



Michael "Mike" Gracey

June 25, 1949 - August 24, 2008

GRACEY, MICHAEL "Mike"; age 59; departed this life Sunday, August 24, 2008 at University Hospitals. Mr. Gracey leaves to cherish his memory: loving husband of Viviane Gracey; and doting father to Coley Michael (Jayla) Gracey, Brittany Michelle Gracey; on July 10, 2008 Mike was blessed with birth of his only grandchild, Caley Mishael Gracey. Mike entered this life as a gift to his parents, Coley Gracey Jr., and Anna Mae Mathis-Gracey on June 25, 1949 in Pontiac, MI. One of ten siblings, he leaves behind to mourn his passing: Larry (Belinda) Gracey, Donald (Carolyn) Gracey, Roger (Gloria) Gracey; twenty-six nieces and nephews; twenty-two great nieces and nephews, aunts, uncles and a host of cousins. Mr. Gracey was preceded in death by his parents; brothers and sisters, Coley (Octavia) Gracey III, Thomas (Joyce) Gracey, James (Christene) Gracey, Leonard Gracey, Beverly Ellsworth, Janet (Sherman) Threlkeld. Mike attended Pontiac Schools and after graduation served three years in the Army stationed primarily in Germany. Upon leaving the Army, Mike began working for the Pontiac Motors Division General Motors Corporation. That led to his involvement in the UAW. A fervent believer in the cause of workers rights, Mike dedicated himself to the causes of the labor movement in general and the UAW in particular. His tireless dedication in Labor activities led to his election as vice-president of UAW Local 653. He later joined the staff of the International UAW Solidarity House. Soon he became Assistant Director for the UAW in the UAW-GM Center for Human Resources; Health and Safety. Mr. Gracey later retired in

2002. Family hour 11a.m. Friday, August 29, 2008 at Trinity Missionary Baptist Church, 119 Wessen St., with funeral service commencing at 12Noon. Dr. Drew E. Marshall, officiating. Interment Oak Hill Cemetery, 216 University Drive. Friends and pallbearers will assemble at the church 11a.m. Mr. Gracey will lie in state in the Chapel of Lawrence E. Moon Funeral Home, 268 N. Perry St., and may be viewed from 1 to 8p.m. Thursday.

Tribute Wall

PD

“ Vivian, Coley, Brittney & Family, please know that my thoughts and sincere prayers are with you all at this time. May your faith in God and the peace that passes all understanding take you through today and the days ahead. May the memories of the man you all loved stay fresh in your hearts and minds so that in the days ahead you will be able to reflect and smile. God bless and keep you. Love Sis.
Paula Davis

Paula Davis - August 24, 2008 at 12:00 AM

FV

“ Roger,

I'm sorry for your loss. Your friend from way back in the day.
Fernando Vega

Fernando Vega - August 24, 2008 at 12:00 AM

LH

“ My heart felt condolences to the Gracey family.

I worked with Mike at the UAW-GM Center for Human Resources. Although I had not seen Mike in the past few years, I would always ask about him and how he was progressing. I will always remember his smile, his warm greetings and his supportive behavior.

Words can never express or removed the feelings of loss at this time. Please know that my prayers are with you.

Larry Holliday

Larry Holliday - August 24, 2008 at 12:00 AM

MM

“ *My prayers go out of the Family, since I know your faith is strong I know that you all believe that he is on a better journey now...and you will be able to celebrate him homegoing with joy in your hearts.*

To my neighbors I sensed that something was at foot next door, I try not to be too nosy, but Monica (my niece) called me to tell me the news...from the Obit in the paper, I felt bad for you loss and offer myself if anything I can do feel free to ask... I'm just next door.

*respectfully
Maria*

Maria Moyet-Delgado - August 24, 2008 at 12:00 AM

EB

“ *To the family, I am so very sorry about Mike. He was truly a beautiful person. Praying for the family. Keep the special memories close at heart. May God continue to Keep & Bless You.*

Ernestine Bush

Ernestine Bush - August 24, 2008 at 12:00 AM

DK

“ I went to the wake, I went to the homegoing service and it was so beautiful, But it all seem like a daze
I am grateful to God for allowing me the opportunity to have known Mike. I never got to hear him sing in the choir that I was always bugging him to join with that deep voice he had. But I did get to hear and see Britney in the choir it seem like just yesterday you were in the children choir now you are going away to college.
take with you my prayers that God will give you the strength to fulfil your dreams. I Pray that God will continue to give you all whatever you all need to make it through these trying time. Keep him first and he will direct your path. Cooley I was so proud of you doing the funeral with that prayer.
Rember God is real and now if we hold onto his Hands he will direct our path.
I am here for you alllove Jean

Dorothy Jean Kennedy-Neeley - August 24, 2008 at 12:00 AM