



Donnell H. Harvey

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Donnell H. Harvey, age 57, met his heavenly Father on Monday, February 7, 2022. He was born on October 20, 1964, to Willie and Gladys (Harvey) Smith Sr. in Kansas City, MO. At the early age of 17, Donnell enlisted in the U.S. Air Force and began serving our country. He was a dedicated employee of 17 years, working for The Rapid in the city of Grand Rapids. He also served as 2nd Vice President of the NAACP and Vice President of Union Local 836 AFL-CIO-KILC.


On June 26, 2010, he married Theresa R. McGlothin in Muskegon, MI. Together they cherished 11 years full of love, laughter, and lots of banter. In his earlier years, Donnell was quite the outdoorsman spending numerous hours hunting and fishing. He was a well-rounded and an intelligent man, who took pride in learning new things. You could always find him enjoying a book pertaining to criminal justice or listening to talk radio to stay up-to-date on anything dealing with politics. He was known to his family as the “genius” or “professor” he knew everything about anything. He took joy in debating, especially with his family. He will always be remembered for his catch phrase “simple matter of fact” when he got going. He had a love for animals but was a dog enthusiast. Donnell was a great cook and was known for his succulent meals but was keen on keeping his recipes a secret. Above all things, he was an encouraging and strong-minded soul, who wanted nothing more than to see others reach their full potential. Donnell’s infectious sense of humor and know it all personality will truly be missed by all who knew him. He is survived by his loving wife, Theresa Harvey; 4 children, Brandon J. Elliot, Breeana R. McGlothin, Keeana L. McGlothin and Taya M. McGlothin; grandson, Malakhi “Bubbers” J. Elliot; his siblings, twin brother, Ronell T. (Joy) Harvey; Todd J. (Shandra) Smith, Hester L. (Timothy) Kieft and Willie G. (Ann) Smith Jr.; mother-in-law, Bonnie M. McGlothin; sisters-in-law, Tamia L. McGlothin and Aubra Jackson; God son, Koriyon D. Harvey; best friend, Eric Hood; and a host of family and friends. He was preceded in death by his parents, Willie and Gladys Smith and brother, Turner Jackson. A Celebration of Donnell’s Life will be held on Monday, February 14, 2022 at 2:00 PM at The Lee Chapel of Sytsema Funeral & Cremation Services, 6291 S. Harvey St., Norton Shores, MI 49444. A visitation with the family will be held from 1:00 – 2:00 PM at the funeral home. Share memories with the family at www.sytsemafh.com.



Events

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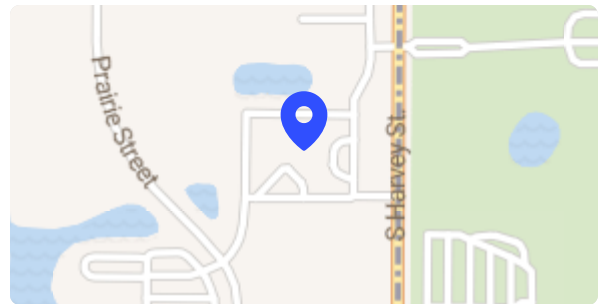
Visitation

 **Monday**, February 14, 2022


 1:00 PM - 2:00 PM ET


 **Sytsema Funeral & Cremation Services - The Lee Chapel**

6291 Harvey St., Norton Shores MI 49444



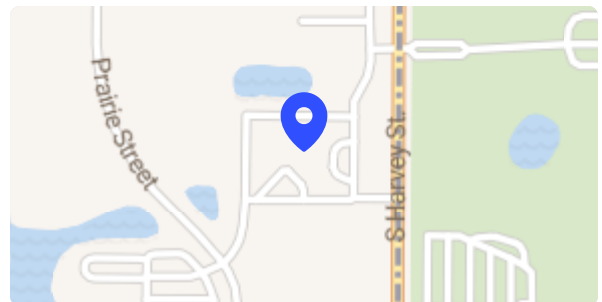
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Robert Jackson, Jr. posted:

Theresa and Family! Heart felt condolences on your loss. The Spirit of the Lord comfort you with Peace and Understanding during this time transition. Robert Jackson, Jr. Family

February 14 at 8:07 AM



David Jones shared a photo to the **Tribute Wall** album.

Words can not express the great loss that I'm feeling deep in my soul. Donnell Harvey was a true friend. We met in 3rd grade at Marquette Elementary school and remained life-long friends. His wisdom and no-nonsense approach to life were beyond his years. I will truly miss my childhood friend. Never goodbye...See you when I get there. RIH. Dave Jones



February 14 at 6:53 AM



Anonymous sent a Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum to the Harvey family.



February 13 at 7:35 AM



Sheryl Harwell posted:

We grew up in the same neighborhood. I have many memories of of him and my brothers being together. He wi be miss. R.I.H.

February 10 at 6:56 PM



Anonymous sent an Arrive in Style to the Harvey family.



February 10 at 5:22 PM



Dennis Harvey posted:

More than a cousin more than a friend. Chef Harvey. ❤️!!

February 10 at 2:54 PM



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Shirley Brown posted:

My name is Shirley Brown. Knew Ronnell and Donnell. They were kind, fun souls that was inherited from their parents. Thank you for the memories. R.I.P. Mr. Harvey.

February 10 at 2:25 PM



Anonymous sent a Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum to the Harvey family.



February 10 at 6:08 AM



Ricky (Thomas) Nichols posted:

What kind and generous person. Going to miss my friend. I remember in 1983, when I was in the Air Force basic training (Lackland) Donnell who was stationed at Kelly AFB at that time. Came down to Lackland to visit me. I never forget that. It was good to see someone from home. I salute you my brother. Ricky Nichols.

February 9 at 9:01 PM



Anonymous sent a Full Of Love Bouquet to the Harvey family.



February 9 at 8:50 PM



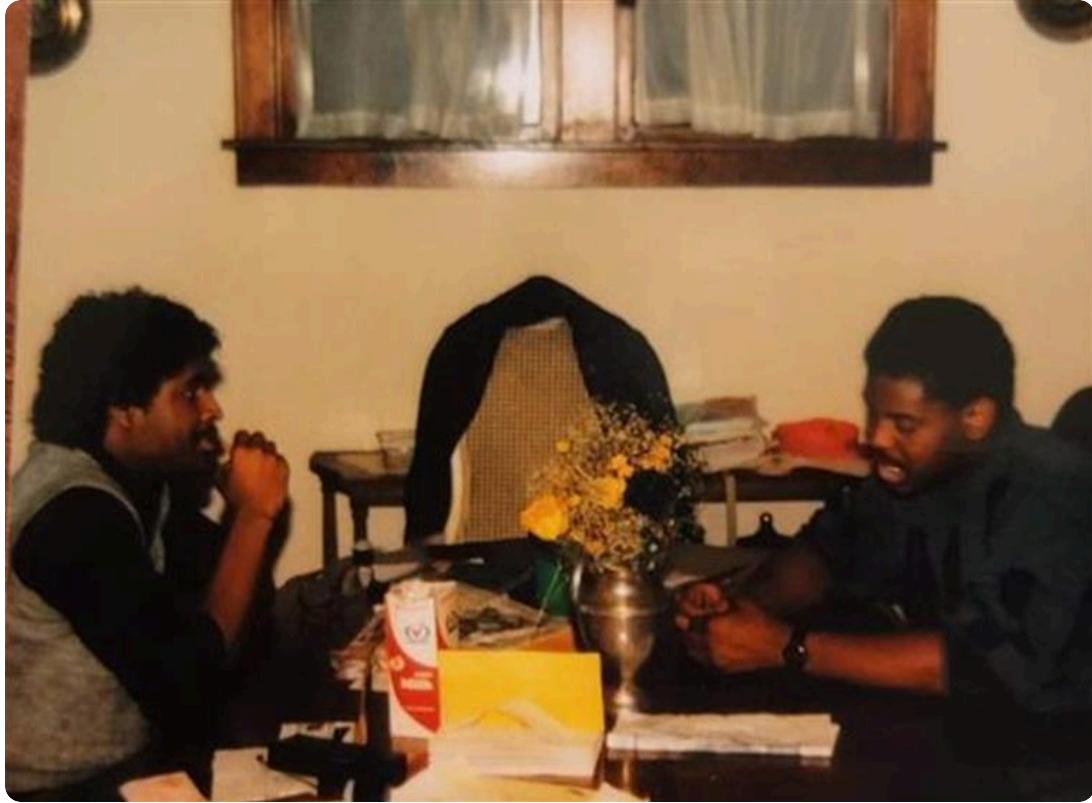
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1983 at Donnell's house on Abbey St.



Memories only last if you share them

Join us in honoring Donnell by contributing to a collection of shared memories.



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