



## Joseph R. Black, Sr.

June 11, 1920 - November 3, 2013

Mr. Joseph R. Black, affectionately known as “Jake”, passed away on Sunday, November 3, 2013 at the age of 93 years. He was born on June 11, 1920 in Central, SC, the son of James and Addie (Latimer) Black.

Mr. Black came to Saginaw, MI from Youngstown, OH in 1936 and began working with The Civilian Conservation Corps (CCC Camp) in 1937. He married Elsie L. Westbrook on February 25, 1950 in Saginaw, MI. She preceded him in death on May 5, 2009.

Mr. Black was a veteran of the United States Army. He later worked for the City of Saginaw as a Firefighter, retiring after 31 years of service, and he was an active florist for 30 years.

He was a long-time member of Mt. Olive Institutional Missionary Baptist Church where he served as a Deacon. He also maintained memberships with the NAACP and the Frontiersmen. Mr. Black served as a Commander of American Legion Post 312 and was a member of the Saginaw County Soldiers and Sailors Commission.

Mr. Black leaves to cherish his wonderful memories, two sons and one daughter, Ronald (Jewel) Black of Ohio, Joseph Roscoe Black, Jr. and Janice Black-Bell, both of Saginaw, MI; a special companion, Rose Daniels; six

grandchildren, Kevin and Karl Black of Ohio, Robert Vineyard of Michigan, Ashley Black of Arizona, Angel Joy Black of Atlanta, GA and Joseph Black of Michigan; three great-grandchildren, Aaliyah Navaeh Vineyard, Akiya Nicole and Akaylah Myangela Clemmons; and a host of nieces, nephews, other relatives and friends.

In addition to his wife, he was preceded in death by two grandsons, Curtis and Brandon; one sister, Elizabeth Daniels; and two brothers, William and Fred Black.

Funeral service will take place at 11:00 a.m. on Thursday, November 14, 2013 at Mt. Olive Institutional Missionary Baptist Church, 1114 North 6th Street. Dr. Marvin T. Smith will officiate. Friends may call at the Evans & Browne's Funeral Home, 441 North Jefferson Avenue, on Wednesday from 2:00 until 8:00 p.m.

# Previous Events

## Service

NOV **14**. 11:00 AM (ET)

Mt. Olive Missionary Baptist Church  
1114 North 6th Street  
Saginaw, MI 48601

# Tribute Wall



“ Evans & Browne's Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Joseph R. Black, Sr.



**Browne's Mortuary** - November 03, 2013 at 12:00 AM

TF

“ you are truly missed Mr. Black, just celebrated your bday, not long before u passed and u were in great spirits, much love to Janice and Joe, stay strong.

**The Rodgers Family** - February 03, 2014 at 11:26 AM

TF

*The Rodgers Family*

**The Rodgers Family** - February 03, 2014 at 11:27 AM

TF

“ The Rodgers Family lit a candle in memory of Joseph R. Black, Sr.



**The Rodgers Family** - February 03, 2014 at 11:25 AM

TF

*The Rodgers Family*

**The Rodgers Family** - February 03, 2014 at 11:27 AM



“ *My condolences, Janice.*



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**Joselyn Jordan** - November 18, 2013 at 07:40 PM

EP

“ *Our thoughts and prayers are with the Black family during this difficult time of sorrow.  
Eddie & Dorothy Patrick family*



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**Eddie Patrick** - November 15, 2013 at 03:43 PM

CF

“ *Caldwell Family lit a candle in memory of Joseph R. Black, Sr.*



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**Caldwell Family** - November 14, 2013 at 09:30 AM



“ *U will be greatly missed ..My condolences to The black Family ,Chris,Janis, Bob , Joe ..all of you I love u if u need anything Just ask .. lord knows you all stood at my side on many dark days ,True family . Your pain is deeply shared .we loved him too ..But God Granted him a full long life and loves him best . I need not give scripture I kniw you all know them well .Thank God For A Great Life shared with us all.*

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**Katherine Rivers** - November 13, 2013 at 06:34 PM

JR

“ *Jeri Rockett lit a candle in memory of Joseph R. Black, Sr.*



**Jeri Rockett** - November 13, 2013 at 03:33 PM

JR

*When have I not known this great man. He watched over all the children in the neighborhood and never said much. But when Mr. Black spoke, we all stopped and paid attention. He is the example of what it is to be "proud of being black". I will never forget him, never. My sympathies to my childhood friends Joseph and Janice. Love always...Jeri*

**Jeri Rockett** - November 13, 2013 at 03:37 PM

CT

“ *Coleman Temple lit a candle in memory of Joseph R. Black, Sr.*



**Coleman Temple** - November 12, 2013 at 09:47 AM

GP

“ *Geraldine Parris lit a candle in memory of Joseph R. Black, Sr.*



**geraldine parris** - November 11, 2013 at 09:24 PM

MF

“ *Ms. Brenda Bryant-Reynolds & Family lit a candle in memory of Joseph R. Black, Sr.*



**Ms. Brenda Bryant-Reynolds & Family** - November 11, 2013 at 06:00 PM

CC

“ *Pastor Edward & Mattie Jackson of Christ Kingdom Church Send our prayer to the entire family of Mr. J. Black.*

**Christ Kingdom Church** - November 11, 2013 at 12:06 PM

OT

“ *Prayers and condolences to the entire Black family.*

**Oliver and Joy Tucker** - November 11, 2013 at 02:15 AM

NA

“ *Naomi lit a candle in memory of Joseph R. Black, Sr.*



**Naomi** - November 11, 2013 at 12:11 AM

EF

“ *Earline McDaniel & Family sent a virtual gift in memory of Joseph R. Black, Sr.*



**Earline McDaniel & Family** - November 10, 2013 at 05:48 PM

RT

“ Raymond & Brenda Tucker lit a candle in memory of Joseph R. Black, Sr.



Raymond & Brenda Tucker - November 09, 2013 at 05:18 PM

TT

“ Tara Turner lit a candle in memory of Joseph R. Black, Sr.



Tara Turner - November 09, 2013 at 02:36 AM

PJ

“ Pauline Smith Jones lit a candle in memory of Joseph R. Black, Sr.



Pauline Smith Jones - November 08, 2013 at 12:53 PM

SM

“ Sam And Deborah Mack lit a candle in memory of Joseph R. Black, Sr.



Sam and Deborah Mack - November 08, 2013 at 10:21 AM

KB

“ *Kenneth & Lorraine Bond lit a candle in memory of Joseph R. Black, Sr.*



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**Kenneth & Lorraine Bond** - November 07, 2013 at 07:40 PM

MG

“ *Sorry for your loss.*



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**Martha L. Gatson** - November 07, 2013 at 07:13 PM

CW

“ *Sorry for your loss. From your neighbors The Wills Family.*



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**Claudia Wills** - November 07, 2013 at 05:20 PM

MF

“ To Janice,Lil Joe,Bobbie and other members of Mr.Joseph Black family we share in this loss also...Our family lived in the neighborhood and watched as Mr. Black and Momma(Mrs. Elsie Black) showed us what a dynamite business they had together(hand in hand.).She took care of the personal business and he handled the floral arrangements..Awesome!!We were kind of young but as we grew the relationship between them Never changed....As time went on Momma needed a little bit of help and Big Joe was right there (along with Janice,Lil Joe and now some of the grands) Words come plentiful as I speak of him but I cannot leave her out...Together they were an example of the kind of people we need more of; always smiling, warm. willing to lend a hand..Mr. Black you have indeed earned your place in GODS KINGDOM. It is now time to rest...I know MOMMA is waiting for you...Sleep on Mr.Joseph Black Sr. Our deepest condolences

McDaniel Family - November 07, 2013 at 10:09 AM

SW

*Amen Auntie! RIHP Mr. Black!*

Stefanie Williams - November 07, 2013 at 03:52 PM

MF

“ McDaniel Family lit a candle in memory of Joseph R. Black, Sr.



McDaniel Family - November 07, 2013 at 09:36 AM

HJ

“ *Houston And Elaine Jackson, Jr. lit a candle in memory of Joseph R. Black, Sr.*



**Houston and Elaine Jackson, Jr.** - November 07, 2013 at 08:11 AM

PB

“ *Patrick Brown lit a candle in memory of Joseph R. Black, Sr.*



**patrick brown** - November 07, 2013 at 07:51 AM

PB

*Sorry for your loss*

**patrick brown** - November 07, 2013 at 07:53 AM

IC

“ *Iris (Booker) Childs lit a candle in memory of Joseph R. Black, Sr.*



**Iris (Booker) Childs** - November 07, 2013 at 07:18 AM

CW

“ *So sorry for your lost Janice and Joe.*

**Carolle Walker** - November 06, 2013 at 08:54 PM

KM

“ Karen Martin-Brodnex lit a candle in memory of Joseph R. Black, Sr.



Karen Martin-Brodnex - November 06, 2013 at 08:25 PM

DB

“ Debra Baty-Cork lit a candle in memory of Joseph R. Black, Sr.



Debra Baty-Cork - November 06, 2013 at 07:31 PM

TF

“ Turner Family lit a candle in memory of Joseph R. Black, Sr.



Turner Family - November 06, 2013 at 06:48 PM

VR

“ Velma Roach lit a candle in memory of Joseph R. Black, Sr.



Velma Roach - November 06, 2013 at 01:58 PM

VF

“ Valerie Foster-Baker lit a candle in memory of Joseph R. Black, Sr.



Valerie Foster-Baker - November 06, 2013 at 01:25 PM



“ Thoughts and prayers are with you Joe Jr. and Janice. May God give the family strength to endure the days ahead



Sylvia George - November 06, 2013 at 12:58 PM

SM

“ Sam & Deborah Mack lit a candle in memory of Joseph R. Black, Sr.



Sam & Deborah Mack - November 06, 2013 at 10:56 AM

SM

“ Sonny & Pamela Moten lit a candle in memory of Joseph R. Black, Sr.



Sonny & Pamela Moten - November 06, 2013 at 08:48 AM

DB

“ Our sincere condolence on the passing of Mr. Black. He always carried himself with dignity and integrity. Janice and Joe we pray God's peace and comfort during your time of bereavement.

*Bobby and Debra Cork*

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**Debra Baty-Cork** - November 05, 2013 at 09:10 PM

WF

“ WILLIAMS, FAMILY lit a candle in memory of Joseph R. Black, Sr.



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**WILLIAMS, FAMILY** - November 05, 2013 at 08:45 PM

KL

“ *The Black Family, Deacon Black was always the same. His smile was true and truly cared about how others were doing. Bless is heart for being the person he was.*



*Karen Lawrence-Webster*

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**Karen Lawrence-Webster** - November 05, 2013 at 09:51 AM

RT

“ God be the glory, sorry for your loss. The Tucker family



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**Rodney Tucker** - November 05, 2013 at 08:42 AM

MF

“ *Ms. Brenda Bryant-Reynolds & Family sent a virtual gift in memory of Joseph R. Black, Sr.*



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**Ms. Brenda Bryant-Reynolds & Family** - November 05, 2013 at 12:02 AM

PC

“ *Peter Cooper lit a candle in memory of Joseph R. Black, Sr.*



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**Peter Cooper** - November 04, 2013 at 09:25 PM

PC

“ *My prayers are with you Joe & Janice, Mr. Black was a great man & he serve the community of Saginaw alone with your Mother. They will always be remember. Elder Peter Cooper, Dallas, Texas*

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**Peter Cooper** - November 04, 2013 at 09:23 PM

VW

“ *Vicky Washington lit a candle in memory of Joseph R. Black, Sr.*



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**Vicky Washington** - November 04, 2013 at 08:50 PM

HF

“ *Hollistine Bell & Family lit a candle in memory of Joseph R. Black, Sr.*



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**Hollistine Bell & Family** - November 04, 2013 at 08:31 PM

HB

*Our prayers are with you and keeping you close in our thoughts. God will provide the strength and courage for the days ahead.*

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**Hollistine Bell** - November 04, 2013 at 08:32 PM

RW

“ *Deacon Black was a faithful member of Mt, Oluve ever since I can remember. Praying for the Family*

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**Rita M. Williams** - November 04, 2013 at 06:58 PM

RW

“ *Rita M. Williams sent a virtual gift in memory of Joseph R. Black, Sr.*



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**Rita M. Williams** - November 04, 2013 at 06:55 PM

CJ

“ *Chris&Wayne Jernigan sent a virtual gift in memory of Joseph R. Black, Sr.*



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**Chris&Wayne Jernigan** - November 04, 2013 at 06:03 PM

CH

*PRAYIN FOR THE BLACK FAMILY, JOE AN JANIS WE ARE SO SORRY FOR YOUR LOSS,KNOW THAT WE ARE HERE FOR YOU ..*

**Chris** - November 04, 2013 at 06:07 PM

SP

*“ ?Please accept our most heartfelt sympathies for your loss...our thoughts are with you and your family during this difficult time.  
Herman and Selma Perkins and family.*

**Selma Perkins** - November 04, 2013 at 03:47 PM

BW

*“ Bernice Williams lit a candle in memory of Joseph R. Black, Sr.*



**Bernice Williams** - November 04, 2013 at 12:01 PM

YC

*“ Yvonne Corley lit a candle in memory of Joseph R. Black, Sr.*



**Yvonne Corley** - November 04, 2013 at 11:22 AM

JS

“ *Jamie Sanders-Hicks lit a candle in memory of Joseph R. Black, Sr.*



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**Jamie Sanders-Hicks** - November 04, 2013 at 09:57 AM

EB

“ *Elder Scott Bliss lit a candle in memory of Joseph R. Black, Sr.*



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**Elder Scott Bliss** - November 04, 2013 at 09:36 AM

ZD

“ *ZINA DAVIS lit a candle in memory of Joseph R. Black, Sr.*



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**ZINA DAVIS** - November 04, 2013 at 07:45 AM

PM

*WOW! So much Love he had for people. I'm honored to have known Mr. Black. Family I am Praying for you all.*

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**Pastor Cirven Merrill** - November 06, 2013 at 09:07 PM