



Mr. Bernard Van Atwater

November 8, 1958 - April 21, 2020

Bernard entered this life November 8, 1958 and made his peaceful transition April 21, 2020 surrounded by his loving family, he was 61 years young.

Bernard, was the third blessing of 'Atwater Men' born to Joseph and Cora Atwater. His interest in becoming an electrician began in high school. He was an avid sports fan and participated in football, baseball, track and field, and Tae Kwon Do. He was a proud member of the Saginaw High School Mighty Marching Trojans class of 1977. Corporal Bernard V. Atwater excelled as a United States 'Devil Dog' Marine where he earned his black belt in Tae Kwon Do and received both Good Conduct and Rifle Sharpshooting Medals.

Our hearts are broken that God called you home but those empty spaces are filled with special memories of the precious time God gave us to love and care for you while you slept peacefully at home. As your wife my heart has been forever changed. My life is better because God shared you with me and on November 13, 2004 God blended our families and our lives.

Bernard leaves heartfelt memories with his loving wife, Kimberly Atwater; sons, Rashad Van Atwater, Rasheed Jamal Atwater, Julian David (Jessica) Wettlin and Karmen Elaine Wettlin; one grandson, Cameron Vincent Wettlin; brothers, Clarence Atwater, Kenneth Atwater, Anthony Atwater and Bennie Gipson; many nieces, nephews, uncles, aunts, cousins, family and friends. Bernard was a diligent and respectful worker. He was well respected and always willing to help others. He was a licensed Journeyman Electrician and will be greatly missed by his employer, friends, and brothers at William F.

Nelson Electric in Saginaw, MI and the IBEW Local #557 Union. As a member of Mt. Olive Inst'l Missionary Baptist Church, Bernard began his community outreach as a martial arts instructor, establishing the Mt. Olive Blue Angels. He not only instructed martial arts but encouraged all of his students to compete in tournaments, bringing many championships to the Olive. In celebration of their progress, Bernard hosted annual pool parties. He mentored a number of young people throughout the community being an avid supporter of them and the local school teams. He would later follow the Atwater tradition of becoming a self-proclaimed semi-professional bowler, joining the Sunday Old School and Friday Night Live leagues. The pinnacle of his bowling career came on February 4th, 2018 when he bowled a perfect 300 game. His hard work, dedication to his craft and commitment to helping others will be remembered by all those he touched. He was preceded in death by his son, Rashad Van Atwater; parents, Joseph and Cora Atwater.

Visitation will take place Thursday, April 30, 2020 from 2:00 until 6:00 p.m. at Evans & Browne's Funeral Home, 441 N. Jefferson Ave., Saginaw, MI 48607. Dr. Marvin T. Smith will give words of encouragement at 5:00 p.m. Interment will be in Great Lakes National Cemetery, 4200 Belford Rd., Holly, MI 48442 at 9:00 a.m. on Friday, May 1, 2020.

Cemetery Details

Great Lakes National Cemetery

G-4200 Belford Rd.
Holly, MI

Previous Events

Visitation

APR **30**. 2:00 PM - 6:00 PM (ET)

Evans & Browne's Funeral Home
441 N. Jefferson Avenue
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Tribute Wall



“ *Evans & Browne's Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Mr. Bernard Van Atwater*



Browne's Mortuary - May 06, 2020 at 03:13 PM

BL

Beautiful! He had a smile that would touch your heart. HUMBLE! RIH

Bertha love - May 08, 2020 at 07:40 PM



“ *Evans & Browne's Funeral Home created a Webcast in memory of Mr. Bernard Van Atwater*



Browne's Mortuary - April 30, 2020 at 01:31 PM

BG

Mr,Bennie Gipson Ur Brother To Mr. Bernard Atwater I'll always love U we had some good times especially when U helped me drive to Arizona & once a wk phone calls keeping n Touch with each other ,missing no phone calls already I Lov'U my Brother Mr,Bernard Atwater

Bennie Gipson - April 30, 2020 at 03:51 PM

RD

“ Rev Robert D Jones Detroit sent a virtual gift in memory of Mr. Bernard Van Atwater



Rev Robert d Jones Detroit - May 07, 2020 at 12:15 AM

TS

“ Traci Stephens sent a virtual gift in memory of Mr. Bernard Van Atwater



Traci Stephens - May 06, 2020 at 08:51 PM

Oliver Tucker

“ Oliver Tucker lit a candle in memory of Mr. Bernard Van Atwater



Oliver Tucker - May 04, 2020 at 12:53 PM

Oliver Tucker

May our Lord and Savior bless the Atwater family and my family. Bernie was always a great friend and good man. We grew up together at Mt. Olive. We had lots of Great times and Memories. He truly is missed. Lord please comfort the family and friends with comfort and strength. RIP my Brother Bernie ❤️❤️❤️🙏🙏

Oliver Tucker - May 04, 2020 at 12:58 PM

BL

*MY prayers 🙏 CONDOLENCES ❤️ HE WAS A AWESOME "MAN"
MAY GOD KEEP HIS LOVING ARMS THE FAMILY!!!! DEEPEST
SYMPATHY!!! ❤️*

Bertha love - May 05, 2020 at 08:51 PM

SD

*“ Stacy Duran ,Shawn Duran sent a virtual gift in
memory of Mr. Bernard Van Atwater*



Stacy Duran ,Shawn Duran - May 03, 2020 at 02:11 PM

YS

*“ Im So Sorry for the Loss of Kenny Brother and I pray God give u All
Strength in yah Time of Needs Love Renee 11/8/57 We Both Smile
on Our Special BDY RIH*

Yolanda Seay - May 03, 2020 at 08:02 AM

DR

*“ Doris Parham Richardson lit a candle in
memory of Mr. Bernard Van Atwater*



Doris Parham Richardson - May 03, 2020 at 12:03 AM

AB

“ Anthony Boulware sent a virtual gift in memory of Mr. Bernard Van Atwater



Anthony Boulware - May 02, 2020 at 03:27 AM

CM

“ Charles And Dale Mitchner lit a candle in memory of Mr. Bernard Van Atwater



Charles and Dale mitchner - May 01, 2020 at 07:56 PM

AB

RIH my childhood friend, may God continue blessing all. You will always be in my prayers my friend.

Anthony Bell - May 02, 2020 at 01:35 AM

DM

“ Deacon Charles And Dale Michener lit a candle in memory of Mr. Bernard Van Atwater



Deacon Charles and Dale Michener - May 01, 2020 at 07:55 PM

AK

“ Alfred Kelly lit a candle in memory of Mr. Bernard Van Atwater



Alfred Kelly - May 01, 2020 at 11:45 AM

DR

“ Rest In Peace 🙏 - Diana Rockett

Diana Rockett - May 01, 2020 at 09:04 AM

VB

“ Vicki Bradley lit a candle in memory of Mr. Bernard Van Atwater



Vicki Bradley - May 01, 2020 at 05:13 AM

YP

“ Yolanda Pruitt sent a virtual gift in memory of Mr. Bernard Van Atwater



Yolanda Pruitt - April 30, 2020 at 10:13 PM

RI

“ Bernard will be missed. Great guy! We always had good conversations at the bowling alley. I will miss those conversations and seeing him on Sundays at league. Our condolences and prayers to the family.

Roosevelt Austin III - April 30, 2020 at 07:21 PM

GS

“ Bernard, it still doesn't seem real. I just saw you and wished you a Happy Birthday at Tracy's party. You will truly be missed and not just remembered. Rest my friend!!!
Gigi Conway Simmons

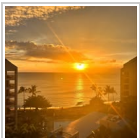
Gigi Simmons - April 30, 2020 at 06:26 PM

WO

“ Bernie you will be missed in our bowling family, may you Rest In Peace



Willie & Berta Owens - April 30, 2020 at 05:33 PM



“ Angela Groves lit a candle in memory of Mr. Bernard Van Atwater



Angela Groves - April 30, 2020 at 05:22 PM

WW

“ *Wendolyn Wettlin lit a candle in memory of Mr. Bernard Van Atwater*



Wendolyn Wettlin - April 30, 2020 at 04:41 PM

CM

“ *Cheryl Moore lit a candle in memory of Mr. Bernard Van Atwater*



Cheryl Moore - April 30, 2020 at 04:41 PM

WA

“ *Our thoughts are clouded my heart is broken you left here too soon and we're lost trying to figure out how we got here. The only thing I'm certain of is I love and miss you my dear brother! I know you weren't ready but I guess you have another place to bless with your presence. Rasheed is a great young man and we'll hold him up for you. Until we meet again, thank you for all you've done. Most of all thank you for being my brother!*
Wanjiku

Wanjiku - April 30, 2020 at 04:29 PM



“ *Ann Arceneaux lit a candle in memory of Mr. Bernard Van Atwater*



Ann Arceneaux - April 30, 2020 at 03:47 PM

MC

“ *Marsha Carr lit a candle in memory of Mr. Bernard Van Atwater*



Marsha Carr - April 30, 2020 at 03:10 PM

MC

Atwater Family,

May God Shine his light of Peace and Cover you with love and precious memories during this time and always. Marsha Carr

Marsha Carr - April 30, 2020 at 03:12 PM

RC

“ *Uncle Bernard,*

You left such a huge impression on me. I will always remember the love and dedication you had for family. As I did not have a father growing up, you were the one man I looked up to and trusted as a kid. I was devastated when you all left California, but I will always remember the BBQ's, fishing trips, snow trips, park days, baseball games and hangouts. I am truly sadden by your passing and wish we had the opportunity to talk now that I am an adult. I love and appreciate you for embracing me as not only your niece but your daughter. Rest easy and tell Rashad that I love him and miss his wet kisses.

Rakeya Aka Miss doodie.



Rakeya Cherry - April 30, 2020 at 02:59 PM

CS

“ *Bernie your laugh and your smile will be greatly missed. So long for now.*



Colleen Smith - April 30, 2020 at 01:50 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Mr. Bernard Van Atwater.*



April 30, 2020 at 01:07 PM

DS

“ *Sending my prayers to the Atwater family.
God bless you all!!*



Deborah Sutton - April 30, 2020 at 12:49 PM

DC

“ *Deborah Champion lit a candle in memory of
Mr. Bernard Van Atwater*



Deborah Champion - April 30, 2020 at 11:49 AM

GH

“ *My prayers are with the Atwater Family...Bernard was a man of great character. He always had a smile and enjoyed every moment of life. Kim, my thanks to you and Bernard for opening your home to the Class of 77'...for the wonderful picnics filled with laughter. It was always a welcoming atmosphere. Bernard leaves a legacy of kindness as his gift to everyone who knew him. Kim...may God's peace uplift you and your entire family during this time. Sending blessings for comfort and strength - Gillie Haynes*

Gillie Haynes - April 30, 2020 at 11:46 AM

LI

“ *Little’s lit a candle in memory of Mr. Bernard Van Atwater*



Little’s - April 30, 2020 at 11:30 AM

LI

You will ALWAYS be in our hearts...

Little’s - April 30, 2020 at 11:32 AM

CH

“ *Cynthia Hamilton sent a virtual gift in memory of Mr. Bernard Van Atwater*



Cynthia Hamilton - April 30, 2020 at 09:39 AM

CH

To the entire Atwater family. My heartfelt sympathy during this difficult time. My thoughts and prayers are with you. Love the Hamilton and Maise family.

Cynthia Hamilton - April 30, 2020 at 09:41 AM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Mr. Bernard Van Atwater.*



April 29, 2020 at 09:57 PM

GL

“ *Glendorah Lawrence lit a candle in memory of Mr. Bernard Van Atwater*



Glendorah Lawrence - April 29, 2020 at 09:34 PM



“ *My condolences to the Atwater family. I grew close to Clarence and Kenny when we attended Ferris State College together. During that time, Clarence would always speak fondly of his brother Bernie. My condolences to the families. May God grant you solace through the fond memories you have to cherish.*

Alphonso Gibbs - April 29, 2020 at 07:38 PM

RJ

“ *Bernard, my heart is saddened in hearing of your passing. Our families go way back to our fathers that bowled together. You were always known for raising the boxer dogs and we loved our Desoto that came out of Jaz's litter. Reggie enjoyed being around the dogs and the boys as a big brother over the years. The last post on FB is how you were hurt for me and my family since the tragedy of Reggie's missing over the last 3 years and he was just like your son.*



My sincere condolences to my classmate Kim, Rasheed and the Atwater family. May the memories bring you peace and comfort in the days ahead, I pray that God will strengthen you while healing. Take care.

Regina Smith-Johnson and the Lyons Family

Regina Johnson - April 29, 2020 at 04:32 PM

DM

“ *Derrell Martin lit a candle in memory of Mr. Bernard Van Atwater*



Derrell Martin - April 29, 2020 at 04:26 PM

JA

“ *JJ Akins sent a virtual gift in memory of Mr. Bernard Van Atwater*



JJ Akins - April 29, 2020 at 01:37 PM

PL

“ *R.I.P BERNIE, Loved by so many,an overall Great Guy and Classmate. You will truly be missed. May God bless you Kim and give you strength 🙏*



Peggy Lawrence - April 29, 2020 at 01:20 PM

PL

“ *Bernard, Mrs. Dollie Lawrence says, Check Ya Later! Stay Strong Kim 🙏*



Peggy Lawrence - April 29, 2020 at 11:57 AM

DM

“ *David McCollum lit a candle in memory of Mr. Bernard Van Atwater*



David McCollum - April 29, 2020 at 08:40 AM

CB

“ *Clinton Earl Butler lit a candle in memory of Mr. Bernard Van Atwater*



Clinton Earl Butler - April 29, 2020 at 07:26 AM

CB

Greetings to the Atwater family. My prayers are with you in your hour of bereavement. Dear family stay encouraged and prayerful that God the Divine Supreme of Wisdom gives your strength that is needed in this time. I will continue lifting your family up in prayer. Rest in peace my fellow Trojan classmate of 1977. May God the Divine Supreme of Wisdom peace and comfort be upon this family. Poetic Thinker with love, peace, joy, harmony, and understanding.

Clinton Earl Butler - April 29, 2020 at 07:35 AM



“ *Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Mr. Bernard Van Atwater.*



April 29, 2020 at 07:24 AM

PF

“ We will all so miss Bernard and his smile at the bowling alley! He’s the only bowler that could call me out like my son 😊. May God Bless and extend HIS peace to his family and friends...a peace that exceeds understanding. RIH!!!
Pat Ford

Patricia Ford - April 28, 2020 at 10:30 PM

BA

“ Brian Atwater purchased the Emerald Garden Basket for the family of Mr. Bernard Van Atwater.



Brian Atwater - April 28, 2020 at 09:35 PM

CG

“ Cheryl Garnett lit a candle in memory of Mr. Bernard Van Atwater



Cheryl Garnett - April 28, 2020 at 05:41 PM

DA

“ Dwight / Shalanda Akins lit a candle in memory of Mr. Bernard Van Atwater



Dwight / Shalanda Akins - April 28, 2020 at 01:38 PM

MO

“ *Mark Oates lit a candle in memory of Mr. Bernard Van Atwater*



Mark Oates - April 28, 2020 at 11:33 AM

D"

“ *DIANE BLACKMON " lit a candle in memory of Mr. Bernard Van Atwater*



DIANE BLACKMON " - April 28, 2020 at 11:25 AM

D"

“ *My heartfelt condolences to the Atwater family. Praying for comfort, strength, and peace. I was very sadden to hear of Banard's passing. He was such a nice, caring, easy going, Christian man. I would like to thank Banard/Kim for all they did for us doing our class reunion, opening up there home for us all. Kim, for whether we live, we live unto the Lord, and whether we die, we die unto the Lord, whether we live, therefore or die. WE ARE THE LORDS!!!!
GOD BLESS THE FAMILY!
RIH BANARD MY CLASSMATE!!*



DIANE BLACKMON "77" - April 28, 2020 at 11:23 AM

MB

“ *Sending our deepest condolences your way Kim. May God give you continued strength during this difficult time.* ”



Michelle Bishop-Dawkins - April 28, 2020 at 11:12 AM

SS

“ *Samantha M. Smith purchased the Divine Peace Bouquet for the family of Mr. Bernard Van Atwater.* ”



Samantha M. Smith - April 28, 2020 at 10:23 AM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Mr. Bernard Van Atwater.* ”



April 28, 2020 at 09:56 AM

SP

“ *Shelaine Parrish lit a candle in memory of Mr. Bernard Van Atwater* ”



Shelaine Parrish - April 28, 2020 at 09:12 AM

DB

“ Bernard my brother you will be missed but all the great times and memories will be with us til we meet again. Thank you for the fellowship and may your spirit live free. God bless you and the family 🙏

Dennis Balls - April 28, 2020 at 07:35 AM



Andrea Gray

Hugs to you ❤️

Andrea Gray - April 28, 2020 at 09:05 AM

PS

“ Patricia Snow lit a candle in memory of Mr. Bernard Van Atwater



Patricia Snow - April 28, 2020 at 06:26 AM

PS

To Kim and family, May the Lord continue to give you strength and comfort during this difficult time 🙏❤️

Patricia Snow - April 28, 2020 at 06:33 AM

PC

“ Priscilla Craig sent a virtual gift in memory of Mr. Bernard Van Atwater



Priscilla Craig - April 28, 2020 at 05:06 AM

NW

“ Rest my brother. It will feel different when I take my granddaughters to bowl and not see you. Often I thank you for being the friend and co partner/buddy you were to my kids dad. Marine strong. To the family I pray for your acceptance and strength throughout this time . In God be the glory.



Nina Ward - April 28, 2020 at 04:04 AM

JB

“ Joyce Barlow lit a candle in memory of Mr. Bernard Van Atwater



joyce barlow - April 28, 2020 at 12:03 AM

BD

“ We will so miss Bernie at Bowling on friday night such a friendly and sweet person.Bob & Trixie Donovan

Bob & Trixie Donovan - April 27, 2020 at 09:07 PM

LE

“ LUCY ERBY lit a candle in memory of Mr. Bernard Van Atwater



LUCY ERBY - April 27, 2020 at 08:59 PM

MT

“ Sending our prayers and condolences to the family. Melissa Taylor and Derrick Burch Jr.



Melissa Taylor - April 27, 2020 at 08:51 PM

SA

“ My late husband, Ted and I were introduced to Bernard by his brother, Bennie. He was a great electrician and provided us with great service. He was pleasant and easy to work with. Very proficient at his job. He will surely be missed. To the family: God Will Take of You. Be Blessed.

Sylvia A.McAfee - April 27, 2020 at 08:34 PM

NS

“ Nolan And Earleen Smithers lit a candle in memory of Mr. Bernard Van Atwater



Nolan and Earleen Smithers - April 27, 2020 at 08:20 PM

DC

“ Debra Clark lit a candle in memory of Mr. Bernard Van Atwater



Debra Clark - April 27, 2020 at 08:10 PM

SF

“ Stephanie Ford sent a virtual gift in memory of Mr. Bernard Van Atwater



Stephanie Ford - April 27, 2020 at 07:21 PM

WR

“ Wanda Faye Reynolds lit a candle in memory of Mr. Bernard Van Atwater



Wanda Faye Reynolds - April 27, 2020 at 06:36 PM

TT

“ Sending my condolences to Clarence (My God Father) and the entire Atwater family.



Troy Demorie Tyiska - April 27, 2020 at 01:10 PM



“ Velissa Batts lit a candle in memory of Mr. Bernard Van Atwater



Velissa Batts - April 27, 2020 at 12:52 PM

SH

“ ShirleyHughes sent a virtual gift in memory of Mr. Bernard Van Atwater



ShirleyHughes - April 27, 2020 at 12:28 PM

MM

“ Michael A. Martin lit a candle in memory of Mr. Bernard Van Atwater



Michael A. Martin - April 27, 2020 at 10:55 AM



“ Heavenly Light was purchased for the family of Mr. Bernard Van Atwater.



April 27, 2020 at 09:32 AM

KJ

“ Kevin Jordan lit a candle in memory of Mr. Bernard Van Atwater



Kevin Jordan - April 27, 2020 at 08:44 AM

VB

“ Vicki Bradley lit a candle in memory of Mr. Bernard Van Atwater



Vicki Bradley - April 26, 2020 at 10:59 PM

WJ

“ Wilbert Long Jr lit a candle in memory of Mr. Bernard Van Atwater



Wilbert Long Jr - April 26, 2020 at 10:09 PM

RF

“ We offer our deepest condolences. May the passing of time heal your grief and the prayers of others bring you comfort.



Roxie Ford Matthew and Deon

Roxie Ford - April 26, 2020 at 09:02 PM

BJ

R.I.H. Bernie..GOD Loved You More

Blondstine Jordan - April 27, 2020 at 08:40 AM

KJ

Kevin jordan R.I.H.

Kevin Jordan - April 27, 2020 at 08:42 AM

OM

R.I.P. CUZ LARRY AND ORA MCBRIDE

Ora P McBride - April 28, 2020 at 05:01 PM

DE

“ *Dr. Alicia Avery Ellis lit a candle in memory of Mr. Bernard Van Atwater*



Dr. Alicia Avery Ellis - April 26, 2020 at 08:28 PM

DB

“ *Dorothy Burch lit a candle in memory of Mr. Bernard Van Atwater*



Dorothy Burch - April 26, 2020 at 07:57 PM

DB

“ *From Rosa Garrett and the Burch family our condolences and prayers for the Atwater family*

Dorothy Burch - April 26, 2020 at 07:56 PM

BD

“ *Bobby And Tammy Davis lit a candle in memory of Mr. Bernard Van Atwater*



Bobby and Tammy Davis - April 26, 2020 at 06:54 PM

KH

“ *Kim Holliday lit a candle in memory of Mr. Bernard Van Atwater*



Kim Holliday - April 26, 2020 at 06:00 PM

ED

“ *Emma Donald lit a candle in memory of Mr. Bernard Van Atwater*



Emma Donald - April 26, 2020 at 05:53 PM

CB

“ *Kim, I am so Sorry for your Loss....I am praying for you and your family...May God strengthen you and give you restful Peace ...*



Cynthia Bruce-Taylor

Cynthia Bruce-Taylor - April 26, 2020 at 05:41 PM

DA

“ *Dona Austin-Bigby lit a candle in memory of Mr. Bernard Van Atwater*



Dona Austin-Bigby - April 26, 2020 at 05:10 PM

SC

“ Sharon Cooper lit a candle in memory of Mr. Bernard Van Atwater



Sharon Cooper - April 26, 2020 at 04:22 PM

JL

“ John Lively lit a candle in memory of Mr. Bernard Van Atwater



John Lively - April 26, 2020 at 02:56 PM

NH

“ Nina Sheppard And Yvette Hopkins lit a candle in memory of Mr. Bernard Van Atwater



Nina Sheppard and Yvette Hopkins - April 26, 2020 at 02:12 PM

PH

“ Patricia Hill lit a candle in memory of Mr. Bernard Van Atwater



Patricia Hill - April 26, 2020 at 01:30 PM

SH

“ Stephanie Hall lit a candle in memory of Mr. Bernard Van Atwater



Stephanie Hall - April 26, 2020 at 11:04 AM

CM

“ Calvin P McFarland lit a candle in memory of Mr. Bernard Van Atwater



calvin p McFarland - April 26, 2020 at 10:55 AM

WC

“ Wendy Christian lit a candle in memory of Mr. Bernard Van Atwater



Wendy Christian - April 26, 2020 at 10:15 AM

RT

“ My condolences, from The Tucker's



Raymond and Brenda Tucker - April 26, 2020 at 10:13 AM



“ *Saying a prayer for the Atwater family.* ”



Arthur Williams - April 26, 2020 at 09:41 AM

EK

“ *Rest in Heaven, my Brother. Thanks for the "Midland memories" during our injured football career.* ”

Edward J. (EJ) KEMP - April 26, 2020 at 09:34 AM

FJ

“ *Felicia Jones lit a candle in memory of Mr. Bernard Van Atwater* ”



Felicia Jones - April 26, 2020 at 09:33 AM

CT

“ *I am so saddened to hear of Bernard's passing. He was a very kind man of God. May he rest in Love and may God comfort and strengthen those whom are left behind.* ”



Charlene Thomas - April 26, 2020 at 08:30 AM

YT

“ Bernard I Can't Believe God Has Called You Home 🥹🥹 You Were Such A kind Man. You Danese, Steve, Emerson And Gillie. Yall were the fun ones in SHS C/O 77

I became friends with you through My sister Danese, You were Always Kind with that Beautiful Smile.

Bernard The last time I saw you Was when I was home in saginaw

A couple yrs ago and I was in my sister's restaurant The Rite Spot and you came

In and we hugged and talked ,you told Me you were getting ready to take your Mom to Louisiana.

I enjoyed those few minutes with you and will

Always Remember that Smile You Had on your face and All The Good Times Yall let me hang out with SHS C/O 77

Take Your Rest

Love You My Friend



Yvette Granberry ,Memphis Tn - April 26, 2020 at 03:08 AM

RC

“ Banard and Kim opened their home to our class 1977 reunion picnic and made everyone feel welcomed. Enjoy your wings classmate

Renee Clay - April 26, 2020 at 02:38 AM

LR

“ *Lynette Ruth lit a candle in memory of Mr. Bernard Van Atwater*



Lynette Ruth - April 26, 2020 at 02:30 AM

LR

My deepest Condolences to the Atwater family. C/o 77

Lynette Ruth - April 26, 2020 at 02:46 AM

RC

“ *Renee Clay lit a candle in memory of Mr. Bernard Van Atwater*



Renee Clay - April 26, 2020 at 02:30 AM

CH

“ *As I heard the news of Bernard's passing, I was both shocked and heart broken. We first met at Sacred Heart School in 5th grade. He was always funny and popular among his group of friends. Although we haven't seen each other in many years, I've continued to experience his sweet and caring personality on Facebook through pictures and heartfelt comments of his beautiful wife, mom that recently passed, children, brothers, family and friends.*

There are some people who bring a light so great to the world that even after they have gone the light remains. Bernard Atwater is definitely one of those special people.

I pray that God's choicest blessings will be bestowed on the entire Atwater family.

May God grant you all supernatural peace and strength to carry on in faith.

God Bless you all!

Cheryl Hill

Cheryl Hill - April 26, 2020 at 02:18 AM

KJ

“ *KimberlyFay Jackson-Woodley lit a candle in memory of Mr. Bernard Van Atwater*



KimberlyFay Jackson-Woodley - April 25, 2020 at 11:33 PM

DD

“ *Debra Dillard sent a virtual gift in memory of Mr. Bernard Van Atwater*



Debra Dillard - April 25, 2020 at 11:13 PM

DD

Bennie as I remember him. We were childhood friends. I am praying God's comfort, peace and love for his wife and family.

Debra Dillard - April 25, 2020 at 11:16 PM

AB

“ *Anna Brown lit a candle in memory of Mr. Bernard Van Atwater*



Anna Brown - April 25, 2020 at 10:20 PM

NB

“ *Our deepest condolences to the family and friends of Bernard Atwater. Rasheed we are so sorry for your loss. We are keeping you and your family in our prayers.*



Narvel & Felicia Badger - April 25, 2020 at 09:59 PM

FT

“ Fred Taylor lit a candle in memory of Mr. Bernard Van Atwater



Fred Taylor - April 25, 2020 at 08:34 PM

GG

“ Guy Grays lit a candle in memory of Mr. Bernard Van Atwater



Guy Grays - April 25, 2020 at 07:05 PM

KB

“ To Kim and the entire Atwater family. We send our love, sincere condolences and prayers to you all. Bro. Atwater will always be remembered by our family, especially Sanetrick, his former “Blue Angel” student.



Kenneth, Lorraine & Sanetrick Bond - April 25, 2020 at 05:20 PM

SW

“ My deepest heartfelt condolences to the Atwater and Woods families.



Sheila Williams-Bankston - April 25, 2020 at 05:03 PM

SC

“ *Sona Carruth lit a candle in memory of Mr. Bernard Van Atwater*



sona Carruth - April 25, 2020 at 03:40 PM

JF

“ *Jenny Flunder lit a candle in memory of Mr. Bernard Van Atwater*



Jenny Flunder - April 25, 2020 at 02:25 PM

GD

“ *My Condolences to the At-Water Family During this season of grief loss. I have known Bernard since 9th grade. We were martial arts students then. Bernard was very committed to Taekwondo And his skills were tight. RIP my dear brother of the martial arts.*

Gregory Delaney

Gregory Delaney - April 25, 2020 at 01:38 PM

RW

“ *Condolences we all grew up at Mt Olive .*



Rodney Walker - April 25, 2020 at 01:21 PM

GP

“ *Gloria Bender Peake lit a candle in memory of Mr. Bernard Van Atwater*



Gloria Bender Peake - April 25, 2020 at 01:02 PM

DJ

“ *Dallas And Barbara Jones lit a candle in memory of Mr. Bernard Van Atwater*



Dallas and Barbara Jones - April 25, 2020 at 12:42 PM

WB

“ *Willie And Diane Bond lit a candle in memory of Mr. Bernard Van Atwater*



Willie and Diane Bond - April 25, 2020 at 12:33 PM

TW

“ *Our deepest condolences to the family. Bernard was a good friend of mine and an endeared classmate of my wife. We extend the peace and comfort of God to the entire family.*

Tyrone and Dettrea Weston - April 25, 2020 at 03:54 AM

BH

“ Sending my deepest condolences to the Atwater family. Bernie was the BEST electrician I ever met. Always professional and completed his tasks in a timely manner without the extra fees. You will truly be missed. RIH Bernie



Betty Holmes - April 24, 2020 at 11:46 PM

RM

“ Our deepest sympathy to the family. From Rita, Monica, Gabriel Jr, Adam and Jason Medel



Rita Medel - April 24, 2020 at 11:33 PM

MD

“ Our prayers are with your family. RIP



Marquetta Davis - April 24, 2020 at 10:52 PM

EM

“ Early Mcknight would like to send her condolences out to the Atwater family

Earleen Mcknight - April 24, 2020 at 09:06 PM

BB

“ *My thoughts & prayers are with Mrs. Atwater & her family. May God grace be with y'all* 🙏



Brenda Beckom - April 24, 2020 at 08:25 PM



“ *Carolyn Spencer lit a candle in memory of Mr. Bernard Van Atwater*



Carolyn Spencer - April 24, 2020 at 06:10 PM

JS

“ *KIM OUR PRAYERS ARE WITH YOU AND WE ARE HERE FOR YOU.*



Jocelyn Stanley - April 24, 2020 at 05:21 PM

WB

“ *Walsezetta Bennett sent a virtual gift in memory of Mr. Bernard Van Atwater*



Walsezetta Bennett - April 24, 2020 at 04:21 PM

CM

“ *Charlotte McMillan-Harper lit a candle in memory of Mr. Bernard Van Atwater*



Charlotte McMillan-Harper - April 24, 2020 at 03:50 PM

DH

“ *So sorry for your loss Cuz, you're in my prayers. We're here for you,love you*💕💕



Debra Hatfield-Lane - April 24, 2020 at 03:07 PM

W7

“ *My deepest condolences thoughts and prayers goes out to the family.*



William Bond C/O 77 - April 24, 2020 at 02:54 PM

FB

“ *C/O '77
Keeping the Family in Prayers*



Fazilet Beemon - April 24, 2020 at 01:41 PM

AL

“ Annie Lowery sent a virtual gift in memory of Mr. Bernard Van Atwater



Annie Lowery - April 24, 2020 at 01:35 PM

DM

“ Deborah Mack lit a candle in memory of Mr. Bernard Van Atwater



Deborah Mack - April 24, 2020 at 01:04 PM

BF

“ My heartfelt condolences to the Atwater family, I'm so sorry for your loss. I met Mr. Atwater as a contractor for my employer, he was a free, kind and humble spirit. I never knew the last time I seen him it would be the last time. I will be lifting the family, friends and coworkers in prayer.
King Family



Betty King & Family - April 24, 2020 at 12:21 PM

LM

“ Lee And Rochelle McCain lit a candle in memory of Mr. Bernard Van Atwater



Lee and Rochelle McCain - April 24, 2020 at 11:29 AM

TC

“ *My Condolences*



Teresa Cooper - April 24, 2020 at 10:54 AM

MT

“ *Melissa Taylor lit a candle in memory of Mr. Bernard Van Atwater*



Melissa Taylor - April 24, 2020 at 08:09 AM

EG

“ *My condolences to the family*



Evelyn Hardy Garrett - April 24, 2020 at 08:04 AM

TW

“ *My flesh and my heart may fail, but God is the strength of my heart and my portion forever. Heartfelt Love to my sister Kimberly and the entire Atwater Family during this extremely sad time. Earth has no sorrows that heaven can not heal. For as Christians we know my Brother is in a better place, but it does not erase the loss felt from the absence of his presence. Bernard was the people's man. Well loved and respected across communities and the state of Michigan. His work ethic goes without mention as we all can appreciate his doing or fixing on a project in our household, church or business venue. Always with a smile and yet remaining humble to not want or expect anything in return. Let's not forget that robust and extremely explosive laugh that always let you know he was in the room. May his benevolence in this LIFE serve as the example of a true and faithful servant of God. Kim, the love you both had for each other will remain a part of your heartbeat forever. Take your rest my brother, for you have earned your heavenly reward. Continue to be that guardian angel for my sweet Kim. Mr Bernard Van Atwater, never goodbye, But see ya later. Always, Tracy and Melody*



Tracy Woods - April 24, 2020 at 07:24 AM

AS

YES it's not Goodbye,....But see you Later 🥰😭😭

Alene Scott - May 04, 2020 at 09:47 AM

LH

“ *Lois Holiday lit a candle in memory of Mr. Bernard Van Atwater*



Lois Holiday - April 24, 2020 at 05:32 AM

JK

“ *To the entire Atwater family, you have my sincere condolences. Bernie was small in stature but had the biggest heart. Rest well, Bernie!*



Janice Kemp-Anderson - April 24, 2020 at 12:12 AM

VS

“ *Vermell Sangster lit a candle in memory of Mr. Bernard Van Atwater*



Vermell Sangster - April 24, 2020 at 12:03 AM

GR

“ *Glen Rush*



Glen Rush - April 23, 2020 at 11:47 PM

FZ

“ *Albert&Frances Zackrie*



Frances Zackrie - April 23, 2020 at 11:33 PM

SM

“ We light this candle as a tribute to Bernard Atwater. Thank you for loving on our family with unconditional love. Take your rest, thy good and faithful servant.
The Mounger's



Sonandra Mounger - April 23, 2020 at 10:09 PM

CJ

“ Chris&Wayne Jernigan sent a virtual gift in memory of Mr. Bernard Van Atwater



Chris&Wayne Jernigan - April 23, 2020 at 09:36 PM

PK

“ Patricia Kirnon lit a candle in memory of Mr. Bernard Van Atwater



Patricia Kirnon - April 23, 2020 at 08:46 PM

DG

“ Praying for you at this difficult time.
The Giles Family



Delores Giles - April 23, 2020 at 08:39 PM

VP

“ I keep remembering how thoughtful his son was when my brother Harold was transitioning. He came up to the hospital and spent time with my nephew. How polite and kind he was to all of us. When you have kids like that it means he was parented correctly. Bernie was also a classmate. So sorry for the entire family's loss, he was a great person.

Valerie Packard - April 23, 2020 at 06:54 PM

NL

“ Nola Levelston lit a candle in memory of Mr. Bernard Van Atwater



Nola Levelston - April 23, 2020 at 06:36 PM

DM

“ Sincere Condolences to the Atwater family. Love to all of you.



Deborah Morris-Williams - April 23, 2020 at 06:27 PM

CG

“ Connie Gray lit a candle in memory of Mr. Bernard Van Atwater



Connie Gray - April 23, 2020 at 05:53 PM

ED

“ *Emma Donald sent a virtual gift in memory of Mr. Bernard Van Atwater*



Emma Donald - April 23, 2020 at 05:47 PM

PM

“ *Pamela (Stephens) Monroe lit a candle in memory of Mr. Bernard Van Atwater*



Pamela (Stephens) Monroe - April 23, 2020 at 05:22 PM

VH

“ *Vanessa Humes-Johnson lit a candle in memory of Mr. Bernard Van Atwater*



Vanessa Humes-Johnson - April 23, 2020 at 05:19 PM

LV

“ *Linda McClain Veasley sent a virtual gift in memory of Mr. Bernard Van Atwater*



Linda McClain Veasley - April 23, 2020 at 04:40 PM

CA

“ To Kim, family, and friends of Bernard Van Atwater.

Today, we are saddened and witnessing the absences of a love one that was confronted with the reality of life, death!

Death always creates a void in the hearts of others, that relinquishes tears to combat the anguish of death. Family and friends there are a sacredness in tears, tears are not the mark of weakness but power.

Tears convey more eloquently than the copious tongue because tears are messengers of overwhelming grief and unspeakable love. Bernard would want us to mimic his smile to help us overshadow our grief while filling our hearts with peace, love, and fond memories.

Death is a transition in life, and it does not dispel the memories nor the legacy that Bernard had established via religious endeavors, work, bowling and family hosted activities.

Thank you, God, and nephew, for the years we shared as family, but most importantly the love and respect you garnered me.

We should all remember" Wherever a beautiful soul has been, there is a trail of beautiful memories.

Always, Uncle, Charles!

Charles Atwater - April 23, 2020 at 04:38 PM

AN

Love you uncle Charles

Andrea - April 24, 2020 at 08:40 AM

BM

“ *Kim and the entire Atwater family: May God given you comfort and strength during this difficult time. May God bless and keep you in his arms. Love to you all and stay strong.*

Betty Mitchell - April 23, 2020 at 04:18 PM

MH

“ *Milton And Jackie Hollins lit a candle in memory of Mr. Bernard Van Atwater*



Milton and Jackie Hollins - April 23, 2020 at 02:15 PM

TH

“ *Tee-Ar Hines lit a candle in memory of Mr. Bernard Van Atwater*



Tee-Ar Hines - April 23, 2020 at 01:44 PM

SF

“ *Stephanie Ford sent a virtual gift in memory of Mr. Bernard Van Atwater*



Stephanie Ford - April 23, 2020 at 01:42 PM

LM

“ *Loudean Moultrie lit a candle in memory of Mr. Bernard Van Atwater*



Loudean Moultrie - April 23, 2020 at 01:29 PM

MB

“ My deepest condolences to Kim and sons, Atwater family. Bernard was such a humble, nice man. RIH Bernard



Marilyn K Burns-Bowman - April 23, 2020 at 01:06 PM

BM

“ Kim, Rasheed, Clarence, Tony and Kenny.....Thinking of you all at this difficult time....Bernard will truly be missed...He was always smiling and had such a humble spirit...Kim he took care of you!!!!. Occasionally I would see him bringing you to the grocery store dropping you off or he would come in himself...Also making sure you got to church whenever you wanted ...So cherish those good memories...May God grant you comfort, strength and peace....



Barbara McMillan-Hargrow - April 23, 2020 at 01:00 PM

KC

“ Kim, Rasheed, Clarence, Kenny, Tony and the entire Family. We send our prayers and condolences to you during this most difficult time. Bernie was loved by all and will be missed. A sweet spirit has found eternal rest. While it hurts deeply we look to God who is the only one that can see us through.
Billy & Karen Cork & Family



Karen Cork - April 23, 2020 at 12:45 PM

KM

“ *My Condolences to the entire Atwater family. I have known Bernie since we were children growing up at Mt. Olive. May God Bless and keep You*



Karen Martin-Brodnex - April 23, 2020 at 12:14 PM

J7

“ *Junell (Webb) Howell C/O 77 lit a candle in memory of Mr. Bernard Van Atwater*



Junell (Webb) Howell C/O 77 - April 23, 2020 at 11:59 AM

TP

“ *Bernard was the nicest guy! Rest In Peace, my deepest sympathy to your family and loved ones.
Toni Pringle C/O 1977.*



Toni Pringle - April 23, 2020 at 11:39 AM

LF

“ *Larry & Yvonne Polk Family sent a virtual gift in memory of Mr. Bernard Van Atwater*



Larry & Yvonne Polk Family - April 23, 2020 at 11:18 AM

MG

“ *Michael And Delphine Greene lit a candle in memory of Mr. Bernard Van Atwater*



Michael and Delphine Greene - April 23, 2020 at 10:23 AM

CF

“ *Charles Dorsey & Family lit a candle in memory of Mr. Bernard Van Atwater*



Charles Dorsey & Family - April 23, 2020 at 10:08 AM

TJ

“ *Bernie was like my little brother. He always had a smile and was always pleasant. Rest in heaven my brother. No more pain. The Johnson Family*



Toni Johnson-Smith - April 23, 2020 at 09:27 AM

TW

“ *Theotis & Teresa Wilcoxon lit a candle in memory of Mr. Bernard Van Atwater*



Theotis & Teresa Wilcoxon - April 23, 2020 at 09:02 AM

MF

“ *Martin, Bland & Goodman Family sent a virtual gift in memory of Mr. Bernard Van Atwater*



Martin, Bland & Goodman Family - April 23, 2020 at 09:00 AM

DL

“ *David & LaVerne Lawrence lit a candle in memory of Mr. Bernard Van Atwater*



David & LaVerne Lawrence - April 23, 2020 at 08:30 AM

ML

“ *Margie Baty Lawrence lit a candle in memory of Mr. Bernard Van Atwater*



Margie Baty Lawrence - April 23, 2020 at 08:13 AM

FM

“ *Kim I am so sorry for your loss. I am praying for you and your family*



Faima Mayo - April 23, 2020 at 07:53 AM

GP

“ Gerald & Alberta Palmer sent a virtual gift in memory of Mr. Bernard Van Atwater



Gerald & Alberta Palmer - April 23, 2020 at 07:45 AM

KS

“ Kathy Shaw sent a virtual gift in memory of Mr. Bernard Van Atwater



Kathy Shaw - April 23, 2020 at 07:18 AM

ML

“ ML Lawrence lit a candle in memory of Mr. Bernard Van Atwater



ML Lawrence - April 23, 2020 at 07:18 AM

ML

Condolences to the Atwater family.

ML Lawrence - April 23, 2020 at 07:19 AM

VJ

“ *Vanessa Coats Jackson lit a candle in memory of Mr. Bernard Van Atwater*



Vanessa Coats Jackson - April 23, 2020 at 06:58 AM

NL

“ *NO Lawrence lit a candle in memory of Mr. Bernard Van Atwater*



NO Lawrence - April 23, 2020 at 06:47 AM

VJ

“ *Vanessa Coats Jackson lit a candle in memory of Mr. Bernard Van Atwater*



Vanessa Coats Jackson - April 23, 2020 at 06:14 AM

CA

“ *Sorry for your loss and praying for the family for strength.*



carolynriley - April 23, 2020 at 05:55 AM

AA

“ Prayers to my family through this difficult time. Uncle Bernie I will miss you dearly. We have had so many precious memories together. Until we meet again

Andrea Gray Atwater - April 22, 2020 at 11:17 PM

MF

“ Margo J. Fletcher lit a candle in memory of Mr. Bernard Van Atwater



Margo J. Fletcher - April 22, 2020 at 10:51 PM

CJ

“ Carrie Jackson-Zackrie lit a candle in memory of Mr. Bernard Van Atwater



Carrie Jackson-Zackrie - April 22, 2020 at 10:23 PM

PC

“ Peter Cooper lit a candle in memory of Mr. Bernard Van Atwater



Peter Cooper - April 22, 2020 at 09:49 PM

PC

Praying for the Atwater, Woods families know you're in my thoughts. It has been years since I saw Bernard but my heart goes to his love ones. Mama Doris Atwater Hinton, Sharon Beemon Brown got you guys in prayer. Peter Cooper, Jacksonville Florida

Peter Cooper - April 22, 2020 at 09:55 PM

PC

Goes out please excuse my grammar error. Thank you.

Peter Cooper - April 22, 2020 at 09:57 PM

BK

“ *Expressing heartfelt condolences to the Atwater family. I enjoyed working with Bernie, he was such a kind humble spirit. May he Rest In Peace.*



Betty King - April 22, 2020 at 09:46 PM

KO

“ *Karen Oneal lit a candle in memory of Mr. Bernard Van Atwater*



Karen Oneal - April 22, 2020 at 09:13 PM

EB

“ *Eugene And Michelle Blair lit a candle in memory of Mr. Bernard Van Atwater*



Eugene and Michelle Blair - April 22, 2020 at 08:32 PM

DH

“ Dawn Hughey lit a candle in memory of Mr. Bernard Van Atwater



Dawn Hughey - April 22, 2020 at 08:28 PM

MB

“ To Kim, Atwater, and all connected family, just know that you have our deepest condolences. May the Lord keep His loving arms around you.



Micah&Cherryl Biggins - April 22, 2020 at 08:22 PM



“ Charline Bodiford lit a candle in memory of Mr. Bernard Van Atwater



Charline Bodiford - April 22, 2020 at 08:19 PM

VA

“ My deepest heartfelt sympathy to you Kim Rasheed Clarence Kenny and Tony. Bernard touched so many lives and has left a big mark in our hearts. The man with a heart of gold towards the young and the old. God bless my family and grant us strength during this season. Thank you Lord for the time you gave us.



Val - April 22, 2020 at 08:18 PM

VP

“ Valerie Packard sent a virtual gift in memory of Mr. Bernard Van Atwater



Valerie Packard - April 22, 2020 at 08:10 PM



“ James Johnson lit a candle in memory of Mr. Bernard Van Atwater



James Johnson - April 22, 2020 at 08:02 PM

VA

“ Val sent a virtual gift in memory of Mr. Bernard Van Atwater



Val - April 22, 2020 at 07:57 PM

SH

“ Shantel Harris



Shantel Harris - April 22, 2020 at 07:54 PM

TA

“ Tommy&Rhonda Atkins lit a candle in memory of Mr. Bernard Van Atwater



Tommy&Rhonda Atkins - April 22, 2020 at 07:19 PM

CP

“ Cynthia Polk sent a virtual gift in memory of Mr. Bernard Van Atwater



Cynthia Polk - April 22, 2020 at 07:16 PM

BL

“ *Barbara Land-Jones lit a candle in memory of Mr. Bernard Van Atwater*



Barbara Land-Jones - April 22, 2020 at 07:10 PM

EL

“ *Edith Delphine Lewis lit a candle in memory of Mr. Bernard Van Atwater*



Edith Delphine Lewis - April 22, 2020 at 06:34 PM

RG

“ *Regina Grady sent a virtual gift in memory of Mr. Bernard Van Atwater*



Regina Grady - April 22, 2020 at 06:31 PM

DB

“ *Diane Blackmon sent a virtual gift in memory of Mr. Bernard Van Atwater*



Diane Blackmon - April 22, 2020 at 06:21 PM

DB

Bernard was my classmate c/o "77" Rest in heaven my friend!!!

Diane Blackmon - April 23, 2020 at 09:01 PM

CC

“ *Cheryl Cooper sent a virtual gift in memory of Mr. Bernard Van Atwater*



Cheryl Cooper - April 22, 2020 at 06:17 PM

DH

“ *DHolmes sent a virtual gift in memory of Mr. Bernard Van Atwater*



DHolmes - April 22, 2020 at 05:37 PM

MJ

“ *Margaret Jones lit a candle in memory of Mr. Bernard Van Atwater*



Margaret Jones - April 22, 2020 at 05:25 PM

LR

“ *Lorraine Bond Riley sent a virtual gift in memory of Mr. Bernard Van Atwater*



Lorraine Bond Riley - April 22, 2020 at 05:07 PM

SC

“ *To Kim, Rasheed and the entire Atwater family. Extending my deepest sympathy to all of you. My prayer is that God surrounds you with his love and comfort. Rest in heaven Bernard*

Sandra Coleman - April 22, 2020 at 04:51 PM

DC

“ *Bobby and Debra Cork*



Debra Cork - April 22, 2020 at 04:29 PM

VF

“ *Valerie Foster-Baker sent a virtual gift in memory of Mr. Bernard Van Atwater*



Valerie Foster-Baker - April 22, 2020 at 04:18 PM



“ *Joanie Williams sent a virtual gift in memory of Mr. Bernard Van Atwater*



Joanie Williams - April 22, 2020 at 04:10 PM