



## Thomas Dilworth,

December 17, 1935 - May 20, 2005

DILWORTH, Mr. Thomas "Sweetie", Jr. Age 69, passed away Friday, May 20, 2005 at Hurley Medical Center. Family hour 10AM Thursday, May 26, 2005 at New Jerusalem Full Gospel Baptist Church, 1035 E. Carpenter Rd., with funeral service commencing immediately at 11AM. Bishop Odis A. Floyd officiating. Interment River Rest Cemetery, G-4413 Flushing Rd. Friends and pallbearers will assemble at the church 10AM Thursday. Mr. Dilworth 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 Wednesday. Thomas "Sweetie" Dilworth, Jr. was born on December 17, 1935 in Memphis, Tennessee, the son of Thomas and Fannie (Donan) Dilworth, Sr. He moved to Flint, MI at an early age and attended Flint Community Schools graduating from Northern High School in 1955. After graduation, he pursued a profession in barbering by attending the Detroit Barber College in Detroit, MI and received his barber's license in 1956. He was a professional barber for 49 years most recently operating at Claudia's Hairport in Flint. Everyone who came in contact with "Sweetie" experienced his incredible sense of dedication and hard work. His enamoring sense of humor, charisma, and love of people made him treasured by many. "Sweetie," loved football, basketball and cherished long conversations with family and friends. He was a member of the Greater Flint Afro-American Hall of Fame, Oman Temple #72, and the Tuesday Morning Breakfast Club. Mr. Dilworth leaves to cherish his memory two children: Mark (Linda) Childress of Flint, and Kimberly Dilworth of Rochester Hills, MI; 4

grandchildren, Brian Childress of Ann Arbor, MI, Michael Childress of Oscoda, MI, Mark Childress, Jr., of Kalamazoo, MI, and Kathryn Childress of Flint; uncle, Alphonso (Katie) Donan; aunt, Allie B. Dilworth, niece, Angela Lansdown, all of Flint; nephew, John (Nicole) Lansdown, Jr. of Huntsville, AL; very special cousin, Louis Dilworth, Jr.; a host of cousins, relatives and friends including extended family Brenda Dilworth, Carole Carrington, Starletta Diggs, Ericka Diggs-Fox and Natasha Diggs. Mr. Dilworth was preceded in death by his parents, Thomas and Fannie (Donan) Dilworth, Sr.; sister, Beverly Lansdown; and brother-in-law, John Lansdown. The family would like to express special thanks to Hurley Medical Center Neuro-Intensive Care Unit staff, Lawrence E. Moon, the New Jerusalem Full Gospel Baptist Church, Christ Fellowship Missionary Baptist Church families, and many devoted friends. [Click Here to View Tribute Video](#)

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“ *Thomas Dilworth,*

October 09, 2023 at 07:02 AM



“ *To Mark and Kim.*

*May God bless both of you during this time of sorrow. Sweetie was a fine person and very kind to everyone. He was always a good friend to my father and I will always remember him. Flint people will really miss him as he is a person that no one can forget. I am very saddened by his death, but will always remember the good times that we had together starting back to 1965. You are blessed to have had Sweetie as your father and he was a blessing to everyone.*

Cheryl Price-Dickson - May 20, 2005 at 12:00 AM



“ *My condolences to the Dilworth Family*

*May God's speed be with you. Forever seek God's grace and mercy and he will forever be with you.*

Emma Mott Harriston - May 20, 2005 at 12:00 AM



“ *We regret that we will not be able to attend the services. Our sincere sympathy and prayers go out to the family during this time of sorrow.*

Denise Barnett Pruitt & Family - May 20, 2005 at 12:00 AM

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“ *I am unable to make the service. A true friend will be missed. I am praying for the family.* ”

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**Jimmie Barnett, IV** - May 20, 2005 at 12:00 AM

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“ *Sweetie will truly be missed. Your family is in my prayers. I am sorry I will be unable to attend the service.* ”

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**Robert Edmonds, Sr.** - May 20, 2005 at 12:00 AM

JJ

“ *My family and I want to express our sincere condolences and prayers of peace for Sweetie's entire beloved family.*

*Sweetie was my barber when my family moved to Flint... I was only 4 years old. He cut my hair for over a decade.*

*I'm 33 now, but I never forgot Sweetie's kindness and the way he treated people. He would even let me sweep at the barbershop when I needed some pocket change!*

*I appreciated Sweetie's style, passion and care for his customers and everyone who knew him...*

*..and EVERYBODY knew him.*

*I can only hope to be the man that he told my mother he always thought I would become.*

*Hopefully he's looking down on me now and smiling. I certainly do when I think of him. I hope to one day see his bright smile again where it will certainly shine forever.*

*With Love,  
Darryn & Lori Briggs  
(and our children CJ & Spencer)*

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**James Jackson** - May 20, 2005 at 12:00 AM

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“ I am so glad that I found out about this way of giving condolance. I met "Sweetie" 60 some years ago, he lived accross the street from me and my brother Houston, along with Beverly and that relationship only grew through the years. I thank God for meeting both of them, I became Beverly and Sweeties big sister and I am proud to say that they were both special to me. I find it hard to except Sweeties passing but as a Christian I must except the fact that God already knows when we are coming and when we are going. I will miss him always. The last time I talked to him it was to receive his congratulations on my Marriage in 2004 to Mr. Odell Gregory Love and I shall cherish every word he gave me. I want all of you his family to know that you are not alone in your sorrow and there will always be someone praying for you. Love and prayers to the Dilworth family from the Love and Mckell Family always.

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**Odell G. & Sylvia Love** - May 20, 2005 at 12:00 AM