



Mr. John Arthur Hill

May 17, 1946 - August 28, 2013

John Hill was born May 17, 1946 in Lowndes County, Columbus, Miss., to Jack Hill and Mary Lee Coleman. He attended Robert E. Hunt High School in Columbus and in 1964 married Dorothy Jean Douglas.

John moved to Detroit, Mich., in 1967 for the city's opportunities and to secure a better life for his family. He began work in the automotive sector initially with Chrysler in 1967. John moved on to Ford Motor Co. the following year and remained with the automaker until 1972. He began working with General Motors Corp. in 1975 and for 31 years was the Main Crib Attendant at GM's Tech Center. He retired in April 2006.

Family and friends understood that John enjoyed life and his life was marked with having a good time. He enjoyed family time, reunions and outdoor picnics. It was not uncommon to find him firing up his barbeque grill in his garage in the middle of winter. He enjoyed and excelled at working with his hands, especially on cars and motorcycles. John was adept at building, rebuilding and repairing just about anything that moved about on two or four tires. His garage was a workshop as well equipped as any you could find anywhere. About the only thing he enjoyed more than rebuilding motorcycles was riding them. John barely could wait for Michigan winters to end so he could hop on the back of his bike and take to the road.

Known to many as "Duke," "Boss Hogg" or simply "Hogg" John was a member of Detroit's Elegant Disciples motorcycle club for 40 years. He loved dressing well, smelling good, country-western festivals and old television shows, especially Gunsmoke. He also was a fan of them down home blues.

Cemetery Details

Grand Lawn Cemetery

23501 Grand River
Detroit, MI 48219

Previous Events

Visitation

Thursday, Sep. **5**. 3:00 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

Friday, Sep. **6**. 12:30 PM (ET)

O. H. Pye, III Funeral Home
17600 Plymouth Road
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Family Hour

Friday, Sep. 6. 12:00 PM - 12:30 PM (ET)

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Tribute Wall



“ *Mr. John Arthur Hill*

January 21, 2023 at 09:34 PM



“ *Today is my first time visiting this page. It is the first day since losing you that I have had the courage to look at this picture. I THANK God for the 43 years I was given with you but yet, it doesn't make losing you any easier. Julian, Justin, Brittany, Penny and perhaps Sydney will always have solid memories of you but I wish you had more time to have spent with Kennedy. She misses you greatly. When you left, you took a part of me with you. I LOVE you and you will ALWAYS live within me.*

Love Sharon

Sharon Hill - November 06, 2013 at 10:31 PM



“ *To the family God Bless you all. From your Gm family. Rufus Jones, Robert Bethea, Marion Witherspoon*

Marion Witherspoon - September 05, 2013 at 09:44 PM



“ *To the GREAT MAN we knew as DUKE, BOSS HOGG, MR JOHN ARTHUR HILL, ride on in HEAVEN and know you will be truly missed. Pave the path for us and we will meet you on the HEAVENLY ROAD, having a nip a VSOP on us and we will join you when the GOD calls us. GOD BLESS YOU AND YOUR FAMILY. Nick Micelli and the staff at Great Lakes Collision. RIP OUR FRIEND*

ERIC FETTIG - September 05, 2013 at 07:30 PM

JH

“ To my family, although Duke is gone, his memories lives on. As long as I live I will remember the "good-times" - riding on his bike, family get togethers in both MI and MS, Duke listening to the blues and blasting that country music (1st black man I know that listen to country music) and family just enjoying each other. No matter how far I maybe, know that my family is always in my heart and I love my family!!! Wish I was there. Love always; Jackie & Family

Jacqueline Heaven-Standifer - September 05, 2013 at 06:24 PM

AN

“ To Mrs. Hill, Sharon, Sandy, Bady, Greg & Arthur....my thoughts and prayers are with you at your time of such a great loss...May God Strengthen You Thru This Time....May His Love & Comfort Surround You! I love all of you....God Bless You.

Anissa & Family

Anissa - September 05, 2013 at 03:04 PM

AN

“ Anissa lit a candle in memory of Mr. John Arthur Hill



Anissa - September 05, 2013 at 03:01 PM

SC

“ Weeping may endure for a night, but joy comes in the morning. Know that we are praying for you and we love you. Love the Hill, Coleman and Porter Family

Shea Coleman-Brown - September 05, 2013 at 02:44 PM

LR

“ Sandy I wanted you and your family to know that I am sorry for your lost and my prayers are with you and your family.
Love,
Lillie

Lillie Rucker - September 05, 2013 at 01:20 AM

LR

“ Lillie Rucker lit a candle in memory of Mr.
John Arthur Hill



Lillie Rucker - September 05, 2013 at 01:17 AM

BF

“ Bubble & Family lit a candle in memory of Mr.
John Arthur Hill



Bubble & Family - September 05, 2013 at 12:32 AM

BU

“ Bubble sent a virtual gift in memory of Mr. John
Arthur Hill



Bubble - September 05, 2013 at 12:24 AM

KS

“ *"Our thoughts & Prayers are with the Family. May God Bless you all". Bubble & Family*



ks - September 05, 2013 at 12:22 AM

BM

“ *John will truly be missed he was a very nice man and always helped people he had a smile on his face at all times. My prayers go out to his wife and family.*

Helen Boxley/GM

Brenda Mitchell - September 04, 2013 at 10:13 PM



“ *I Shall Miss You Old Friend. You Once Fixed My Car And Let Me Get Away With Calling You "John Arthur". Bless You And Your Family. Stan Faulkner.*

Stan Faulkner - September 04, 2013 at 06:09 PM

WH

“ *William H. purchased the Pink Tribute Spray for the family of Mr. John Arthur Hill.*



William H. - September 04, 2013 at 09:07 AM

EP

“ To Mrs. Dorothy Hill and the entire Hill family. We are so very, very sorry for your loss. Our thoughts and prayer are with you all. We love you all. From James, Glennie, Cedric, Joseph, and Krystal Porter!!

Evangelist Glennie Porter - September 02, 2013 at 06:27 PM

VJ

“ Vivian Johnson lit a candle in memory of Mr. John Arthur Hill



Vivian Johnson - September 01, 2013 at 05:07 PM

WJ

“ Duke , a fine man and so smooth of a guy , easy going and like Wm. Humphreys said very talented, and without a flinch he come to my house and fixed a trans. for a truck of mine. all in one afternoon ! and never asked for nothing but thanks , but next day I squared up with him loved that guys talent ! and like I sad a fine man !

William Frisch /GM retiree

William Frisch jr - September 01, 2013 at 12:36 AM

AC

“ John A. Hill was one of my favorite uncle who I love dearly and can't believe this but to my family stay strong and may God give us peace! RIP Uncle Bro!

Ameka Coleman - August 31, 2013 at 09:14 PM

WH

“ Just had to add this John Arthur taught many to think outside the box, if you don't have it make it to fix the way you want it to fit design it to your use. Dearly Missed. As a motorcyclist, car repair and a Mason.

William Humphreys - August 31, 2013 at 09:39 AM

BH

“ A extremely wonderful man as a friend, a brother, a father, a teacher, dedicated to his wife who that is a amazing story being his childhood sweet-heart. Duke know to many who did not know his real name, John Author Hill, was a mechanics, mechanic, a inventor, a cook, many people not just me learn a lot from this man.

I can never say enough about the things I learned from Duke, and I hurt very dearly knowing of his passing and how it happen. I owe my life to him he taught me not to ride a motorcycle from my bad experience. "As you know Some it is for, some it is not". He taught me I could change a lot of things, that are man made but God made only God can change. " Love you Brother Duke" John Arthur.

Bill Humphreys

Bill Humphreys - August 31, 2013 at 07:26 AM

RS

To my oldest brother, may your soul rest in peace. Brother you are my mentor in that I know that I can achieve my goals. I love you and I miss you.

Renia C. Stevenson - September 03, 2013 at 11:39 AM