



Mr. Zackary "Big Zack" Franklin

March 14, 1952 - March 29, 2014

FRANKLIN, Mr. Zackary "Big Zack" - Age 62, passed away Saturday, March 29, 2014 at McLaren-Flint. Family hour 12 p.m. Saturday, April 5, 2014 at House of Prayer Missionary Baptist Church, 1851 W. Carpenter Rd. with funeral service commencing at 12:30 p.m. Pastor Kenneth L. Stewart officiating. Interment Gracelawn Community Cemetery, G-5710 N. Saginaw St. Friends and pallbearers will assemble at the Church 12 p.m. Saturday. Mr. Franklin will lie in state in the Chapel of Lawrence E. Moon Funeral Home, 906 W. Flint Park Blvd. and may be viewed from 12 p.m.-8 p.m. Friday, with the family present from 3 p.m.-8 p.m.

Mr. Zackary "Zack" Franklin, was born March 14, 1952 in Detroit, MI, the son of the late Mr. Harold Hayden and Ms. Helen Wilson. He was baptized at an early age and was a member of the House of Prayer Missionary Baptist Church under the pastorage of Pastor Kenneth L. Stewart. He trusted in God and proudly tattooed his right arm "In God I Trust" He attended the Flint Public Schools where he was an athlete who exemplified great potential.

"Zack" was a man who stood strong on the principle of "keeping it real." He cherished his mother and was passionate about his children, grandchildren, family and friends. His love was simply unquestionable. He thoroughly enjoyed sports, playing dominoes, chess, watching old westerns and barbequing. "Zack" was a champion with an incredible heart who never met a

stranger. He opened his doors to just about anyone who needed a place to stay and unselfishly shared what he had. He was known by many for his infectious sense of humor and playfulness. Everyone knew that "Zack" could handle his own and if you were his family or a friend he had your back. Truly, "Zack" was one of kind and when God made "Zack" he threw away the mode. He will truly be missed by all who loved him.

Mr. Zackary "Zack" Franklin succumbed to his illness surrounded by his mother, children, family and friends as he peacefully made his transition in the arms of God. He especially leaves to cherish his precious memories: The QUEEN and Matriarch of his life his incredible, awesome, devoted loving mother, Ms. Helen Wilson; 4 daughters, Onya (Charles) Liggins-Lewis, Zakialah Franklin all of Flint, Jasmine (Enrique) Martines Sanchez of Auburn Hills, MI and La'Kasha Smith of Detroit; 1 son, Zackary Franklin Jr., of Flint; 9 grandchildren; Ondrea, Charles Jr., Dreona, Ondre, Quantize, Camilla, Enrique, Ariel, Zaniah; 2 great grand children, Omarrea, Onia; 3 brothers, William "Punkin" Hawkins Jr., Courtney Hawkins, Larry Franklin all of Flint; 1 sister Ava (Sterling) Murry of Burton MI; 3 Aunts, Donna Young of Flint, Dorothy Greenlee of Chicago, IL, Dorothea Calloway of Compton, CA; 2 uncles, Darous Young Jr., Alfonzo Dantzler both of Flint; special cousin, Deborah Harris of Flint; Extended families, The Ashburn and Buggs families, the mothers of is children; Kathy, Carla, Kelly, and Niecey; a host of nieces, nephews, family and friends including special friends, Harold Ashburn, Ricky Buggs, Toby Harris, Terry Hariston, Jimmie Garrett and too many more to mention.

Mr. Franklin was preceded in death by his Father; Harold Hayden, grandparents; Darous and Jebtee Young, William Stubs; 6 aunts, Nonetha Dantzler, Omelia Young, Ola "Dollie" Young, Armezell "Dusty" Young, Jeanette Billings, Ernestine Witherspoon; 1 uncle, Ernie Lee Young.

Cemetery Details

Gracelawn Cemetery

5710 N. Saginaw St.
Flint, MI 48505

Previous Events

Public Viewing

APR 4. 12:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

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

Family Present

APR 4. 3:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

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Family hour

APR 5. 12:00 PM (ET)

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Service

APR 5. 12:30 PM (ET)

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Tribute Wall



“ *Mr. Zackary "Big Zack" Franklin*

October 09, 2023 at 07:02 AM



“ *Not a day goes by that I don't miss my dad I just wish I would have taken the time to talk to you or see u more..I will always love you and u will remain apart of my life even though u are not here with me I know u will always be here by myside*

jasmine martinez - August 29, 2014 at 11:29 AM



“ *I'm sorry for your loss losing a loved one can be so tragic. So I would like to offer you encouraging thoughts at Revelation 21:4-he will wipe out every tear from their eyes and death will be no more neither will mourning nor outcry nor pain be anymore.*

Lisa Wright - May 31, 2014 at 12:41 PM

TE

“ Where do I start in sharing all the great memories I have of my Big Brother and Friend Zachary because as far back as I can go --He was ALWAYS there to protect me, guide me and provide an enduring love. My heart is heavy with the loss of such an awesome man. May God comfort the family at this time of grief and may your heart ALWAYS be filled with the memories of a GREAT MAN that stood tall in his beliefs and his service to those he loved!!! Take your bow BIG BRO and rest in the arms of Jesus...

Love you Tammy (and as you would always tell people "this is Tipp granddaughter, White Steve/Dee Dee daughter and Big D's woman--you got to know who she is")-lol

P.S. Zack forgive me for never giving you the beautiful picture of "The Queen" that i promised you, but I will make sure she get it!!!

Tammy Edwards - April 05, 2014 at 09:28 AM

EC

“ Im so sorry for the lost of Zack. .such a sweetheart .He will be greatly missed. So sorry I will not be able to make the funeral. You all are and always will be my extended family.my heartfelt prayers to you Mrs Helen..Ava..Donna.. my love to all. Love Sweet. EARLEY COLLINS AND FAMILY

Earley Collins - April 05, 2014 at 12:08 AM

MR

“ Zack I was sadden to hear of your passing. I can see you sitting in Sunday School listening and smiling as I taught. Thank you for always being encouraging and faithful to Sunday School. To Helen Wilson & the entire family may God grant what is needed during this most difficult time.



Melody L. Relerford

Melody L. Relerford - April 04, 2014 at 03:33 PM

LH

“ R I P big zack!!! my dogg from back in the day a real "G" Fast Black" hold it down til i get there big bro!!!!

larry horton - April 04, 2014 at 01:16 PM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Mr. Zackary "Big Zack" Franklin.



April 03, 2014 at 10:18 PM

NM

“ To the family of Big Zack, when he lived on Milbourne, he was a wonderful neighbor and he was our street watchdog. May God bless you and you are in my prayers. Miss Sue

Nora Moore - April 03, 2014 at 05:12 PM

BG

“ Our deepest sympathy go out to the franklin family. Especially my girls kasha, missy, and jasmine love you guys and may god be with you through it all. Love Betty, Zakireiah, and Murray

Betty Gray - April 03, 2014 at 04:20 PM

CT

“ God Bless the Franklin family. We loved Zachary like a brother. He will always be remembered for his kindness, big heart and smile!! And no, there will never be another one like him! Well done Big Zach! May you rest in peace.
Craig & Susie Tucker

Craig & Susie Tucker - April 03, 2014 at 04:15 PM

BG

“ Betty Gray lit a candle in memory of Mr. Zackary "Big Zack" Franklin



Betty Gray - April 03, 2014 at 04:15 PM

CT

“ Craig & Susie Tucker lit a candle in memory of Mr. Zackary "Big Zack" Franklin



Craig & Susie Tucker - April 03, 2014 at 04:09 PM

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Craig & Susie Tucker - April 03, 2014 at 04:08 PM

BB

“ big zack r.i.p the hill family and blue boy

blue boy - April 03, 2014 at 11:56 AM

CC

“ Caroline Crain-Miller lit a candle in memory of Mr. Zackary "Big Zack" Franklin



Caroline Crain-Miller - April 02, 2014 at 07:23 PM

GC

“ Genell Crain-Reeves lit a candle in memory of Mr. Zackary "Big Zack" Franklin



Genell Crain-Reeves - April 02, 2014 at 07:20 PM

KR

“ *Kermit Reeves lit a candle in memory of Mr. Zackary "Big Zack" Franklin*



Kermit Reeves - April 02, 2014 at 07:17 PM

JA

“ *JAVONKA lit a candle in memory of Mr. Zackary "Big Zack" Franklin*



JAVONKA - April 02, 2014 at 06:11 PM



“ *Prayers go out to the family. Had so many GOOD memories with Zack when they lived on on Milbourn. Rest in peace my friend.*

Maurice Davis - April 02, 2014 at 01:41 AM

Jay Taylor

“ *"Dear, Onya Lewis.and Franklin family's. You have my deepest sympathy in the loss of your beloved Zackary. May precious memories be of some comfort doing this difficult time.Keeping you in my prayer*



Jay Taylor - April 01, 2014 at 04:37 PM

PA

“ My prayers are with you all, Ms. Helen, Larry, Courtney, Punkin, Janine and the entire family. Love you all. Patricia (Cooley) Hamer.

Patricia - April 01, 2014 at 04:18 PM

LM

“ Lanita Murray lit a candle in memory of Mr. Zackary "Big Zack" Franklin



lanita murray - April 01, 2014 at 02:35 PM

SP

“ So sorry for your lost.

Sheilet Franks Poplar - April 01, 2014 at 01:28 PM

GS

“ Gloria Stoudamire lit a candle in memory of Mr. Zackary "Big Zack" Franklin



Gloria Stoudamire - April 01, 2014 at 11:57 AM

DW

“ Diane Williams lit a candle in memory of Mr. Zackary "Big Zack" Franklin



Diane Williams - April 01, 2014 at 08:45 AM

EW

“ *Eleanor Wicker lit a candle in memory of Mr. Zackary "Big Zack" Franklin*



eleanor wicker - March 31, 2014 at 10:16 PM

CB

“ *MY PRAYERS GOES OUT TO ZACK FAMILY, I ALWAYS LOOKED AT YOU AS BEING MY BIG BROTHER. YOU WILL ALWAYS HOLD A PLACE IN MY HEART. IT DONT EVEN FEEL REAL THAT YOU ARE GONE, BUT I KNOW YOU ARE IN A BETTER PLACE. LOVE YOU MY BIG BROTHER, CRYSTAL ASHBURN BROWN*



CYRSTAL ASHBURN BROWN - March 31, 2014 at 06:49 PM

PL

“ *Condolences to the Franklin family. I am so sorry to learn of your loss. The Holy Scriptures assures us that the time will soon come when mankind's enemy death will be no more. May you find comfort in the words found in the Bible book of Isaiah 25: 8 when it speaks of a time when almighty God will swallow up death forever and tears will be wiped from all faces.*

Peggy Land - March 31, 2014 at 08:54 AM

RW

“ Regina & Murray Williams lit a candle in memory of Mr. Zackary "Big Zack" Franklin



Regina & Murray Williams - March 31, 2014 at 08:08 AM



“ Ceres Simpson Pennington lit a candle in memory of Mr. Zackary "Big Zack" Franklin



Ceres Simpson Pennington - March 30, 2014 at 06:27 PM

SN

“ Sandy Neal lit a candle in memory of Mr. Zackary "Big Zack" Franklin



Sandy Neal - March 30, 2014 at 04:44 PM

JT

“ Janis Thorns lit a candle in memory of Mr. Zackary "Big Zack" Franklin



Janis Thorns - March 29, 2014 at 07:40 PM

RS

“ *Ralph D Smith lit a candle in memory of Mr. Zackary "Big Zack" Franklin*



Ralph D Smith - March 29, 2014 at 11:02 AM