



Mr. Ivory Kenneth Bledsoe

July 13, 1940 - July 29, 2025

After recently celebrating his 85th birthday, Ivory K. Bledsoe peacefully passed away at his Sunrise Senior Living Apartment on the morning of July 29, 2025.

Ivory was the 2d of five children born to the union of Ivory & Ruth Bledsoe on July 13, 1940. He was the only male child raised with four sisters who affectionately called him Bubble.

Ivory was educated in the Ferndale and Detroit School System, where he initially became interested in the Vocational Trades. While still in school he landed his first job at the neighborhood Gurwin's Auto Body Shop and later spent time at Detroit's Historic Vette Shop. Although auto body work was his passion, he spent most of his career working construction out of Laborers Local Union 1191.

Many of the work sites include: the Ford Rouge Plant, Zug Island and he worked as crew foreman during the construction of the Renaissance Center in Detroit. Prior to retirement he tried his hand at Entrepreneurship when he opened Blood's VIP Lounge, partnered with his then wife Fern L. Bledsoe of 22 years. They also ran a small record shop & boutique called Fern's Inn. After retirement he briefly relocated to Macon, MS to live closer to his eldest son Kenny. While in Macon he became well known in the community for

helping folks with minor repairs.

His fondest wish was to one day build a new home in the Woodland Park/Idlewild area of Northern Michigan where he and his family spent many summers during his youth.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Ivory and Ruth Bledsoe, a son Darryl J. Bledsoe and two sisters Marilyn Wellons and Debra Sherman.

He leaves to cherish in memory one son Ivory Kenneth Bledsoe, Jr. (Gayle) and one daughter Maryll L. Armstrong (Michael). Two sisters Beverly January and Dorothy Bledsoe. Five grandchildren; Brandon Bledsoe, Jareyn Bledsoe, Amaria Bledsoe, Christian Bledsoe and Kenari Moore. Two Great Grand Daughters; Amaya Bledsoe and Ivory Bledsoe and a host of nieces, nephews and friends.

Previous Events

Visitation

Sunday, Aug. **10**. 10:00 AM - 8:00 PM (ET)

O. H. Pye, III Funeral Home
17600 Plymouth Road
Detroit, MI 48227
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Family Hour / Visitation

Monday, Aug. **11**. 2:30 PM - 3:00 PM (ET)

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Celebration of Life

Monday, Aug. **11**. 3:00 PM - 4:15 PM (ET)

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Tribute Wall

MB

“ Dad i love you an thank you for all you have done for me I will miss you .your step son Michael Brunious

Michael Brunious - August 09, 2025 at 09:50 PM

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“ From Ralph, Armer, Shannon and Tori planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Mr. Ivory Kenneth Bledsoe.

From Ralph, Armer, Shannon and Tori - August 08, 2025 at 11:51 AM

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“ From Ralph, Armer, Shannon and Tori purchased the Strength & Solace Spray for the family of Mr. Ivory Kenneth Bledsoe.



From Ralph, Armer, Shannon and Tori - August 08, 2025 at 11:51 AM

RS

“ Regina Sherman purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Mr. Ivory Kenneth Bledsoe.



Regina Sherman - August 08, 2025 at 08:29 AM

JD

“ Jeffrey Davis sent a virtual gift in memory of Ivory Bledsoe



Jeffrey Davis - August 07, 2025 at 09:56 AM



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August 05, 2025 at 05:11 PM



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