



Donovan Barkley

August 27, 1966 - November 2, 2011

Funeral service will take place at 11:00 a.m. on Wednesday, November 9, 2011 at Browne's Mortuary, 441 North Jefferson Avenue. Rev. Dr. Roosevelt Austin, Sr. will officiate with interment in Forest Lawn Cemetery. Friends may call at the funeral home on Tuesday from 2:00 until 8:00 p.m. Mr. Donovan Richardson Barkley, our son, father, and grandfather, went home to be with our Lord on Wednesday, November 2, 2011 at St. Mary's hospital, surrounded by his loving family. Age 45 years. He was born August 27, 1966 in Zanesville, OH to the late Gwendolyn Richardson. Mr. Barkley was a member of Zion Missionary Baptist Church. He graduated from Saginaw High School and was employed at Grey Iron Metal Casting-GM until his illness. Donovan enjoyed fishing, camping and had a love of nature. His memory will be cherished by the mother of his children, Kimberly Barkley; daughter, Jasmine Barkley, Saginaw, MI; son, Donovan Barkley, Saginaw, MI; granddaughter, Melony Mitchell; parents, Uleslie and Lucille Surles; brother, James Hadden; sisters, Vickie (Jim) Stewart, Marcia Hadden (Ben) Williams and Tamika Richardson; uncles, Jack (Laura) Surles, Flint, MI and Henderson (Jimmie Lee) Foster, Saginaw, MI; aunts, Doris McCloud, Detroit, MI, Josie Hunt, Flint, MI, Barbara McCloud, Saginaw, MI, Geraldine Richardson, Cincinnati, OH, Ethel Pearl Richardson, Arkansas, Debra Richardson, Newark, NJ, Dollie Lawrence, Pauline Lawrence, Ella Williams, Odessa Surles and Bobbie Davis, all of Saginaw, MI; sisters-in-law, Michelle and Georgia Barkley; brother-in-law, Marc Holmes; a host of nieces and nephews, including special niece and

nephew, Unique Williams and Leslie Barkley; and many other relatives and friends, including special friends, Mary Cirilo, Willie Earl Banks, Steven Davis, Kevin Breckenridge, Roger Rosalez, Bennie Batts, Larry Wells, Harold Turner and Joel Andrews. Mr. Barkley was preceded in death by his son, Donovan Lamar Barkley; grandparents, Lucy Richardson, Cleveland and Lola May McCloud; brothers, Freddie Barkley, Melvin (Gigi) Barkley and Derrick Richardson. To view Mr. Barkley's funeral service, please click on the link below: <http://webcasts.lifetributes.com/259143>

Tribute Wall



“ *Evans & Browne's Funeral Home created a Webcast in memory of Donovan Barkley*



Browne's Mortuary - November 02, 2011 at 12:00 AM

KM

“ *Kenny Mckinnie lit a candle in memory of Donovan Barkley*



kenny mckinnie - March 26, 2013 at 09:15 AM

ML

“ *Grace and Peace be unto the family! Donovan will be missed! You made it through your struggle and now you are free. May the Love of GOD continue to be with us all!*

Minister Michael L. Welch Lawrence - November 02, 2011 at 12:00 AM

VP

“ *Donavon, you will be missed, the last time we all were together, was when Cousin Sharon, die, plus I, saw you one other time at 10th Street Store. Rest In Peace, cuz.*

Vickie Pearce - November 02, 2011 at 12:00 AM

GT

“ God looked around his Garden and found an empty place. He then looked down upon his earth and saw your loving face. He put his arms around you and lifted you to rest. His Garden must be beautiful, he always takes the best. He knew that you were suffering, he knew you were in pain.
And knew that you would never get well on earth again. He saw your path was difficult, he closed your tired eyes,
He whispered to you "Peace be Thine" and gave you wings to fly.

Germy Williams- Thomas - November 02, 2011 at 12:00 AM

MM

“ To Jasmine and Donovan,
Sorry for the loss of your father. He will be missed by all those who knew and loved him. You are in our prayers as you mourn the loss of your loved one. Stay strong and the Lord will see you through this time of bereavement. He is in a better place now where there will be no more pain and suffering. God decided it was time for him to come home and rest. He may be physically gone but he is still with you in your hearts where he will remain forever. God Bless you and your mother, Kim.
From your Neighbors and Friends

Melvin & Audrey McKandes - November 02, 2011 at 12:00 AM

SG

“ *T'Lucille and classmate Marsha:*

On behalf of my sons and myself, I want to extend to you our sympathy during your time of sorrow. I remember Donovan as a young man always with a big smile. Auntie Lucille, my prayers are with you. Marsha, on behalf of SHS c/o 1975 we extend our deepest sympathy to you and know that we are praying for you and your family in the days ahead for strength. Look to the hills from which comes your help - your help comes from the Lord.

*Humbly Submitted,
Sylvia George & Family
SHS Class of 1975*

Sylvia George - November 02, 2011 at 12:00 AM

DE

“ *To The Family,*

*You are all in my prayers at this time.
I will never forget his smile. He will be truly missed and in my heart forever.*

Deborah - November 02, 2011 at 12:00 AM

GP

“ *To the Family of the Late Donovan Barkley .I share your Tears. may the words of GOD give you the the understanding .*

Gwendolyn D. Perry - November 02, 2011 at 12:00 AM

GB

“ Sorry for your loss. Remember GOD is still on the throne. luv u family Gloria Blackmon

Gloria Blackmon - November 02, 2011 at 12:00 AM

JJ

“ Auntie 'Cille, Marsha and Family:

Wow..I must admit I was COMPLETELY taken aback tonight as I came to this website. Unbelievably, I am at a lost for words. Oh my goodness, Ok...

....I want to express my sincerest condolences to you all. I am praying for your strength and comfort during this your time of need. Please take ALL your cares to The Lord in prayer; seek Him for comfort and peace.

I remember when Donovan and I would randomly see each other on occasion..we would hug, exchange pleasantries, convey greetings and well-wishes to fam' members, etc. I am glad that's how it was; fond memories. I pray D' is walking around Heaven, getting re-acquainted with some and introduced to others. My apologies, I'm just in awe right now; I am totally shocked...his listing was not here early, in the wee hours of this a.m....that is my Uncle Albert listed below Donovan. Ok, this is too much. Y'all be good. Love one another..for tomorrow, nor the next hour is promised to any of us. I love you much. My thoughts and prayers have you all therein. Jah (God) bless and sustain you all.

Respectfully yours,

Ja-Ja

Joselyn Jordan-Ford - November 02, 2011 at 12:00 AM

J(

“ *My thoughts and prayers will be with you during your bereavement.*

Joyce O'Daniels (Deany) - November 02, 2011 at 12:00 AM

GG

“ *To Donovan's Family:
My families heart felt thoughts,love,regrets and prays are with in
your loss. I know the pain is unbearable. And that is when we have
to look to the hills and our strength cometh from the Lord. And
leaning on his love, and Strength we can rest in Him. Knowing
Donovan is in a better and happier place, no longer in pain and
suffering.*

*God is with all of you. we are with you in spirit and pray for you to
have comfort and peace.*

Gail , Romeo and Shawn Gipson - November 02, 2011 at 12:00 AM

JF

“ *Marcia, Ms. Lucille and family, please except my sincere
condolences of Donovan's passing. I was truly shocked
and my heart aches for you all. Marcia, that was your little
brother, truly your little brother and I felt he was so much
younger than I, because once again that was truly your little
brother. May God give you all the strength to let the good times out
shine
his absence as the days go by.*

Judi (Mason) Ford

Marcia, call me, 616-698-0226,

Love you...

judi ford - November 02, 2011 at 12:00 AM

TF

“MR.DONOVAN THIS IS MY LEETER TO YOU N YOUR FAMILY...
EVER SINCE I CAN REMEMBER AS CHILD YOU WAS ALWAYS
OUR FRIEND. YOU AND MY UNCLE RABBIT WAS ALWAYS
TOGATHER. YOU MADE US LAUGH. MY HEART IS HEAVY
RIGHT NOW AND IT LIKE I'M AT A LOSS FOR WORDS. BUT I
KNOW THAT YOU ARE IN A BETTER PLACE ONE WERES
THERES NOTHING BUT JOY.. DONOVAN YOU ARE AND
ALWAYS WILL BE IN OUR HEARTS AND PART OF THE ROBY
FAMILY.

TO THE FAMILY OF MR. DONOVAN: I KNOW ITS HARD RIGHT
NOW AND ITS LIKE YOU DONT HAVE THE ANSWER WHY.
KNOW THAT GOD AS YOUR BACK. THE TEARS YOU CRY OF
PAIN NOW WILL IN DO TIME WILL BE TEARS YOU CRY OF JOY
KNOW THAT HES IN YO HEART MIND AN WILL ALWAYS WATCH
OVER YOU . I AM SORRY FOR YOUR LOSS. MY PRAYERS N
HEART IS WITH YOU ALL.

LOVE,
THE
ROBYS

THE ROBY FAMILY - November 02, 2011 at 12:00 AM