



## Benjamin Cook

July 7, 1951 - June 8, 2006

A Memorial Service will be held at 11:00 a.m. on Wednesday, June 14, 2006 at Gethsamene Missionary Baptist Church, 1200 N. Johnson Street, Bay City, MI. Rev. Alfonzo Abner will officiate. Arrangements entrusted to Browne's Mortuary, 441 N. Jefferson Avenue. Mr. Cook passed away on Thursday June 8, 2006 at the age of 54 years. He was born July 7, 1951 in Union Springs, Ala. to Virginia (McClain) Cook-Brown and James L. Cook. A resident of Saginaw Township, Mr. Cook was a member of Newer Dimensions Fellowship Ministries. He graduated from Bay City Central High School, was an employee of General Motors Powertrain in Bay City, Mich. and was a member of UAW Local #362. Benjamin especially loved his children and grandchildren. As a sports fanatic, his interests included basketball trivia as well as his own personal enjoyment of playing basketball and baseball. He also loved going to all casinos, playing slot machines, classic cars and motorcycles. He leaves to cherish his memory his wife, Linda Cook of Saginaw; a daughter and two sons, Brian B. Cook, Alexee C. Cook and Aaron J. Cook, all of Lansing, Mich.; ex-wife and mother of his children, Mary Cook; three grandchildren, Kareem Mandily of Lansing, Mich. and Andre and Alia Dunnaway, both of Saginaw; his mother, Virginia (McClain) Cook-Brown, (His mom was his "rock"); step-father, Jewell Brown; grandmother, Edna McClain; sister, Sandra Pearson; two brothers, Geno A. and Darius Brown; many nieces, nephews, aunts, uncles and cousins, including his uncle, Governor McClain of Saginaw; sisters-in-law, Jennie (Rick) Henika, Tina Castillo and

Honey Forcier; brother-in-law, Anthony Castillo (Lisa); many other relatives and friends including special friends, Terry Smith, Dave Seales, Albee Burks and Deedee Wicks. Benjamin was preceded in death by his father, James Cook, Uncle Bill and Uncle Winfred, Govenor McClain (Big Daddy), Uncle Jack and Georgia A. McClain.

# Tribute Wall

DA

“ We were very sorry to hear of Ben's passing it hurt both of us deeply. He was nicked name by Rose and his Saginaw basketball friends as "Bay City Ben" When you heard that name everyone knew just who that was. Ben and I walk to school sometimes with Sandra from North Van Buren St. to Washington School. Ben is a big part of my memories growing up. I shall never ever forget him I loved him....Debra Davis Austin.....

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**Debra (Davis) Austin** - June 08, 2006 at 12:00 AM

LA

“ Sandra & family, the last time I talked to you, you were looking for Ben and called me, years ago by mistake. God needed your brother to help him for right now. It won't be long everybody will be back together, May God Bless all of Ben's family& friends..... We love you all take care.

*Your Friend, Laura*

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**Laura(Liles)Jackson&Family** - June 08, 2006 at 12:00 AM

RB

“ To the Cook/Brown Family.

*"Weeping may endure for a night, but Joy cometh in the morning time" Yes our hearts were saddened on Thursday morning when we recieved word of Bens transition to his eternal home, but we rejoice in knowing that we will see him again on that "Great Day" when all God's children our gathered home, Its not goodbye Bro. Ben it's only goodnight for we shall see you in the morning, Ms. Virginia, Linda and family, Though you are faceing a time of sorrow, know this that the God of All comfort is there with you now to comfort you and give you the strength to walk this path and to lead you too to that place where we all shall meet one day, Heaven , God Bless You and keep you in the center of His will.*

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**Rev. Scott T. Bliss** - June 08, 2006 at 12:00 AM

CA

“ Virginia, Sandra and Geno,  
*I was sorry to read about your loss, know that Ben is in a better place and we shall see him again. We loved Ben but God loved him best. Know that only God can give you peace that passes all understanding.  
Sending my prayers and love in this time of sorrow.*

*Carolyn*

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**Carolyn** - June 08, 2006 at 12:00 AM

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“ Ben you will always be in our hearts ,we will remember all of the good times we have had together. I know we love you and always will but God loves you best ,and God knew you were very ill for a long time and called you home to rest were your worries would be over. Until we meet again tell Mr. Win (my dad), Uncle Bill, Uncle Jack, Cousin Tony, and both of my Grandparents. We Love and miss them very very much.

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**Nita** - June 08, 2006 at 12:00 AM

MC

“ Virginia,  
We are sorry for your loss. Ben's smiling face will be missed by all

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**Mike & Maria Carolan** - June 08, 2006 at 12:00 AM

GW

“ To the entire Cook/Brown Family, I am so so sorry for your loss. In the short time I knew Mr. Cook and your family I always felt welcome. Your family will be in my thought and prayers.

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**Gina (Espinoza) Wilson** - June 08, 2006 at 12:00 AM

LM

“ The fun things we have laughed out, while you were my patient I will truly remember and miss about you, you made coming to work early in the morning something special, you had a big heart for more than you family, and I know if I needed a well educated answer to any questions you were there for me, I miss you so much. My heart goes out to Linda, your mother and the entire cook family god bless you all. Lisa

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**Lisa M. Macon-Ramirez** - June 08, 2006 at 12:00 AM

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“ To the family of Benjamin Cook. I'm hurt to have lost another CUZ 2 Years ago It Anthony McClain. But some how the good always are taken from us. I Just have to say the the entire Family be Strong Be Ben Is no longer suffering and In All that pain. And to your wonderful wife, MOM It's going to very hard for awhile But GOD will see the ENTIRE FAMILY THROUGH. I Love You All. And to the CHILDREN Pray Hard. I lost my DAD It still hurt's so I,m going say It will be OK. It Will Be Very Painful For Some Time You Have Alot Of Good Memories. Always remember That And It will help many ways. Love (CUZ) Veronica McClain Kyla & Alexandria McClain.

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**Veronica McClain (KAY)** - June 08, 2006 at 12:00 AM

BP

“ I'm so sorry to hear of your loss. Aaron your dad man was a cool man, he always showed love to me when I seen him and talked about you alot man, he was proud of you. It's so crazy how fast someone can be taken from us, it seems like just yesterday lost my grandpa. My prayers and thoughts are with you man. If you need anything hit me up. Your dad is in heaven now where everything is gonna be alright...he will be fine, watchin over us all.

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**Brian Pennington** - June 08, 2006 at 12:00 AM

AH

“ To the Cook/Brown family. I am so sorry to hear about your loss. My thoughts and prayers are with you.

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**Andrea (Taylor) Harwood** - June 08, 2006 at 12:00 AM

DK

“ *Ben stood in my husband Len and my wedding back in 1973! Although I had not seen him for many years, I still remember the fun and good times we had way back then. He and Lenny can "catch up" now. My thoughts and prayers are with you all.*

*Dawn A. Klida*

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**Dawn A. Klida** - June 08, 2006 at 12:00 AM

MH

“ *Thank you to my friend*

- Thank you for going to blues concerts with me*
- Thank you for coming to my apt. to watch boxing*
- Thank you for being in my wedding*
- Thank you for keeping in touch with me after I moved to Va.*
- Thank you for always being so positive even though I knew you were ill*
- Thank you for being my buddy*
- Thank you for being my "brother"*
- Thank you for being my FRIEND*

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**Mike Hodgeson** - June 08, 2006 at 12:00 AM