



Mr. Joseph L. Kemp Sr.

March 7, 1933 - December 6, 2016

Mr. Joseph L. Kemp, Sr. passed away Tuesday, December 6, 2016 at the age of 83 years. He was born on March 7, 1933 in Alligator, Mississippi. He was one of nine children born to the union of Nathaniel and Blanchia (Nicholson) Kemp. He attended Mississippi schools. He received Christ at an early age at the Mt Pleasant Missionary Baptist Church in Alligator, MS. Joseph moved to Saginaw, MI in 1956 where he was employed with the Weineke Co. and the Sugar Beet Plant before being employed by Grey Iron Foundry, Div. GM. and was a member of UAW Local 668. He retired after 25 years of service. He also had a tree cutting service and was affectionately known as, "Tree Man". He would beat any bid by any other tree service, making him the go to person for tree cutting.

Mr. Kemp was a longtime member of Bethlehem Baptist Church under the leadership of Pastor Ernest W. Bothuel, and currently under the leadership of Pastor Lafayette Simpson. Joseph was a deacon and a member of the choir. He would often pick up members that were unable to drive or were wheel chair bound and bring them to church. He was a faithful member until his health failed.

Joseph leaves to cherish his memory three children, Grace A. Kemp, Joseph Leon Kemp, Jr., and Janice Anderson Kemp; seven grandchildren, Gwendolyn, Andre, Joseph III and Austin Kemp, Melissa Coombs, Gerrica Shorter and George Jackson II; six great-grandchildren, Geordan, Laila, Carter, Quinton, Ayanna and Mason; two sisters, Lida Stephens, Lailah and Verna Mae Kemp all of Clarksdale, MS; a special sister-in-law, Dorothy Parham Kemp of Saginaw, MI; brother-in-law, Samuel Johnson of Kansas City, MO; a host of cousins, nieces, nephews, other relatives and friends.

Joseph was preceded in death by his parents, Nathaniel and Blanchia Kemp; two brothers and four sisters.

The family wishes to extend a special thank you to Pastor Lafayette Simpson and the Bethlehem Baptist Church family, Covenant ICU, Compassus Hospice and Hoyt Nursing Home. A very special thank you to Tasha and Lena.

Funeral service will take place at 11:00 a.m. on Tuesday, December 13, 2016 at Bethlehem Baptist Church, 3309 Bundy Street. Pastor Lafayette Simpson will officiate with interment in Mt. Pleasant Cemetery in Alligator, MS. Friends may call at the funeral home

on Monday from 2:00 until 8:00 p.m. Family will be present from 6:00-8:00 p.m. to greet friends.

Cemetery Details

Forest Lawn Cemetery

3210 S. Washington Avenue
Saginaw, MI

Previous Events

Visitation

DEC **12**. 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>

Funeral Service

DEC **13**. 11:00 AM (ET)

Bethlehem Baptist Church
3309 Bundy Street
Saginaw, MI 48601

Tribute Wall



“ *Evans & Browne's Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Mr. Joseph L. Kemp Sr.*



Browne's Mortuary - December 15, 2016 at 02:34 PM

K(

“ *Katie (Caldwell)Henry lit a candle in memory of Mr. Joseph L. Kemp Sr.*



Katie (Caldwell)Henry - December 16, 2016 at 08:15 PM

AF

“ *our prayers and condolences goes out to the family of Mr Joe Kemp. Mr Kemp was a good man. he cut our tree down for next to nothing. It's like Mr Kemp said he wasn't in it to win it. I recall the time he took down a tree for us and it was lightning,I said to him aren't you afraid to be up there while it's lightning,his remarks to me was "A broke man ant afraid of nothing," and he continued to remove the tree. we loved Mr Kemp. He would sometimes stop in after service on Sunday. he loved Kentucky fried chicken he would sit there for ours, which we lived near. Rest on Mr Joe Kemp.To The GOD is still on The Throne.*

Arrington ,Perkins and Cage Family - December 16, 2016 at 11:33 AM

CL

“ *Calvin And Phyllis Little lit a candle in memory of Mr. Joseph L. Kemp Sr.*



Calvin and Phyllis Little - December 15, 2016 at 06:53 PM

TF

“ *Tanya Strickland Feltson lit a candle in memory of Mr. Joseph L. Kemp Sr.*



Tanya Strickland Feltson - December 15, 2016 at 10:37 AM

JS

“ *Jamie Sanders-Hicks lit a candle in memory of Mr. Joseph L. Kemp Sr.*



Jamie Sanders-Hicks - December 14, 2016 at 11:31 AM

SS

“ *Shelva Scott-Veal lit a candle in memory of Mr. Joseph L. Kemp Sr.*



Shelva Scott-Veal - December 13, 2016 at 09:44 PM

CW

“ *rip mr kemp i enjoyed cutting trees with you you will be misses charles walton jr*

charles walton - December 13, 2016 at 11:31 AM

JS

“ *Janie Surles-Cork lit a candle in memory of Mr. Joseph L. Kemp Sr.*



Janie Surles-Cork - December 13, 2016 at 08:45 AM

GP

“ Gwendolyn Perry lit a candle in memory of Mr. Joseph L. Kemp Sr.



Gwendolyn Perry - December 12, 2016 at 09:17 PM

SC

“ Shirley Cain lit a candle in memory of Mr. Joseph L. Kemp Sr.



Shirley Cain - December 12, 2016 at 06:38 PM

BC

“ To the Family of Deacon Joseph L. Kemp, Sr.;

On behalf of Pastor Lafayette Simpson and the entire Bethlehem Baptist Church deem it befitting to extend our deepest sympathy to the family assuring you of our love and support during this time of your bereavement. We thank the Lord for having Deacon Kemp, in our midst for such a time and allowing his light to shine according to God's Purpose. Blessings to the Family!!

Pastor Lafayette Simpson & the entire Bethlehem Family

Bethlehem Baptist Church - December 12, 2016 at 01:09 PM

MC

“ *"Psalm 116:15 Precious in the sight of the LORD is the death of his saints."*

May you feel comfort during this difficult time. We will continue to keep your family in our thoughts, hearts, and prayers.

Love,

Rosie and Maya Carr



Maya Carr - December 12, 2016 at 12:45 PM

SW

To Janice and your family, may the presence of the Lord be your strength and comfort in the days ahead. We will keep you in our thoughts and prayers. We love you, your Skipworth Circle Sister's.

Sara Walker - December 12, 2016 at 08:25 PM



“ 62 files added to the album *Life Tributes*



Browne's Mortuary - December 12, 2016 at 10:43 AM

RO

“ MS. JANICE STAY STRONG LOVE YOU ALWAYS FROM THE HOLMES FAMILY



RON - December 12, 2016 at 01:53 AM

FJ

“ First Lady M. Jackson lit a candle in memory of Mr. Joseph L. Kemp Sr.



First Lady M. Jackson - December 11, 2016 at 09:56 PM

B&

“ Brenda Trapp & Family lit a candle in memory of Mr. Joseph L. Kemp Sr.



Brenda Trapp & Family - December 11, 2016 at 08:56 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Mr. Joseph L. Kemp Sr..*



December 11, 2016 at 07:39 PM

JW

“ *Jimmie And Beverly Westbrook lit a candle in memory of Mr. Joseph L. Kemp Sr.*



Jimmie and Beverly Westbrook - December 11, 2016 at 04:49 PM

WJ

“ *to the famiy of mr kemp may god be witch u in times off sorry*

wardiene joiner - December 11, 2016 at 03:13 PM

RV

“ *Robert And Linda Veasley lit a candle in memory of Mr. Joseph L. Kemp Sr.*



Robert and Linda Veasley - December 11, 2016 at 07:01 AM

LT

“ *Linda Arnett Taylor sent a virtual gift in memory of Mr. Joseph L. Kemp Sr.*



Linda Arnett Taylor - December 10, 2016 at 04:54 PM

TB

“ *Tenesha Blair lit a candle in memory of Mr. Joseph L. Kemp Sr.*



Tenesha Blair - December 10, 2016 at 03:39 PM

MM

“ *Janice, my thoughts and prayers are with you in the passing of your father. I pray God gives you strength to endure the difficult days ahead. I know your faith is strong, so just continue to look up and hold on to God' unchanging hand.*

Mary McDonald - December 10, 2016 at 02:51 PM

JJ

“ *Joe & JoeAnn Jackson lit a candle in memory of Mr. Joseph L. Kemp Sr.*



Joe & JoeAnn Jackson - December 10, 2016 at 01:48 PM

YW

“ *My condolences to the family of Mr. Joe b.k.a. tree Man I've known you since I was about 7yrs old I have nothing but good memories and will cherish them you were a good friend too my Mother and your memory will leave on in us who had the pleasure of knowing you RIP.*



Yulondra Walker - December 10, 2016 at 11:55 AM

MD

“ *Deepest Sympathy. I will NEVER forget his kindness towards my sister Annetta.*



Ms. Cherilyn Davis - December 10, 2016 at 10:03 AM

LB

“ Linda Brown sent a virtual gift in memory of Mr. Joseph L. Kemp Sr.



Linda Brown - December 09, 2016 at 09:56 PM

RS

“ Ronald And June Swift lit a candle in memory of Mr. Joseph L. Kemp Sr.



Ronald and June Swift - December 09, 2016 at 08:22 PM

RH

“ Renee Henderson lit a candle in memory of Mr. Joseph L. Kemp Sr.



Renee Henderson - December 09, 2016 at 05:15 PM

AC

“ Arwanda Conner lit a candle in memory of Mr. Joseph L. Kemp Sr.



arwanda conner - December 09, 2016 at 01:01 PM

JH

“ My condolences goes out to the kemp family.joe was one of the funniest guy i know.it was a pleasure to have been his friend. Janet gracie and joe jr love you all too,each time i see you its all smiles and that means so much.God bless.



Joey hunt - December 09, 2016 at 09:40 AM

SC

“ *Dea. Ralph and Shirley Culpepper, is praying for strength for the family during this difficult time.*



Shirley Culpepper - December 09, 2016 at 08:36 AM

CM

“ *Praying for my friend Janice Kemp that God comfort your heart. Love ya. Cheryl Merrill*



cheryl merrill - December 09, 2016 at 07:09 AM

 Esther Benson

“ *Esther Benson lit a candle in memory of Mr. Joseph L. Kemp Sr.*



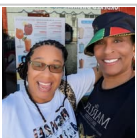
Esther Benson - December 09, 2016 at 06:39 AM

AB

“ *Azlee Brewer lit a candle in memory of Mr. Joseph L. Kemp Sr.*



Azlee Brewer - December 09, 2016 at 01:34 AM



“ *Joselyn Jordan lit a candle in memory of Mr. Joseph L. Kemp Sr.*



Joselyn Jordan - December 08, 2016 at 08:06 PM



“ *lit a candle in memory of Mr. Joseph L. Kemp Sr.*



December 08, 2016 at 08:05 PM



~ A. Jordan

Joselyn Jordan - December 08, 2016 at 08:07 PM

JB

“ *JoNita Byrd-Reeves lit a candle in memory of Mr. Joseph L. Kemp Sr.*



JoNita Byrd-Reeves - December 08, 2016 at 02:51 PM

VC

“ *Vanessa Cooper lit a candle in memory of Mr. Joseph L. Kemp Sr.*



Vanessa Cooper - December 08, 2016 at 02:50 PM

EC

“ *Evelyn Culberson lit a candle in memory of Mr. Joseph L. Kemp Sr.*



Evelyn Culberson - December 08, 2016 at 01:30 PM

Trina Jackson

“ *Trina Jackson lit a candle in memory of Mr. Joseph L. Kemp Sr.*



Trina Jackson - December 08, 2016 at 01:25 PM

TT

“ *Janice, Grace & Joe, My deepest condolences. Tierra Tivis*

Tierra Tivis - December 08, 2016 at 07:47 AM

VP

“ *Grace, Janice, Joe and Family I'm not sure at this time if I will be there in person to give any comfort I can but Please know that my thoughts and prayers and the same from the others of your Los Angeles family will be there. I hope that soon the happy memories will give you comfort. I will remember Uncle Joe as a person who always wanted to make others laugh with his jokes and storytelling.*

Vyethel Kemp Peterson - December 08, 2016 at 01:29 AM

AL

“ *Annie Lowery lit a candle in memory of Mr. Joseph L. Kemp Sr.*



Annie Lowery - December 07, 2016 at 06:40 PM

MF

“ *Ms. Brenda Bryant-Reynolds & Family lit a candle in memory of Mr. Joseph L. Kemp Sr.*



Ms. Brenda Bryant-Reynolds & Family - December 07, 2016 at 05:17 PM

DF

“ Dixon Family lit a candle in memory of Mr. Joseph L. Kemp Sr.



Dixon Family - December 07, 2016 at 04:58 PM

SF

“ Sonny Moten & Family lit a candle in memory of Mr. Joseph L. Kemp Sr.



Sonny Moten & Family - December 07, 2016 at 02:54 PM

BC

“ Janice, Grace and Joe and the entire Family. Our prayers go out to you during a most difficult time. May you feel God's strength now and in the days ahead.
Billy & Karen Cork



Billy & Karen Cork - December 07, 2016 at 02:06 PM

RB

“ Ronnie & Rosell Bryant lit a candle in memory of Mr. Joseph L. Kemp Sr.



Ronnie & Rosell Bryant - December 07, 2016 at 01:00 PM

MG

“ Mary J Givan-Gage sent a virtual gift in memory of Mr. Joseph L. Kemp Sr.



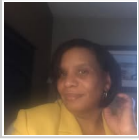
Mary J Givan-Gage - December 07, 2016 at 11:13 AM

MF

“ Margo Tyus And Family sent a virtual gift in memory of Mr. Joseph L. Kemp Sr.



Margo Tyus and Family - December 07, 2016 at 09:57 AM



“ Cheryl Walker lit a candle in memory of Mr. Joseph L. Kemp Sr.



Cheryl Walker - December 07, 2016 at 09:57 AM

VH

“ Vanessa Humes-Johnson sent a virtual gift in memory of Mr. Joseph L. Kemp Sr.



Vanessa Humes-Johnson - December 07, 2016 at 08:18 AM

TG

“ The Guster's lit a candle in memory of Mr. Joseph L. Kemp Sr.



The Guster's - December 07, 2016 at 06:02 AM

JW

“ Joanie Williams lit a candle in memory of Mr. Joseph L. Kemp Sr.



Joanie Williams - December 06, 2016 at 09:31 PM

DW

“ *Janice, I am so sorry to hear of the loss of your father. We have shared many conversations and I know you were close to him just like I was to my mother. The pain will be there but just know he is resting in the arms of our savior.* ”



Deborah Williams - December 06, 2016 at 05:49 PM

CP

“ *Cynthia Parham-Daison lit a candle in memory of Mr. Joseph L. Kemp Sr.* ”



Cynthia Parham-Daison - December 06, 2016 at 05:27 PM

 Christopher McClain Sr.

“ *Christopher McClain Sr. lit a candle in memory of Mr. Joseph L. Kemp Sr.* ”



Christopher McClain Sr. - December 06, 2016 at 03:14 PM

CW

“ *To Janice, Grace and Joe Joe, and the family I am so very sorry for the loss of your dad. I am praying with and for you. It seems as I have known your dad almost all my life. I will never forget him telling jokes at church or saying "had kiddo!"* ”

Carolle Walker - December 06, 2016 at 01:43 PM

JC

“ *Jeanette Champion lit a candle in memory of Mr. Joseph L. Kemp Sr.* ”



Jeanette Champion - December 06, 2016 at 11:51 AM

RR

“ Rhodan Ray lit a candle in memory of Mr. Joseph L. Kemp Sr.



Rhodan Ray - December 06, 2016 at 11:35 AM

DR

“ Debra Ray-Vaquera lit a candle in memory of Mr. Joseph L. Kemp Sr.



Debra Ray-Vaquera - December 06, 2016 at 11:34 AM

DR

“ I've known your beautiful daughter for more than 50 years. Janice my heart goes out to you. I know this is so hard, but he's ok now. I love you and your family. Your friend, Debra Ray-Vaquera.

Debra Ray-Vaquera - December 06, 2016 at 11:33 AM



“ Dale Mitchner lit a candle in memory of Mr. Joseph L. Kemp Sr.



Dale Mitchner - December 06, 2016 at 10:16 AM



To Janis and family my prayer go out to you for you loss may God grant you strength doing this time of your loss .rip mr kemp

Dale Mitchner - December 06, 2016 at 10:23 AM