



Mr. Geronimo Patton

February 21, 1950 - July 31, 2016

Celebrating The Life of Geronimo Patton:

Geronimo Patton was born February 21, 1950, in Madison, West Virginia to Willie Patton and the late Imogene Ford. He was oldest of his siblings, as he would always say, "I'm The Oldest." He was a member of Mt. Ararat Baptist Church and was baptized by Rev. Ernest Ford.

Geronimo attended/graduated from Southwestern High School. He was drafted into United States Army. During his journey in the military, he became a paratrooper in the 171st Division and made 33 jumps. Geronimo implemented the Black Justice Force (BJF) with the Black Troops in Fairbanks, Alaska. After being discharged from the service, he was employed by Ford Motor Co., where he staged a walkout on August 19, 1974, because of working conditions and heating.

While working at Ford Motor Co., Geronimo attended Highland Park Community College and Wayne State University. While he was attending college, he met and married his wife, Carolyn Smith Patton, on November 9, 1976. In 1994, Geronimo worked with "Special Needs Children" who greatly admired him until he retired on May 16, 2006.

In 2005, Geronimo ran for the Board of Education of Detroit, and he has been a member of the Detroit Yacht Club for 12 years.

Geronimo's passion was being a photographer; he loved taking photographs. Everywhere he went, Geronimo always had his camera. When someone asked Geronimo to take photographs he did, and the majority of the time, services were rendered without pay. Geronimo enjoyed taking photographs at the Detroit Yacht Club with family and friends, Fort Wayne Rein-actors, and the Heidelberg Project. Geronimo continued his hobby/profession until his illness wouldn't let him continue.

Geronimo became ill on June 15, 2015, with Unresectable Extra Skeletal Myxoid/Chondrosarcoma Cancer. Geronimo fought a good fight until he went to rest Sunday, July 31, 2016, at home.

Previous Events

Family Hour

Thursday, Aug. **18**. 9:00 AM - 9:30 AM (ET)

Fort Wayne Museum Battlefield
6325 W. Jefferson Ave.

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Tribute Wall



“ *Mr. Geronimo Patton*

January 21, 2023 at 09:34 PM



“ *Hello G,
It's been a year, and I miss you so much. I know you are with Mom & family, and I know you are ok now. Ted miss you much also. He said to tell you, you and he are "Thunderbuddies for Life." Thank you for the memories and being my brother.*



Love Sissy

Princess Phifer - August 20, 2017 at 08:37 PM

MP

Beautiful from the ❤️

Michael Pugh - December 22, 2020 at 07:50 AM

BS

“ *Sorry to hear of his passing. He was a great friend of mine. He referred to me West Virginia since my people came from to PA.*

Barry W Jones Sr - October 31, 2016 at 12:50 AM

MJ

“ 1 file added to the album *New Album Name*



Mark Johnston - August 18, 2016 at 10:58 AM