



## Mr. Cecil Romero Hearn

October 4, 1954 - October 20, 2013

### Message of Gratitude:

Although his foot rhythmically struck the floor and his body and arms swayed methodically with each phrase of a song, it was on Cecil's face that the choir primarily fixed its gaze. His eyelids were often closed when hearing blissful blending or open wide in disbelief at the sound of dissonant chords. Cecil was the premiere musical director at Elyton Missionary Baptist Church. He controlled a choir's sound and movement as much with facial expressions as he did with his hands.

Cecil connected his faith with music at Elyton for over 47 years. He sang practically all his life, first in middle and high school choirs and later in church and community choirs. He sang with the Donald Vails Choraleers, the Allen Duane Grant Celestial Christian Chorale, and the Thomas Whitefield Company.

Over the years, choirs of various ages and sizes were under Cecil's direction, most notably Elyton's Mass Choir (now known as the Pastor's Chorus) and the Choral Ensemble. Cecil learned to appreciate, direct, and interpret various musical genres, including anthems, cantatas, spirituals, hymns, and both traditional (his personal favorite) and contemporary gospel. While watching him direct a choir, one could sense that Cecil had found his space in the body of Christ and made his horizontal connection with his musical family and a

vertical connection with his God.

To those of you who reached out to us in love, prayers, or any other generosity of time, talent, or resources; we extend our profound appreciation. For those of you who shared his amazing and inspiring journey, we thank you and ask that you continue to perpetuate his legacy of love in your lives and in the lives of all that you touch. May we all walk, as he did, with dignity, courage, and confidence in the knowledge that we are all children of God. We ask that you continue to remember us in prayer as we'll remember you.

May God bless you all!

The Hearn Family

# Cemetery Details

## Forest Lawn Cemetery

11851 Van Dyke Ave.  
Detroit, MI 48234

# Previous Events

## Visitation

Sunday, Oct. **27**. 10:00 AM - 2:00 PM (ET)

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

## Musical Tribute Service

Sunday, Oct. **27**. 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM (ET)

Elyton Missionary Baptist Church  
8935 Saint Cyril St.  
Detroit, MI 48213

## Family Hour

Monday, Oct. **28**. 10:30 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

Elyton Missionary Baptist Church  
8935 Saint Cyril St.  
Detroit, MI 48213

## Funeral Service

Monday, Oct. **28**. 11:00 AM (ET)

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Detroit, MI 48213

# Tribute Wall



“ *Mr. Cecil Romero Hearn*

January 21, 2023 at 09:34 PM



“ *We extend our sincere condolences to the Hearn family. I was shocked and saddened to hear of your loss. Know that you are in our prayers.*

*Joel and Wilma Ruffin*

**Joel and Wilma Ruffin** - November 19, 2013 at 07:41 PM



“ *I would like to send my sincere condolences to the Hearn Family. I would like to thank the Lord for Cecil. Even in death, he lives. During your service, I felt the Lord was giving us a lesson to show love, forgive, and serve others. He was a wonderful example of what it means to be in the Kingdom of God and fulfilling God's purpose for our lives. I will miss the many fun times we've shared, especially the cruise.*

**Sharena Jasper** - October 28, 2013 at 09:39 PM



“ *Mary Ann Emrick lit a candle in memory of Mr. Cecil Romero Hearn*



**Mary Ann Emrick** - October 28, 2013 at 08:28 AM

MS

“ Cecil was a pleasure to work with. As a Comerica customer I always felt he was willing to do whatever was necessary to make sure my business needs were met. He also had a great sense of humor and was a very sweet guy. He will be missed.

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**Michelle Warner from Wyandott Electric S** - October 27, 2013 at 05:07 PM

EM

“ Cecil was a very humorous person with lots of laughter and smiles. My condolences go out to his family during this heartfelt time.



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**Earlene Mays** - October 27, 2013 at 04:34 PM

DD

“ Cecil was not only a good client, but I considered him a friend too. He was always up for a good story or laugh. My friend, your smile and warm spirit will truly be missed my brother. My heart is truly heavy.

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**Doctor Detroit** - October 27, 2013 at 08:44 AM

JC

“ JUN SENDAYDIEGO, ASSET BASED COLLATERAL, COMERICA, S.J. CA purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Mr. Cecil Romero Hearn.



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**JUN SENDAYDIEGO, ASSET BASED COLLATERAL, COMERICA, S.J. CA** - October 26, 2013 at 12:56 PM

ST

“ Cecil is unique and one of a kind. Rare, invaluable and priceless. I'm going to miss the love, laughter and "looks". He had his way of letting you know when things were not to his liking and satisfaction. The joy of him is what I'll miss most. Cecil had positive perspective in the most difficult times. I'm praying the embodiment of that perspective for every life he touched, as we now celebrate his love, life and now rich legacy.

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**Simply Tab** - October 26, 2013 at 08:50 AM

NB

“ Rest in peace Cecil. I will miss you, your contagious smile and sense of humor. May you rest in Jesus' care. Love, Nancy Brown

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**Nancy Briwn** - October 26, 2013 at 08:42 AM

JV

“ Joseph Valentic purchased the Blue Caribbean Bouquet for the family of Mr. Cecil Romero Hearn.



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**Joseph Valentic** - October 26, 2013 at 08:36 AM

JV

“ I had the honor and true pleasure of working with Cecil for many years at Comerica. He was always one of the brightest spots in my day. I will never forget the day that Cecil said to me : "Joe, I thought about being a lender, but there is just way too much drama in that business for me", followed by a hearty Cecil laugh. I will also never forget the dynamic of Cecil working with Lori Walker. They were like the dynamic duo of the department, but also our daily dose of humor, as they lovingly bantered back and forth at each other. Cecil is one of the gentlest and kindest souls I have ever known. I remember speaking with him on the phone, years after I had left the bank and his joy at hearing my voice came right through the phone. I will miss Cecil - but will forever carry a piece of him in my heart. May God grant him eternal rest and bless his family and friends with the grace to remember the love more than the loss!



*In Christ, Joe Valentic*

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**Joe Valentic** - October 26, 2013 at 08:07 AM

CW

“ Cecil, will truly be missed...but there is much comfort in knowing that Cecil is at home with the LORD.

*Carmen.Wright*

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**Carmen Wright** - October 25, 2013 at 08:01 PM

LC

“ Cecil was my huggy bear. I will miss him dearly but I thank the Lord for our time together in the CCC's.

*Lorraine Chandler*



**Lorraine Chandler** - October 25, 2013 at 03:16 PM

LC

“ Lorraine Chandler sent a virtual gift in memory of Mr. Cecil Romero Hearn



**Lorraine Chandler** - October 25, 2013 at 03:09 PM

KS

“ Kathy Smith lit a candle in memory of Mr. Cecil Romero Hearn



**Kathy Smith** - October 25, 2013 at 10:58 AM

NM

“ Nicole Moore lit a candle in memory of Mr. Cecil Romero Hearn



**Nicole Moore** - October 25, 2013 at 09:17 AM

CS

“ *Cathy Sledz lit a candle in memory of Mr. Cecil Romero Hearn*



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**Cathy Sledz** - October 25, 2013 at 09:04 AM



“ *My prayers are with the family during this transitional period.*



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**A Jeffrey LaValley** - October 24, 2013 at 08:31 AM

CC

“ *Chris Moorers-Elyton Baptist Church lit a candle in memory of Mr. Cecil Romero Hearn*



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**chris Moorers-Elyton Baptist Church** - October 23, 2013 at 06:30 PM

CL

“ One thing everyone who knew Cecil was sure of was that his death was not unprovided. This was a person very close to God. We talked many times about the comfort trust in God brings. When his father died he responded to my condolence by saying, “You pray for me and I’ll pray for you and we’ll see the wonderful things that will happen!” There is comfort in the assurance that my friend is safely in the arms of the Lord because his whole life was preparation for this day. Closeness to God and trust in His mercy is a recipe for living not just preparation for death. I am grateful for having known Cecil and been a beneficiary of his example.

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**Carol Lemelin** - October 23, 2013 at 06:24 PM

DL

“ There are sooo many memories I have of my brother/friend Cecil. All full of joy, fun and laughter. We could go for months without contact , but was always so glad to see each other when we did.Thanks Bro for teaching me the brown paper bag trick for frying chicken. :-)  
I Love You Always. Till we meet again

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**Denise I.Griffin** - October 22, 2013 at 06:51 PM

TS

“ The Huyser Family & Teri Zaborowski of Smede-Son Steel purchased the Fall Fantasia for the family of Mr. Cecil Romero Hearn.



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**The Huyser Family & Teri Zaborowski of Smede-Son Steel** -  
October 22, 2013 at 02:27 PM

LA

“ A precious Rose has been plucked from us... Cecil will truly be missed. He touched so many of our lives by making us laugh when we were crying on the inside, being supportive when our own shoulders were weak, and simply just being himself. Words cannot express the how precious he was to so many of us, and those thoughts and memories will never be forgotten. My heart is heavy when I know that I will never be able to laugh with you again, but I understand that God has his own plan. Cecil, you were one unique individual and I'm glad I had the opportunity to know you. Simply put.... gone too soon....

*LaVonne Addison*

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**LaVonne Addison** - October 22, 2013 at 02:12 PM

TZ

“ Teri Zaborowski lit a candle in memory of Mr. Cecil Romero Hearn



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**Teri Zaborowski** - October 22, 2013 at 02:09 PM

RM

“ Cecil and I were once coworkers back in the 90s. One of my fondest memory of him was when he told me about the fun and laughter of a couple miscues during a Christmas choir practice. He was a kind-hearted man and he loved music! I'll miss you, man!

*Ron M.*

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**Ron M.** - October 22, 2013 at 01:56 PM



“ *Your friends at Energy Products, Inc. purchased the Quiet Expressions for the family of Mr. Cecil Romero Hearn.*



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**Your friends at Energy Products, Inc.** - October 22, 2013 at 01:41 PM