



Melvin "Gigie" Barkley

May 6, 2009

Funeral service will take place at 11:00 a.m. on Wednesday May 6, 2009 at Zion Missionary Baptist Church, 721 Johnson St. Pastor Rodrick A. Smith will officiate with interment in Forest Lawn Cemetery. Friends may call at the Browne's Mortuary, 441 N. Jefferson Ave. on Tuesday from 2:00 until 8:00 p.m. where the family hour will begin at 6:00 p.m. Melvin A. Barkley was born August 20, 1951 in Saginaw, MI the son of Lucille (McCloud) Surles and Melvin Barkley. He was a member of Zion Missionary Baptist Church, a graduate of Saginaw High School, of Delta College and attended the University of Michigan. He was the first black journeyman painter of General Motors Powertrain Plant, a member of UAW Local #455, a Connecting Link, a member and supporter of the African American Cultural Festival Committee, and also our own Mr. Arts-Beats and Eats. He leaves to cherish many memories, his wife, Michele Barkley, Saginaw, MI; six children, Tonya (Rickey) Sapp, Chicago, IL, Latricia Terrell and Torianna Barkley both of Saginaw, MI, Melvin P. (Juanae') Barkley, Union, N J, Sharee Banks, Little Rock, AR and Bryan (Yolanda) Blackmon, Louisiana; six grandchildren, Antorria Strother, Saginaw, MI, Loreal Macon, Tyron and George Bailey, all of Chicago, IL and Janae and Michelle Blackmon, both of Louisiana; one great-grandchild, Amiya Aguire, Louisiana; his parents, Lucille (Uleslie) Surles, Saginaw, MI; two sisters, Vickie (Jim) Stewart, Saginaw, MI and Marcia (Ben) Williams, Clarkston, MI; two brothers, James Hadden and Donovan Barkley; five nieces, Unique Williams, Karamia Barkley, Latonya Daily, Jasmine

Barkley, China Daily; six nephews, Derick, Adrian, Leslie and Donovan Barkley, Unceld Daily, Bennie Williams, all of Saginaw, MI; two aunts, Barbara McCloud, Saginaw, MI and Doris McCloud, Detroit, MI; one uncle, Leonard Palmer, Saginaw, MI; mother-in-law, Ursula Edwards; father-in-law, Jessie Daily; two sisters-in-law, Georgia Barkley and Kimberly Barkley both of Saginaw, MI; one brother-in-law, Maurice Daily, Saginaw, MI; one god-son, Jeremy Prince; many other relatives and friends including special friends, Edgar Bradley, Gwen Henry, Lovell Johnson, Ennix Wright, Billy King, Bill Badger, Jack Young, and Steve Barker. The Food Basket Family, especially Bolwinder Singh and a very special friend, Jessie Daily. Mr. Barkley was preceded in death by his father, Melvin Barkley; brother, Freddie Barkley; father-in-law, Fred Edwards; grandparents, Cleveland and Lola McCloud and his grandfather, Kermin Barkley. The family would like to express special thanks to the Tri-City Links, Visiting Nurses, the nurses at Covenant Medical Center Cooper and Harrison Campuses. A special thank you to Dr. Rachel Williams and her staff.

Tribute Wall

PM

“ Pamela Stephens Monroe lit a candle in memory of Melvin "Gigie" Barkley



Pamela Stephens Monroe - April 06, 2025 at 08:12 PM

BW

“ Michelle, I will be praying for God to bless and keep you strong as you go through your grieving period. Don't forget to always seek God in your time of need.

Love ya,
your cousin Beverly

Beverly J Willis - May 06, 2009 at 12:00 AM

J(

“ To Michelle and the family. Sorry to hear of your lost. My prayers are with you at this time and may God give you peace and comfort.

jackie strother (Tillman) - May 06, 2009 at 12:00 AM

TG

“ I remember Gigi from my youth and he always made me laugh and told such funny stories. I will miss him dearly. My prayers are with the family.

Love,
"Resie"

THOMAS/VERA GRAHAM - May 06, 2009 at 12:00 AM

TC

“ To:Grandma Lucille, Grandpa Buddy, Michelle and my Dear sister Tanya.I echo the sentiments of Resie, I will miss Gigie's fun loving spirit.Be strong and know that you all are in my prayers.Love, Tosha

Tosha Crockrell - May 06, 2009 at 12:00 AM

DD

“ May the God of all comfort and tender mercies (2nd Corinthians 1:3,4) be with you all at this most difficult time.You are all in our prayers.
Love,
The Douglas Family

Derrick and Juanita Douglas - May 06, 2009 at 12:00 AM

GR

“ Let not your heart be troubled: ye believe in God, believe also in me.
To the family-May God continue to bless and keep you in His infinite care. May your memories always remind you of the love you shared, the good times you had, and may his spirit continue to be with you at family gatherings.

Geraldine Robinson - May 06, 2009 at 12:00 AM

FD

“ Gigie was a good man and a very good worker. I know he will be missed by all
you are in my prayers.

Frances Davis - May 06, 2009 at 12:00 AM

DP

“ To the Barkley family and my niece, my thoughts and prayers are with you during the time of your lost. GOD will give you the strength that you need each day.

Denise Parm - May 06, 2009 at 12:00 AM

DD

“ I just want to send my deepest sympathies to all of Melvin's family, especially MICHELLE and Cille. My thoughts and prayers are with you all. I know he will be deeply missed. Love, DiAnne

DiAnne Doyle - May 06, 2009 at 12:00 AM

AW

“ Im so sorry for your loss; Mr Barkley will truly be missed.

Anndrea, williams - May 06, 2009 at 12:00 AM

AH

“ My heartfelt sympathy is with you in your time of sorrow and hoping you find comfort in your special memories

Amy L Huey - May 06, 2009 at 12:00 AM

JR

“ *Marcia:*
Remember what we talked about. God only lends us our family and friends for a season and if we have taken the time to truly love and enjoy them while they were here, we can smile and laugh because we have done as our Father has commanded. Unspeakable joy will surround you soon, and you will only smile when you think of your brother.
Love you,
Jeri Rockett

JERI ROCKETT - May 06, 2009 at 12:00 AM

MW

“ HEY YALL THIS WAS A SHOCK TO ME BUT I KNOW GOD KNOWS BEST MAY THE LORD COMFORT YOU IN YOUR TIME OF NEED.

maurice washington - May 06, 2009 at 12:00 AM

CC

“ *Michelle and Family*
Gigie will be missed, not just for what he did for us at the Festival, but for the conversations that we had and the memories that we shared. He was a person that you knew you could count on, and a man who stood by what he believed. Knowing that you did all that you could for and with him should give you a peace that people who don't know will not understand. We know that God did not make a mistake, and that he is in a better place.

We will always appreciate the way that he cared for the stage at the Festival and made sure that we and the equipment was safe.

Charles Coleman
Sounds By Charles

Charles Coleman - May 06, 2009 at 12:00 AM

TW

“ *Wonnie...so sorry for your loss. My prayers are with you.*

Tanya White - May 06, 2009 at 12:00 AM