



James Shelby

March 31, 1921 - March 26, 2014

James Isaac Shelby passed away, March 26, 2014, at St. Mary's of Michigan Hospital at the age of 92. He was born on March 31, 1921 to Verda Belle McClure and Robert M. Shelby. His wife, Lola A., survives him.

James was preceded in death by his son, James Michael Shelby, Sr. and by his siblings, Howard V., John E., Don W., Robert C. Shelby, Ruth M. Hurd, and Ethel E. Kemper.

James attended school and graduated from Paola Kansas Public Schools. He moved to Saginaw, Michigan in 1941 and over the years was employed by the Saginaw Malleable Plant, the U.S. Postal Service, Model City Development Corp., Director of First Ward Community Center and later retired from Shelby Insurance Agency.

James will be sadly missed by his daughter-in-law, Darnella G. Shelby; sisters-in-law, Lucille Shelby, Judith McCoy and Madge Lothery; brothers-in-law, Wilbur (Carolyn) Lothery and Russell Lothery; his grandchildren, Kristen and Stephanie Shelby, Chelsea Mitchell, James Michael, Jr., and Christian Shelby; great-grandchildren, Benji and Katashi Henderson; nieces and nephews, Ruth Kemper, Martha (Vernell) Ramsey, John H. (Regina), and Dr. Robert Kemper, Brandi Shelby Wells, James Hurd, Jr., Linda Hurd Burnett, Ronald Pompey, Patricia (Eric) Lewis, Don (Bonita) and Timothy (Julie)

Shelby, and Kim(Paige) Smith; Godsons, Ronald Rance and Keith Poston.

James was a faithful member of Bethel African Methodist Episcopal Church for over seventy years and worked dutifully as a trustee, Courtesy Committee member, Day Care Board member and Tuesday Night Bible Study attendee.

James really enjoyed weekends of golf with his friends, Thelma Poston, Delores Wilson, the late Carl Poston, Beale Rance, and Ruben Adams. May Our Loved One Rest in Peace

Funeral service will take place at 11:00 a.m. on Tuesday, April 1, 2014 at Bethel A.M.E. Church, 535 Cathay Street. Pastor P. David Saunders will officiate with interment in Forest Lawn Cemetery. Friends may call at the Evans & Browne's Funeral Home, 441 N. Jefferson Ave., on Monday from 2:00 until 8:00 p.m., where the family will be present at 6:00 p.m. for a family hour.

Previous Events

Visitation

MAR 31. 2:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

Evans & Browne's Funeral Home
441 N. Jefferson Avenue
Saginaw, MI 48607
(989) 754-0481
evansbrownes@gmail.com
<https://www.evansbrownesfuneralhome.com>

Family Hour

MAR 31. 6:00 PM - 7:00 PM (ET)

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Service

APR 1. 11:00 AM (ET)

Bethel A.M.E. Church
535 Cathay Street
Saginaw, MI 48601

Tribute Wall



“ *Evans & Browne's Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of James Shelby*



Browne's Mortuary - March 26, 2014 at 12:00 AM

LS

“ *How lucky we all were to have grown up with the likes of James Shelby, he was such a good man, a blessed part of my family!*

I wish his family peace and the joy of knowing how special he was to so many!

La Verne

La Verne Simmons - April 05, 2014 at 03:11 PM

BK

“ *Bea King lit a candle in memory of James Shelby*



Bea King - April 03, 2014 at 05:41 AM



“ To Mrs.Lola Shelby and family (The Kemper's) my prayers are and will continue to be with you. The video was awesome seeing it brought back many memories spent with Uncle John, Aunt Ethel, her sister and brothers. God loves you and so do I.



Betty Stevenson - April 01, 2014 at 06:16 PM

DK

“ Deacon Larry Kemp lit a candle in memory of James Shelby



Deacon Larry Kemp - April 01, 2014 at 03:04 PM

LO

“ Leah O'Daniels lit a candle in memory of James Shelby



Leah O'Daniels - March 31, 2014 at 11:34 PM

JM

“ James And Ola McMillan lit a candle in memory of James Shelby



James and Ola McMillan - March 31, 2014 at 09:19 PM

LM

“ Leonard Moore lit a candle in memory of James Shelby



Leonard Moore - March 31, 2014 at 06:28 PM



“ Heart's Companion Bouquet was purchased for the family of James Shelby.



March 31, 2014 at 11:14 AM

LH

“ Linda Anne Hurd-Burnett purchased the Heart's Companion Bouquet for the family of James Shelby.



Linda Anne Hurd-Burnett - March 31, 2014 at 10:48 AM

RT

“ Raymond Tucker lit a candle in memory of James Shelby



Raymond Tucker - March 30, 2014 at 06:31 AM

LD

“ *Lily Dixon lit a candle in memory of James Shelby*



Lily Dixon - March 29, 2014 at 09:36 PM

WG

“ *Thanks Mr. Shelby for all the love and support that you gave me during my years at First Ward Community Center. You gave me my first Job right on the spot, and I didn't let you down. You were a gentle and humble man. Your door was always open, and I did enter it a lot. Thanks for all your advice that you provided to me. I will continue to keep you in my memories. Gone but not forgotten, Rest in Peace my friend. My sympathy goes out to the family.*

William Griffin - March 29, 2014 at 01:24 PM

MA

“ *I send my sympathy to the family and friends of James Shelby. May the God of comfort and the hearer of prayers be with you all at this time, knowing that He is a refuge and strength, A help that is readily to be found during time of distress.- Psalms 46:1. - www.jw.org.*

Margaret - March 29, 2014 at 11:06 AM

RK

“ *Ruth Kemper lit a candle in memory of James Shelby*



Ruth Kemper - March 29, 2014 at 10:53 AM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of James Shelby.*



March 29, 2014 at 10:29 AM



“ *Alice Hunt & Family lit a candle in memory of James Shelby*



Alice Hunt & Family - March 29, 2014 at 05:42 AM

GM

“ *The Manzies, Otter Lee , Al Curtis and Georgia Deloris, have very fond memories of Mr. Shelby. His wife was one of our teachers at Potter Elementary School after we moved into the Daniels' Heights Housing project in 1959. We were equally proud of Mr. Shelby, being that he was the only African American we knew who was a Postman. The Shelbys gave us (and many others) hope and inspiration as to what we could ultimately accomplish in life.*



Thank you Mr. Shelby, for being such a perfect example of what a man should be and stand for in the community.

Our deepest condolences to Mrs. Shelby and your entire family. I trust that they will find comfort in knowing that you are in Heaven.

Sincerely,

Georgia D. Manzie

Georgia D. Manzie - March 28, 2014 at 11:29 PM

GM

“ *Georgia D. Manzie lit a candle in memory of James Shelby*



Georgia D. Manzie - March 28, 2014 at 11:10 PM

CJ

“ *Carrie Jackson-Zackrie lit a candle in memory of James Shelby*



Carrie Jackson-Zackrie - March 28, 2014 at 09:30 PM

RH

“ *A gentel gaint, a brother beloved, a Champion in his church, a gift of God, meant so much to so many. May he rest in peace.*

Harold C. Huggins

Rev. Harold C. Huggins - March 28, 2014 at 08:16 PM

DD

“ *Debra Dillard lit a candle in memory of James Shelby*



Debra Dillard - March 28, 2014 at 05:30 PM

DD

*Mrs,Shelby,I met you and your husband when he was in the room with Calvin,my son and I met you both that day.
May God comfort you now as you will need him most.
A beautiful spirite gone home to be with the Lord.*

Debra Dillard - March 28, 2014 at 05:33 PM

ST

“ *SERITTA TORRENCE lit a candle in memory of James Shelby*



SERITTA TORRENCE - March 28, 2014 at 05:04 PM

BL

“ *Barbara Land-smith lit a candle in memory of James Shelby*



Barbara Land-smith - March 28, 2014 at 01:35 PM

SP

“ *My Condolences to the Shelby Family in the loss of James Shelby.*



Shelaine Parrish and Family

Shelaine Parrish - March 28, 2014 at 11:56 AM

SM

“ *Sam & Deborah Mack lit a candle in memory of James Shelby*



Sam & Deborah Mack - March 28, 2014 at 11:25 AM

JS

“ *Jamie Sanders-Hicks lit a candle in memory of James Shelby*



Jamie Sanders-Hicks - March 28, 2014 at 08:01 AM

AM

“ *To Ruth and family,*

So sorry to hear of the lost of your uncle. He wad a very nice person who will missed by all who loved him. My prayers are with you and your family.

Audrey McKandes - March 28, 2014 at 07:39 AM

JJ

“ *Joe & JoeAnn Jackson lit a candle in memory of James Shelby*



Joe & JoeAnn Jackson - March 27, 2014 at 07:46 PM

WB

“ *Walsezetta Bennett lit a candle in memory of James Shelby*



Walsezetta Bennett - March 27, 2014 at 04:50 PM

HJ

“ *Houston And Elaine Jackson, Jr. lit a candle in memory of James Shelby*



Houston and Elaine Jackson, Jr. - March 27, 2014 at 09:56 AM

HJ

We're truly sorry for the loss of Mr. Shelby. He was such a nice, mild mannered gentleman. He was a faithful member of Bethel A.M.E. Church and will be tremendously missed by the Men's Day Committee and the Men of Bethel. Our condolences to Mrs. Shelby and Family. God's Blessings & Love to you all. "To God Be The Glory!"

Houston and Elaine Jackson, Jr. - March 27, 2014 at 10:13 AM