



Mr. Idell Bufkin

March 27, 1933 - September 13, 2020

Idell Bufkin was born March 27, 1933 in Walnut Grove, Mississippi to the late Frank Bufkin and Sadie Johnson Bufkin. He was the eleventh of twelve children. Eight of his siblings preceded him in death: Girtha Edwards, Benjamin, Alberta, Bertha Ealy, Arletha Nimox, Quitman, Embry D, Sadie Marie Johnson, and Casell.

He received his education at the Leake County Training Center in Walnut Grove. Following in his mother's footsteps, he accepted Christ at an early age and joined Johnson Chapel M. E. Church. He followed his siblings to Detroit to seek employment and a better life. He got a job at General Motors, first at Buick in Flint where he commuted from Detroit every day without the advantage of today's freeway system. He later transferred to Cadillac Plant in Detroit on Clark Street where he retired in 1991. Even though he retired from working, he never retired from his Cadillac. He always had one in his driveway.

He married Betty Jean Owens in 1956. She preceded him in death in 2015. They were blessed with one son: Frankie Ray Bufkin who also preceded him in death in 2006.

Idell heard God calling his name and departed this life peacefully on the morning of September 13, 2020 at home in Southfield, Michigan after a brief

illness. He leaves to cherish his memories three grandchildren: Antonio Frank Bufkin, Frankie Ray Bufkin-Laird, Jr., and Donte' Laird; three great grandchildren: Cache Davis, Lailah Gibson, and Eryn Hudgens; two sisters-in-laws: Vera Straughter of Las Vegas, Nevada and Irma (Frank) Everidge of Tulsa, Oklahoma and a host of nephews, nieces, cousins, and friends.

Cemetery Details

Grand Lawn Cemetery

23501 Grand River
Detroit, MI 48219

Tribute Wall



“ *Mr. Idell Bufkin*

January 21, 2023 at 09:34 PM



“ *There are no words to express the sorrow in our hearts. Please accept our deepest sympathy. In times of distress we need comfort that soothes our hearts. May the peace of God guard your hearts.*

Evans family - September 25, 2020 at 07:15 AM