



## Mr. Tommie Essex

April 20, 1942 - January 3, 2024

Mr. Tommie Lee Essex was called home Wednesday, January, 3, 2024 at Ascension Genesys Hospital at the age of 81 years. He was born in Fannin, Mississippi, the son of James Edward and Maggie Lee Essex

Tommie Lee accepted Christ at an early age and became a member of Truevine Missionary Baptist Church under the leadership of Rev. Truevillen. He attended Fannin Elementary and Fannin High School. After completing high school, he enlisted in the U.S. Navy. In 1962, and received an Honorable Discharge. Tommie Lee married, "The love of his life", Johnnie Mae Essex in Jackson, MS. In 1965 they relocated to Saginaw, Michigan where they became members of Rosehill Missionary Baptist Church under the leadership of Pastor Arthur Washington and now the current, Pastor Murry Culbertson.

Tommie Lee was a Golden Glove Boxer, a member of the Lions Club and Perfect Ashler Lodge #26 and the organizer/founder of the Women's Lion Club. Tommie was employed by the Saginaw Police Department, Pioneer Sugar Beet Company, Saginaw Malleable Iron Foundry, GM Corporation and a member of UAW Local 455 retiring in 1990. He loved working on cars, fishing and traveling. He also loved keeping all of his grandchildren in line by saying, "I'm going to shoe!!!, Better sit down now!!!, I ain't playing." Tommie Lee was the "Jack of all Trades" there was nothing he couldn't do.

Tommie Lee Essex leaves to cherish his memory, his lovely wife of 61 years, Johnnie Mae Essex; nine children, Tyrone (Annette) Bloodshaw, Janice Monroe, Willie (Michele) Gray, Victoria Jones, Joanna Thompson, Linda King, Tommie (Brenda) Jackson, Lakesha Essex and Marquavis Essex; 43 grandchildren; 72 great-grandchildren; 16 great-great-grandchildren; brother, Robert (Cheri) Essex; sisters, Lillie Horne, Hattie Greer, Ella Williams, Ettie Nolan, Maggie (Bennie) Davis, Mary Mims, and Geneva (Bob) Myers; brothers-in-law, Russell (Robin) Jackson and Pastor Eddie Jackson; sister-in-law, Paulette Jackson, god-children, Brenda Donahue, Barbara (Phillips) Crook and Edward (Carmen) Harrison; a host of nieces, nephews, cousins, other relatives and friends.

Mr. Tommie Lee Essex was preceded in death by his children, Ronnie Essex, Diane (Norris) Nellum, Barbara (Carl) Brown, William Monroe; grandchildren, Monterris Henry, Lawrence Jones, Tammy McMillon, Renado Jackson and Jolonda McCall; parents, James Edward and Maggie Lee Essex; brothers, Jimmie, John and Joe Essex; sisters, Pearline Griffin, Elizabeth Tate, Lennie and Lillian Williams; brothers-in-law, Robert Noye and Herman Jackson; sisters-in-law, Maggie Fields, Lula Mae Cooper, Edna Funchess, Thema and Marie Jackson, first Lady Wanda Jackson, Ora Butler, Zelmae, Dorothy Mae and Ernestine Kinnard.

Family hour at 10:00 a.m., Saturday, January 20, 2024 at Rosehill Baptist Church, 2403 E. Remington St., with the funeral service commencing at 11:00 a.m. Pastor Murry Culberson will officiate. Interment in Eastlawn Memorial Gardens, 7475 E. Holland Rd., Saginaw, MI. Visitation will take place from 9:00 a.m. until the time of service.

# Cemetery Details

## Eastlawn Memorial Gardens

7475 Holland Road  
Saginaw, MI 48601

# Previous Events

## Visitation

JAN 20. 9:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

Rosehill Missionary Baptist Church  
2403 E. Remington  
Saginaw, MI 48601

## Family Hour

JAN 20. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

Rosehill Missionary Baptist Church  
2403 E. Remington  
Saginaw, MI 48601

## Funeral Service

JAN 20. 11:00 AM (ET)

Rosehill Missionary Baptist Church  
2403 E. Remington  
Saginaw, MI 48601

# Tribute Wall



“ Truly a great man and he will be missed, I always remember from being a child my father would always take me to him and his wife's house to spend time with them, now him and my father will finally hang out again



Larry Goodman - March 03, 2024 at 11:51 AM

HF

“ Hollis Family lit a candle in memory of Mr. Tommie Essex



Hollis Family - January 19, 2024 at 10:32 PM



“ 61 files added to the album LifeTributes



Browne's Mortuary - January 19, 2024 at 04:23 PM

SF

“ Stuckey Family lit a candle in memory of Mr. Tommie Essex



Stuckey Family - January 19, 2024 at 12:54 PM

CG

“ *Cassandra Goff lit a candle in memory of Mr. Tommie Essex*



Cassandra goff - January 19, 2024 at 12:20 AM

MJ

“ *Andrew Johnson Family*



Mattie Johnson - January 18, 2024 at 09:06 PM

JG

“ *Johnny Green lit a candle in memory of Mr. Tommie Essex*



Johnny Green - January 18, 2024 at 06:57 PM

HF

“ *Hollis Family lit a candle in memory of Mr. Tommie Essex*



Hollis Family - January 17, 2024 at 08:14 PM

DP

“ *Dennis And Gail Porter lit a candle in memory of Mr. Tommie Essex*



Dennis and Gail Porter - January 17, 2024 at 10:03 AM

SO

“ SONACARRUTH lit a candle in memory of Mr. Tommie Essex



SONACARRUTH - January 16, 2024 at 05:53 PM

RW

“ Always smiling and not judging  
Condolences to the Family



Rodney Walker and Barbara Walker - January 16, 2024 at 12:34 PM

MF

“ Mosella Reed And Family lit a candle in memory of Mr. Tommie Essex



Mosella Reed and Family - January 16, 2024 at 11:19 AM

HF

“ Herbert Flournoy sent a virtual gift in memory of Mr. Tommie Essex



Herbert Flournoy - January 16, 2024 at 10:36 AM

M?

“ Mary Hannibal, Fort Worth, Texas lit a candle in memory of Mr. Tommie Essex



Mary Hannibal, Fort Worth, Texas - January 15, 2024 at 07:16 PM



“ *Floor Plant for Sympathy was purchased for the family of Mr. Tommie Essex.*



January 15, 2024 at 03:14 PM



“ *Helena/Bill Badger sent a virtual gift in memory of Mr. Tommie Essex*



Helena/Bill Badger - January 14, 2024 at 09:13 PM



“ *Helena/Bill Badger sent a virtual gift in memory of Mr. Tommie Essex*



Helena/Bill Badger - January 14, 2024 at 09:10 PM



“ *Doris Davis sent a virtual gift in memory of Mr. Tommie Essex*



Doris Davis - January 14, 2024 at 03:09 PM



“ *Cathy Wilson sent a virtual gift in memory of Mr. Tommie Essex*



Cathy Wilson - January 13, 2024 at 07:46 PM

KF

“ Karen Balls-Sweeney and Family

You have our Deepest Condolences 🙏 during this difficult time. Praying 🙏 for Peace, Strength, and a Healing Heart ❤️ during your time of Bereavement 🙏



Karen Balls-Sweeney and Family - January 13, 2024 at 12:51 PM

RB

“ My condolences to the family

Raecille Brooks - January 12, 2024 at 12:24 PM

RB

“ Raecille Brooks lit a candle in memory of Mr. Tommie Essex



Raecille Brooks - January 12, 2024 at 12:20 PM

MF

“ Mosella Reed & Family lit a candle in memory of Mr. Tommie Essex



Mosella Reed & Family - January 12, 2024 at 10:57 AM

OO

“ Oona lit a candle in memory of Mr. Tommie Essex



Oona - January 11, 2024 at 07:46 AM

GC

“ RIP Mr. Tommie Essex. I want his wife & the entire family to know you have my sympathy & PRAYERS . Gwendolyn Tolliver -Chambers



Gwendolyn Tolliver Chambers - January 10, 2024 at 02:54 PM

DT

“ RIP UNCLE ❤️



Doris (Dott) Essex Taylor - January 10, 2024 at 12:36 PM

BS

“ Bettina Samuels-Redeemer lit a candle in memory of Mr. Tommie Essex



Bettina Samuels-Redeemer - January 09, 2024 at 09:05 AM

EB

“ Eugene And Michelle Blair lit a candle in memory of Mr. Tommie Essex



Eugene and Michelle Blair - January 08, 2024 at 10:37 AM

VJ

“ The Jimenez Family Sending Prayers & Condolences To Essex Family With Love..🙏🙏🙏



Victor Jimenez - January 07, 2024 at 05:33 PM

AF

“ Our condolences to the family of Mr Tommie Essex. We pray that God will strengthen you during this difficult time and keep each of you in His care.

Athen and Margery Flourney - January 07, 2024 at 11:30 AM

JJ

“ Offering prayers of comfort and peace during this time of transition. 🙏



JoeAnn Jackson - January 06, 2024 at 04:46 PM

BS

“ Bettina Samuels-Redeemer sent a virtual gift in memory of Mr. Tommie Essex



Bettina Samuels-Redeemer - January 06, 2024 at 02:03 PM

BN

“ Bridgett Neloms lit a candle in memory of Mr. Tommie Essex



Bridgett Neloms - January 06, 2024 at 05:05 AM

CS

“ Chris Snow-Jernigan sent a virtual gift in memory of Mr. Tommie Essex



Chris Snow-Jernigan - January 05, 2024 at 11:39 PM

TM

“ Theresa McClellon lit a candle in memory of Mr. Tommie Essex



Theresa McClellon - January 05, 2024 at 09:13 PM

AL

“ Annie Lowery sent a virtual gift in memory of Mr. Tommie Essex



Annie Lowery - January 05, 2024 at 08:08 PM

LC

“ Larry Clemmons lit a candle in memory of Mr. Tommie Essex



Larry Clemmons - January 05, 2024 at 08:04 AM

GC

“ George Cooper lit a candle in memory of Mr. Tommie Essex



George Cooper - January 04, 2024 at 07:18 PM

IY

“ Isabel Yrlas-Wilson lit a candle in memory of Mr. Tommie Essex



Isabel Yrlas-Wilson - January 04, 2024 at 06:38 PM

OO

“ Oona lit a candle in memory of Mr. Tommie Essex



Oona - January 04, 2024 at 05:34 PM

CR

“ Cynthia Reeves lit a candle in memory of Mr. Tommie Essex



Cynthia Reeves - January 04, 2024 at 04:05 PM



“ Debra Dillard lit a candle in memory of Mr. Tommie Essex



Debra Dillard - January 04, 2024 at 02:13 PM

JM

“ Jim Mcgee lit a candle in memory of Mr. Tommie Essex



Jim Mcgee - January 04, 2024 at 12:37 PM

JT

*I am sorry for your loss*

Jacqueline Thomas - January 04, 2024 at 08:21 PM

TK

“ *The Kinnard lit a candle in memory of Mr. Tommie Essex*



The Kinnard - January 03, 2024 at 09:03 PM

LT

“ *!! Sending my deepest condolences to the Essex family..  
May God be with you all during your time of bereavement's*



*Love: Lesia Jackson Turnage*



Lesia Turnage - January 03, 2024 at 08:33 PM

BT

“ *Bobbie Turner lit a candle in memory of Mr. Tommie Essex*



Bobbie Turner - January 03, 2024 at 08:00 PM

LM

“ *Larry Martin lit a candle in memory of Mr. Tommie Essex*



Larry Martin - January 03, 2024 at 06:53 PM

TK

“ *The Kinnard lit a candle in memory of Mr. Tommie Essex*



The Kinnard - January 03, 2024 at 05:35 PM