



Mr. James Lawrence Neblett

February 11, 1950 - April 24, 2013

James Lawrence Neblett was born on February 11, 1950 in Detroit, Michigan to James L. Neblett and Alvilda Fisher who both preceded him in death. He confessed hope in Christ at an early age and was baptized at Fountain of Life Baptist Church.

James attended Hutchinson Junior High School and Northern High School in Detroit. He later attended Wayne State University Labor School where he was elected Class President.

James was united in wedlock to Frankie Brown on September 3, 1977. To this union one daughter was born, Courtney Monique (the love of his life).

James started his employment at Detroit Memorial Hospital in 1968 where he became an active member of the American Federation of State, County and Municipal Employees (AFSCME). James' union career began in 1971 where he served as a Departmental Steward and Chief Steward for Local 140. From there he was elected founding President for AFSCME Local 2435 representing Detroit Memorial Hospital.

James was a Local Union Training Instructor for AFSCME International Union from 1981 to 1984 and was elected an Executive Board Vice President for Michigan Council 25 in 1981.

In 1983 James accepted employment as a Field Staff Representative for

Michigan AFSCME Council 25. From there he became an Arbitration Advocate for Michigan Council 25 and a Staff Technician.

In 1992 James became Statewide Training Instructor for Michigan AFSCME Council 25 and later Coordinator of Training Programs. At the time of his death, he was the Director of Training and Organizing.

In his spare time, James enjoyed a good debate with family and friends; reading books, Time Magazine, watching Jeopardy, the History Channel and playing his favorite baseball game on Xbox360. He also loved spending time with his furry friend Sox, who he affectionately called "Grandpa's Buddy."

James quietly departed this life on April 24, 2013.

Cemetery Details

Woodlawn Cemetery

19975 Woodward Ave.
Detroit, MI 48203

Previous Events

Visitation

Friday, May **3**. 4:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

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

Funeral Service

Saturday, May **4**. 10:30 AM (ET)

Freedom Fellowship Church
20601 Power Ave.
Dearborn Heights, MI 48125

Family Hour

Saturday, May **4**. 10:30 AM - 10:30 AM (ET)

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Tribute Wall



“ *Mr. James Lawrence Neblett*

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“ *James: You were always a "Beautiful and Caring" person. No matter what mood I was in you always made me smile. I know you are at home with Our Lord and have no more pain. However, the pain of losing you will always be in my heart. You shared yourself thru your teaching, dedication to the Union, being a wonderful husband and father. I always saw the twinkle in your eye when you talked about Courtney and how we laughed and learned from each other sharing our "parent stories". You always asked me how John and Gina were and that meant so so much to me. I am so sorry I could not make your services but I lost my sister-in-law and her services were the same time. James, you have left an everlasting joy to many peoples' hearts and I thank-you for being my friend. Say hi to my Daddy and Bill Brown up there for me and enjoy your everlasting peace.....Until we meet again.....*

RIP xxx ooo Sharlene Myers-Krupnak

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“ *Deborah Stephens lit a candle in memory of Mr. James Lawrence Neblett*



Deborah Stephens - April 30, 2013 at 04:53 PM