



## Roderick "Papoose" Adair

December 31, 1960 - December 27, 2011

ADAIR, Mr. Roderick Duane "Papoose", Sr. - Age 50, passed away Tuesday, December 27, 2011 at Saginaw Covenant. Family hour 10 a.m. Friday, January 6, 2012 at Secret Place Tabernacle, 1701 Harrison St., with funeral service commencing immediately at 11 a.m. Pastor Nate Dennis officiating. Interment 1:30 p.m. at Great Lakes National Cemetery, G-4200 Belford Rd., Holly, MI. Friends and pallbearers will assemble at the church 10 a.m. Friday. Mr. Adair will lie in state in the Chapel of Lawrence E. Moon Funeral Home, 906 W. Flint Park Blvd., and may be viewed from 12Noon-8 p.m. Thursday. Mr. Roderick Duane "Papoose" Adair, Sr. was born December 31, 1960 , the son of the late Brenda Adair and Ronald Coulter. He was born and resided in Flint. Roderick received his diploma in 1979 from Flint Northwestern High School. He was a former member of Shiloh M.B.C. Roderick was currently employed by the Saginaw Board of Education/Sodexo Incorporated. He was an Honorably Discharged Veteran of the Marine Corps, with 4 years of service. Roderick's hobbies included, electric football, video games, golf, and fishing. He was an avid fan of the Detroit Lions and his alma matter alumni "Northwestern Widcats". Roderick was his son's # 1 fan and his namesake. He was loving and devoted "Daddy" "Paw Paw" and friend. Roderick was also the oldest of 5 sibilings. He loved and cared deeply for his family. He had a special bond with his baby brother that shared his birthday. Roderick will always hold a special place in the hearts of every child related or affiliated with his "other mother" Marie Washington. Roderick Duane 'Papoose" Adair,

Sr., leaves to cherish his memory: one and only daughter, RaDreena Adair; sons, Chioke Washington Sr., Eric Jones, Sr. and Roderick Adair, Jr., all of Flint; other children, Dashika "Missy" McCarthy, Dreylen Hare, Dominez "Summers" Burnett, Donella Wright; grandchildren, Chioke Washington, Jr., Armani Washington, Acire Washington, Eric Jones, Jr., all of Flint, and Tanajia Jones of NC; father, Ronald Coulter of CA; 2 sisters, Rose Adair, Samantha (Jeffery) Adair-White; 2 brothers, Houston Bernard (Pam) Adair of San Diego, CA, George (Sarah) Adair of Indianapolis, IN; 3 nieces, Tyler, Drake, and Genesis; 3 nephews, Dominique, all of Indianapolis, IN, Houston, Jr., and Marcus both of San Diego, CA; uncle, Gordon Nichols (Barbara) of Saginaw, MI; a host of cousins, including special mention, Michael Thompson and Rose Chew; other relatives and friends including childhood friend, Richard Nathanael, Walter White, Raylee "Mom's" Marie Washington and Teresie Lee; special friend, former-wife and mother of his children, Shelly (Washington) Thompson. Mr. Adair was preceded in death by his mother, Brenda E. Adair; uncles, James Nichols, Curtis Adair; grandparents, Dorothy Adair, Carl Dent; aunt, Ethel Smith; and cousin, Betty Thompson. The family would like to express special thanks to Pastor Nate Dennis of Secret Place Tabernacle, Lester Bess for the food, the doctor's and nurse's at Saginaw Covenant Hospital, Kempton Elementary School staff, students, and Kelly, Heavenrich Elementary School family, Saginaw Board of Education staff, Marie Washington, Sonya White, Allyson Garrett, Vogt's Flowers, Moon's Funeral Home staff and everyone that thought enough to call or send condolences.

# Tribute Wall



“ *Roderick "Papoose" Adair*

October 09, 2023 at 07:02 AM



“ *IT HAS BEEN 3 LONG YRS AND I MISS MY DADDY SO MUCH!!!! I JUST WISH YOU WAS HERE WITH US!!!! I LOVE AND MISS YOU SO MUCH DADDY!!!!*

**RaDreena Adair-Clark** - December 30, 2014 at 05:22 PM



“ *Praying for the family, Mr. Adair was a very nice person and I enjoyed the time we worked together. He will be missed!*

**Cheryl Merrill** - December 27, 2011 at 12:00 AM



“ *We would like to take this time to give our Condolences to the Adair Family. We knew Roderick as Papoose and we lived on McClellan Street across from the Washington Family. He was a very nice guy who always spoke to our family. Know that God is an AWESOME God and he will see the Family through this difficult time. God Bless you all. From the Peters & Johnson Family off McClellan Street.*

**Jhena Peters** - December 27, 2011 at 12:00 AM



“ *I am so sorry to hear about Roderick. May God give my cousins the strength they need and know that my love and prayers are with you all.*

**Candy Claxton-Frelix** - December 27, 2011 at 12:00 AM

CT

“ We are so sorry for your loss and though it may not make sense now, God is in control and able to meet all your needs. One day at a time, He will encourage and strengthen you during this very difficult time. Please know we are here if you need us. Roderick, be the man your dad raised you to be. I'm sure he was very proud of you. God Bless and Keep you all.

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**Cynthia, Alonna & Aliyah Tipton** - December 27, 2011 at 12:00 AM

RR

“ To Family prayers are with your family and Erath has no sorrow that heaven can not heal. Pastor Ernest L. Reed and the Custodians from the Saginaw Public School. We love you Rob!

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**Rev.Ernest I. Reed** - December 27, 2011 at 12:00 AM

RN

“ we has a lot of laughs,turn a turned a lot of corners. You always called me Big Bru,but you were always the one i looked up too.See you soon Rick.

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**R Nash** - December 27, 2011 at 12:00 AM

NT

“ I am so sorry for your loss. Rod was a great man. I worked with him at several different SPSD schools, and it was a pleasure to know him. He was hard working, caring and always willing to help. My thoughts and prayers are with you.

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**Nancy Taylor** - December 27, 2011 at 12:00 AM

LV

“ To the family of Mr. Adair,  
My prayers are with you at this time. It was a pleasure to work with Mr. Adair. He was a very respectable man that took his job seriously. I only met him this year, but it seemed as if we were old friends. Your loss is heaven's gain. May the Lord shower you with encouragement and His blessings during your time of sorrow.  
Sincerely, Mrs. Linda Veasley

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**Linda Veasley** - December 27, 2011 at 12:00 AM

VD

“ Rod was such a wonderful co-worker and friend. He helped countless times with students having challenges and worked hard to make every student feel welcome and part of the school.

*I am very sorry for your family's loss and please know my thoughts and prayers are with you. I feel honored that I had a chance to know Rod as he was truly a special man.*

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**Vickie Dillon** - December 27, 2011 at 12:00 AM

DO

“ To the family of Mr. Roderick Adair. I am deeply sorry to hear about Roderick. He was a very caring man. It was truly a pleasure knowing him. He will be missed by all at Kempton Elementary. God bless you. Sincerely. Dorothy Omar.

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**Dorothy Omar** - December 27, 2011 at 12:00 AM

TL

“ My thoughts and prayer are with his family and friends. I got to know Rod at Kempton school, that is where my children attend. He was a wonderful person who was always smiling and upbeat about everything. He was great with all the children there. He will be dearly missed by those children. For some he may have been the closest thing to a father figure who took time out to talk with them. On Friday mornings we made popcorn at school and we would always try to keep the floor swept, but somehow there was a spot we missed that he would take care of with a smile or a joke about it. Those fridays will never be the same. You will be truely missed ROD :(

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**Tammy Lemmer** - December 27, 2011 at 12:00 AM

DB

“ I lost a ture brother n friend rip bro

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**donald bivens** - December 27, 2011 at 12:00 AM

KL

“ To the Adair family. So sorry to hear of the passing of Adair. That's what we called him at Holmes Jr. High. we grew up together in the Gundry Hood. We had a lot of fun skating up to Gundry on the gym floor on friday's. Then walk up to the 7/11 store. For more candy. May God comfort and keep his family.

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**kymerly owens lucas** - December 27, 2011 at 12:00 AM

PG

“ To RaDreena and Rodrick Jr.  
May God keep you and strengthen you in your time of sorrow. Love Pam

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**Pamela Gadson** - December 27, 2011 at 12:00 AM

MW

“ There are not words to express the deep loss I feel on the passing of Mr. Adair. We worked together at Kempton. Although he was the school custodian, he was much more than that. He was a father figure to many of our students. He was an example of a good man. He took pride in his work and he helped everyone. I witnessed Mr. Adair teaching our young boys manners and common courtesies. He was a protector. The students LOVED HIM!!! He was more than his title. He will be deeply missed. His smile, his concern, his truth and his love for our children and staff will be hard to replace. Heaven has gained a strong angel and thank God it will be Mr. Adair looking down on us as we go about the business of educating our children. Rest in peace and know that you were loved.

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**Ms. Olivia A. Williams** - December 27, 2011 at 12:00 AM

DE

“ Mr. Adair was a very nice person. He always went above and beyond to help whoever he could and if he wasn't able to help he would lead you in the right direction for someone to help. Mr. Adair was like a father to alot of kids that where without a father figure in their life. I'm so lucky to have known him for the length of time that I did. Mr. Adair will truly be missed by myself and others. My heart and prayers goes out to the family and his loved ones. Keep strong faith in god and believe that Mr. Adair is in a better place now.

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**Dewayne** - December 27, 2011 at 12:00 AM

GA

“ I LOVE AND MISS YOU SO MUCH PAP. YOU AND MAMA WATCH OVER US UNTIL WE MEET AGAIN I LOVE YOU BROTHER WITH ALL MY HEART!!!!!!

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**George Adair** - December 27, 2011 at 12:00 AM

LM

“ I knew Rod for just over a year when I started working at Kempton Elementary in September 2010. He became a quick friend. I will cherish his remarkable sense of humor. He was a good, kind man, and I will miss hearing his laugh. My thoughts and prayers are with the family.

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**Lory Mauro** - December 27, 2011 at 12:00 AM

JM

“ To Rod Jr.,  
May the Holy Spirit comfort you during your time of need.

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**Jaquetta Moore** - December 27, 2011 at 12:00 AM

DP

“ A good feind to all we will miss you dearly. GOD knows best you have been apart of our family we just want to say thank you. May GOD bless your familycomfort them in time of need.

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**DJ PRICE** - December 27, 2011 at 12:00 AM

G.

“ R.I.P

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**G.Cain** - December 27, 2011 at 12:00 AM

LW

“ I can't began to really write on this Tribute board. I look at your picture and tears flow. I know God makes no mistakes but this here so suddenly so quickly so soon wow. I've known Daddy Adair 11-year. When God Took Mr. Adair He Took A Great Angel. We have to remember that GOD loved him more and he is GOD child, he was just with us temporary. He's gone on to Glory to Glory. We will miss him but what he installed in us shall still live. He taught us something young and old.

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**La Shawn Williams** - December 27, 2011 at 12:00 AM

DB

“ To the family

*You have our sincere sympathy. We will be praying for the family.*

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**Dec. Leroy & Sis. Verlinder Baston** - December 27, 2011 at 12:00 AM

CS

“ My deepest sympathy goes out to RaDreena, Roderick, and the entire family of Rod Adair. Rod was a faithful employee and loyal friend. He was a true gentleman. Rod was devoted to guiding many children through his work as a basketball, football and jump rope coach, reading mentor, and overall advisor. Rod Adair was very special to all who knew him, and loved by many.

*I will miss you my friend.*

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**Carol Selby** - December 27, 2011 at 12:00 AM

AJ

“ Rod, you were helpful in so many ways to all the staff at Heavenrich you will be missed by all those that knew you, may GOD continue to bless your children and family

Sincerely, Anne

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**Anne Welch Johnson** - December 27, 2011 at 12:00 AM

AM

“ MY DEEPEST CONDOLENCES, TO THE FAMILY.HE WAS A GOOD PERSON TO WORK WITH.REST IN PEACE MY FRIEND.MAY GOD BLESS THE FAMILY

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**ART MOSQUEDA** - December 27, 2011 at 12:00 AM

FO

“ "Papoose" will be greatly missed by all. The last time I saw him was at a Wildcat football game where he was watching "Chip" play. My prayers and sympathy go out to all the family and friends.

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**FoxFire** - December 27, 2011 at 12:00 AM

PW

“ From the kids at Kempton Elementary After-the-Bell Program and Pastor Chris and Min. May Wathen. Our prayer's for you in this season are from the heart. We will miss this wonderful, Mighty Man of God. His care and compassion are un-paralleled and un-replaceable.

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**Pastor Chris and May Wathen** - December 27, 2011 at 12:00 AM

BB

“ My sincere condolences to the family. I am the Parent Facilitator at Flint Northwestern High School. I met Mr. Adair and spoke with recently at his son's senior exit presentation. I will never forget how proud he was watching his son present. I also gave him my word that I would keep Chip in line. He is my adopted son here at Northwestern. I am praying for you all and Chip you know I am here for you if you need me. Remember earth has no sorrow that heaven cannot heal.

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**Bobbi Bradshaw** - December 27, 2011 at 12:00 AM

AP

“ ON BEHALF OF THE THE PATRICK/MCKETHER/HOLLENQUEST/SCHUMPERT FAMILIES WE WOULD LIKE TO EXPRESS OUR SINCERE SYMPATHIES TO THE FAMILY. WE ARE PRAYING FOR YOUR STRENGTH IN THE LORD. WE WILL ALWAYS REMEMBER ROD FROM WHEN HE WAS ON 23RD STREET IN SAGINAW, MI; THAT LAUGH WILL ALWAYS BE REMEMBERED. HE WAS ALSO A DEAR CO-WORKER. MAY GOD BLESS AND KEEP YOU.

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**ANN MARIA PATRICK** - December 27, 2011 at 12:00 AM

LR

“ I just met Rod this past year at Kempton and we became friends right a way. He had such a caring personality and always made me smile after our little talks. I will miss him dearly as well as the children at Kempton. My condolences go out to the family.

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**Lori Ramirez** - December 27, 2011 at 12:00 AM

FW

“ Greetings from the Kempton Elementary After-the-Bell Program. All will miss Mr. Adair, kids and staff. He cared for us as he cared for his family. Semper Fidelis (Semper Fi) is Latin for " Always Faithful" or "Always Loyal." The Marine in Mr. Adair always symbolized Loyalty and Faithfulness. May God continue to keep the family of Mr. Roderick Duane "Papoose" Adair Sr.

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**F. Wachner, D. Omar, M. Wathen** - December 27, 2011 at 12:00 AM

CB

“ *"Earth has no sorrow heaven can't heal". Tappy you will be missed!*

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**Clyde (C-Dog) Britt** - December 27, 2011 at 12:00 AM

CR

“ *i would like to say that sometimes when i see the jantoir i say "Oh look its MR. Adair".*

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**Cruz** - December 27, 2011 at 12:00 AM