  
May God Bless and Keep You.*

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**Mary E. Thompson-Johnson** - June 16, 2006 at 12:00 AM

AJ

“ To the family of brother James Jefferson,  
May God bless and keep you in his love  
during your hours of sadness. I will be  
praying for you and I know that you know that, James was special.  
So cast  
all your cares upon him because he cares for you...

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**alan justice** - June 16, 2006 at 12:00 AM

JS

“ To the Jefferson Family, I only new James for a short time while I  
was there  
in Troy, Mi. I can say this, James was a real person. James was  
respected by all who knew him. Remember our God is a good God,  
we are all in his hands. May God Bless and Comfort you as we  
know he is our Comforter. James may you rest in peace. You will be  
missed by all who knew you.

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**John & Jeana Szedlak** - June 16, 2006 at 12:00 AM

EV

“ We all know that James put up a good fight. He now rests from all of his labors.

*Many times he brought joy into our hearts with the humor of his jokes. No matter what mood you were in, you had to perk up with laughter.*

*Gwinda, my sister, I admire you and your strong testimony of strength you presented to us, which give up another reason to give praises to our Lord.*

*Remember that God will carry you when you feel that you can't do it for yourself.*

*I read a statement once where the author was unknown, it became my comfort whenever I was going through something. ?Love leave behind more than death can ever take away?. Be encouraged my sister.*

*Esther*

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**Esther Vanderson** - June 16, 2006 at 12:00 AM

TS

“ *I'm sorry for your loss. through the son of our Lord, God has received him our payers are with you. The fire from this brother will not be forgotten, but the flame will live on in each and every one of us, may God bless you all Amen.*

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**Thomas Shelvy** - June 16, 2006 at 12:00 AM

DK

“ MAY THE LORD HELP YOUR FAMILY  
GET THIS TIME OF SORROW.  
JAMES WILL BE MISSED;BUT HIS  
SOUL WILL LIVE ON.

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**DONALD KING** - June 16, 2006 at 12:00 AM

LL

“ *James will be missed greatly!*

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**Leslie Legge** - June 16, 2006 at 12:00 AM

TP

“ *I regret Jame's demise at such an early age. He truly fought the good fight in trying to overcome his health challenges. I will always remember him as a warrior, a respecter of education, a family man, and a pleasant co-worker. We used to have coffee in the mornings and converse about social issues. We had many challenges to overcome at Die Design. He loved his wife and children and wanted to make sure they each got higher education. My deepest sympathy is extended to you and prayers of strength that God will sustain you in days to come. Tamara Perrin*

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**Tamara Perrin** - June 16, 2006 at 12:00 AM