



## James "Jimmy" Watkins

December 23, 1940 - November 28, 2009

WATKINS, Mr. James A "Jimmy" - Age 68, departed this life on Saturday, November 28, 2009 at St Joseph Mercy Hospital Oakland. Family hour 10:30a.m. Saturday, December 5, 2009 at Greater Harvest Church of God, 1900 Inverness Sylvan Lake, MI, with funeral service commencing immediately at 11a.m. Interment Hillview Memorial Gardens Cemetery, 8900 Andersonville Road, Clarkston, MI. Friends and pallbearers will assemble at the church 10:30a.m. Saturday. Mr. Watkins will lie in state in the Chapel of Lawrence E. Moon Funeral Home, 268 N. Perry St., and may be viewed from 1-8p.m. Friday.

Mr. James "Jimmy" Watkins was born December 23, 1940 in Pontiac, Michigan, the son of the late Bishop Major Jerome (Cornelia Izora) Watkins. James received his formal education at Pontiac High School. He was a self-employed automobile mechanic in the city of Pontiac throughout his life. He also was a floor manager at Rolladium Skating Rink, where he worked for over twenty years. James had a fond love for fast cars (hot rods) and motorcycles, fishing, and he even recorded music at one time at his own recording studio. He was great with his hands working on home improvement projects, remodeling basements, deck building, and other home repairs. He will be truly missed by his family and friends.

Mr. Watkins leaves to cherish his memory: seven children, Bret Scott, Gerebia Lee, DaShawn Moore, Yvonne Moore, Antoine Thomas, Mark Tymes, and

Shannon (Kevin) James; four grandchildren, Zachary Lee Jr., Adriana Butler, Ariana and Chandler James; two sisters, Ruth Johnson and Davida Watkins; five brothers, Nathaniel, Thaddeus, Richard, Frederick and Ronald Watkins; and a host of other relatives and friends including one special friend, Christine Bass.

Mr. Watkins was preceded in death by his one sister, Irene Christmon; two brothers, Major Watkins Jr. and Stephen Watkins.

The family would like to express special thanks to all the doctors, nurses and staff at St. Joseph Mercy Hospital, including Dr. A. Owainati and Dr. U. Masters.

# Tribute Wall

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“ *To the Watkins family I pray for your strength in the loss of your loved one. Remember all the good times and the joy he brought to you. I know it's hard, but cry no more because he does not suffer anymore. I pray that God gives you a peace that surpasses all understanding. Brenda, DaShawn, Yvonne Moore*

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**Brenda Moore** - November 28, 2009 at 12:00 AM