



Mr. Sidney Diggs, Jr.

August 24, 1924 - August 4, 2015

On Tuesday, August 4, 2015 one who we loved and knew was taken from us. Sidney Diggs, Jr. was born August 24, 1924 to a loving and caring family in Byhalia, MS. He was the son of the late Willie and Mattie (Freeman) Diggs.

Mr. Diggs served in the United States Army during World War II as a medic, military police and truck driver. While serving in the Army, during World War II in Normandy and France, he received two Bronze Star Medals for heroic and meritorious service. After being honorably discharged he earned his certification as a skilled brick mason, licensed auto mechanic and a cardiopulmonary specialist at the Kennedy Veterans Administration Hospital in Memphis, TN.

Sidney moved his family from Memphis, TN to Saginaw, MI in 1953 and became a member of Wadsworth Presbyterian Church. He continued to worship there until the time of a congregational merger with Warren Avenue Presbyterian Church, where he was a member and served as a deacon. Professionally he continued to work as a nurse's assistant at the Aleda E. Lutz Veterans Medical Center for 36 years. Socially he was affiliated with M.W. Prince Hall F. & A.M.M. of Tennessee as a Master Mason from October 1951 until his death. He was a hard worker and enjoyed life and his family. He was always ready to lend a hand to a person in need.

Mr. Diggs memory will be cherished by his daughter, Shirley (John) Sangster; three sons, Sidney (Kermit) Diggs IV, Bobby Diggs and Kevin (Carolyn) Diggs, all of Saginaw, MI; eleven grandchildren, Danielle Diggs, Belleville, MI, Tanisha (Roger) Taylor, Kimara (Barrett) Glover, both of Redford, MI, Jon (Clea) Sangster, Columbus, OH, Seth Diggs, Queens, NY, Valdemar (Sybol) Hill, St. Charles, MO, Joesetta, Vashti and Kenya Diggs, all of Saginaw, MI, Floyd (Jan) Sangster, San Diego, CA and Edward (Monifa) Harrison, Jr., Trenton, NJ; nine great-grandchildren, Sydney Taylor, Jeremy and Tristan Harrison, Mercedes and Justin Sangster, Calil Sangster, Jackson Hill, Jahsaan and Brittany Glover; a host of nieces, nephews other relatives and friends.

Mr. Diggs was preceded in death by his parents, Willie and Mattie Diggs; his wife of 69 years, Vashti Myrtis Diggs; his brother, Alston Diggs; and his great-granddaughter, Sanaa Taylor.

Funeral service will take place at 12:00 noon on Saturday, August 8, 2015 at Warren Avenue Presbyterian Church, 612 Millard Street. Pastor James Williams will officiate with interment in Great Lakes National Cemetery, Holly, MI. Friends may call at the Evans & Browne's Funeral Home, 441 North Jefferson Avenue on Friday from 2:00 until 8:00 p.m. The family will be present from 5:00 - 8:00 p.m. for a family hour.

Cemetery Details

Great Lakes National Cemetery

G-4200 Belford Rd.
Holly, MI

Previous Events

Visitation

AUG 7. 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>

Family Hour

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Funeral Service

AUG 8. 12:00 PM (ET)

Warren Avenue Presbyterian Church
612 Millard Street
Saginaw, MI 48601

Tribute Wall



“ *Evans & Browne's Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Mr. Sidney Diggs, Jr.*



Browne's Mortuary - August 13, 2015 at 07:13 AM

OT

“ *Oliver Tucker lit a candle in memory of Mr. Sidney Diggs, Jr.*



Oliver Tucker - August 19, 2015 at 03:44 AM

LW

“ *Lillie Williams lit a candle in memory of Mr. Sidney Diggs, Jr.*



Lillie Williams - August 13, 2015 at 09:30 PM

SM

“ *Sue McDole lit a candle in memory of Mr. Sidney Diggs, Jr.*



Sue McDole - August 11, 2015 at 07:51 AM

JS

“ *Janie Surles-Cork lit a candle in memory of Mr. Sidney Diggs, Jr.*



Janie Surles-Cork - August 09, 2015 at 02:02 PM

FZ

“ *Frances Ham Zackrie lit a candle in memory of Mr. Sidney Diggs, Jr.*



frances ham zackrie - August 09, 2015 at 01:07 AM

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TF

“ *The Ford Family sent a virtual gift in memory of Mr. Sidney Diggs, Jr.*



The Ford Family - August 08, 2015 at 08:18 PM

MP

“ *Michelle Parsons lit a candle in memory of Mr. Sidney Diggs, Jr.*



Michelle parsons - August 08, 2015 at 03:03 PM

CR

“ *Connie & Marlyn Reeves lit a candle in memory of Mr. Sidney Diggs, Jr.*



Connie & Marlyn Reeves - August 08, 2015 at 01:35 PM

CO

*Sidney & Kermit,
So sorry for the loss of your precious father. We will keep you in our hearts and prayers. Love you both!*

Connie - August 08, 2015 at 01:39 PM

LT

“ *Lionell And Dorothy Terrell lit a candle in memory of Mr. Sidney Diggs, Jr.*



lionell and dorothy terrell - August 07, 2015 at 04:26 PM

SN

“ *Shirley Norman lit a candle in memory of Mr. Sidney Diggs, Jr.*



Shirley Norman - August 07, 2015 at 02:28 PM

SH

“ *Shantel D. Harris lit a candle in memory of Mr. Sidney Diggs, Jr.*



Shantel D. Harris - August 07, 2015 at 11:36 AM

LE

“ *Lucy Erby lit a candle in memory of Mr. Sidney Diggs, Jr.*



Lucy Erby - August 07, 2015 at 10:13 AM

DW

“ *Praying for you during this most difficult time.*



Deborah Williams - August 06, 2015 at 10:23 PM

RR

“ *Randall And Janie Rivers lit a candle in memory of Mr. Sidney Diggs, Jr.*



Randall and Janie Rivers - August 06, 2015 at 08:19 PM

TM

“ *Tina Mitchell lit a candle in memory of Mr. Sidney Diggs, Jr.*



Tina Mitchell - August 06, 2015 at 08:06 PM

MS

“ *Mary Smithers lit a candle in memory of Mr. Sidney Diggs, Jr.*



Mary Smithers - August 06, 2015 at 06:29 PM



“ 60 files added to the album *Life Tributes*



Browne's Mortuary - August 06, 2015 at 05:04 PM

GB

“ *Gwen Bowman lit a candle in memory of Mr. Sidney Diggs, Jr.*



Gwen Bowman - August 06, 2015 at 04:43 PM

NM

“ *Natalie McLaurin-Johnson lit a candle in memory of Mr. Sidney Diggs, Jr.*



Natalie McLaurin-Johnson - August 06, 2015 at 08:39 AM



“ *Felicia Curry lit a candle in memory of Mr. Sidney Diggs, Jr.*



Felicia Curry - August 06, 2015 at 07:17 AM

JW

“ James Weston lit a candle in memory of Mr. Sidney Diggs, Jr.



James Weston - August 05, 2015 at 11:38 PM

MP

“ Michael And Vyethel Kemp Peterson lit a candle in memory of Mr. Sidney Diggs, Jr.



Michael and Vyethel Kemp Peterson - August 05, 2015 at 08:49 PM

D(

“ Danielle Diggs (Grand-daughter) lit a candle in memory of Mr. Sidney Diggs, Jr.



Danielle Diggs (Grand-daughter) - August 05, 2015 at 08:46 PM

RH

“ Rodney Howard lit a candle in memory of Mr. Sidney Diggs, Jr.



Rodney Howard - August 05, 2015 at 06:49 PM

FN

“ Freddie Mae Nowell lit a candle in memory of Mr. Sidney Diggs, Jr.



Freddie Mae Nowell - August 05, 2015 at 05:42 PM

DJ

“ *DALLAS AND BARBARA JONES lit a candle in memory of Mr. Sidney Diggs, Jr.*



DALLAS AND BARBARA JONES - August 05, 2015 at 11:39 AM

RF

“ *Rita Williams & Donavon Flemings sent a virtual gift in memory of Mr. Sidney Diggs, Jr.*



Rita Williams & Donavon Flemings - August 05, 2015 at 11:37 AM

CJ

“ *Cleother Willis Jr. lit a candle in memory of Mr. Sidney Diggs, Jr.*



Cleother Willis jr. - August 05, 2015 at 09:57 AM



“ *Lawrence Brooks lit a candle in memory of Mr. Sidney Diggs, Jr.*



Lawrence Brooks - August 05, 2015 at 07:51 AM

WB

“ *WALSEZETTA BENNETT sent a virtual gift in memory of Mr. Sidney Diggs, Jr.*



WALSEZETTA BENNETT - August 04, 2015 at 10:38 PM

LF

“ Larry Campbell & Family lit a candle in memory of Mr. Sidney Diggs, Jr.



Larry Campbell & Family - August 04, 2015 at 09:54 PM

GD

“ Gregory Daniel lit a candle in memory of Mr. Sidney Diggs, Jr.



Gregory Daniel - August 04, 2015 at 07:02 PM

SM

“ Sam And Deborah Mack lit a candle in memory of Mr. Sidney Diggs, Jr.



Sam and Deborah mack - August 04, 2015 at 03:18 PM