



## Mr. Benjamin James Furlough Jr.

February 14, 1915 - July 8, 2013

Benjamin James Furlough was born to the late Mr. and Mrs. Bennie James Furlough, Sr. To that union two children were born. Ben was born in Strong, Arkansas on February 14, 1915. Ben's father passed before he was born. Lizzie Furlough later married Crawford Brooks and to that union, three children were born. All his siblings preceded him in death. Ben was affectionately known as Buddy Brooks during his lifetime in El Dorado, Ark.

Ben attended Fairview School System in El Dorado. As a young man he was very popular and handsome. He used to tease about how the girls ran after him. Always a dapper dresser, Ben was always well dressed. He supported his mom and dad by working as a baker in the well-established cafe called Allen & Sons.

Ben met and married the late Christine Scroggins on May 8, 1936 in El Dorado, Ark. Lonely for her mother, who already moved to Detroit, MI, Christine moved to the wonderful city of Detroit and Ben soon followed and they planted their roots in Detroit.

Ben and his wife and children joined New Grace Baptist Church under the late Rev. William Ferrell, Jr. Ben joined the Men's Usher Board where he served for many years.

After arriving in Detroit, Ben's first job was dressing chickens at a wholesale poultry market.

Ben's next job was at Lions Incorporation making shells for the WWII war effort. After the war was over, he went into business for himself, opening a laundry and shoe shine establishment. His business lasted for five years. He closed up shop and was hired at Chevrolet Gear & Axle plant in Hamtramck, MI. Ben worked his way up from assembler to relief man on the line and he invented a tool for the brake jobs to better enhance the job and productivity. That tool is still being used today. Ben retired after 35 years of service.

Ben was known as the "jack of all trades" he enjoyed repairing and remodeling his house, gardening, working on cars, dining out and entertaining at home. He always helped his neighbors with shoveling snow, grass cutting and just being neighborly. He was a very likable guy and had many friends. He gave of himself to his family and to his friends.

# Cemetery Details

## Westlawn Cemetery

31472 Michigan Ave  
Wayne, MI 48184

# Previous Events

## Visitation

Monday, Jul. **15**. 3:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

O. H. Pye, III Funeral Home  
17600 Plymouth Road  
Detroit, MI 48227  
(313) 838-9770  
info@pyefuneralhome.com

## Family Hour

Tuesday, Jul. **16**. 12:00 PM - 12:30 PM (ET)

O. H. Pye, III Funeral Home  
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## Funeral Service

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Tuesday, Jul. **16**. 12:30 PM (ET)

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# Tribute Wall



“ *Mr. Benjamin James Furlough Jr.*

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“ *Papa, it was a blessing to honor you and take care of you in your final years. We had lots of differences, lots of laughs and lots of memories. Rest on. I love you & miss fussing with you already. Your grand-daughter Shawn*



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