

## Mr. Bennie Gene Goodman

February 14, 1963 - April 18, 2021

Bennie Gene Goodman passed away Sunday, April 18, 2021 at the age of 58 years. He was born February 14, 1963 in Blytheville, Arkansas, the son of Bennie Goodman, Sr and Ruth Williams.

Bennie attended and graduated from Buena Vista High School. After graduating, he joined the Marines where he became a boxer and traveled the world. Bennie moved back home to Saginaw and attained a position as a head coach for Houghton Elementary School Basketball Team. This led to many other positions as he coached for many other elementary and middle schools.

Bennie had the biggest of hearts, and loved his family and this shines through in his love for penning his emotions. He created a collection of poetry, which led him to eventually write a book. Bennie ended his life working and supporting his family and loved ones. His big beautiful smile could light the darkest of rooms, and he was always willing to help anyone in need. A real stand-up guy that touched so many hearts and would be hard to forget, always remembered and truly missed.

Mr. Bennie Gene Goodman leaves to cherish his memory, his common law wife of 33 years, Shaundra "Nita" Henderson; five sons, Bennie Goodman III of Saginaw, MI, Deavion Thomas of Indiana, Keldrick Bryant of Texas, Travon

Henderson of Flint, MI and Jaquan McKinley of Washington; three daughters, Tiana Goodman-Williams of Saginaw, Shaunte Tiggs of Indiana and Kiara Henderson of Flint, MI; two brothers, Ronald Baston Jr. and Willie Vann; one sister, Tracey Harris, all of Saginaw, MI; 14 grandchildren, a host of nieces, great nieces, nephews, great nephews, cousins, other relatives and friends; along with many adoptive brothers including, Steven Henderson, Juanarow Gillard, Demetrius Canada, and Rapheal Henderson, adoptive sisters, Deirdra and Tajuan; and a stepfather, Ronald Baston.

Mr. Goodman was preceded in death by his father, Bennie Goodman; mother, Ruth Baston; grandfather, Reverend Johnnie Goodman, and stepmother, Earnestine Goodman.

Funeral service will take place at 11:00 A.M. on Thursday, April 29, 2021 at New Birth Missionary Baptist Cathedral, 3121 Sheridan Avenue, Saginaw, Michigan 48601. Host Pastor, Bishop Larry Camel and Evangelist Gwendolyn Goodman will officiate. Visitation will take place Wednesday, from 2:00 - 6:00 p.m. April 28, 2021 at Evans & Browne's Funeral Home, 441 North Jefferson Avenue, Saginaw, Michigan 48607.

# Previous Events

## Visitation

APR **28**. 2:00 PM - 6:00 PM (ET)

Evans & Browne's Funeral Home  
441 North Jefferson Avenue  
Saginaw, MI 48607

## Funeral Service

APR **29**. 11:00 AM (ET)

New Birth Missionary Baptist Cathedral

# Tribute Wall

PR

“ *Pastor Terry Randolph and the Gethsemane MBC would like to extend our sincere condolences to the family. May God strengthen, comfort, and keep you during this transitional period of your love one. God Bless!!!*

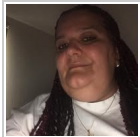
Pastor Randolph - May 13, 2021 at 09:00 PM

CC

“ *Cheryl Cooper lit a candle in memory of Mr. Bennie Gene Goodman*



Cheryl Cooper - May 02, 2021 at 09:28 AM



“ *This really crushed my heart to see my friend on tv.💔 It hurt me so bad to see that beautiful smile and to know that i will never see that beautiful smile ever again😭😭😭☐☐☐  
☐ Man such a hard pill to swallow. Rest easy my friend. I will miss you☐😭😭😭*



Juanita Morris-Riley - April 29, 2021 at 12:44 PM

MW

“ *You always said I was the neighborhood Mom. I love you, Bennie. You were always around with your magic smile and your laugh. The Weigandt's, Daly's and Amon's will never forget you. We thank God for having you in our lives!!! `Ma Weigandt*

Ma Weigandt - April 29, 2021 at 12:38 PM

CB

“ *Conzellie Bates sent a virtual gift in memory of Mr. Bennie Gene Goodman*



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**Conzellie Bates** - April 29, 2021 at 12:37 PM

CB

“ *Conzellie Bates lit a candle in memory of Mr. Bennie Gene Goodman*



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**Conzellie Bates** - April 29, 2021 at 12:36 PM

LO

“ *Lisa Owens lit a candle in memory of Mr. Bennie Gene Goodman*



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**Lisa Owens** - April 29, 2021 at 08:26 AM

PC

“ My name is Pastor Demetric Canada and I am Bennie Goodman's brother. Not half-brother, step-brother or adoptive brother....I'm his brother. Period.

*There are many memories I could share, but the memory I want to share is this: When Benny and I were little, we sang in the choir at Mt. Moriah Missionary Baptist Church. I doubt if anyone could imagine either one of us singing in a choir (LOL), but we did and that's just the point.*

*Despite the fact that we were rough and tumble kinda guys, we both had a spiritual center that we somehow found our way back to time and again. Bennie knew GOD and formed a personal relationship with Jesus Christ that carried him through his whole life. I can recall times when we were faced with impossible odds out there in the streets and I thought we wouldn't make it, but Bennie's faith never wavered. He always knew that GOD would make a way.....and HE did. Always.*

*My brother may have left this physical world on April 18, but he'll never leave our hearts and for that, I am grateful. Grateful to have had 58 years with this stubborn, but funny and poetic kinda fella. Grateful to have walked the halls of Henry Doerr, Claytor, Ricker and BV High with him. Grateful to have played basketball with him, argued with him, laughed with him and so many other things.*

*Most of all, I'm grateful to have shared many, many, many conversations with him. Bennie and I were once as close as twins and I'll carry that sentiment with me through the rest of my days. Rest in Eternal Peace, Big Brother. You earned it and you earned your way into Heaven. Semper Fi.*



**Pastor Demetric Breeze Canada** - April 29, 2021 at 08:08 AM

MO

“ *Mark Oates lit a candle in memory of Mr. Bennie Gene Goodman*



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**Mark Oates** - April 29, 2021 at 06:56 AM

AP

“ *Ann M. (McKether) Patrick lit a candle in memory of Mr. Bennie Gene Goodman*



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**Ann M. (McKether) Patrick** - April 28, 2021 at 03:21 PM

TB

“ *Rest well, cousin!*



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**Tania Baston** - April 28, 2021 at 01:03 PM

CS

“ *Colleen Smith lit a candle in memory of Mr. Bennie Gene Goodman*



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**Colleen Smith** - April 28, 2021 at 12:35 PM

ES

“ *My Condolences To My Son Keldrick Bryant  
And The Goodman Family Prayers.*



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**Ellen Sanders** - April 28, 2021 at 12:06 PM

JR

“ *Bennie was a caring and loving nephew. Not only did he have these wonderful characteristics but he had a God given talent of writing heartfelt poetry. It would not matter how sad or how helpless you felt, Bennie had the words to comfort and lift you up. Through his infectious smile and his words for comfort you would immediately feel better. He will be forever missed but it was a honor to have him in our family. To God be the glory. 🙏*



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**Janice Ruffin** - April 28, 2021 at 11:48 AM

SS

“ *Sue Surles-McDole sent a virtual gift in memory of Mr. Bennie Gene Goodman*



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**Sue Surles-McDole** - April 28, 2021 at 10:32 AM

DB

“ *David Bland purchased the Peace, Prayers, & Blessings- All White for the family of Mr. Bennie Gene Goodman.*



David Bland - April 28, 2021 at 07:54 AM



“ *Classic Sympathy Dish Garden was purchased for the family of Mr. Bennie Gene Goodman.*



April 28, 2021 at 07:54 AM

JA

“ *Joel Alston lit a candle in memory of Mr. Bennie Gene Goodman*



Joel Alston - April 27, 2021 at 09:38 PM

SB

“ *I been knowing Bennie since I was little praying for his family and friends*



Sabrina Brittain - April 27, 2021 at 06:34 PM

AA

“ *Ann M Arceneaux lit a candle in memory of Mr. Bennie Gene Goodman*



Ann M Arceneaux - April 27, 2021 at 05:24 PM



“ *Classic Sympathy Dish Garden was purchased for the family of Mr. Bennie Gene Goodman.*



April 27, 2021 at 09:43 AM

GG

“ *♥All is well*

Gwen Goodman - April 26, 2021 at 11:04 PM

FJ

“ *Felicia Jones lit a candle in memory of Mr. Bennie Gene Goodman*



Felicia Jones - April 26, 2021 at 09:59 PM



“ You have our deepest sympathy. From Olevia and Katherine Legardye.



Katherine Legardye - April 26, 2021 at 05:00 PM

RP

“ Royal Flush Plumbing purchased the Peace, Prayers & Blessings - Blue and White for the family of Mr. Bennie Gene Goodman.



Royal Flush Plumbing - April 26, 2021 at 04:05 PM

TF

“ The Minfield Family purchased the Peace, Prayers & Blessings - Blue and White for the family of Mr. Bennie Gene Goodman.



The Minfield Family - April 26, 2021 at 09:49 AM

MS

“ Mrs. Natalie Sanders sent a virtual gift in memory of Mr. Bennie Gene Goodman



Mrs. Natalie Sanders - April 26, 2021 at 08:27 AM

DP

“ *Darlene Perkins sent a virtual gift in memory of Mr. Bennie Gene Goodman*



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**Darlene Perkins** - April 25, 2021 at 11:04 PM

CM

“ *We've known Bennie since elementary school. My sympathies to the entire Goodman family from the Maise family.*



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**Cynthia Maise** - April 25, 2021 at 07:12 PM

CM

“ *Charlotte McMillan-Harper lit a candle in memory of Mr. Bennie Gene Goodman*



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**Charlotte McMillan-Harper** - April 25, 2021 at 04:53 PM

SD

“ *Sandra Dillard sent a virtual gift in memory of Mr. Bennie Gene Goodman*



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**Sandra Dillard** - April 25, 2021 at 12:27 PM

VG

“ *Vivian Grayson lit a candle in memory of Mr. Bennie Gene Goodman*



Vivian Grayson - April 25, 2021 at 09:36 AM

JY

“ *Juanita (Coleman) Young*



Juanita Young - April 25, 2021 at 08:38 AM



“ *Rhonda Ervin lit a candle in memory of Mr. Bennie Gene Goodman*



Rhonda Ervin - April 25, 2021 at 12:49 AM

LK

“ *Larry Kemp sent a virtual gift in memory of Mr. Bennie Gene Goodman*



Larry Kemp - April 24, 2021 at 08:41 PM



“ *Sending prayers to the family* ”



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**Katie Caldwell** - April 24, 2021 at 05:59 PM

NR

“ *Nedra Riley-Williams lit a candle in memory of Mr. Bennie Gene Goodman* ”



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**Nedra Riley-Williams** - April 24, 2021 at 01:59 PM

RB

“ *Rochelle Brewer lit a candle in memory of Mr. Bennie Gene Goodman* ”



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**rochelle brewer** - April 24, 2021 at 01:45 PM

NG

“ *Nina Gardner lit a candle in memory of Mr. Bennie Gene Goodman* ”



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**Nina Gardner** - April 23, 2021 at 08:26 PM

EB

“ *Elaine Brown lit a candle in memory of Mr. Bennie Gene Goodman*



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**Elaine Brown** - April 23, 2021 at 08:17 PM

RF

“ *Rilla Caldwell And Family lit a candle in memory of Mr. Bennie Gene Goodman*



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**Rilla Caldwell and Family** - April 23, 2021 at 06:38 PM

AT

“ *Annette Turner lit a candle in memory of Mr. Bennie Gene Goodman*



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**Annette Turner** - April 23, 2021 at 06:31 PM

BG

“ *Brenda Grays-Holley lit a candle in memory of Mr. Bennie Gene Goodman*



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**Brenda Grays-Holley** - April 23, 2021 at 02:21 PM



“ Prayers To The Family



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**Juanita Boyd** - April 23, 2021 at 12:37 PM

LM

“ Larry Martin lit a candle in memory of Mr. Bennie Gene Goodman



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**Larry Martin** - April 23, 2021 at 10:15 AM

CP

“ Cheryl Payton lit a candle in memory of Mr. Bennie Gene Goodman



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**Cheryl Payton** - April 23, 2021 at 10:07 AM

CS

“ Colleen Smith lit a candle in memory of Mr. Bennie Gene Goodman



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**Colleen Smith** - April 23, 2021 at 09:13 AM

GW

“ Sorry that you're not with us any more my little brother Rest In Heaven Junior I will always love u Geraldine Wilson

Geraldine Wilson - April 22, 2021 at 08:05 PM

SC

“ Starr Curry lit a candle in memory of Mr. Bennie Gene Goodman



Starr Curry - April 22, 2021 at 03:58 PM

TH

“ If anyone would like to donate to the family, here's the link <https://gofund.me/0f013537>

Travon Henderson - April 22, 2021 at 01:49 PM

KM

“ Kenneth Alan Myles lit a candle in memory of Mr. Bennie Gene Goodman



Kenneth Alan Myles - April 22, 2021 at 12:17 PM

BD

“ *Brittney Donald lit a candle in memory of Mr. Bennie Gene Goodman*



Brittney Donald - April 22, 2021 at 09:34 AM

LM

“ *My condolences to the entire family RIH Bennie Goodman*



LaShonda McGill - April 21, 2021 at 10:02 PM

BP

“ *Prayers and condolences to the family of Bennie Goodman. BVHS C/O 1981 classmate.*



Barbara Payton - April 21, 2021 at 09:17 PM

TM

“ *Tiffany Martin lit a candle in memory of Mr. Bennie Gene Goodman*



Tiffany Martin - April 21, 2021 at 07:55 PM

TM

“ *Rest in peace cousin.*

Tiffany Martin - April 21, 2021 at 07:53 PM

CG

“ *The Goodman and Martin family lit a candle in memory of Mr Bennie Goodman Jr. Rest In Peace Bennie.*



Catherine Goodman - April 20, 2021 at 09:25 PM

TB

“ *Tyretha Baston sent a virtual gift in memory of Mr. Bennie Gene Goodman*



Tyretha Baston - April 20, 2021 at 06:54 PM

ML

“ *Mr. John Michael Lewis lit a candle in memory of Mr. Bennie Gene Goodman*



Mr. John Michael Lewis - April 20, 2021 at 02:25 PM

HB

“ *HELEN M BONNER-SPEED sent a virtual gift in memory of Mr. Bennie Gene Goodman*



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**HELEN M BONNER-SPEED** - April 20, 2021 at 01:48 PM

DF

“ *DEBORAH FINCH lit a candle in memory of Mr. Bennie Gene Goodman*



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**DEBORAH FINCH** - April 20, 2021 at 12:45 PM

ML

“ *Mr. John Michael Lewis lit a candle in memory of Mr. Bennie Gene Goodman*



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**Mr. John Michael Lewis** - April 20, 2021 at 12:21 PM

RW

“ *Rhonda L. Warren lit a candle in memory of Mr. Bennie Gene Goodman*



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**Rhonda L. Warren** - April 20, 2021 at 12:21 PM

BF

“ *Bland & Martin Family lit a candle in memory of Mr. Bennie Gene Goodman*



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**Bland & Martin Family** - April 20, 2021 at 10:42 AM

CG

“ *The Goodman and Martin family lit a candle in memory of Mr. Bennie Goodman Jr. Rest In Peace Bennie.*



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**Catherine Goodman** - April 20, 2021 at 10:15 AM

HF

“ *Harris Family lit a candle in memory of Mr. Bennie Gene Goodman*



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**Harris family** - April 20, 2021 at 07:43 AM

LM

“ *Larry Martin lit a candle in memory of Mr. Bennie Gene Goodman*



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**Larry Martin** - April 20, 2021 at 01:05 AM

MT

“ *Mary Hannibal, Fort Worth, Texas sent a virtual gift in memory of Mr. Bennie Gene Goodman*



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**Mary Hannibal, Fort Worth, Texas** - April 19, 2021 at 09:03 PM

JT

*I'm sorry for your lost*

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**Jacqueline Thomas** - April 20, 2021 at 10:18 AM