



Mr. William A. Avery

January 30, 1930 - November 29, 2013

EVERY, Mr. William A. "Bill" – Age 83, passed away Friday, November 29, 2013 at Evergreen Health and Living Center in Southfield, MI. Family hour 8:30 a.m. Friday, December 6, 2013 at Mt. Zion Missionary Baptist Church, 2109 M.L. King Ave., with funeral service commencing at 9 a.m. Pastor Rodney Ellison officiating. Interment Great Lakes National Cemetery, G-4200 Belford Rd., Holly, MI. Friends and pallbearers will assemble at the church 8:30 a.m. Friday. Mr. Avery 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. William A. Avery, affectionately known as "Bill", was born on January 30, 1930, in Guys, Tennessee, the son of Jeffrey and Eze Avery. He was the youngest of six children and the only son of the family. Due to parental illness, William was raised on the Avery Farm by his uncle, Willie D. Avery and aunt, Susie Avery. At an early age, William accepted Christ and was baptized at the Little Zion Baptist Church in Corinth, Mississippi. As a youth, William evolved into a charismatic and popular young man. He graduated from McNairy Central High School in Selman, Tennessee where he played forward on the State tournament winning basketball team. After leaving the Avery Farm, William lived with his grandfather, James Burns until he entered the United States Army. Following two years of military service, William was Honorably Discharged. Soon thereafter, William was hired by General Motors and moved

to Flint, Michigan. In November 1959, William married the love of his life, Lorenzie Anthony. To this union, two children were born, Jeffrey and Michael. William took family seriously and ensured his wife and children were well taken care of. William retired from General Motors in 1993 after 39 years of service. He had a tremendous commitment to the workplace and to the community. Consequently, William was an active member of the Mt. Zion Missionary Baptist Church, where he served as a member of the Men's Choir. He looked forward to attending church service each Sunday. Equally important was William's involvement in the Austin Block Club and Flint Neighborhood Coalition. William was President of the Austin Block Club for four years and could be found barbecuing at the annual block club party. The neighborhood thoroughly enjoyed William's perfectly seasoned barbecue. William found pleasure working in his garden and watching all kinds of sports. He especially loved watching teams from his home state of Tennessee.

Mr. Avery leaves to cherish in his memory: daughter, Carolyn Avery of Minneapolis, MN; sons, William Avery of Tennessee, Jeffrey Avery and Stacy Holbrook, both of Flint, and Michael Avery of Detroit, MI; granddaughter, MaKayla J. Avery of Southfield, MI; grandson, Sherrod Word of Flint; 4 sisters, Mildred Waterman of Toledo, OH, Lavora Anthony of Palo Alto, CA, Marilyn Johnson of Paducah, KY and May Aikens of New York, NY; a host of nieces and nephews including loving niece, Geraldine (Raymond) Oliver of Detroit, MI and special nephew, Keith Polk of Cleveland, OH; sister-in-law, Earline Stewart of Detroit, MI; a host of other relatives and friends.

Mr. Avery was preceded in death by: devoted wife of 53 years, Lorenzie Avery; parents, Jeffrey and Eze Avery and sister, Muzettie Avery-Irons.

Cemetery Details

Great Lakes National Cemetery

G-4200 Belford Rd.
Holly, MI 48442

Previous Events

Public Viewing

DEC 5. 12:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

Lawrence E. Moon Funeral Home, Inc., Flint
906 W. Flint Park Blvd.
Flint, MI 48505
(810) 789-6666
lemoonfhflint@gmail.com
<https://lawrenceemoonfuneralhome.com>

Family hour

DEC 6. 8:30 AM - 9:00 AM (ET)

Mt. Zion Missionary Baptist Church
2109 M.L. King Ave.
Flint, MI

Celebration of Life Service

DEC 6. 9:00 AM (ET)

Mt. Zion Missionary Baptist Church
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Flint, MI

Tribute Wall



“ *Mr. William A. Avery*

October 09, 2023 at 07:02 AM



“ *I would like to send my condolences to the family. When our love ones dies it's very . But the Bible promises to do away with pain that is caused by death at Rev21:4. Also the Bible promises that our dead love ones will live again at Isaiah 26:19. May the God of comfort, comfort your family at this time.*

concerned neighbor - December 04, 2013 at 06:54 PM



“ *Secret Garden Basket was purchased for the family of Mr. William A. Avery.*



December 04, 2013 at 03:55 PM



“ *Our condolences go out to the entire Avery family. Our prayers are with you during this difficult time. Jeff & Michael, may God provide you with the strength and understanding you need to continue on. With love, The Harden Family*

Tonja Harden-Rison - December 04, 2013 at 12:44 PM

JJ

“ To Mike, Jeff and the Family. You have my condolences. Just know you're in my prayers. God Bless. Jovita

Jovita Johnson - December 04, 2013 at 06:26 AM

MR

“ Monica Redwine lit a candle in memory of Mr. William A. Avery



Monica Redwine - December 03, 2013 at 01:49 PM

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“ Dear Avery Family and Friends,
I am so very sorry to hear of the loss of your dear loved one, and offer you my sincere condolences. Many have found comfort and hope in knowing that the Bible assures us: “Jehovah is close to the brokenhearted; He saves those who are crushed in spirit.” (Psalm 34:18) God’s holy spirit, or active force, can equip you with “power beyond what is normal” to go from one day to the next.(2 Corinthians 4:7) It is my sincere hope that this gives you a measure of solace in this most difficult time. My family wishes you and yours peace.

Lisa - December 03, 2013 at 10:00 AM

GJ

“ GWENDOLYN JONES lit a candle in memory of Mr. William A. Avery



GWENDOLYN JONES - December 02, 2013 at 08:10 AM

GJ

“ OUR DEEPEST HEART FELT SYMPATHY GOD BE WITH YOU
MIKE @JEFF FROM ERIC JONES @FAMILY.

GWENDOLYN JONES - December 02, 2013 at 08:10 AM

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“ *Nana Williams lit a candle in memory of Mr.
William A. Avery*



nana williams - December 01, 2013 at 08:39 PM