



Robert Strozier

July 12, 1939 - September 25, 2008

STROZIER, Mr. Robert D. - Age 69, passed away Thursday, September 25, 2008 at St. Joseph Mercy Hospital. Family hour 10:30AM Saturday, October 4, 2008 at Antioch Missionary Baptist Church, 1083 E. Stewart Ave., with funeral service commencing at 11AM, Pastor Lewis Randolph officiating. Interment Gracelawn Community Cemetery, G-5710 N. Saginaw St. Friends and pallbearers will assemble at the church 10:30AM Saturday. Mr. Strozier will lie in state in the Chapel of Lawrence E. Moon Funeral Home, 906 W. Flint Park Blvd., and may be viewed from 12Noon-8PM Friday. Mr. Robert D. "Uncle Robert" Strozier was born July 12, 1939 in Flint, Michigan, the youngest child of R.D. and Luella (Maze) Strozier. Robert was a resident of Ypsilanti, MI. He was a member of Antioch Missionary Baptist Church and The Church of the Good Shepherd United Church of Christ in Ann Arbor, MI. Robert was a graduate of Flint Northern High School "Class of 1957". He served in the United States Air Force from 1958 to 1962. Robert earned a Bachelor of Arts degree from the University of Michigan in 1965 and a Masters of Social Work from the University of Michigan June of 1967. He was currently the Michigan Regional Director for Crossroads and a training and Mental Health Consultant. Special interests and involvements with Mental Health and Aging Advisory Groups, Gerontology Seminars, Psychology Instructors, Parish Partnership of Washtenaw County. Robert was a member of the University of Michigan Choral Union and Festival Chorus member of the Church of the Good Shepherd and its choirs. He served on the Phillip A. Duey

Scholarship Committee of the University of Michigan's Men's Glee Club. Robert held statewide office with the Michigan Association for Emotionally Disturbed Children. He was also past local chapter president of Michigan State Employees Association, Field Instructor for the University of Michigan School of Social Work in both Administration and Interpersonal Practice. Robert loved music, plants, working with children and traveling when his health allowed. He also enjoyed loved his family and friends. Robert was quite a man, but a powerful force. He leaves to cherish his memory: sister, Frances Jefferson of Flint, 6 nieces, Valeria (James) Goodwin of Chicago, IL, Darlene Jones, Karen Strozier, Cynthia (David) Sanders, Pamela (William) Stewart and Lois Jefferson; 5 nephews, Larry (Geraldine) Strozier, Gary Woods, Lawrence Jones, Charlie H. (Rhoda) Strozier and Henry D. (Denise) Strozier; nieces-in-law, Brenda and Shirley Jones; 12 grand nieces; 6 grand nephews; sister-in-law, Bessie (Charles) Strozier; a host of great grandnieces and nephews, other relatives and friends including the members of The Church of Good Shepherd. Mr. Strozier was preceded in death by his parents, R.D. and Luella Strozier; sisters, Lillian Strozier, Minnie Jones, Lelar Hooper, Gladys Strozier; brothers, Charlie and Howard Strozier; nephews, Rev. Bee A. Jones and Edward Jefferson; brothers-in-law, Luke Jefferson and Isodore Hooper. The family would like to express special thanks to doctors and nurses at St. Joseph Mercy Hospital, Antioch Missionary Baptist Church family, The Church of the Good Shepherd church family, Robert's neighbors and friends for their support.

Tribute Wall



“ *Robert Strozier*

October 09, 2023 at 07:02 AM



“ *Robert started out as a massage therapy client of mine and evolved into a dear friend. He invited me to his Ann Arbor church, and sponsored me and my family when we joined. He encouraged me to join the choir where I had the pleasure of singing with him. He always was sweet and supportive of my son who is now 6, even singing at his baptism. He offered sage council when I have been at wits end more than once.*

One day we were talking and he was saying that retirement was lacking and he was thinking about a job as a greeter at Meijer. I immediately offered him a part time job in my clinic. He took it, and has been with me a number(4?5?) of years every Friday. The staff love when he is there as do the clients. As one of my clients said several times " In the dictionary next to gentleman, there is a picture of Robert."

I will miss him deeply and he leaves a huge void in many areas of my life.

Terry Caldwell - September 25, 2008 at 12:00 AM

DP

“ I had the pleasure of working with Bob during his tenure as the Member Services Coordinator. I also had the pleasure of planning a reception in celebration of his retirement on January 10, 2003. I was disheartened to hear of his demise. He was truly a man of God and a true example of christian virtue. I pray that the God of Comfort will sustain you during this difficult time. We are confident, I say, and willing rather to be absent from the body, and to be present with the Lord. 2 Corinthians 5:8

Doris A. Peoples - September 25, 2008 at 12:00 AM

EL

“ Robert/Bob was one of a kind, a wonderful and loving man. He shared his kindness with all that crossed his path. I feel blessed to have been on that path. He will be missed.

Ellen - September 25, 2008 at 12:00 AM

JW

“ Robert was a very special person. He had a smile to go with his beautiful voice! It was a pleasure to have been his physician for part of his life. He was uncomplaining with his health struggles and intent on living life to the fullest. I loved and will miss him and his gifts of life to all of us who knew him.

Jerry S Walden - September 25, 2008 at 12:00 AM

MM

“ My closest connection with Bob was his service as a volunteer for the UMS Choral Union Summer Sings, a group which I have coordinated since the creation of the Sings in 1994. Bob was a gentleman and a stalwart volunteer on whom I could rely without hesitation. He was willing to do whatever he could to help make these events a success to all who attended. His smile and his gentle grace are what I will remember most about him. In reading the other tributes to Bob, I only wish I had known him in more capacities, because it is clear he conducted every facet of his life with the same grace and charm that I had come to know through his work with the Sings. I always told the volunteers there was a special corner of heaven reserved for those "angels" who selflessly gave of their time and effort toward this modest little enterprise. Now it seems that Bob--always willing to take on any task for me--has now decided to go forward and make that "special corner of heaven" ready for the rest of us to join him some day. I feel blessed to have known him, and will always be grateful to him.

Marilyn Meeker - September 25, 2008 at 12:00 AM

DS

“ I met Bob in the mid 60's when we both sang with the UM Men's Glee Club. When I joined the group Bob was one of the older members always with a smile on his face ready to help the new singers get accustomed to the group. He valued friendship and travel and found both for 8 weeks as a member of the Men's Glee Club's 1967 World Tour. He liked to recall instances from this once in a lifetime opportunity. Later when I joined the UM Choral Union in 1979 who did I find but Bob with that same smiling face again helping me out as a new member of the group. Beginning in 1974 Bob assisted the Men's Glee Club as one of the original members of the Philip Duey Alumni Scholarship Committee. Since 1998 I have served on this committee with with him. With our resources limited Bob always took great care in deciding which deserving student received an award and how much the award would be. Bob believed in service to his community and the value of song in an individuals life. Since 1965 he sang in the UM Choral Union and since 1962 was involved in some aspect of the UM Men's Glee Club. I will miss the smiling face, that wonderful bass voice, and the wise counsel he always provided.

Don Sanderson - September 25, 2008 at 12:00 AM

FD

“ Unfortunately, due to previous committments, I am unable to attend Bob's Funeral. I've know Bob for many years as we've sung together on many occasions/performances, etc. The Choral Union was important to Bob and we talked about that as we walked to the parking structure after Choral Union practice. I saw Bob in the ER at St. Joe's the very next morning. He was in so much pain. I'm honored to have know Robert Strozier. I also feel very privileged to be with his family shortly after he died. May he and you find comfort and peace in the Lord.

Father Timothy J. Dombrowski - September 25, 2008 at 12:00 AM

DH

I don't know if anyone will see this at such a late date but here goes anyway.

Bob was my Social Worker back in the 60s. He transitioned this young man to independence back in 1971. He kept tabs on me for a period of time. True there was always a smile on his face and came right down to his level. I thought the world of this man. He was always kind and thoughtful. He never gave up on me. Somewhere up there sits a saint. And the believer that I am I know he hears me when I say Thank you Bob, Rest in peace my friend.

Donald W. Horton - November 28, 2018 at 01:03 AM

KZ

“*Bob was a passionate board member at my agency, Crossroad Children's Home , for 9 years. He was also my dedicated and caring employee for the past three years. Most importantly, he was my very dear friend with whom I spoke every week. I loved him dearly. We prayed together, cried together and laughed together. I will miss his creative ideas, his thoughtful words and his gentle faithful soul. He was a truly precious person and I am better for having known him.*

Kyle Zanker - September 25, 2008 at 12:00 AM