



## Mr. Demetri A. Gooden

September 11, 1960 - July 23, 2013

It was a wonderful day, the day that Demetri was born. The date was September 11, 1960. His parents, Lee and Mary could not have been happier and Dahyrl was so happy to have a baby brother.

The days were bright and blessed for this small family which included many loving family members and friends. His parents hosted many fun events, birthday parties, barbeques and family dinners, which brought in loads of good food and hungry friends. These were fun times for Demetri who chose to be called "Dutch" as he grew older.

He liked going to school and learning and was a member of the Henry Ford Marching Band. After graduating he worked with Henry Ford Hospital for 20 years serving as a pharmacy stock clerk and eventually moving into security.

Working with Security ignited his desire to be a police officer which led to him being a police reserve officer for five years. He also served as a security officer for GM/Pinkerton. Some of his most memorable moments were serving on teams which arranged the security for former President Ronald Reagan, Nelson Mandela, Pope John Paul, Mayor Coleman Young and Michael Jackson.

His love of automobiles fed his desire to work with Ford Motor Company

where he worked for 13 years, retiring in 2012 due to health reasons.

He was father to Miles and Valencia, the son and daughter he adored. He loved doing things with them which included going to the State Fair, circus, auto shows and Belle Isle Park.

He loved doing for his family. Christmastime was always special to him because he would not ask you what you wanted but he always bought you the most perfect gift. He was always there for his family and never denied them anything.

# Previous Events

## Family Hour

Thursday, Aug. 1. 5:00 PM - 5:30 PM (ET)

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

## Memorial Service

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# Tribute Wall



“ *Mr. Demetri A. Gooden*

January 21, 2023 at 09:34 PM



“ *Lonnie & Dorothy Harris & Family lit a candle in memory of Mr. Demetri A. Gooden*



**Lonnie & Dorothy Harris & family** - August 01, 2013 at 02:05 PM



“ *Mr And Mrs Will Liggins, JR lit a candle in memory of Mr. Demetri A. Gooden*



**Mr and Mrs Will Liggins, JR** - August 01, 2013 at 08:22 AM



“ *Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of Mr. Demetri A. Gooden.*



July 31, 2013 at 01:57 PM

GH

“ Dear Family,  
We extend our deepest and heartfelt sympathy.  
We are truly sorry we cannot be there with you today.

*Please know that God does not make mistakes.*

*We wish you peace In God's Promise.  
" And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come back and take  
you to be with me that you also may be where I am" John 14:3*

*Rest in peace Demetri, we loved you but God loved you best.*

*With deepest condolence,  
Geraldine Harris and Family  
Marion Alabama*

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**Geraldine Harris** - July 31, 2013 at 08:24 AM

DJ

“ Sending my condolences and prayers to the Gooden family during  
the loss of your loved one Demetri. Donna Jones, Austin, TX

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**Donna Jones** - July 30, 2013 at 10:53 PM

EB

“ ELAINE Z. BOUYER lit a candle in memory of  
Mr. Demetri A. Gooden



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**ELAINE Z. BOUYER** - July 29, 2013 at 03:56 PM

JH

*My Love and thoughts are with you and your family doing these time.  
May God keep and bless you and family. LOVE JACKIE, Harriet, and  
CURTIS.....*

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**Jackie Hatcher-Davis** - August 01, 2013 at 05:32 PM