



John Parham

August 2, 1932 - December 22, 2007

PARHAM, Mr. John O. - Age 75, passed away Saturday, December 22, 2007 at his residence. Family hour 1:30PM Saturday, December 29, 2007 from the Chapel of Lawrence E. Moon Funeral Home, 906 W. Flint Park Blvd., with funeral service commencing immediately at 2PM. Rev. Jonathan Graves officiating. Family and friends will assemble at the funeral home 1:30PM Saturday. There will be no public viewing. Mr. John Oliver Parham was born August 2, 1932 in Princeton, Kentucky, the son of Rev. Judges and Bessie Parham. He was employed by the Buena Vista School District for 34 years and retired in 1997 where he had served as Vice Principal and various other administrative positions through out his career which included but was not limited to: Student Guideline Committee member, development member of "Community Action" with school Administrators and Board Members, Temple Theater Arts Association Committee Member, Saginaw City Recreation Softball Supervisor, Established the Buena Vista High School Gospel Choir in 1979. Prior to moving to Saginaw, Michigan in 1962, he was employed as a History instructor and the Principal of Northside Elementary School in Rose Hill, Mississippi. His love for working with children was continued in his church home in Saginaw through serving 27 years as the Sunday School Superintendent for St. Luke C.M.E. Church where he began the Sunday School Volunteer Breakfast with his wife. Mr. Parham also served faithfully as the Christian Youth Fellowship Coordinator for 25 years, the Senior Choir Librarian, a member of the Mass Choir and Male Chorus, was a devoted

member of the Steward Board and the Personnel Committee under the leadership of Elder Aaron McFadden. John later moved to Flint in 1999 where he served as Sunday School Superintendent for St. John Missionary Baptist Church and a member of the Voices of St. John Missionary Baptist Church under the leadership of Rev. Ira Jenkins. In 2003 Vermont Christian became John's permanent Church home where he was active until his health declined while under the leadership of Rev. Burton. John enjoyed writing Gospel songs and prayers. Mr. John Oliver Parham leaves to cherish his memory; loving and devoted wife, Lydia W. Parham; 2 daughters, Tamara (Michael) Justino, Sr. of Fort Carson, CO, Samara L. Wickliffe, Ann Arbor, MI; 1 son, Terry (Sabrina) Parham; mother-in-law, Audrey Sims; 3 sisters, Jean P. Malden, Montgomery, AL, Ann Parham, Detroit, MI and Beverly Sims; 2 brothers, Jerome (Diane) Sims, Killeen, TX, Darrell L. Sims, Flint, MI; 4 grandchildren, Re-Ali Parham and Re-now Parham, both of Sun Valley, CA, Michael Jr. and Gabriel Justino, both of Fort Carson, CO; nieces, Ivy Joyce Malden, Denver, CO, Clarice Mastin, Tynee' Sims, Destiny Sims; nephews, Michael Malden, Jerome Sims Jr., Mathew Sims; a host of relatives including Uncle Franklin W. (Geraldine) Pleasant, II, Flint; cousins, Stephanie (Clifford) Whiteside, Lansing, MI and Franklin W. Pleasant, III, Flint; special friends, Herman (Margaret) Thompson, Tucson, AZ, Mrs. Olean Bodiford, Saginaw, MI, and the Vermont Christian Church and St. Luke C. M. E. Church Families. Mr. Parham was preceded in death by his mother and father; brothers, James Parham and Spurgeon Malden; and friend, Riley Hurt. The family would like to express a very special thanks to Dr. Bachuwa and Staff, Dr. Ali Mahommed, DaVita Dialysis Center Staff, and Heartland Hospice; The Hoey Family and the Clark Family.

Tribute Wall



“ *John Parham*

October 09, 2023 at 07:02 AM



“ *Wow! I am so sorry to hear about the passing of Mr. Parham. As a student council member I worked very closely with Mr. Parham throughout my highschool years. He truly cared about students and he put his all into his job!! I can still remember him on the P.A. system at the end of the day. He would give the announcements and then say "Have a good day for the rest of the day!" I really appreciate all of the effort and time that he put into his career. I definitely will not forget him. To the family I just wanted to let you know that we were all blessed to have such a special kind of man be a part of our lives. I will definitely keep all of you lifted up in prayer. May God Bless you, Comfort you, and Keep You.*

Tamara Johnson - December 22, 2007 at 12:00 AM



“ *Tamara, My deepest sympathies to you & your family. It has been years since we've been in touch but growing up, our families were very close. I know what it's like to lose a father and it's not easy but in time, the wounds heal and the memories flourish. Trust in the Lord and know that he will see you through and take comfort in knowing that your father is no longer suffering.*

Debbie Sanders - December 22, 2007 at 12:00 AM

TD

“ We were saddened to hear of the homegoing of our dear Mr. Parham. He was more than just a school administrator in the school system for us and many more Buena Vista students. Mr. Parham was a father figure... he cared. So many times he worked long hours staying after school walking the halls taking the time to find out how you were really doing and extending himself to help you do your very best. He will never be forgotten; his spirit of giving and caring will always be a part of the successful people we have become. Rest Mr. Parham your work will live on...

Trevina Dukes-Shearer - December 22, 2007 at 12:00 AM

KL

“ May your faith in God be all the strength you will need to get through the days to come. For he will never leave you or forsake you.
I am praying for the family.

Kim Lockhart - December 22, 2007 at 12:00 AM

EB

“ I have many memories of Mr. Parham, I remember him as our Sunday School Superintendent, I remember him as someone who like learning and he always liked to teach what he learned, and I remember him as a kind-hearted person. He will be missed. My sincere condolences go out to Mama Lydia and Samara. God Bless.

Ebonie Brown - December 22, 2007 at 12:00 AM

ML

“ We are so sorry for your loss, We as well are grieving with you. May it help to comfort you and your family to know that you are in our prayers. May God strengthen and keep you.

Mr. and Mrs. William E. Lockhart - December 22, 2007 at 12:00 AM

SB

“ *Let not your heart be troubled. Trust in God, (John 14).
You will always be in our prayers and thoughts.*

St. Luck CME Church Stewardess Board - December 22, 2007 at 12:00 AM

NB

“ *I remember Mr.Parham as a true gentleman. He was my former teacher and attended St. Lukes CME Church in Saginaw. He and my Dad *(Sylvester Carroll) were great friends. I appreciate the fact that he made the effort to visit my Dad in the hospital before he passed away last year. My deepest sympathy to the family for your loss. May God comfort and keep you in your time of sorrow but know that he is with the Lord and all those that we love we will see again.*

Nona Carroll Brown - December 22, 2007 at 12:00 AM

PH

“ *I'm sorry for your lost and that I want be able to be ther with you.*

Patricia Houston - December 22, 2007 at 12:00 AM

SH

“ *I had not seen or spoken to John or his wife, Lydia, in several years but I frequently received reports from my daughter, Leah, that she had seen them out and about. My memories of John are that he was a true gentleman and a very kind and gentle person. He had an absolute belief and trust in the Lord and is now at peace. I wish his family and friends peace and comfort in the knowledge that he is in the loving arms of the Lord.*

Shelly Hampton - December 22, 2007 at 12:00 AM