



Mr. James Ivory Purdue

November 18, 1951 - October 15, 2019

In Loving Memory Of;

A loving life was ended on October 15, 2019. James was born on November 18, 1951 in Georgiana, Alabama to the late Simon and Melzurie Purdue. James later transitioned to Detroit, Michigan in 1976.

He was employed at General Motors for 20+ years where he later retired.

James was joined in holy matrimony with Mary Smith Pettiford for 8 years.

James fellowshiped alongside his wife, Mary Purdue, at The Historical New Mount Zion Missionary Baptist Church under the leadership of Rev. Dr. Jimmie Wafer.

James loved all sports from basketball to soccer. His favorite hobbies and pastimes were bowling, fishing, and playing with his remote control big boy toys. James was preceded in death by his father and mother, Simon and Melzurie Purdue and two brothers, Clarence Harris Jr. and Thomas Ellis.

Previous Events

Family Hour

Saturday, Nov. 2. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

New Mt. Zion Missionary Baptist Church
2201 Elmhurst
Detroit, MI 48206

Funeral Service

Saturday, Nov. 2. 11:00 AM (ET)

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Tribute Wall



“ *Mr. James Ivory Purdue*

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