



Lee Roy Kidd

October 18, 1928 - June 8, 2015

KIDD, Mr. Lee Roy - age 86, passed away, Monday, June 8, 2015 at Boulevard Health Center of Rochester Hills. Family hour 10:30AM Tuesday, June 16, 2015 from the Chapel of Lawrence E. Moon Funeral Home, 268 N. Perry St., with Memorial service commencing immediately at 11:00 AM. Bishop Kenneth Anthony, Officiating. Family and friends will assemble at the funeral home 10:30 AM Tuesday. There will be no public viewing.

Mr. Lee Roy Kidd was born in 1928, in Mobile, Alabama, the son of Georgia Bettis and Robert Kidd. He was later blessed to have a second father, Mr. Charles Malone Sr., who loved and embraced him as his own. On June 8, 2015, following two major strokes, God sent Angels to usher Lee Roy into Heaven.

Raised by his grandparents, Katie and Milton Bettis while his mom studied and worked, he remained close with his father also. As the eldest of three maternal siblings and seventeen paternal siblings, Lee Roy often recalled this as "the best of both worlds" and felt blessed to have had two fathers that loved him. He attended Catholic School as a child and graduated from Dunbar High School in Mobile in 1946. That same year he moved to Pontiac, MI and started working for GM Truck and Bus in October 1946. He was recognized often at GM for suggesting innovative ideas that were incorporated into the automotive manufacturing process and design. He was honorably discharged

from the United States Army where he served as Corporal in the Korean War from December 1950-January 1953. While in the Army he married his first wife, M. Elizabeth Andrews, with whom he remained for thirteen years before divorce. After returning to GM from the war, he later earned a skilled trades degree in plumbing and electrical. Lee Roy loved women, muscle cars and motorcycles, and made no enemies, especially of the female gender. He was an honorary member of the local chapter of the 761st Battalion Veterans. In February 1966, he married Zepherea "Marie" Stephens and her children whom he loved and regarded as his own. They did have one daughter together, Vonda, whom he lovingly spoiled. Lee Roy retired from GM in 1981 but kept busy doing plumbing, electrical and carpentry work for residents and small businesses around town. He was compassionate, never charging senior citizens or family members for labor and sometimes not even parts. While always taking care of home first, Lee Roy loved to play cards, lottery and slot machines and sometimes those games loved him back! He returned to his hometown of Mobile, Alabama, regularly to visit his family, eventually becoming a "snowbird" and spending several winters there. Lee Roy loved to make you laugh at his jokes or stories and would always have encouraging words of advice or funny quotes and was just a very kind, very wise, very practical, very generous man.

Mr. Kidd leaves to cherish his memory: wife, Zepherea Marie Kidd; devoted daughter, Vonda Kidd; son, Lewis (Bloneva) Stephens; daughters, Bernadine "#2" Bryant, Janice "#1" (Bobby) Love and Bonnie Smartt; siblings, Frankie (Leon) Chism, Charles Malone Jr. of MI, Lovelace (Harolyn) Kidd of TX, Thelma (A.C.) Mosley, George (Annette) Kidd, William (Amelia) Kidd, and Isaiah Kidd all of AL; sister-in-law, Canary Malone; grandchildren, Marvin (Keisha) Taylor, Tamara (Vaughn) Brown, Yolanda Dixon, Katanya (Carlos) Edwards, Kelly Elam, Lewis (LaShawnda) Clark, Antoine, Kenyatta and Khalema Stephens, Donnie, Donielle, Derrick and DeAndre Smartt; thirty two great grandchildren; eight great great grandchildren; including three special

great great grandchildren : Damaris Clark, JaTara “Boss Lady” Brown and Kelcie “Buddy Best Friend” Hunt; a host of nieces, nephews and other relatives including specials: sister-in-law, Jessie Stephens; nieces, Latrese Russell and Linda Kidd-Andrews; nephews, Anthony and Kermit Kidd; devoted friend, Cleveland Bobo.

Mr. Kidd was preceded in death by his parents, Robert Kidd, Georgia and Charles Malone Sr; grandson, Raymond Clark; siblings, James Malone Sr., Claude Kidd, Robert Kidd, Aaron Kidd, Tom Robert Kidd, Consuela Kidd, Mittie Kidd, Dorothy Kidd, Rose Kidd-Fair, Cora Kidd, Leola Wade, Sherol Kidd and Lindora Kidd-Scott; aunt, Emily Watkins; uncles, Fred, Frank, Eugene and Cossey Bettis.

Vonda would like to acknowledge and thank the following people for their kindness throughout the years: devoted friends, Pat Franks and the Friday Night Regulars, neighbors, Patricia and Donnie White, Carnice Davis and Francis Scruggs; the ladies at Pete’s and Fino’s Coney Islands always spoiled him; Dr. and Mrs. Bruce Turpin and Staff; Terry, Shavon and Dr. Harold; Dr. Basch and Staff; Dr. Krivitsky and Staff. Also special thanks to the staff at Boulevard Health Center and Seasons Hospice most recently.

Previous Events

Family Hour

JUN **16**. 10:30 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

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Memorial Service

JUN **16**. 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM (ET)

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Tribute Wall



“ *Lawrence E. Moon Funeral Home created a Webcast in memory of Lee Roy Kidd*



Lawrence E. Moon Funeral Home - June 16, 2015 at 08:19 AM



Geraldine Walker

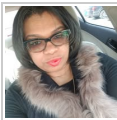
Sorry for your loss. Death is not seen as beautiful. But this going home service was touching and beautiful. God Bless and keep your family. Sending prayers. Geraldine Walker

Geraldine Walker - June 16, 2015 at 11:34 PM

CL

Keeping your family covered in prayers!! Love you all The Samples Family

Clancy - June 16, 2015 at 11:45 PM



Sorry for your loss sis condolences to your entire family from mine. LizBurton and family.

Liz Burton - June 17, 2015 at 07:18 AM

JH

“ *June Henderson On Behalf Of Gladys Hardy lit a candle in memory of Lee Roy Kidd*



June Henderson on behalf of Gladys Hardy - December 13, 2015 at 11:49 AM


Jornette
Malone

“ *Uncle Lee Roy there are no limits in Heaven. Our hearts are heavy here on earth. You have gone from physical to spirit please keep an eye on us from on high and comfort us in your special way. We will continue to celebrate in memory of you and all that you've shared with us. Rest well in the arms of God. Your niece Jornette.*

Jornette Malone - June 18, 2015 at 04:04 PM

GE

“ *Gwendolyn Ellis lit a candle in memory of Lee Roy Kidd*



Gwendolyn Ellis - June 16, 2015 at 08:05 AM

GE

“ *To My Aunt Marie, Vonda, Janice, Bernadine, Lewis, Grand-Children, & Great, Great Grand Children: You're In My Prayers; May God's Strength Keep & Sustain You! Hold On & Keep The Faith! Love You All, Your Neice & Nephew/Cousin: "Gwen" & Reginald Ellis*

Gwendolyn Ellis - June 16, 2015 at 08:04 AM

TA

“ *My grand daddy was phenominal. There eill never be another like him but I thank God that a piece of him lives in our hearts. Rest in peace daddy. Love, Bigga den me*



Tamara - June 15, 2015 at 10:55 PM

KT

“ My CUZ with Jokes that will last My life Time. Bunchy, U and Uncle, Now are Enjoying God All Mighty, Uncle Jessie Praying, and My Cuz Shouting 2 GOD B The Glory. TRULY WILL BE MISSED IN MOBILE , ALABAMA From: The Late Deacon Jessie Morrissette 's & Family,, Herman & Beulah Blackmon 's Family
Cuz Jokes has a new meaning now
Just
move Over
To The King
Everlasting
Salvation

Kathleen M Turner - June 15, 2015 at 10:53 PM

KM

“ There is a new place where you'll now reside where there's no more pain, no more worries, no more tears can rob you of your joy. Now true peace will be yours always. Uncle LeeRoy you were a jewel of a man that always kept a smile on my face whenever I came around. You will be missed by many. R.I.P. with love from your niece Kimberly A. Munson.



Kimberly A. Munson - June 15, 2015 at 03:17 PM

CY

“ Cynthia lit a candle in memory of Lee Roy Kidd



Cynthia - June 15, 2015 at 09:08 AM

LC

“ *Loretta Coleman lit a candle in memory of Lee Roy Kidd*



Loretta Coleman - June 15, 2015 at 12:16 AM

MH

“ *Miss. M. Hurner sent a virtual gift in memory of Lee Roy Kidd*



Miss. M. Hurner - June 12, 2015 at 09:42 PM

DW

“ *Mr.Kidd ...a real mans man , a dear neighbor and more then a friend, more like family ! You will forever be in the fore-ground of our memories ! Be at rest our beloved , we will always love you !!! Pat and Donnie*

Donnie and Pat White - June 08, 2015 at 05:27 PM

HC

truly a man of a man butch.

herman combs - June 10, 2015 at 09:37 AM

VO

Thank u so much Pat & Donnie yall have been wonderful to Dad throughout, more like family than neighbors. God bless.

Von - June 11, 2015 at 11:26 AM

JD

*My Daddy .YOU. WERE. THE BEST DADDY A GIRL COULD ASK
.YOU ARE THE DEFINITION. OF UNCONDITIONAL...
.LOVE R.I.PARADISE MY DADDY.I THANK GOD FOR BLESSING
OUR LIVES WITH YOU.*

Janice Love # 1 daughter - June 16, 2015 at 12:01 AM