



Mr. Lester "Tiny" Wells Sr.

November 9, 1945 - January 28, 2017

WELLS, Mr. Lester Sr. "Tiny" - Age 71, passed away Saturday, January 28, 2017 at his residence.

Family hour 12:00 PM Friday, February 3, 2017 at Blackwell AME Zion Church, 1902 Sonny St., with funeral service commencing at 1:00 PM, Rev. Anthony G. Morris, Eulogist, Rev. Darren Overton, officiating. Interment Sunset Hills Cemetery, G-4413 Flushing Rd. Friends and pallbearers will assemble at the Church 12:00 PM Friday. Mr. Wells will lie in state in the Sanctuary of the Blackwell AME Church, and may be viewed from 1:00 PM - 8:00 PM Thursday.

Ecclesiastes 3:1-4

To Everything There is a Season and a Time to Every Purpose Under the Heaven:

A Time to Be Born---

Lester F. Wells Sr. (Tiny) was born in Flint, Michigan, November 9, 1945, he was the oldest child of Mr. and Mrs. Lester H. (Velma Ruth Hunter) Wells. He grew up on Billings Street with his brother Bobby Joe Wells and Sheila Denise Wells. They could open the gate in their backyard and enter the yard of their grandparents Frank (Daddy O) and Estelle Hunter who lived on Crissman Street, next door was their Uncle John (Rosemary) Hunter, in a community where neighbors became family. This is where he played with cousins and met life-long friends and was affectionately known as "Butch". He grew up

fishing and hunting with his grandfather, Daddy O and Uncle John which lead to a life-long love for fishing and hunting. He maintained a special bond over the years with his 93 year old father.

A Time to Die---

He transitioned from this earthly life to his heavenly home on Saturday January 28, 2017

A Time to Plant---

Lester accepted Christ at a young age and was baptized at Canaan Baptist Church.

Lester attended Flint Public Schools, and was a graduate of Flint Northern High School Class of 1963. He attended JC Community College (Mott), while briefly working for the Flint Board of Education. He retired from General Motors and was a member of UAW Local #599.

Tiny married the love of his life, Karlene Yvonne Dent on May 28, 1966.

Together they raised three children and nurtured them and their spouses, Rhonda DeShawn Wells-Wilbon of Bowie Maryland, Lester (Kristen) F. Wells Jr. of Lompoc California, and Kimberly Denise (Henry) Hall of Troy Michigan, and son in-law Anthony Wilbon of Bowie, Maryland.

A Time to Pluck Up that Which is Planted---

Tiny was the loving Grandy to five grandchildren. Justin Henry Hall and Jaleise DeShawn Hall of Troy Michigan, Azaan Saalim Wilbon and Jabari Jakada Wilbon of Bowie Maryland, and Kyissa Ashanti Lindsey of Lompoc, California. They were the absolute joy of his life, and they adored him back. His love for texting probably started with them! He had individual relationships with them all... spending many hours with them on various family special occasions, but the times they loved the most was camping up North in Idle Wild and going out on his fishing boat "The Wells Family Yacht".

Among his family and friends, he was known by many different names...

Butch, Les, Big Les and Tiny, but no matter what you called him, there wasn't a topic he didn't know everything about, or a debate you were going to win! But after you got over being wrong or losing, you didn't care, because he was the best son, husband, son in-law, daddy/pops, grandy, brother, brother in-law, uncle, and friend a person could ever have. A connoisseur of fine foods, he could prepare it all from any kind of wild game to an entire holiday feast. But the favorite of pretty much everyone by far was his fried fish with homemade fries and his Mother Ruth's dressing.

Lester was a faithful member of Blackwell A.M.E. Zion Church, where he served on the Men's Ministry, Van Ministry, Steward Board, "Secret" Security, and the Missionary Society.

A Time to Weep. A Time to Laugh, A Time to Mourn, A Time to Dance
Lester also leaves to cherish his memory: his mother in-law Katie L. Harper of Flint; aunt Vivian (Ruth) Cook; brother in-laws James Harper, Ambus (Stephanie) Harper, Douglas (Jannifer) Harper, Mark (Terri) Harper; sister in-law Sandra Jones; nephews Stacey (Shonda) Wells, Kelvin Skelton, Damone (Nikki) Harper, Adam (Colleen) Harper, Brandon Harper, Mark Harper II, and Stephen Harper; nieces Stephanie (Randall) Morris, Tracey Davison, Kim Sanders, Ambia Harper, Alaina Harper, Ashley Harper; many cousins, great nieces and great nephews; god-children, Ericka (Coleman) Witherspoon and Angela Campbell; god-granddaughter, Jene'a Johnson; and his 'other son' Delano (Martina) Burton.

Lester was preceded in death by his mother, Velma Ruth Wells; brother Bobby Joe Wells; grandparents, Clarence and Lorena Wells, and Frank and Estelle Hunter; uncles Frank Hunter Jr., Clarence (Virgie) Wells, Walter Ellis; aunts Thelma Jolly, Lillie Mae Neal, Theresa Cousins, Isabell Ellis; friends Robert Coleman Jr., James (Jimmy) McClinton, Walter (Pepper) Ferguson.

The family of Lester F. Wells Sr. would like to express special thanks to his

“play sister” Leora (Nathaniel) Campbell, special cousins Patsy (Horace) Strozier, Marcia (Stephen) Boone, and William (Carolyn) Turner.

Cemetery Details

Sunset Hills Cemetery

G-4413 Flushing Rd.
Flint, MI 48504

Previous Events

Public Viewing

FEB 2. 1:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

Blackwell AME Zion Church
1902 Sonny St.
Flint, MI 48504

Tribute Wall



“ *Mr. Lester "Tiny" Wells Sr.*

October 09, 2023 at 07:02 AM



“ *Karen Wright-Dirrell lit a candle in memory of Mr. Lester "Tiny" Wells Sr.*



Karen Wright-Dirrell - February 22, 2017 at 12:12 PM



To the Wells Family: I am sorry to hear of your loss. Please know my prayers are with you all.

Karen Wright-Dirrell - February 22, 2017 at 12:15 PM



“ *Henry Edwards lit a candle in memory of Mr. Lester "Tiny" Wells Sr.*



Henry Edwards - February 06, 2017 at 04:00 PM

SB

“ Sorry, for the loss of Lester your Husband, Father, Friend. You have my deepest sympathy, my prayers are with you and the Family. I know God is there to comfort you with peace serenity, God Bless.
Shirley Blassingame



Shirley J Blassingame - February 03, 2017 at 09:39 PM



“ My deepest condolences goes out to the Wells family and I will keep the family in my prayers, hold on to Gods unchanging hands.

Angelitha Anderson - February 03, 2017 at 03:03 PM

DJ

“ We the Gibbs and Henderson families united would like to express our deepest condolences in the passing through to Heaven. We were so delighted to see you in 2006 when we returned to Flint from Whitmore Lake. We will miss you smiling face and words of wisdom. We were supposed to go fishing together this summer but I know that when we stand on the banks of Jordan you shall be there to greet us. We love you!

Douglas Cheryl and Jerry - February 03, 2017 at 01:23 PM



“ My Condolences to the family of Mr Wells, May he rest n peace and may the God of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob comfort the family and friends. Love You All.

Charles Elam Jr. - February 03, 2017 at 07:08 AM

RJ

“ *Lester will always be remembered as a good friend and classmate by many. Rest in peace my friend.* ”

Roz Jones - February 03, 2017 at 06:26 AM

RJ

“ *Roz Jones lit a candle in memory of Mr. Lester "Tiny" Wells Sr.* ”



Roz Jones - February 03, 2017 at 06:25 AM

PB

“ *You will forever be in our hearts.* ”

Pamela Buck - February 02, 2017 at 06:45 PM

CT

“ *Cheryl Torrey purchased the Full Of Love Bouquet for the family of Mr. Lester "Tiny" Wells Sr..* ”



Cheryl Torrey - February 02, 2017 at 12:33 PM

SF

“ *Spencer Turner and Family purchased the Basket of Memories for the family of Mr. Lester "Tiny" Wells Sr..* ”



Spencer Turner and Family - February 02, 2017 at 10:42 AM

BR

“ *Byrd, Sandra, Tawana and Reggie purchased the Sacred Duty Spray for the family of Mr. Lester "Tiny" Wells Sr..*



Byrd, Sandra, Tawana and Reggie - February 02, 2017 at 10:00 AM



“ *Sentiments of Serenity Spray was purchased for the family of Mr. Lester "Tiny" Wells Sr..*



February 01, 2017 at 05:29 PM

DH

“ *He was a gentle soul. He will be sorely missed.*



Doug, Jan, Brandon and Ashley Harper - February 01, 2017 at 04:12 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Mr. Lester "Tiny" Wells Sr..*



February 01, 2017 at 03:31 PM

WH

“ *Wanda Harrison lit a candle in memory of Mr. Lester "Tiny" Wells Sr.*



Wanda Harrison - February 01, 2017 at 09:19 AM

DW

“ *Dennetta Dunn Waters lit a candle in memory of Mr. Lester "Tiny" Wells Sr.*



Dennetta Dunn Waters - January 31, 2017 at 10:16 PM



“ *This candle was lit on the behalf of Mrs.MaryL.Evans and Family in the memory of Mr.Lester Wells*



Mary Evans - January 31, 2017 at 07:52 PM



“ *Ivan Wilson lit a candle in memory of Mr. Lester "Tiny" Wells Sr.*



Ivan Wilson - January 31, 2017 at 07:07 PM

NB

“ Our condolences to the family of Lester Wells. Karlene, Rhonda, Squirt and Kim, Gil and I are praying with and for you during this difficult time. Remember to be absent from the body is to be present with the Lord. God Bless Min. Gil and Nan Benman.



Nannette Benman - January 31, 2017 at 03:36 PM

LF

“ Lavern Miller Family purchased the Sentiments of Serenity Spray for the family of Mr. Lester "Tiny" Wells Sr..



Lavern Miller Family - January 31, 2017 at 02:02 PM

RS

“ god bless you all..

ROY ANNIIE SMITH - January 31, 2017 at 12:59 PM

RS

“ MAY YOU FIND PEACE NOING OTHERS CARE..REST IN PEACE BIG TINY;;



ROY ANNIIE SMITH - January 31, 2017 at 12:58 PM

MH

“ *Mr & Mrs James and Carolyn Hudson
Our heartfelt prayers to the family of Mr. Lester "Tiny" Wells, may
God comfort you and give you peace in your time of sorrow.*

Mr & Mrs James (Hut) & Carolyn Hudson - January 31, 2017 at 11:47 AM

YI

“ *Your Friends at Troy Abstract & Title Agency, Inc.
purchased the Basket of Memories for the family
of Mr. Lester "Tiny" Wells Sr..*



Your Friends at Troy Abstract & Title Agency, Inc. - January
31, 2017 at 11:07 AM

PH

“ *Patricia Hennie lit a candle in memory of Mr.
Lester "Tiny" Wells Sr.*



Patricia Hennie - January 31, 2017 at 08:48 AM

DB

“ *I am sorry for your loss. Nothing may take
away your grief but, by meditating on Gods
promises in the bible you can find real hope
and strength to keep going. (1Thessalonians
4:13,14).*



Daisy Boone - January 31, 2017 at 08:39 AM

RW

“ Rudy & Geneva Ward lit a candle in memory of Mr. Lester "Tiny" Wells Sr.



Rudy & Geneva Ward - January 31, 2017 at 07:22 AM

RP

“ My sincere condolences to the Wells family on the loss of our brother Lester" Tiny-Butch" Wells. I consider it an honor to have know him and loved him as a real brother. He showed the true example that once family always family. He is be missed, but I believe the heavens are excited to receive another saint into the kingdom!

Rosalind H. Pearson-Coffey - January 31, 2017 at 04:49 AM

LW

“ LARRY WILLIAMS lit a candle in memory of Mr. Lester "Tiny" Wells Sr.



LARRY WILLIAMS - January 30, 2017 at 09:09 PM

MH

“ To the family of Mr. Lester (Tiny) Wells,
Earth has no sorrow that heaven cannot
heal...
May the God of all comfort give you peace.
In Jesus name



Mr. & Mrs. James (Hut) & Carolyn Hudson - January 30, 2017 at 07:09 PM

LC

“ Lydia Coleman lit a candle in memory of Mr. Lester "Tiny" Wells Sr.



Lydia Coleman - January 30, 2017 at 06:37 PM

MS

“ Mae Vern & Benny Spence lit a candle in memory of Mr. Lester "Tiny" Wells Sr.



Mae Vern & Benny Spence - January 30, 2017 at 04:17 PM

JD

“ Jean Durrett lit a candle in memory of Mr. Lester "Tiny" Wells Sr.



Jean Durrett - January 30, 2017 at 04:05 PM

JD

Praying for the Wells family during your time of sorrow. Just know that God have your back. Stay uplifted God will carry you through.

Jean Durrett - January 30, 2017 at 04:13 PM

DQ

“ Dea. Bill & Ruthy Quarles lit a candle in memory of Mr. Lester "Tiny" Wells Sr.



Dea. Bill & Ruthy Quarles - January 30, 2017 at 02:52 PM

DQ

Ruthy and I are saddened to hear about our brother. Look to the hills, God will carry you through this time of sorrow.

Dea. Bill and Ruthy Quarles - January 31, 2017 at 05:46 PM

MJ

“ Mr.& Mrs. Otis Cheatom Jr. lit a candle in memory of Mr. Lester "Tiny" Wells Sr.



Mr.& Mrs. Otis Cheatom jr. - January 30, 2017 at 07:23 AM



“ Maggie Williams lit a candle in memory of Mr. Lester "Tiny" Wells Sr.



Maggie Williams - January 29, 2017 at 10:23 PM

M.

“ *Min. David .M.Martin lit a candle in memory of Mr. Lester "Tiny" Wells Sr.*



Min. David .M.Martin - January 29, 2017 at 10:12 PM

RE

“ *ROBERT White & Adell Eldrige lit a candle in memory of Mr. Lester "Tiny" Wells Sr.*

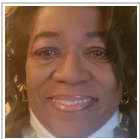


ROBERT White & Adell Eldrige - January 29, 2017 at 08:06 PM

RW

Your life has left an impact on many. Robert White

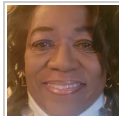
ROBERT White - January 29, 2017 at 08:10 PM



“ *Barbara Graham sent a virtual gift in memory of Mr. Lester "Tiny" Wells Sr.*



Barbara Graham - January 28, 2017 at 07:13 PM



My sincere condolences to the family. Praying for your comfort and strength in your time of need.

Barbara Graham - January 28, 2017 at 07:19 PM

KY

“ *To the Wells Family Saddened by your sorrow. Praying for you!*
Proverbs 3:4-6.

Kim D. Yarber - January 28, 2017 at 06:30 PM