



## James Hollis-McCray

August 23, 1948 - March 17, 2008

Funeral service will take place at 1:00 p.m. on Saturday, March 29, 2008 at the Browne's Mortuary, 441 N. Jefferson Ave. Pastor Rufus Bradley will officiate. Friends may call at the funeral home on Saturday from 9:00 a.m. until time of service. Sunrise: August 23, 1948 Sunset: March 17, 2008 Beloved son, brother, father, uncle and friend, embarked on his journey on March 17, 2008. He was born to the union of Pate Hollis and Gradie Robinson on August 23, 1948 in Dothan, AL. Jimmie accepted Christ at an early age and was baptized at the Church of Christ. He attended Saginaw Public Schools and graduated from Arthur Hill Technical High School. He served in the U.S. Army and was employed at the Nodular Iron Plant before moving to Atlanta where he was a Real Estate Agent. Jimmie enjoyed golf, jazz, fishing, reading, auto mechanics and cooking. Mr. Hollis leaves to cherish his memory, his mother, Gradie Hollis; two sons, Jimmie McCray, II, GA and Derrick Hatter, IL; the mother of his sons, Ida Hatter; brothers, Robert (Mary) McCray, Jerry McCray, Donald (Earline) Hollis and Pate Hollis Jr., all of Saginaw, MI; sisters, Nora Hollis, Barbara Lawson, Deborah Hollis, all of Saginaw, MI and Elaine Crimes, CA; he also leaves to honor his memory, 17 nieces and nephews, 25 great-nieces and nephews, all of whom were very special to him; one aunt, Rose (Willie) Griggs, West Palm Beach, FL; a host of cousins and family including special cousins, Willie Edward and LouElla Fleming, Robert Dawkins, Charles and Cecil Hollis; special friends, Percy Curry, Dave Brown, Martell Harris, Ruby and Viola Gaines and the New Life Ministries family. Jimmie was

predeceased by his father, Pate Hollis, Sr., 2 sisters, Janice Hollis and Dora McCray. "I'd like the memory of me to be a happy one. I'd like to leave an afterglow of smiles when life is done."

# Tribute Wall

BH

“ *Jimmie, I had no ideal that you would leave us so early. I knew there were days when you were weak and tired but you continued to take care of mom. You did not complain, you told me to be patient and not to take everything to heart, you said just overlook it all. I knew that you were right and I pray for strength everyday. I miss you! I did not imagine the heavy task that you were dealing with because you never complained. I know that we all have cares and problems we cannot solve alone, but if we go to God in prayer we are never on our own. You are with God now and I know that you are at peace and I am at peace knowing that. I saw the changes that you made and I am so proud of you. You conquered many task. You taught me to be strong, confident and God-fearing. I will carry on your memory in song and in faith that one day I will see you again. Kiss my Dad and sister for me. I know that you are watching from above. I know that God doesnt give us more than we can bear. Your crossing over has strengthen my heart and I will continue to hold on to God's unchanging hand. To the remaining family members, allow Jimmie's home going to be a reminder to all that we too must get our homes/affairs and our relationship with God in order. The Lord is the strength of my life; of whom shall I be afraid? I would have lost heart, unless I had believed that I would see the goodness of the Lord in the land of the living. Wait on the Lord, be of good courage, and he shall strengthen your heart, wait on the Lord. Your wait is over. I love you brother.*

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**Barbara Hollis-Lawson** - March 17, 2008 at 12:00 AM

CC

“ *To Mrs. Hollis & Family,  
We wish to express our deepest sympathy and may the love that surrounds you and your family be a source of comfort at this time.  
Cheryl Cooper & Family*

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**Cheryl Cooper** - March 17, 2008 at 12:00 AM

LB

“ To the Hollis and McCray Families:

*Sending our deepest sympathy in the loss of your son and brother. I am so sorry I was not able to be with you all during your time of berevment. My thoughts and prayers were with you all. I know right now there is only God who can and will give you all the strength you need to make it through this time of sorrow. God is able and He will comfort you all. I love you all and hope that in time you will be able to think about the good times you shared with Jimmy and let the love you all had for him bring joy to your hearts. Now, May the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit bring peace, comfort and strength to all of you.*

*Love You,*

*Lorraine Bond AKA(B.S.) smile*

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**Lorraine Bond** - March 17, 2008 at 12:00 AM

MS

“ *Our sincere prayers are with you during this time of bereavement. God Bless you and we are praying for you.*

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**Mrs. Denise Smith-Sykes** - March 17, 2008 at 12:00 AM

TO

“ My dear uncle, you will be missed more than words can express. The last time we talked we were planning your 60th birthday party. I am still going to have it. You introduced me to the world of Jazz, golf and chess. I only liked Jazz!! You were the closet thing I had to a father. I will always remember your sayings and your statements about "assuming", Nelson Mandela and just pure life in general. You had such a great love for my mother and I don't believe I ever thanked you for your contribution to her care when she was ill. I waited too long and now your gone. I love you Jim. I'll miss you even more.

Taryn

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**Taryn Owens** - March 17, 2008 at 12:00 AM

DV

“ To my 'sisters', I am very sadden by Jimmie's passing, but I am so glad that I got to know him and your family. I enjoyed every bit and he was a very special, fun and loving person. It is a pleasure knowing you and knowing him! God is is with you is this time of sorrow and so am !! Stay strong! Love Debbie

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**Debbie Vasquez** - March 17, 2008 at 12:00 AM

BF

“ This is very sad news for me. I have known Jimmy, and and all of you for most of my life, from the time we lived next to each other on Bond street. My prayers are with you all. amd I love you. God bless you.

Bruce Frierson

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**Bruce Frierson** - March 17, 2008 at 12:00 AM

DH

“ IN MEMORY OF MY DEAR BROTHER AND FRIEND WHO TAUGHT ME A LOT OF THINGS, BUT MOST OF ALL TO STAND PROUD, BE A LADY AND THE POWER OF A POSITIVE ATTITUDE. WORDS CAN NOT EXPRESS HOW MUCH YOU WILL BE MISSED.

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**Deborah Hollis** - March 17, 2008 at 12:00 AM

SW

“ *Uncle Jimmie will be missed by all but never forgotten by anyone who ever came in contact with him. He was a very special person and i'm gonna miss him pulling that pocket knife out on me whenever i seen him. Family just stay strong and know that if you need me i am here.*

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**Stephanie Washington** - March 17, 2008 at 12:00 AM

NH

“ *My Brother, My Teacher, My Friend. God saw you getting weary, so he laid you down to rest. It's always been said God only takes the best. Your laughter & spirit I will always carry in my heart. So you see my brother we are really not that far apart. I'll try not to shed a lot of tears, but know when it rains I'll think of you where ever you are Never near, never far. Tell Daddy & Dora I said Hello, until we all meet again, R.I.P Jim Bob. I love you my brother, my teacher, my friend. Love Neno*

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**Nora L. Hollis** - March 17, 2008 at 12:00 AM



“ JIMMY WE WILL MISS ALL THE GOOD TIMES WE SHARED TOGETHER, YOU WERE THE BIG CUZ THAT ALWAYS UNDERSTOOD NO MATTER WHAT IT WAS. RIP U WILL ALWAYS BE REMEMBERED.

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