



Roosevelt Austin,

April 14, 1952 - November 21, 2010

Family hour will take place at 10:00 a.m. Saturday, November 27, 2010 at Zion Missionary Baptist Church, 721 Johnson Street, with the celebration of Roosevelt's life commencing at 11:00 a.m. Pastor Rodrick A. Smith will officiate with interment in Forest Lawn Cemetery. Friends may call at Zion Missionary Baptist Church on Friday from 4:00 p.m. until 7:00 p.m. Mr. Roosevelt Austin, II, beloved husband, father, son, brother and uncle went home to be with the Lord on Sunday, November 21, 2010 at St. Mary's Hospital. He was born April 14, 1952 in Opelousas, LA to the union of Rev. Dr. Roosevelt Austin Sr. and Dr. Nurame Mitchell Austin. Roosevelt was a lifelong resident of Saginaw. He was a 1970 graduate of Arthur Hill High School, and he also attended Delta College where he studied Human Services. He accepted Christ at an early age under the pastoral leadership of his father, Rev. Dr. Roosevelt Austin Sr. He was a devoted, lifelong member of Zion Missionary Baptist Church (ZMBC), where he served as past Chairman of the Deacon Board, auxiliary Deacon for the Sunday School Department, Puppet Ministry, Youth Department, and member of the ZMBC Media Ministry. In 2008, he retired from General Motors Powertrain after thirty-seven years of service. He was co-owner of Creative Computers with his dear friend, Lathon "Buddy" (Kim) Wilson. He leaves to cherish his memory, his loving wife of thirty-seven years, Debra Austin; three children, Roosevelt Austin, III, Detroit, MI, Erin Shane and Amber Nicole Austin, Indianapolis, IN; his parents, Rev. Dr. Roosevelt Sr. and Dr. Nurame Austin, Saginaw, MI; his sister; Dona

Austin-Bigby, Saginaw, MI; his brother, Dr. David W. (Dr. Doris) Austin, Indianapolis, IN; nephews, Robert (Jennifer) Bigby III, Waukesha, WI, Justin Davis, Bay City, MI and Damon Anderson, Oakley, MI; nieces, Dr. Nia Austin Bigby, Indianapolis, IN, Jennifer Davis, Bay City, MI, Elyse Austin and Christina Austin, Indianapolis, IN, Sherry Davis, Burt, MI, Shawn Anderson, Kalamazoo, MI and great-nieces, Nia Marie Bigby, Waukesha, WI and Alaysia Davis, Bay City, MI. He also leaves to cherish his memory, an aunt, Isabella Austin, Opelousas, LA; brother-in-law, Thomas Anderson, Oakley, MI; sisters-in-law, Beverly Bonner, New York, NY, Dale Marie Davis, Bay City, MI and Eleanor (Stan) Hodges, Burt, MI; a special sister, Mary Frances McDonald; special cousin, Rev. Dr. Darrell K. White; special friends, Willie (Anganetta) Ervin and family; Godchildren, Chalonda Parker, Rose Wilson and DeMychael Robinson; and a host of cousins, friends and his Zion Baptist Church Family.

Tribute Wall

JS

“ *Jerrold Rance Sr. lit a candle in memory of Roosevelt Austin,*



jerrold rance sr. - March 17, 2025 at 09:53 AM

ES

“ *To my family, I am so happy that I got to see Uncle Rose laughing & joking and hear his voice on the video that was taken and sent to me the night before his passing. He was a great man, and lived a life that was pleasing to God. For this I am grateful as I know that he is now resting from this weary life in the bosom of Jesus.*

My sincere prayers are with each of you at this time and always. I love you!

Ethelind

ETHELIND E. SCOTT - November 21, 2010 at 12:00 AM

MF

“ *Please accept our heartfelt sympathy and condolences. Much love to the family. Weeping may endure for a night but joy cometh in the morning. Psalms 30:5 xoxo*

Ricky & Cheryl

Mr&Mrs.RR Nash and Family - November 21, 2010 at 12:00 AM

RE

“ Great man who was the same no matter what...Rose u will truly be missed by many....I looked up to u in so many ways. Just wish i had a chance to tell u that. U where truly a saint 2 me & i know that u are looking down on many. Another thing i wish i could have told u is probably the first think God said to u & that "Rose job well done".....

Reggie Evans - November 21, 2010 at 12:00 AM

HF

“ TO A DEAR FRIEND'S FAMILY THAT I HAD THE PLEASURE OF KNOWING FOR OVER 40 YEARS AND WORKED WITH AT THE MALLEABLE IRON. MAY GOD BLESS YOU AND KNOW THAT ROOSEVELT HAS A PLACE IN HEAVEN. HE WILL BE TRULY MISSED. "TO GOD BE THE GLORY."
"HE HEALS THE BROKENHEARTED." PSALMS 147:3

Houston & Elaine Jackson, Jr. & Family - November 21, 2010 at 12:00 AM

JW

“ It is my prayers that the Lord will give you the strength to align your will with His will, especially at times like these.

Jimmy Weaver

Jimmy Weaver - November 21, 2010 at 12:00 AM

AH

“ Debra & Family

I am so sorry to hear of the loss of your beloved husband. I want you to know even thou it has been many years some friends are in our hearts, maybe its cause we were first ward kids. Had to be tough. You will be in my prayers, and I pray that GOD will give you the strength to go thro this most difficult time. We know Gods promise is, to be absent from the body is to be present with the LORD. Your beloved husband is resting in the arms of our Lord and Savior. I know you are a christian woman and I know God will see you and the family through it all every step of the way. May God bless you, your children, and all of the Austin family.

God Bless

Herman & Eileen (Hartley) Marshall

Allen Haulcy - November 21, 2010 at 12:00 AM

JJ

“ Our thoughts and prayers are with you and the entire Austin Family during this time of sorrow. Stay focused and be encouraged for we all live our lives for this day and time. Always know that Jesus is your source and that He sticks closer than a brother. Your memories shall always be with you to help you along the way and your friends and family shall always be by your side. We shall continually pray for you that God's blessings will follow you all the days of your life and be assured that this too shall pass.

*"Weeping may endure for a night, but joy cometh in the morning." -
Psalms 30:5b*

*Minister James and Missionary Helen Davis
Monroe. Ga*

James Davis Jr - November 21, 2010 at 12:00 AM

MB

“ Mr. Austin was our computer handy man. We could always take our computer to the shop and either him or Buddy would fix it. We will also miss seeing him at Fresh 2 Def Cutz with Buddy getting his hair cut. Mr. Austin also played the music in the booth at the church for our wedding. Mr. Austin was a great man and he will be greatly missed. Hopefully when its all said and done, God will say "my good and faithful servant, well done!!!" On behalf of myself and my husband DeLeonce Williams, we are very sorry for the loss of such a great man and our thoughts and prayers will always be with the entire family.

With Deepest Sympathy: DeLeonce and MaSharee Williams

MaSharee Babers - November 21, 2010 at 12:00 AM

WJ

“ Sending my condolences to your family doing this hard time...Rose was a Christian man of loyalty and a friend that will be greatly missed. We will continue to pray for your family. Take each day one step at a time and the sun will shine after while.

Willie (Ethel) Mathews, Jr. - November 21, 2010 at 12:00 AM

KL

“ Rev. and Mrs. Austin and Family,
You have encouraged so many people and given hope just by showing up. Our prayer is that God blesses you with the same as you and your family stand on God's promises.

With Our Love,

Michael, Karen, Micah and Daniel Webster

Karen Lawrence-Webster - November 21, 2010 at 12:00 AM

BB

“ To Rev and Mrs. Austin and family, my sister Debbie and Nieces Erin and Amber and Nephew Bink, I am so sad for you, me and others, who knew and loved Rose, always smiling, friendly, a warm, wonderful caring "gentleman" in every sense of the word. Will miss laughing with you Rose, rest in peace, you'll be missed forever but comforted knowing you are now in the loving arms of God.

Beverly Bonner - November 21, 2010 at 12:00 AM

MM

“ To the Entire Family of Mr. Roosevelt Austin II. I'm Very sorry for your loss when I heard about Mr. Rose I was so sad that Day. He would work on my Computer at the time I was Living In Bangor He said what time your Children get out of School he would stop and work on my Computer so I had time to Get back to get my Babies. I Can recall another time I was there and he said are you In a Hurry I said No I drunk a tea and He Had to call and Check on one of his Twin daughter that was on her way Home. She said her location and he told her to be Safe and when you get here what are you going to cook me and I assume she asked what do you want. And It was Tacos But I think If I remember correctly he Chose Nachos. I wanted to Cry Because I was close to My Dad Just like that and he has been gone 23 years and I think about Him everyday not a day go by I don't think of my Dad. So to Family Have Faith In God!! Mark 11:22 That he will give you the Strength to Make It through this Very difficult time for the Austin Family... Mr. Roosevelt was a Wonderful Person we talked about my Uncle Jack McClain and his older car & My Uncle Jewel Brown and he asked did Uncle Jewel send me here I said No My Sister told to come here they will take Good care of the Computer and that's how I met this Nice Man of God.. My Sister said Mr. Roosevelt Is In Heaven Looking down I said WOW... The Family you are In My Daily Prayers I will Miss Mr. Austin Also..R.I.H Mr. Roosevelt Austin II.

Ms. Veronica(Kay) McClain - November 21, 2010 at 12:00 AM

SG

“ To: Mrs. Debra Austin & Daughters, Pastor R. & Mrs. Austin, Sr. and extended family.

On behalf of the New Mt. Calvary M. B. Church Welcome Ministry, I would like to extend our deepest sympathy to you and your family in the loss of a great man of God. May your memories of the time you had with him be forever in your hearts and know that he is looking over you all from heaven. Weeping may endure for a night but joy will come in the morning. You all are in our prayers. May God continue to give you strength in the days ahead.

*Humbly Submitted,
New Mt. Calvary M. B. Church
Welcome Ministry
Sis. Sylvia George, Chairperson
Rev. R. E. Donald, Pastor*

Sylvia George - November 21, 2010 at 12:00 AM

SP

“ *Our hearts were truly saddened to hear of the passing of Roosevelt, he will truly be missed by all who knew and came in contact with him. Our prayers are with the family God bless and keep you.*

Shirley Presley - November 21, 2010 at 12:00 AM

PW

“ *It is with my deepest love for the Austin family that I share your pain and loss for Roosevelt. I thank God for his life and his family. My prayers as many are certainly with you during this hour of distress. We thank God for his salvation, and the joy he brought each of you. I love you!*

Carolyn

Pastor Carolyn Wilkins - November 21, 2010 at 12:00 AM

GS

“ *Pastor and First Lady Austin, we love you and will keep you in our prayers.*

Greg Skipper - November 21, 2010 at 12:00 AM

FS

“ *mother/dad, wife, siblings, children tears will endure through the night but joy come in the morning.
Rose truly was a great son, husband, dad,
and friend.
one in a million. you will truly truly
be missed. love to all the family and
the zion church family.
dea. freddie johnson*

freddie I johnson sr. - November 21, 2010 at 12:00 AM

DF

“ *Deb, I know that your faith and the many people who love you and your family are comforting you. Please know that you and your extended family are in our thoughts and prayers.*

Denise Ford-Mitchell - November 21, 2010 at 12:00 AM

DW

“ *JUst a smile just a hug was what we could count on from Roosevelt. He was devoted to his family and a servant to God we all loved and were better for having known. We love you all and there is nothing I can possibly say or due to relieve your pain but I pray that God will comfort you and the holy spirit brings peace in your storm.*

Denise Walker - November 21, 2010 at 12:00 AM

LV

“ *To the Austin Family, My prayers go out to you all. Roosevelt was a great man and he will always be remembered as a very good friend. He was truly one of Zion's best deacons. May God be your comfort and strength.*

Liz Vance - November 21, 2010 at 12:00 AM

CF

“ *Mr Austin was a very nice man, my son and I came to the computer store this summer Mr. Austin was very helpful, sorry to hear of your lost. Love the Merrill Family.*

Cheryl Merrill and Family - November 21, 2010 at 12:00 AM

WW

“ *To the family: May the Lord, God, be your comforter as you go through this period of separation, for you will see him again.*

Wynn & Brenda Watkins - November 21, 2010 at 12:00 AM

CJ

“ *Truely one of the good guys is gone,he will be missed.*

Charles Jackson - November 21, 2010 at 12:00 AM

BF

“ TO DONA & ENTIRE AUSTIN FAMILY: OUR PRAYERS & THOUGHTS ARE WITH YOU, I'VE KNOWN ROSE & DONA SINCE OUR WEBBER JR. HIGH DAYS, ABOUT 40 YRS OR MORE, ROSE WAS ALWAYS A GENTLEMAN & IT WAS A GREAT PLEASURE TO KNOW HIM. PLEASE KNOW GOD MAKES NO MISTAKES, HE PICKED ANOTHER ROSE FOR HIS HEAVENLY GARDEN, TO ABSENT FROM THE BODY IS TO BE PRESENT WITH THE LORD. MAY GOD CONTINUE TO BLESS & KEEP YOU IN HIS LOVING ARMS.

Barbra Roberson & family - November 21, 2010 at 12:00 AM

TP

“ WORDS CAN NOT EXPRESS IN THE LOSS OF YOUR LOVE ONE ROOSEVELT AUSTIN,II.WE LOVE YOU AND WE ARE PRAYING THAT GOD HAS GIVING YOU STRENGTH AND HE WILL BE BY YOUR SIDE EVERY STEP OF THE WAY.GOD IS A GOOD GOD AND HE WILL NOT LEAVE.AGAIN OUR PRAYER AND LOVE GOES OUT TO YOU AND YOUR FAMILY.LOVE THE TINY AND JAMES PRESNALL THE PARENT OF KE MANWARING.

TINY PRESNALL - November 21, 2010 at 12:00 AM

VT

“ *Our thoughts and prayers go out to the entire Austin family. He will truly be missed.*

Van and Donna Thompson.

Van Thompson - November 21, 2010 at 12:00 AM

MW

“ *Glory be to God in Heaven, who doesn't make any mistakes.*

To Pastor & Sister Austin & family we love you and are praying that God continues to comfort & strengthen you during these trying times.

To Deb, Bink, Erin & Amber, Wow! What can we say, but Thank You Jesus for the time we had with "Rose" he will be truly missed by all. We all know that life will never be the same. God has given you all many good memories of his undying love for his family, so hold on to them & celebrate his life daily. Creative Computers has a void now, but God has replaced it with many loving memories & triumphs over the years. Please know that God has all of you, "Look to the Hills from which cometh your help, all of your help cometh from the Lord" Weeping may endure for a night, but Joy will cometh in the morning". Rose was a very good man with a heart of gold and had the distinguished voice many men only dreamed of having. Sleep on "my brother" we will see you again, when God says so!!

Mr. & Mrs. Lathan Wilson - November 21, 2010 at 12:00 AM

RC

“ *Debra , Rev & Mrs Austin, I was sadden to hear the news of Roosevelt's Passing. I want you to know I'm hear for you. If you ever need anything please don't hesitate to call. You all have been there for me during the death of my husband Alvin, and my sister Jean. I'm here for you as well. I love you all, GOD BLESS!*

Rpse Chaffer

Rose Chaffer - November 21, 2010 at 12:00 AM

WB

“ Our hearts and prayers go out to the family. We had the pleasure to see the special relationship between Bro. Austin II and Pastor Austin I here at Foss Avenue Baptist Church. We were so saddened to hear this news, but as always give God the glory.

William and Neysa Burns and daughter Rachel Burns - November 21, 2010 at 12:00 AM

FI

“ Mrs. Debra Austin/Children, Rev. Austin/ Mrs. Austin/ entire family. It is with deep regret to extend these sincere words of sympathy for your great lost. My prayer is that as you ponder on the many, many memories of a life shared giving love, laughter, and commitment be your consolation now and the days ahead. "Now may the Lord of peace himself give you peace at all times and in every way. The Lord be with all of you." 2 Thessalonians 2:16 NIV.

*Respectfully submitted with the love of Christ,
Frances Irvin*

Frances Irvin - November 21, 2010 at 12:00 AM

TP

“ My deepest sympathy goes out to the Austin family. I pray God will get you through this trying time. A loss is a bitter heart ache we all know so well. I pray for your strength, I pray you all to stay encouraged and that with time your heart will have peace. He is with the Lord and I just want you to know you're in my prayers.

Tameisha Price - November 21, 2010 at 12:00 AM

MH

“ Thanking God for the best Man, Rosevelt The best son, the best husband, best brother, the best father best friend, Johnnie's best man, and for me the the best softball coach in the world. Rose would say drop your right shoulder and swing thats a home run and it would be, we had fun. We love you Austin family may God Keep you in his care. The Mc Dole Family.

Mary Mc Dole Harris - November 21, 2010 at 12:00 AM



“ Debra and family please be comforted by Gods Peace at this time. I will be praying for you in the days to come. If there is anything I can do please, don't hesitate to call! May God Bless You. Love Hollistine!

November 21, 2010 at 12:00 AM

GC

“ My God Bless the family! there are no words to express our feeling, prayers will be sent up so Blessing will fall upon the family. Stay strong and let God do the rest it's hard to explain my feeling when you are talking to Gods Angles. Love

Gail L.(Calhoun) Crittendon - November 21, 2010 at 12:00 AM

HJ

“ To Debra, Erin, Amber, & Roosevelt III,

You are in my prayers daily for I know how you must feel at this time. I want you to know that Earth has no sorry that Heaven cannot heal. God know all about us and He makes no mistakes when He attends to His business.

To believe is more than intellectual agreement that Jesus is God. It means to put our trust and confidence in Him that He alone can save us. It is to put Christ in charge of our present plans and etrnal destiny. Believing is both trusting His words as reliable and relying on Him for the power to change. If you have never trusted Christ, let this promise of everlasting life be yours for comfort at this time in your life.

I love each of you and may God blessed you as you go through your hour.

*Love,
Mrs. Jiles*

Helen M. Jiles - November 21, 2010 at 12:00 AM

MR

“ *DEB & AUSTIN FAMILY SORRY FOR UR LOST, BUT GOD ROOSEVELT KNEW GOD FOR HIMSELF,WHICH IS REASON TO SHOUT GLORY. HE WILL BE SADLY MISS BY ALL WHO KNEW HIM. TAKE COMFORT IN KNOWING TO BE ABSENT FROM THE BODY IS TO BE PRESENT WITH THE LORD. MAY GOD GIVE U THE JOY,PEACE DURING THIS TIME. MUCH LOVE TO ALL IN JESUS NAME.*

MITTIE RUSSELL - November 21, 2010 at 12:00 AM

KB

“ My sincere condolences and deepest sympathy goes out to the Austin family. Deacon Austin was a man among men, a soldier in God's Army, truly one of a kind. With a smile and humor like none other. I cherish his words and presence that will fill my memories.

Rev. and Mrs. Austin, Sister Austin, Bink, Erin, Amber, and the remaining Austin Family I pray God will see you through this trying time as I know all too well the heartache a loss such as this can create. I pray for your strength, I pray you all to stay encouraged, I pray that with time your heart will have peace. He is with the Lord; he is home, but his spirit shall remain yours always!!

Karameia "Kara" Barkley - November 21, 2010 at 12:00 AM

TJ

“ Words cannot begin to express my deepest sympathy. I was devastated by the news of Roosevelt's passing because the Austins' are my family and the close bond we have shared only adds to my grief. I wish you all the love and comfort that Jesus Christ has to offer as you watch your beloved son, father, and husband take his journey to be with the Lord.

Tammy Johnson-Winn - November 21, 2010 at 12:00 AM

DW

“ To The entire Austin Family My Heart Goes Out To You All, and My Prayers are with You Forever.

Doretta Williams - November 21, 2010 at 12:00 AM

NB

“ Cousin Debra and Family. On behalf of the Barnes Family, we are so sorry for your loss. Remember though that earth has sorrow that heaven can not heal. We love you and our prayers are with you all.

NORRIS & BARBARA BROWN - November 21, 2010 at 12:00 AM

RP

“ may GOD keep your all strong and lean on him and stay blessed

rita parker - November 21, 2010 at 12:00 AM

BP

“ To the Austin Family

With our deepest sympathy and prayers for your family in this time of loss.

May you continue to hold God's love and grace in your hearts.

Beverly Pierrie-Lane - November 21, 2010 at 12:00 AM

HS

“ "A shining star no matter who you are" Would describe "Rose" to a tee. Going back to when we were children 8-9 years of age. It has been nothing but a pleasure to have known and shared moments in life with this young man. I only hope to greet him once again, in our Father Kingdom. To Deb, I hope I have prove to be a friend to you also, if there is any thing my family can do for you, do not hesitate, to get in contact with us. May the Lord keep and protect you.

H.E Stephens - November 21, 2010 at 12:00 AM

MM

“ As a child growing up in Zion, I never found Rose without a smile on his face. He brought ease, joy, and encouragement to many and I pray for the strength of his entire family. As I heard on TV about loved ones passing: The family has not lost their loved one for they know where they are. We all know where Rose is...in heaven looking down on us and hearing "Rose, job well done."

maurice washington & marie - November 21, 2010 at 12:00 AM

JM

“ *Dr. Austin And Family, My Prayers are With You All.*

John Minor - November 21, 2010 at 12:00 AM

HH

“ *We regret hearing of the home going of Roosevelt,II. Mrs. Huggins and I will hold the Austin family contiously in our prayers. Should you have anthing thing that you might need us to do, please know that we are more than ready. Goe Loves you and so do we.*

Harold Cc. Huggins - November 21, 2010 at 12:00 AM

EJ

“ *Austin Family,*

My condolences and prayers are with you, as you celebrate/mourn the life of a Christian Soldier.

God Bless,

Elder Ontay Johnson

Elder Ontay Johnson - November 21, 2010 at 12:00 AM

JP

“ *Dear Pastor Austin and family:
I just found out your son has completed his journey on Earth and is now serving with the Lord. I am deeply sadden that I did not find out in time to be there to support you and the family. My prayers are with you during this difficult time. May God give you and the family comforting peace.*

Julia Morris Price, Reginald Price, Tim, Henry III and Randy Morris and families

Julia Price - November 21, 2010 at 12:00 AM

WJ

“ *The Austin Family and the Pierrie family were instrumental in building of ZMBC. it is so sad to see a young man grow up and leave us still a vibrant and strong man. Only God knows why Rev. Austin Sr. keep the faith you instilled in all of us.*

Willie Pierie Jr.

Willie L. Pierrie Jr - November 21, 2010 at 12:00 AM

CF

“ *There are so many funny and pleasant memories that I have of "Uncle Rose". To name a few, him always reminded me that I was "wrong-handed" (left-handed); how slick we all had to be get him to share his birthday cake; and the time he gave me and Tiff a ride to the wrong school because he was sleepy from working all night. Uncle Rose always loved me like his own daughter, so my heart breaks at the thought of not hearing him laugh or seeing his smile. Yet I know he is in the presence of Almighty God, cheering the rest of us on.*

To Aunt Debra, Bink, Erin and Amber and the entire Austin family, please know that you are all in my thoughts and prayers. Blessings and peace be unto you.

Catrina NuRose Frison - November 21, 2010 at 12:00 AM

MR

“ *My thoughts and prayers are with the Austin family and Zion MBC. My hope is that these messages and other gestures of kindness are able to provide you with some small measure of comfort during this time and going forward.*

Mike Richardson - November 21, 2010 at 12:00 AM

PT

“ *Deborah, Children and Rev. & Mrs Austin, Know you are in our prayers daily. We pray that God will give you the peace you need at this time and the ability to remain strong and as long as you live, your husband, father and son will live too. God Bless you all.*

Pastor Vivian Taylor - November 21, 2010 at 12:00 AM

DC

“ *We give our condolences to the Austin Family in this time of grief. We met him going to his place of business Creative Computers where he worked on our computers plenty of times and did a good job. He was always cheerful and made us laugh everytime we came in. I(Desiree) will miss his smile everytime I came in there just to joke with them or the times he came to get a salad from 7-11. He will be sadly miss by us.*

Desiree Sanders & Theresa Cooper - November 21, 2010 at 12:00 AM

GG

“ *We are praying for your strength in the Lord. We know you all will miss him. He was a beautiful person. May God Bless and Keep you.*

Love,

The Granberrys'

Greg and Stephanie Granberry - November 21, 2010 at 12:00 AM

DS

“ *Here am I Lord send Me! This was Rose's heartfelt plea. That he serve the Lord and His family. Love His wife and children and be the man God called him to be. Serving his community in the footsteps of his mother and father yet paving a way through being an leader and example to young men who would follow him. A big brother to all and a joy to be around. We thank you for sharing Rose with us. Bless you and Love you always.*

Necie Walker and Family

Denise Walker Saginaw - November 21, 2010 at 12:00 AM