



Elias Dawson

October 25, 1941 - November 7, 2009

DAWSON, Mr. Elias - Age 68, passed away Saturday, November 7, 2009 at his residence. Family hour 10:30a.m. Thursday, November 19, 2009 from the Chapel of Lawrence E. Moon Funeral Home, 268 N. Perry St., with funeral service commencing immediately at 11a.m. Bishop Rosezell Rutley, officiating. Family and friends will assemble at the funeral home 10:30a.m. Thursday. Mr. Dawson will lie in state in the Chapel of Lawrence E. Moon Funeral Home, and may be viewed from 1-7p.m. Wednesday. Elias Dawson was born October 25, 1941 in Forest City, Arkansas, to the late Rosie and Johnnie Dawson. He resided in Pontiac, Michigan. He worked for the automotive industry as a foreman. After retiring, he loved spending quality time with his family and friends and cooking delicious meals. His passion was barbecuing, basketball, boxing, football, wrestling, playing the guitar and listening to the blues. His interest in life was to enjoy it to the fullest. Mr. Dawson was a strong father figure, he taught his family strong family values. He was a devoted husband of forty-seven years. Elias was firm, fair and a very loving father. After a long fight, God came to take His angel home. Elias passed peacefully on Saturday, November 7, 2009. Mr. Dawson leaves to cherish his memory loving wife, Gladys Dawson; children, Cantia (William) Giles, Darius (Kristina) Dawson, Rachel Dawson, Bryant Dawson, Aretina Dawson, Alicia (Jesus) Santos and Devin Dawson; 20 grandchildren; 4 great-grandchildren; sisters, Johnnie Mae Nenalid, Lee Pryor, Emma Johnson, Beatrice Dawson, Minnie Foster, Willie Mae Thomas and Louis Thomas;

brothers, Jack Dawson, Robert Lee Thomas and O.D. Dawson; mother-in-law, Savannah Pryor; a host of loving aunts, uncles, cousins, nieces, nephews other relatives and friends. Mr. Dawson was preceded in death by his parents, Rosie and Johnnie Dawson; grandson, Victor Andrew Brown; and father-in-law, Murphy Pryor.