



Mr. Benjamin Leonard Prince

July 10, 1952 - September 11, 2019

In Loving Memory Of;

Benjamin Leonard Prince was born on July 10, 1952 in Detroit, Michigan to Marvin and Esoline Prince Sr. (Deceased). He was the fifth of eight children Donald, Eddie Joseph, Harry, Marvin Jr. all except Eddie Joseph, have preceded him in death. His younger brother Michael lives in Atlanta, GA.

Benjamin had two younger sisters Kathy Vinson of Detroit, Michigan and Mary Esther Bragg of California. This was a close family that loved to entertain. By the time Benjamin entered the Detroit Public Schools he was well known.

At Mackenzie High School he developed a love of swimming and made the Advanced Varsity Diving Team. He mastered many difficult technical diving skills. Yet his true love was to entertain whether it was music, jokes or dance. He taught himself to sing, play the piano and keyboard. After forming a group in high school they performed and won talent shows. In 1971, Benjamin graduated from high school.

This love continued after graduation and his singing group performed at many local lounges. His brother Marvin, who also sang compared Benjamin's rich base voice to Melvin Franklin of the Temptations. He and his brothers loved to dance. Their preferred style of dance was as it is known in the Detroit area the "Ballroom". Benjamin loved to compete with his brother Marvin as to which one could out dance and out dress the other. He had many dance partners but his favorite was his cousin Phyllis.

His family and friends would listen and laugh for hours as he told his jokes. He

would never fail to give his friend a nickname that stuck with them for a “lifetime.” They would just call him “Benny Prince!”

In 1976, he met Rosetta Williams who preceded him in death. They had a beautiful daughter named Sakeena Latrice Williams born on June 19, 1978. Sakeena gave him three wonderful grandchildren Tiyuana, Farrell, Kenyona. Tiyuana gave him his first great-grandson who brought him much joy.

He received an associates degree in behavioral counseling and worked as a Rehabilitation Counselor for the State of Michigan.

His travels included Alaska, the Bahamas, Texas, and Georgia. Benjamin always thought of Detroit as home. But he fell in love with Georgia. He studied the Bible and had a deep respect for our heavenly creator Jehovah. Though sick for many years he never lost faith in the Bible’s promise of and no resident will say “I am sick” at Isaiah 33:24.

Cemetery Details

Westlawn Cemetery

31472 Michigan Ave
Wayne, MI 48184

Previous Events

Visitation

Friday, Sep. **27**. 4:00 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

Saturday, Sep. **28**. 12:00 PM - 12:30 PM (ET)

O. H. Pye, III Funeral Home
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Funeral Service

Saturday, Sep. **28**. 12:30 PM (ET)

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Tribute Wall



“ *Mr. Benjamin Leonard Prince*

January 21, 2023 at 09:34 PM



“ *It is with deepest sympathy that the Coffee family sends our condolences, to the Prince family, our prayers are with you. Your long time neighbor on Central Ave. 🙏*



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“ *My prayers and condolences to the Prince Family in your time of bereavement. Benny was TRULY a stand up guy. He will TRULY be missed.*

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“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Mr. Benjamin Leonard Prince.*



September 24, 2019 at 06:35 PM