



Pastor Givens

April 8, 1929 - April 15, 2008

Funeral service will take place at 11:00 a.m. on Wednesday, April 23, 2008 at the Wolverine State Baptist Headquarters, 615 S. Jefferson Ave. Pastor Miles Franklin 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. Henry A. Givens, Sr. passed away on Tuesday, April 15, 2008 at the age of 79 years. He was born April 8, 1929 in Arkansas City, Kansas to Virty and Castoria Givens. Pastor Givens was a member of the Ministers Alliance and pastor of Mt. Carmel Baptist Church, 1801 Wadsworth St. He retired from Saginaw Grey Iron Foundry after 30 years of service. Pastor Givens enjoyed walks with his great-grandchildren and spending time with his family. He passed away peacefully at home with his family after losing his battle with cancer and gaining his eternal life. Henry Givens, Sr. leaves to cherish his memory, daughters, Rose and Lisa Givens, Cheryl and Debra Taylor, Jackie Culberson, Sandra Walker, Vivian Jeffries and Neelyian Ambrose; sons, Michael, Anthony, Henry, Jr. and Ryan Givens; a special grandson, Yohannas Youngblood; 23 grandchildren; 37 great-grandchildren; sister, Rose Givens of Los Angeles, CA; many other relatives and friends including special friends, Charles Morris, Betty and Lenton Collier and MacArthur Turner. Pastor Givens is preceded in death by his wife, Curlie Givens; brothers, Virty, Barnell, Adolph and Benjamin Givens; sister, Nancy Theus.

Tribute Wall

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“ *My beloved grandfather, who help raise me and was a father and made me understand that anybody can be a dad but it takes a real man to be a father and for that I loved you dearly. My children were so inspired by your love and we all miss you so much. Love Nee Nee.*

Neelyian Ambrose - April 15, 2008 at 12:00 AM

MF

“ *May Uncle Hank rest in peace. He is in a better place and pain free! He is with God. Our Heavenly will comfort us during this time of sadness.*

Michael Givens & Family - April 15, 2008 at 12:00 AM

TG

“ *My deepest sympathy to my brother's family.*

Taeko Givens - April 15, 2008 at 12:00 AM

ST

“ *Our thoughts and prayers go out to all family and friends of my Uncle Hank. I'm so thankful for the memories I have of Uncle Hank. I will always remember driving him around in Los Angeles - he thought I had a lead foot and teased me about it. I loved his sense of humor. I will miss him dearly.*

Susan Givens Thomas - April 15, 2008 at 12:00 AM

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“ *May god be with you all during this trying time. Pastor Givens Baptised me and no matter what I always called him my Pastor cause that's who he is. Love you all.*

La'Tasha Conner (McKether) - April 15, 2008 at 12:00 AM

VM

“ *To the Family of Pastor Givens. He was a very wonderful Pastor he has Gone Home To Rest In Peace. He would Preach drive the Van he did It all. Henry I so sorry for your lost I didn't realize he was your dad until I went to the store a few days ago and they said you lost your dad last night and looked at the picture. I was like what.. But hold head up because you had one of the best role models one could have. I Love You all the rest of Family also. Jusk Keep the FAITH. And God never Fails....*

Veronica Kay McClain - April 15, 2008 at 12:00 AM

RT

“ *My prayers are with you.Pastor Givens was a good man and great pastor.*

Rev.Dexter Thomas - April 15, 2008 at 12:00 AM

LM

“ *My heart goes out to all the family and friends Rev. Givens was known to me and family as "Grand Dad" who will truly be missed by all. You'll always be in heart forever.*

LaShonda McGill - April 15, 2008 at 12:00 AM

GG

“ With lots of love and fond memories. Like the time we went to the L.A. zoo, just a few years ago. The boys and I were worn out and ready to go but you wanted to see more. We had fun.

Gloria R. Givens - April 15, 2008 at 12:00 AM

KR

“ I have fond memories of Uncle Hank as a boy in Ark City, Ks. the beginning home of the Givens Clan when he would come and visit. I always looked forward to his visits as did my Mother, his sister, Nancy, because he seemed larger than life with a glow about him, and when he talked you couldn't help but listen.

One of the things I most admired about Uncle Hank was his love of his fellow men and women and especially his love of children as evidenced by the many foster children who passed through his door. The other thing I admired and remember most was when Uncle Hank was up at the pulpit, it seemed like the whole room would light up and the people would all feel the glory, and healing power of the Lord. I still remember people, me included, getting caught up in words of the Lord. Unc. was preaching and oh...how he could PREACH...people dancing down the aisle, people falling down in tears, the whole congregation feeling the POWER OF THE LORD. I feel very blessed to have been able to see and spend a little time with Uncle Hank when Mama passed in '05 and

I can't say how sad I am to say that I can't be there to see Uncle Hank take his final journey. I just had eye surgery and with this gas bubble in my eye I cannot fly, but to the rest of the Givens Clan, Paz and I send our love and sympathy.

Keith W. Robinson - April 15, 2008 at 12:00 AM

MJ

“ *To the Givens family, we send our heartfelt prayers and thoughts to you at your time of loss. May God continue to BLESS all of you. Mosella and Alma*

Mosella Reed and Alma Johnson - April 15, 2008 at 12:00 AM