



Mr. Luther Payton

September 4, 1935 - August 14, 2015

His Story:

Luther Payton was born September 4, 1935 in Webster County, Mississippi to the union of the late John and Bertha Lee Payton. Luther was the eldest of 14 children in which four preceded him in death.

Luther attended school in Webster County where he later became the school bus driver. During that time he had his eye on one special passenger Essie Mae. They spent time attending church, hanging with friends, chasing each other and passing licks which we know as "love taps." That was the beginning of a lifetime journey in love. Luther married his sweetheart, Essie Mae Allen affectionately called "Es Mae," on March 7, 1954 and to this union five children were born.

Luther migrated to Detroit, MI in 1956 where he lived with his Uncle Sam and Aunt Earlene Payton. He began working at a car wash, Superior Products Company and the Tunnel to provide for his family. It was during his employment at James D. Evans Plumbing Company he found what would become his passion. Luther started his own plumbing company in 1974. Many friends and family members worked diligently with him to flourish the business. The torch has now been passed on to his youngest brother Billy. Luther became employed as a pipefitter for Chrysler Corporation in 1976 until 1997. After his retirement from Chrysler he resumed plumbing then fully

retired in 2007.

Luther, affectionately called Mr. Payton, Sweet Lu and Poppa enjoyed homemade biscuits "everyday" for over 50 years, not to mention the black eyed peas made by his wife. In spare time they traveled, played cards and entertained. His home was open to many. Holmur St. will never be the same. Over the years Luther was a member of Prince Hall Masonic Grand Lodge. He also loved fishing, music and most of all his cars, namely the Cadillacs.

Luther received Christ and became a member of Greater Love Tabernacle COGIC under the leadership of the late Bishop Clifford C. Dunlap and now Pastor Steven B. Dunlap. He loved singing in the Gospel Choir and enjoyed various activities and events with the Seniors With a Purpose group until his health began to decline.

He was the ultimate husband, brother, father, grandfather and friend. One of his biggest highlights yearly was the fun he would have with his siblings during the annual "Payton Family Reunion." There is so much more that can be said about this man who loved unconditional and gave so freely.

Cemetery Details

Detroit Memorial Park West

25200 Plymouth Road
Redford Twp., MI 48239

Previous Events

Family Hour

Saturday, Aug. **22**. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

Greater Love Tabernacle C.O.G.I.C.
17617 Plymouth Road
Detroit, MI 48227

Funeral Service

Saturday, Aug. **22**. 11:00 AM (ET)

Greater Love Tabernacle C.O.G.I.C.
17617 Plymouth Road
Detroit, MI 48227

Tribute Wall



“ *Mr. Luther Payton*

January 21, 2023 at 09:34 PM



“ *With sympathy and prayer.
Wilma, Archie, Randy, Nanny, Rane and
Edward.*



wilmon Bolden - August 21, 2015 at 06:00 PM



“ *My condolences to the family. May you draw close to God in prayer
and he will sustain you.-Psalms 55:22*

Ms. Tuffy - August 21, 2015 at 11:42 AM

TB

“ Sending our deepest condolences with love to our family and friends at the loss of our Uncle Luther.

He was a pioneer that took care of business and at a time that provided a life long opportunity for the family with some of life's necessities and room for growth. Many of you will recall valuable moments of his time and brief words to inspire a positive life either thru some tough love or engorgement to help us with a successful life. Thank God for sharing Uncle Luther with us for as long as He did.

With our love,

*Tony, Brenda and AJ Berry
Conyers, Georgia*

Tony Berry - August 21, 2015 at 11:15 AM

SG

“ JOE AND SARAH GILES



SARAH GILES - August 20, 2015 at 04:02 PM

TF

“ The Jones & Bacot Family lit a candle in memory of Mr. Luther Payton



The Jones & Bacot Family - August 20, 2015 at 11:20 AM

SH

“ We send our love. There are no words to express our love and concern. You are in our prayers. We will see you soon. Love always
Delma Draine and Sherry Hannah.



Sherry Draine Hannah - August 20, 2015 at 12:53 AM

MD

“ *Maggie Davis lit a candle in memory of Mr. Luther Payton*



Maggie Davis - August 19, 2015 at 10:35 AM

MD

“ *Mary Driver lit a candle in memory of Mr. Luther Payton*



Mary Driver - August 18, 2015 at 06:29 PM

CB

“ *My deepest sympathy goes out to the Payton family. May the loving memories of this man that was so dear to you all strengthen you in the difficult days ahead and may You be granted peace. Cassandra Beckham*

Cassandra Beckham - August 17, 2015 at 10:19 PM



“ *LaShawna Peeples lit a candle in memory of Mr. Luther Payton*



LaShawna Peeples - August 16, 2015 at 05:36 AM

DH

There are no words to express my sorrow for your loss. May the love of your family comfort in the days ahead. I'm praying that the LORD will give you strength during this difficult time. Deacon George and Missy Ellean Hunt

Deacon George and Missy Ellean Hunt - August 20, 2015 at 07:04 AM