



## Mr. David Johnson Chapman

August 4, 1937 - October 21, 2015

Celebrating The Life Of David Johnson Chapman:

David means Beloved; loved; well-loved.

David Chapman was born on August 4, 1937, the first son of Ajaline Taylor and Wardell Chapman. He grew up on the West side of Pontiac and received Christ into his life at an early age.

David was a product of the Pontiac Public School System. After leaving school he went to work for his grandfather's business, Corr and Sons and then Wilson Foundry. David, never limiting himself, became an entrepreneur and owned a gas station. He also completed an active tour of duty in the United States Army. He was employed with the Pontiac Public Schools and retired after 20 years of service.

In 1984, while living in Pontiac, David met the love of his life, Vera Passley. They were married in 1986 and soon relocated to Southfield. He was a dedicated father, stepfather and grandfather. His greatest joy was family and he was always happy to share his beautiful 1000 watt smile with all who knew him. He was a remarkable man. He loved being of service to others and he dedicated his life to being a steward for the Lord. He was a long serving, faithful member of Grace Refuge Chapel under Sis. Veta Hill (Pastor).

Until David became ill, he was SUPER neat and wouldn't leave the house unless everything about him was exactly right. He loved to drive and visit family and friends as well as listen to music and Kathryn Kuhlman. His greatest assets were giving of himself, loving unconditionally and his willingness to serve the Lord by example of word and deed. He prayed, shared and read his Bible daily until he was no longer able. He was always ready to share his testimony of what Jesus had done for him throughout his life. He'd tell people in a heartbeat "God gave me Vera." God gave me Vera AND she took her charge to heart. If you wanted to SEE God, all you had to do was observe Vera tend to David's needs (and there were many). The attitude was so loving, tender and gentle, it was palpable.

On Monday, October 19, 2015, David departed this life surrounded by love in the presence of his wife, Vera and dear friend Fleta Walker.

# Cemetery Details

## Roseland Park Cemetery

29001 Woodward Ave.  
Berkley, MI 48072

# Previous Events

## Graveside Service

Friday, Oct. **23**. 1:30 PM (ET)

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# Tribute Wall



“ *Mr. David Johnson Chapman*

January 21, 2023 at 09:34 PM



“ *May you find peace during this difficult time as you reflect on how caring our heavenly father is towards those who mourn as well as the hope he extends to all. (Rev 21:4) I am so very sorry for your loss.*

**Ms Laverne** - October 24, 2015 at 05:30 AM



“ *Country Basket Blooms was purchased for the family of Mr. David Johnson Chapman.*



October 22, 2015 at 04:48 PM



“ *The first time I rode on a motorcycle it was with my uncle David. I wanted to be my uncle David when I was younger. He was different than any other man that I knew at that time. He had what the younger people now call "swag." He was cool, calm, and collected. He could talk to me in a way that made sense. He may not have ever acquired a college degree that I know about, but he had something that many people don't have - a curious mind. I saw him transform his life from someone that lived a fast life to someone most concerned about his relationship with God. I will always appreciate that about him.*

**Duane Eason** - October 22, 2015 at 01:39 PM