



## Mr. Johnny Ray Finnel

September 30, 1957 - February 7, 2023

Formerly of Saginaw, Michigan

Mr. Johnny Ray Finnel was born on September 30, 1957 in Saginaw, Michigan to Robert and Sadie Lee Finnel. Johnny Ray made his transition home on February 7, 2023 at the age of 65 years.

A father, grandfather, brother, uncle and cousin were all the roles Johnny Ray played throughout his life. Most importantly everyone knew Johnny Ray to be a Protector and a Fly Dresser! With a great passion for music in his early years, Johnny Ray fell in love with playing many instruments but, Johnny Ray was mainly known for being one of the baddest drummers around town. He was so good that he became the drummer for the bands: Black Bread in the 70's, a member of the Funk & Soul Group, Choker Campbell and the Super Sounds.

He made the decision to travel down to the state of Iowa to pursue his work career during the late 80's. Johnny Ray lived his life the way he wanted with no excuses and no regrets!

Johnny Ray leaves to cherish many memories, two daughters, Tangela (Jamiel) Stephens and Chermisia (Terrance) Williams; grandchildren, Craig, Parys and Londyn; siblings, Jake (Virgie) McNair, Robert (Earlene) McNair,

Annette (Arthur) Millege and Leatha (Clifford) Calhoun; many nieces, nephews, cousins and special friends including Buddy (Kim) Wilson.

Mr. Johnny Ray Finnel was preceded in death by his parents, Robert and Sadie Lee Finnel; siblings, Willie De Shazor, Delores Finnel, Jewel McNeil, Mary Sherrod and Herman McNair.

A memorial service will take place at 11:30 AM, Saturday, March 11, 2023 at Evans & Browne's Funeral Home, 441 N. Jefferson Ave., Saginaw, MI 48607. Pastor Johnny Jackson will officiate.

# Previous Events

## Memorial Service

MAR 11. 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. Johnny Ray Finnel



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**Browne's Mortuary** - March 11, 2023 at 11:23 AM

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“ Love you uncle and my family ❤️❤️ RiH



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**Trina Bug and family** - March 13, 2023 at 07:42 PM

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“ Brian McGill lit a candle in memory of Mr. Johnny Ray Finnel



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**Brian McGill** - March 12, 2023 at 04:34 PM



“ *Joanie Williams sent a virtual gift in memory of Mr. Johnny Ray Finnel*



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**Joanie Williams** - March 05, 2023 at 11:33 PM

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“ *RIH, The Coopers- Hollie, Dolores and Pat*

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**Rochell Cooper** - March 02, 2023 at 07:17 PM

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“ *Ebony McNair lit a candle in memory of Mr. Johnny Ray Finnel*



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**Ebony McNair** - March 01, 2023 at 06:30 PM

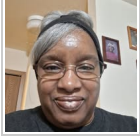
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“ *Brian McGill lit a candle in memory of Mr. Johnny Ray Finnel*



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**Brian McGill** - March 01, 2023 at 12:29 PM



“ *prayers for the family* ”



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**Pamela McDaniel** - March 01, 2023 at 12:11 PM



“ *Troutmon Family lit a candle in memory of Mr. Johnny Ray Finnel* ”



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**Troutmon Family** - February 27, 2023 at 03:32 PM



“ *Linda Troutmon & Family lit a candle in memory of Mr. Johnny Ray Finnel* ”



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**Linda Troutmon & family** - February 27, 2023 at 03:31 PM

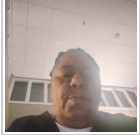


“ *Roselyn Turnage lit a candle in memory of Mr. Johnny Ray Finnel* ”



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**Roselyn Turnage** - February 26, 2023 at 06:13 PM



“ *Mercer Davis sent a virtual gift in memory of Mr. Johnny Ray Finnel*



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**Mercer Davis** - February 26, 2023 at 12:07 PM



“ *Cathy Wilson sent a virtual gift in memory of Mr. Johnny Ray Finnel*



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**Cathy Wilson** - February 25, 2023 at 09:39 AM



“ *Lakisha Calhoun lit a candle in memory of Mr. Johnny Ray Finnel*



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**lakisha calhoun** - February 23, 2023 at 08:12 PM