



Mr. David Dowdell

December 31, 1946 - April 19, 2024

Our beloved father, grandfather, great-grandfather, brother, uncle, friend went home to be with the Lord on Friday April 19, 2024. He was the son of David Golsby and Eloise Spain.

He graduated from Jackson State University, he attended on an athletic scholarship. David was a quiet, patient caring man who was about empowering all those he encountered to reach their highest potential in life, if it involved sports, then he was in his happy place. David was a joy to be around and will be loved and missed by those who knew him. David was educated and coached in the Saginaw Region for about 40 years; teaching at Ricker, Jr. High, Buena Vista High Schools coaching at both them and also Bridgeport High School.

David had a host of friends too many to name including Buena Vista Senior Group, former students, friends at Flying J, Soaring Eagle, the Elks Club, friends he grew up with and friends he worked with.

He leaves to cherish his memory four sons; three daughters; eight grandchildren; two great-grandchildren; sisters, Josephine (Tony) Henderson and Gloria Butler; brothers, Terry Spain, Calvin Golsby, Henery Peoples and Thomas Spain; nieces, Brenea Spain and Latrina Butler and many other relatives and friends.

Mr. David Dowdell was preceded in death by a daughter, Vicci Adderley; parents, David Golsby and Eloise Spain; stepfather, Joe Spain; sister and brother, Deloris and Tyrone Dowdell; nephews, Rodney Butler and Gregory Allen Spain.

Funeral service will take place at 11:00 a.m. Monday, May 6, 2024 at Evans & Browne's Funeral Home, 441 North Jefferson Ave., Saginaw, MI 48607. Brad Wicker will officiate with interment Forest Lawn Cemetery, 3210 S. Washington Ave., Saginaw, MI 48601. Visitation will take place from 9:00 a.m. until the time of service.

Cemetery Details

Forest Lawn Cemetery

3210 S. Washington Avenue
Saginaw, MI

Previous Events

Visitation

MAY 6. 9:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

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

Funeral Service

MAY 6. 11:00 AM (ET)

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

Tribute Wall



“ *Evans & Browne's Funeral Home created a Webcast in memory of Mr. David Dowdell*



Browne's Mortuary - May 06, 2024 at 10:42 AM

TY

LOVE YOU GRANDADDY DAVID !!!!! from Tyler!!!

Tyler - May 06, 2024 at 11:09 AM

GL

Mr. Dowdell. Take your rest. You will be missed.

Gail Lee-Caradine - May 07, 2024 at 10:25 AM

JO

rest in piece coach

Joel - May 07, 2024 at 03:33 PM

JW

“ *Jimmie & Archie Westbrook lit a candle in memory of Mr. David Dowdell*



Jimmie & Archie Westbrook - May 31, 2024 at 08:40 PM

DM

“ *Derrell Martin lit a candle in memory of Mr. David Dowdell*



Derrell Martin - May 21, 2024 at 09:03 PM

BB

“ *Bridget Baber lit a candle in memory of Mr. David Dowdell*



Bridget Baber - May 12, 2024 at 06:20 PM

MB

“ *Michelle Baker lit a candle in memory of Mr. David Dowdell*



Michelle Baker - May 09, 2024 at 04:40 PM

KC

“ *To the Dowdell Family
My deepest sympathy for your loss. Mr. Dowdell was a great man.
Compassionate and caring. RIP faithful BV Knight Teacher may be
together again.
Carol Tafel, Kay Tafel Curry and Allen Curry Jr*

Kay Curry - May 09, 2024 at 12:04 AM

CC

“ Cheryl Cooper lit a candle in memory of Mr. David Dowdell



Cheryl Cooper - May 08, 2024 at 08:12 AM

SW

“ Sherrie Williams-Cook sent a virtual gift in memory of Mr. David Dowdell



Sherrie Williams-Cook - May 08, 2024 at 05:05 AM

M?

“ Mary Hannibal, Fort Worth, Texas lit a candle in memory of Mr. David Dowdell



Mary Hannibal, Fort Worth, Texas - May 07, 2024 at 08:47 PM

SS

“ Sue Surles-McDole sent a virtual gift in memory of Mr. David Dowdell



Sue Surles-McDole - May 07, 2024 at 11:43 AM

TP

“ Tracey Packard lit a candle in memory of Mr. David Dowdell



Tracey Packard - May 06, 2024 at 07:53 PM

WF

“ Wanda Faye Reynolds And Reynolds Family lit a candle in memory of Mr. David Dowdell



Wanda Faye Reynolds and Reynolds Family - May 06, 2024 at 06:37 PM

CJ

“ Carla Porter Jones lit a candle in memory of Mr. David Dowdell



Carla Porter Jones - May 06, 2024 at 10:44 AM

NS

“ Natalie Sanders lit a candle in memory of Mr. David Dowdell



Natalie Sanders - May 06, 2024 at 08:49 AM

CP

“ *Charlotte Perkins lit a candle in memory of Mr. David Dowdell*



Charlotte Perkins - May 06, 2024 at 08:30 AM

AG

“ *Angelus Guillory lit a candle in memory of Mr. David Dowdell*



Angelus Guillory - May 05, 2024 at 10:11 PM

L-

“ *Rip Mr. Dowdell. My sincerest condolences to your family. Latrice Chandler*



Latrice Chandler -Williams - May 05, 2024 at 07:31 PM

SO

“ *Stephanie B Omar lit a candle in memory of Mr. David Dowdell*



Stephanie B Omar - May 05, 2024 at 06:54 PM

AF

“ *Annie Fairris, Dallas, Texas lit a candle in memory of Mr. David Dowdell*



Annie Fairris, Dallas, Texas - May 05, 2024 at 06:49 PM

BK

“ *Barbara Kemp-Lauria lit a candle in memory of Mr. David Dowdell*



Barbara Kemp-Lauria - May 04, 2024 at 02:48 PM

JL

“ *Jenise lewis*



jenise lewis - May 04, 2024 at 08:01 AM

DT

“ *DENECHO TURNER sent a virtual gift in memory of Mr. David Dowdell*



DENECHO TURNER - May 03, 2024 at 10:36 PM

AP

“ Rest in peace Mr. Dowdell. I just saw you at the BV Center and hugged you. Saw you again at the Y from a distance.

April - May 03, 2024 at 09:55 PM

WH

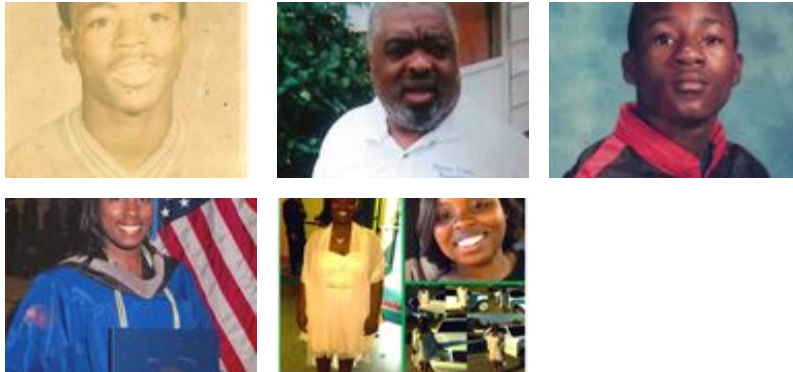
“ William & Freddie Hodges sent a virtual gift in memory of Mr. David Dowdell



William & Freddie Hodges - May 03, 2024 at 05:53 PM



“ 67 files added to the album Life Tributes



Browne's Mortuary - May 03, 2024 at 03:24 PM

LM

“ LOUDEAN MOULTRIE lit a candle in memory of Mr. David Dowdell



LOUDEAN MOULTRIE - May 03, 2024 at 09:01 AM

BL

“ *Bobbie Lockhart lit a candle in memory of Mr. David Dowdell*



Bobbie Lockhart - May 03, 2024 at 08:20 AM

TD

“ *Trevina Dukes-Gillespie lit a candle in memory of Mr. David Dowdell*



Trevina Dukes-Gillespie - May 02, 2024 at 12:31 PM

GB

“ *Gloria Blackmon lit a candle in memory of Mr. David Dowdell*



Gloria Blackmon - May 02, 2024 at 01:37 AM

ES

“ *Ethel And Robert Shaheed lit a candle in memory of Mr. David Dowdell*



Ethel and Robert Shaheed - May 02, 2024 at 01:16 AM

DM

“ Deborah Morris-Williams lit a candle in memory of Mr. David Dowdell



Deborah Morris-Williams - May 01, 2024 at 11:50 PM



“ James Johnson lit a candle in memory of Mr. David Dowdell



James Johnson - May 01, 2024 at 11:46 PM

SH

“ Shunda Haygood lit a candle in memory of Mr. David Dowdell



Shunda Haygood - May 01, 2024 at 10:23 PM



“ He was always trying to get students to do their best. Coach Flowers (l), Trevor Culpepper, Jr. (received a track scholarship to SVSU), and Coach Dowdell (r)



Beverly Culpepper - May 01, 2024 at 09:06 PM

JH

Thank you for sharing this memory ❤️

JoAnna Harrison - May 01, 2024 at 09:27 PM

KR

“ *Sending my condolences to the family of Mr. Dowdell* ”



Kieston Reece - May 01, 2024 at 08:08 PM

HF

“ *Hilda Freeman lit a candle in memory of Mr. David Dowdell* ”



Hilda Freeman - May 01, 2024 at 07:52 PM

MJ

“ *Mattie Johnson lit a candle in memory of Mr. David Dowdell* ”



Mattie Johnson - May 01, 2024 at 07:37 PM

PB

“ Patrick & Sharon Brown lit a candle in memory of Mr. David Dowdell



Patrick & Sharon Brown - May 01, 2024 at 02:46 PM

GW

“ Gracie M Witherspoon lit a candle in memory of Mr. David Dowdell



Gracie M Witherspoon - May 01, 2024 at 05:00 AM

TB

“ Tonja S Brown lit a candle in memory of Mr. David Dowdell



Tonja S Brown - May 01, 2024 at 05:00 AM

JK

“ JoAnna, Steven, Tyler, Amber and King purchased the Blue & White Sympathy Floor Basket for the family of Mr. David Dowdell.



JoAnna, Steven, Tyler, Amber and King - May 01, 2024 at 12:04 AM

JK

“ JoAnna, Steven, Tyler, Amber and King planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Mr. David Dowdell.

JoAnna, Steven, Tyler, Amber and King - May 01, 2024 at 12:04 AM

JH

“ David, I love you so much. My heart is broken into a million pieces right now. I was 7 years old when you came into my life. It was the beginning of a father/daughter relationship that would last 51 years. You were always pouring yourself out to other's. That was who you were. My children know you as Granddaddy David! You even got to meet Steven's son, and wouldn't you know it, just like that out came the soccer balls and bungee cords for all the fun a toddler could imagine.

Very supportive of education and if you played sports you could count on Coach Dowdell to get you in condition to participate in the state championship games, which happened for me on more than one occasion under your leadership. Young men and young women today will never get to experience a solid man such as yourself. Who would have imagined my last trip home would mark your departure into paradise. I know Mrs. Eloise was so happy at your arrival!!! Give Vicci a big hug for me!

Now take the rest that you have rightfully earned. You took care of so many people on your life's journey. Well done David, Coach, Granddaddy David, Paw Paw David. Missing you forever 💔

JoAnna Harrison - April 30, 2024 at 11:54 PM

PT

An honorable Man with a huge heart ! I had the pleasure of sharing 30 educational years with David.
Patricia Noreen Hess

Patricia Toth - May 02, 2024 at 10:55 PM

TH

“ Tina Houze lit a candle in memory of Mr. David Dowdell



Tina Houze - April 30, 2024 at 08:08 PM

FR

“ Felicia Robinson lit a candle in memory of Mr. David Dowdell



Felicia Robinson - April 30, 2024 at 06:28 PM

MO

“ Mark Oates lit a candle in memory of Mr. David Dowdell



Mark Oates - April 30, 2024 at 12:21 PM

DP

“ He was always such a joy to be around. I truly enjoyed our enlightening conversations about my future. RIH <3



Dzhari Perry - April 30, 2024 at 06:58 AM

LP

“ *Lamont Primus lit a candle in memory of Mr. David Dowdell*



Lamont Primus - April 30, 2024 at 06:49 AM

LP

“ *I just wanted share how kind, nice, thoughtful and supportive my uncle was. I always enjoyed the time he took out for me in his life. Rest in peace ink!!!*

Lamont Primus - April 30, 2024 at 06:48 AM

FV

“ *Good evening to the Dowdell family!! My deepest sympathy is sent to you all. I will continue to keep you in prayer for strength, understanding and acceptance. Mr. Dowdell was one of the best track coaches there was. He believed in all of us and encouraged us all!!! Rest in peace coach!! Felecia Veal-Edmunds*



Felecia Veal-Edmunds - April 29, 2024 at 09:45 PM

GB

“ *Gloria Butler lit a candle in memory of Mr. David Dowdell*



Gloria Butler - April 29, 2024 at 08:31 PM

DP

“ Dorothy Price-Omar lit a candle in memory of Mr. David Dowdell



Dorothy Price-Omar - April 29, 2024 at 08:25 PM

JO

“ To my big brother love you always for the care u took care our mom and the support u their for my children going to miss you love you sister

Josephine - April 29, 2024 at 08:22 PM

DF

“ Doster Family sent a virtual gift in memory of Mr. David Dowdell



Doster Family - April 29, 2024 at 07:33 PM

JO

To my bother I always love u where their for our mom and for my children with your support my family love ❤️ big brother Josephine

Josephine - April 29, 2024 at 08:00 PM

DS

“ *Mr. Dowdell was a supporter to our family. You did your job and more RIP, from the Spain and Dowdell family..*



Dameron Spain - April 29, 2024 at 07:30 PM

JO

To big brother love you the support of how you took good care our mom and support that you their for my children u always call me my full name ❤️

Josephine - April 29, 2024 at 08:13 PM

DS

“ *Rest easy Uncle Maine, I will truly miss our conversations. Until we meet again. I love you Mr. Dowdell..*

Dameron Spain - April 29, 2024 at 05:05 PM

LW

“ *Laticia Whitehead lit a candle in memory of Mr. David Dowdell*



Laticia Whitehead - April 29, 2024 at 02:36 PM

TR

“ Terry Richard lit a candle in memory of Mr. David Dowdell



Terry Richard - April 29, 2024 at 09:52 AM

JR

“ Jerrold Rance lit a candle in memory of Mr. David Dowdell



Jerrold Rance - April 29, 2024 at 06:51 AM

PP

“ Paula Phillips-Terrell sent a virtual gift in memory of Mr. David Dowdell



Paula Phillips-Terrell - April 28, 2024 at 03:55 PM

CF

“ Choyce Family lit a candle in memory of Mr. David Dowdell



choyce family - April 28, 2024 at 03:24 PM

RB

“ Rosette Blakes lit a candle in memory of Mr. David Dowdell



Rosette Blakes - April 28, 2024 at 07:59 AM

DH

“ Dwight/Shalanda Akins Houston lit a candle in memory of Mr. David Dowdell



Dwight/Shalanda Akins Houston - April 28, 2024 at 07:51 AM

DC

“ My condolences to the family of Mr dowdell he was my encourager when we will work out from time to time



Derinda Culberson - April 27, 2024 at 03:31 PM

LW

“ Louis Weems lit a candle in memory of Mr. David Dowdell



Louis Weems - April 27, 2024 at 01:50 PM

BC

“ *Bobbie Crosby-Locke lit a candle in memory of Mr. David Dowdell*



Bobbie Crosby-Locke - April 27, 2024 at 10:58 AM

LP

“ *Loreann Gissendanner Payton lit a candle in memory of Mr. David Dowdell*



loreann Gissendanner Payton - April 26, 2024 at 03:48 PM

DP

“ *Dennis And Gail Porter sent a virtual gift in memory of Mr. David Dowdell*



Dennis and Gail Porter - April 26, 2024 at 10:08 AM

BC

“ *Bobbie Crosby-Locke lit a candle in memory of Mr. David Dowdell*



Bobbie Crosby-Locke - April 26, 2024 at 09:34 AM

BR

“ *Brenda Ryan lit a candle in memory of Mr. David Dowdell*



Brenda Ryan - April 26, 2024 at 09:03 AM

GM

“ *Gary McClain lit a candle in memory of Mr. David Dowdell*



Gary McClain - April 25, 2024 at 06:19 PM

MO

“ *Ms. Harriet Oliver lit a candle in memory of Mr. David Dowdell*



Ms. Harriet Oliver - April 25, 2024 at 03:00 AM

ES

“ *Ethel And Robert Shaheed lit a candle in memory of Mr. David Dowdell*



Ethel and Robert Shaheed - April 25, 2024 at 01:25 AM

ET

“ *Eloise Taylor lit a candle in memory of Mr. David Dowdell*



Eloise Taylor - April 24, 2024 at 07:16 PM

GF

“ *Graves-Conic Family lit a candle in memory of Mr. David Dowdell*



Graves-Conic Family - April 24, 2024 at 02:21 PM

TC

“ *Tracie L. Conic lit a candle in memory of Mr. David Dowdell*



Tracie L. Conic - April 24, 2024 at 02:20 PM

DS

Thank you Tracie for your continued support and love for our family.

Dameron Spain - May 01, 2024 at 09:27 PM

JC

“ Judge Terry L. Clark lit a candle in memory of Mr. David Dowdell



Judge Terry L. Clark - April 24, 2024 at 01:44 PM

TG

“ Praying for the family
Deacon Terry & Glenna Gates



Terry Gates - April 24, 2024 at 11:45 AM

DF

“ Deborah Finch lit a candle in memory of Mr. David Dowdell



Deborah Finch - April 24, 2024 at 09:38 AM

KM

“ Karen Martin-Brodnex lit a candle in memory of Mr. David Dowdell



Karen Martin-Brodnex - April 23, 2024 at 10:33 PM

GB

“ *Gloria Blackmon lit a candle in memory of Mr. David Dowdell*



Gloria Blackmon - April 23, 2024 at 09:54 PM

JT

“ *John R Thomas lit a candle in memory of Mr. David Dowdell*



John R Thomas - April 23, 2024 at 09:17 PM

DL

“ *Debra Lane lit a candle in memory of Mr. David Dowdell*



Debra Lane - April 23, 2024 at 02:53 PM

BH

“ *Condolences to David’s entire family. I grew up with David in the neighborhood as youths. I was always very happy to hear of his many achievements in life and his wonderful impact within the BV educational system. He will be remembered and very sadly missed by many. Barbara Hill*



Barbara Hill - April 23, 2024 at 12:38 PM

KF

“ *David Dowdell You will be missed BVHS family always. Mr Kirk Floyd*

Kirk floyd - April 23, 2024 at 12:12 PM

BG

“ *Bradley Garner lit a candle in memory of Mr. David Dowdell*



Bradley Garner - April 23, 2024 at 09:14 AM

TM

“ *Theresa McClellon lit a candle in memory of Mr. David Dowdell*



Theresa McClellon - April 23, 2024 at 05:41 AM

KR

“ *Kevin Richard lit a candle in memory of Mr. David Dowdell*



Kevin Richard - April 23, 2024 at 05:32 AM

DR

“ *Dewrail Rockett lit a candle in memory of Mr. David Dowdell*



Dewrail Rockett - April 23, 2024 at 02:10 AM

AF

“ *Annie Lois Fairris-Holiday lit a candle in memory of Mr. David Dowdell*



Annie Lois Fairris-Holiday - April 23, 2024 at 12:36 AM



“ *Veronica Roby lit a candle in memory of Mr. David Dowdell*



Veronica Roby - April 22, 2024 at 10:10 PM

WF

“ *Williamson Family lit a candle in memory of Mr. David Dowdell*



Williamson Family - April 22, 2024 at 09:17 PM

LP

“ *Lakeisha Pelt lit a candle in memory of Mr. David Dowdell*



Lakeisha Pelt - April 22, 2024 at 08:35 PM



“ *Janique Garnett lit a candle in memory of Mr. David Dowdell*



Janique Garnett - April 22, 2024 at 05:56 PM

DH

“ *Delta Hawkins lit a candle in memory of Mr. David Dowdell*



Delta Hawkins - April 22, 2024 at 03:15 PM

PB

“ *Patrick Brown & Sharon Brown lit a candle in memory of Mr. David Dowdell*



Patrick Brown & Sharon Brown - April 22, 2024 at 03:10 PM

AA

“ *Ann (Hudspeth) Arceneaux lit a candle in memory of Mr. David Dowdell*



Ann (Hudspeth) Arceneaux - April 22, 2024 at 02:12 PM

CP

“ *Cheryl Kay Payton sent a virtual gift in memory of Mr. David Dowdell*



Cheryl Kay Payton - April 22, 2024 at 10:02 AM

EL

“ *Edith Lewis lit a candle in memory of Mr. David Dowdell*



Edith Lewis - April 22, 2024 at 09:18 AM

EM

“ *Earl Martin lit a candle in memory of Mr. David Dowdell*



Earl Martin - April 22, 2024 at 04:22 AM

BS

“ Saddened to hear about the transition of Coach Dowdell ,who I had the privilege of working with at Buena Vista high school in the 80's.... David was a friend and brother who dedicated his life to helping youth grow and develop into productive people....Thank you Coach for the opportunities you gave me, love you my Brother...Gone too Soon.

Bishop Ronald E Stanley - April 21, 2024 at 08:30 PM

GD

“ George Drain lit a candle in memory of Mr. David Dowdell



George Drain - April 21, 2024 at 09:32 AM

CP

“ Cynthia Polk lit a candle in memory of Mr. David Dowdell



Cynthia Polk - April 20, 2024 at 07:05 PM

KJ

“ KIMBERLYFAY JACKSONWOODLEY lit a candle in memory of Mr. David Dowdell



KIMBERLYFAY JACKSONWOODLEY - April 20, 2024 at 02:12 PM

AC

“ My condolences to the family. I worked with Mr Dowdell many years in Buena Vista. He will be missed❤️



Arwanda Conner - April 20, 2024 at 01:46 PM

BW

“ Beverly Walker lit a candle in memory of Mr. David Dowdell



Beverly Walker - April 20, 2024 at 11:26 AM

TH

“ Thomas Devonne Henley lit a candle in memory of Mr. David Dowdell



Thomas Devonne Henley - April 20, 2024 at 10:54 AM

BL

“ Condolences 🙏 to the family, my brother that's passed on knew Mr. Dowdell.



Bobbie Lockhart - April 20, 2024 at 08:41 AM

BH

“ *Brenda And James Harris lit a candle in memory of Mr. David Dowdell*



Brenda and James Harris - April 20, 2024 at 05:50 AM

DF

“ *Deborah Finch lit a candle in memory of Mr. David Dowdell*



Deborah Finch - April 19, 2024 at 09:38 PM

TH

“ *One of the funniest teachers an Athletic Director at B.V. was a great man R.I.H. Mr Dowdell*

Thomas Devonne Henley - April 19, 2024 at 09:18 PM



“ *My neighbor, teacher, and my son's past coach at Heritage ❤️ He was a light in our community, rest in peace and you will be missed.*



Beverly Culpepper - April 19, 2024 at 08:39 PM