



## Joseph Jo" Gamble

February 27, 2011

GAMBLE, Mr. Joseph "Jo Jo" - Age 53, passed away Sunday February 27, 2011 at Bortz Health Care in Lake Orion, Michigan. Family hour 10:30AM Saturday March 5, 2011 from the Chapel of Lawrence E. Moon Funeral Home, 268 N. Perry St., with funeral service commencing immediately at 11AM. Rev. Allen Gulley, officiating. Family and friends will assemble at the funeral home 10:30AM Saturday. Mr. Gamble will lie in state in the Chapel of Lawrence E. Moon Funeral Home, and may be viewed from 1-8PM Friday. Mr. Joseph Dale Gamble was born March 24, 1957 in Pontiac, Michigan, the son of the late Edith Jones and William Gamble. Joseph was raised in Pontiac, MI. Joseph was educated through the Pontiac School District, he then continued his education further at Oakland University. In 1976, Joseph was employed by General Motors until 1984. In January of 1981, he met his loving wife of over thirty years. Joseph's favorite hobbies were playing the saxophone, watching television and cooking. He was a great musician. He enjoyed taking trips with his family, taking care of his children, But most of all he loved life. He was a fun and outgoing person and well spoken. He was loved dearly. Mr. Joseph Dale Gamble leaves to cherish his memory: loving wife, Davina Gamble of Pontiac, MI; five children, Amena Green, Joseph Green, Jaclyn Green, Adyia Gamble and Dyonta Joseph; four grandchildren, Khaaliq Thomas, Hanifah Abrams, Cincere Martinez and Donovan Green-Jackson; father, William Gamble; grandparents, Olivia Jones and Henry Jones; two sisters, Gloria McConner and Sherri Marie Wilson; one brother, Henry Hank-Gamble;

mother-in-law, Vinetta Green; one sister-in-law, Jonice Green; two brothers-in-law, Dale Green and Ramattubadahotep McConner; and a host of other family and friends including special friends, Anthony White, Johnny Borders, Charles Gamble, Dr. Michael Herron and Quincy Stewart. Mr. Joseph Dale Gamble was preceded in death by his mother, Edith Jones; sister, Faith Toulouse; uncle, Hank Jones; and father-in-law, James Green. The family would like to express a special thanks to everyone who knew Joe as a friend, father, husband and brother. We as a family would like to say thank you.

# Tribute Wall

MM

“ I have known Joe Gamble my entire life. We grew up together on Bagley Street in Pontiac Michigan. Joe was the youngest child of Edith "Tiny" Jones Gamble and William Gamble. I first met Joe in my grandmothers beauty shop on Bagley street where his mother would get her hair done.

While growing up Joe was one of my best friends. He was like a big brother to me. Joe spent more time at our house than he spent at his own. He would come to our house and raid the refrigerator and we would go to his house and do the same. We used to make mud pies together as children. We attended Bagley Elementary School, We were members of the same Boy Scout troop (Troup 22). We would camp out in the woods, make camp fires and sleep outside in our tents. We were both members of the band, we both played Saxophone (Joe also played Clarinet). Joe was the reason that I started playing saxophone. Joe was an excellent musician and teacher. Jazz improvisation was is forte. No one at our school could improvise as well as Joe. He would say, "you can do it too, all you have to do is practice." He got all of us interested in Jazz. Joe came from a very musically talented family. His brother Henry was one of the best flute players in Pontiac. His uncles Elvin Jones, Thad Jones and Hank Jones were three of the most famous Jazz musicians on the Planet. Joe definitely inherited their musical talent.

I can remember being in elementary school and my grandfather (Rev Dan Jones) and grandmother Adline Jones, dragging all of us, including Joe, to churches all over Michigan. I remember going to Church in Battle Creek Michigan one Sunday and letting Joe talk us into playing Jazz instrumentals by Les McCann and Eddie Harris instead of church songs...and we did it.

After I left Pontiac to study and practice medicine, I lost track of Joe for a long time. About 3 yrs ago we reunited. Joe told me how proud he was of his children and his wife, and how much he loved them. We would reminisce about old times. Joe talked about his numerous health problems

*including hypertension, diabetes, peripheral vascular disease, peripheral neuropathy, leg amputation, chronic pain, renal failure, kidney transplant anti rejection medications...but he wouldn't let any of that get him down. Joe was optimistic until the end. He was optimistic his entire life. His optimism was infectious.*

*May God keep your soul for all eternity. May God continue to bless your entire family.*

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*p.s.. I'm sorry for shooting you with that BB gun while you were cutting Mrs White's grass back in 1971.*

*Sincerely  
Michael A Herron,M.D.  
Atlanta GA*

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**Michael A Herron, M.D** - February 27, 2011 at 12:00 AM

DH

“ *To the family,  
have faith and comfort in knowing that Jo Jo was a "good guy" that cared very much about his family. Growing up with Jo Jo was a real gas. We joked, played , ate, went to church and got in trouble together. We always had fun at whatever we did. Joe frequented our house almost everyday..."for Dinner". Then we would go to his house "for Dinner" again.*

*Thanks for all the memories Jo Jo ... or as i used to call you "Bo"!*

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**Darryl Herron** - February 27, 2011 at 12:00 AM

JS

“ To Davina and Family we offer our prayers and heartfelt condolences on the transition of Joseph. Please be comforted in knowing that Sorrow on lasteth a day but Joy cometh in the morning.

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**james & sue searcy** - February 27, 2011 at 12:00 AM

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“ MAY YOUR MAIDEN VOYAGE HOME, BE A BEAUTIFUL ONE!

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**RONNIESPORTCOATOVERTON** - February 27, 2011 at 12:00 AM

NW

“ Joe Gamble's influence for me personally was in the area of music and he was also the first black man in high school to introduce me to local activist culture. He patiently guided me toward jazz as an artist and towards the pursuance of contemporary black manhood.

*Though he was only one year older than I, he carried himself as a young man in such a way, that though peers, I always considered him a mentor.*

*I treasure the opportunity to have known him.*

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**Nancy Washington** - February 27, 2011 at 12:00 AM

DY

“ Mr.Gamble will be missed he was an outstanding man and friend to many. Awesome musician and will be greatly missed.  
*From the Kincade - Young Families*

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**Deborah Kincade Young** - February 27, 2011 at 12:00 AM

RP

“ I am so sorry for the loss of your loved one Joe. I knew Jo Jo from our sons being best friends in Jr. High School. My son Tay would spend countless hours over to their house and he was like a father figure to my son. He will be missed.

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**Rosalind Paul** - February 27, 2011 at 12:00 AM