



## Tracy Bender

November 17, 1961 - December 12, 2005

Funeral service will take place at 11:00 a.m. on Friday, December 16, 2005 at the Wolverine State Baptist Headquarters, 615 South Jefferson Avenue. Supt. Harold Jones will officiate with interment in Forest Lawn Cemetery. Friends may call at the Browne's Mortuary, 441 N. Jefferson Avenue on Thursday from 2:00 until 8:00 p.m. Our beloved husband, father, grandfather, son, brother and uncle, Tracy Lorenzo Bender (known as "Big Daddy") went to be with the Lord on Monday, December 12, 2005 at Hospice Cartwright Center, following a lengthy illness.

Tracy was born in Saginaw on November 17, 1961 to Marilyn (Howard) Cheathem and Floyd W. Bender. He leaves to cherish his memory, his devoted wife, Mattie Bender; his parents, J. D. and Marilyn Cheathem; three sons, Daniel, Tamarus and Matthew Darby all of Saginaw; six grandchildren; four brothers, Terry, Artis, Tony, all of Saginaw, MI and Clarence of Texas; seven sisters, Constance, Debra, Carolyn, Tosha all of Saginaw, Lucy of Milwaukee, Wis., Evarae of Houston, TX and Wilma of Louisville, MS; seven brothers-in-law; two uncles; two aunts and many nieces, nephews, cousins and a host of other relatives and friends. Tracy was preceded in death by his father, Floyd W. Bender; son, Tamarus Darby; grandmother, Hattie Harper; grandfather, Nathaniel, Sr.; brother, Floyd, Jr. and two brothers-in-law. The family would like to express special thanks to Covenant Medical Center-Cooper U of M Hospital of Ann Arbor, Cleveland University Hospital, Hospice Cartwright Center, Visiting Nurses? Association, Eugene Garner, Eddie Darby, George and Ernestine Moncrief, Terry Bender

and Supt. Harold Jones.