



Mr. James O. Roche

September 17, 1931 - August 21, 2017

ROCHE, Mr. James - Age 85, passed away Monday, August 21, 2017 in Marianna, Jackson.

Family hour 10:30 Thursday, August 31, 2017 from the Chapel of Lawrence E. Moon Funeral Home, 906 W. Flint Park Blvd., with funeral service commencing at 11:00 AM, Minister, Ira Jenkins, officiating. Interment Gracelawn Community Cemetery, G-5710 N. Saginaw St. Friends and pallbearers will assemble at the Chapel 10:30 AM Thursday. Mr. Roche will lie in state in the Chapel of Lawrence E. Moon Funeral Home and may be viewed from 12:00 PM-8:00 PM Wednesday.

Mr. James Otis Roche was born September 17, 1931 in Vernon, Florida, the son of Mr. & Mrs. Pete and Hazel (Jenkins) Potter. He was a resident of Flint, Michigan and Mt. Morris, Michigan since 1955. On January 23, 1967, he married the love of his life, Marion Howard after a brief courtship. Mr. James Roche was employed at Turnstedt and Chevrolet factories, divisions of General Motors for thirty plus years, retiring in 1987. He also was a Veteran of the Korean War and served as an Army Cook for four years. Mr. Roche was Honorably Discharge from the armed forces. He was a avid hunter, gardener, fisherman and loved to cook for his family. One of his specialties was homemade rolls and ice cream. James was a pillar for his family and friends, especially his grandchildren and great-grandchildren. Mr. James Roche was a very loving husband, father, brother, uncle and cousin.

Mr. James Otis Roche leaves to cherish his memory: 2 sons, Wyatt A. "Tony" Roche of Vernon, FL and Jerry Stribling of Los Angeles, CA; daughter, Theresa of Flint; 8 grandchildren, Toni "Ty" Roche, Wyatt "TJ" Roche Jr., James A. "Jim" Roche, Tashara Ewing, all of Flint, Monica Howard, Katia Roche, Tashara Roche and Amor Roche, all of Vernon, FL; 7 great-grandchildren including special great-grandson, "AJ" Andre V. Fields; aunt, Thelma Jenkins of Panama City, FL; uncle, Rev. Ira Jenkins Sr. of New Jersey; 3 sisters-in-law, Rosetta Williams of Flint, Ula Lester of Nashville, TN and Janice Howard of Ypsilanti, MI; brother-in-law, George Howard of Flint; a host of nieces, nephews, cousins, other relatives and friends including special friends, Tim Lee of Montrose, MI, Peaches Kelly of Flint and David Hanson of Vernon, FL.

Mr. Roche was preceded in death by his wife, Marion Roche; son, James "Jimmie" Phillips; mother, Hazel Potter; father, Pete Roche; brother, Harold Roche; 2 sisters-in-law; and 3 brothers-in-law.

The family would like to express special thanks to niece, Valeria "Sue" Roche; nephews, David Roche and Marcus Howard; best buddy/brother-in-law, George Howard; Dr. Shafi Ahmed and staff alongside, McLaren-Flint Campus.

Cemetery Details

Gracelawn Cemetery

5710 N. Saginaw St.
Flint, MI 48505

Previous Events

Public Viewing

AUG 30. 12:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

Lawrence E. Moon Funeral Home Chapel, Flint
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Tribute Wall



“ *Mr. James O. Roche*

October 09, 2023 at 07:02 AM



“ *To Alphonso and Helen Daniel and Family of James O Roche; Please accept our deepest sympathy and heartfelt condolences in the passing of your beloved James. We pray God grant each of you the love, comfort, and strength to make it through the days to come. God's blessings and our love, The Daniel Family; Roanoke VA*



The Daniel Family - August 30, 2017 at 03:41 PM



“ *Frank Jenkins, Pastor Sandra & Carter Jenkins purchased the Sapphire Skies Bouquet for the family of Mr. James O. Roche.*



Frank Jenkins, Pastor Sandra & Carter Jenkins - August 30, 2017 at 03:19 PM

SB

“ I had some of the best times of my life with you. From trying to learn how to swim in your backyard, to eating your homemade peppermint ice cream and going to Florida in your RV listening to your eight track of Papa was a Rolling Stone. Thank you so much for all the memories. Love Sascha (Brown Family)



Sascha Brown - August 30, 2017 at 01:11 AM



“ Strength & Solace Spray was purchased for the family of Mr. James O. Roche.



August 30, 2017 at 12:49 AM

SB

“ Uncle James you will be surly missed. I had so many wonderful memories with you. From trying to learn how to swim in the backyard, to eating your homemade peppermint ice cream and going on vacation with you and Aunt Marion to Florida in the RV listening to your eight track of Poppa was a rolling stone. I love you so much. Sascha (Brown Family)



Sascha Brown - August 30, 2017 at 12:12 AM

JB

“ My heart felt sympathies go out to the Roche family. May you find comfort and peace in your memories and prayers. "While the God of tender mercies and all comfort be there to calm your grieving heart.

j. brown - August 28, 2017 at 06:11 PM

 Vic
Damone
Jernigan

“ To entire Roche family from Vic Famine Jernigan I give my sincere condolences. May God's favour Grace and mercy be with you all during this time of bereavement.

Vic Damone Jernigan - August 26, 2017 at 07:34 PM