



Mr. Tommie J. Bray

September 27, 1958 - August 25, 2009

No obituary found for this tribute.

Previous Events

Visitation

Monday, Aug. **31**. 2:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

O. H. Pye, III Funeral Home
17600 Plymouth Road
Detroit, MI 48227
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Service

Tuesday, Sep. **1**. 11:00 AM (ET)

Greater Grace Temple
23500 W. 7 Mile Road
Detroit, MI 48219
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Tribute Wall



“ *Mr. Tommie J. Bray*

January 21, 2023 at 09:34 PM



“ *Rubyjturner lit a candle in memory of Mr. Tommie J. Bray*



rubyjturner - December 08, 2014 at 08:00 AM



“ *I am just upset that I had not heard of this prior today. I remember Tommie from Redord High School when he was assigned at the school from the precinct. He also was the referee for DPS basketball games. When the call was not in favor of Redford I would tell him to get some new glasses. He will truly be missed. Jamar & Niecy, know you are in his heart and he watches over you both daily.....Love Carolyn M.....##imported-begin##Carolyn Miller - Bell##imported-end##*

September 24, 2009 at 04:04 PM



“ TOMMIE, YOU BECAME A PART OF OUR FAMILY WHEN YOU MET OUR SISTER RUBY IN 1990. WE THANK YOU FOR BRINGING JOY INTO OUR LIVES. YOU TOUCHED EACH AND EVERYONE OF US IN A SPECIAL WAY. YOU BONDED WITH ALL 14 OF US INDIVIDUALLY. OUR MOM WOULD HAVE LOVED YOU TOO. THE FAMILY MEALS, COOK OUTS, PARTIES WILL NEVER BE THE SAME. REST IN PEACE, OUR BELOVED BROTHER-IN-LAW. YOU FLEW AWAY FROM US IN THE ARMS OF AN ANGEL.##imported-begin##TURNER FAMILY##imported-end##

September 18, 2009 at 12:55 PM



“ To the family of Tommie Bray:

I am sorry to hear of the loss of Tommie. The bible promises everlasting life. Jehovah always tells the truth, he does not lie. Tommie can rest now. We have to continue to struggle to survive this wicked system.

The bible gives us much hope and comfort ". 2 Corinthian 1:3-4. Jehovah is the, "God of all comfort" and HE helps us understand how He and Jesus Christ feel about death. Death is an enemy that pursues us all. None of us can out run it. Jehovah is far more powerful than death. Jehovah is our rescuer who has already shown (by Jesus resurrection) that he can defeat this enemy. 1 Corinthians 15:26 (As the last enemy, death is to be brought to nothing).

John 5:28-29, Jesus said "all those in the memorial tombs will come out" and there will be "a resurrection of righteous and unrighteous".

If you would like a free home bible study, to find out what the bible really teaches, and how you can find real comfort and peace of mind, please contact www.watchtower.org

Sincere Sympathy

Liz Malone###imported-begin###Liz###imported-end###

September 09, 2009 at 08:08 AM



“ Sorry I missed the service, but Tommy will be missed. We played baseball together for many years.

God Bless###imported-begin###Jerome Williams###imported-end###

September 08, 2009 at 11:07 AM



“ *Tommie, you were a complete total package. Your sense of humor, style, smile, your jokes, your words of comfort, wisdom and encouragement will never be forgotten. Your love for your family which always came first, sometimes even before your happiness will live on forever in our hearts and in our mind. You were truly a gift from our heavenly father. We are all very grateful and blessed to have you even for a little while. You lived life to the fullest. Love always, you friend, Ruby Turner* *###imported-begin###Ruby J. Turner###imported-end###*

September 05, 2009 at 05:14 PM



“ *To The Family:*
I am so sorry for your loss. I understand how difficult it is when a loved one passes away. I find Acts 24:15 to be comforting because it promises a hope for the future. Please accept my sincere condolences. Your family is in my thoughts and prayers. *###imported-begin###Kim Burd###imported-end###*

September 03, 2009 at 08:15 AM



“ Dearest Niocy!

My family's prayers and well-wishes are with you and your family. All that I can say to you is GOD IS THE GREATEST! We can not lean unto our own understanding. It only discourses us from the LORD. Please call me and I'll call you so that we may shoulder this together. In the Name of God!

Lovingly,

Michelle Mims & Family##imported-begin##Mr. & Mrs. Samuel (Michelle) K. Mims & Sons##imported-end##

September 02, 2009 at 01:51 PM



“ Tommie J. Bray

I would like to say thank God for you.##imported-begin##JOHN SMITH JR.##imported-end##

September 02, 2009 at 07:29 AM



“ Tommie was a great friend of mine. We referee several games together. Such a pleasure to work with , great understanding of kids and the game of basketball. I will miss him greatly. May he rest in peace .##imported-begin##Jeff Halstead##imported-end##

September 01, 2009 at 07:09 PM



“ *By far, this was the best basketball referee in the Detroit Public Schools - bar none!!! He handled himself well and did the same by the players and coaches. He will be sorely missed.##imported-begin##ERIC PATE##imported-end##*

September 01, 2009 at 05:25 PM



“ *To Mrs. Dupree and Family,*

We are praying for the peace of the Lord. May you find comfort knowing he is wrapped in His everloving arms.

*Love and Peace,
DeLisle and the J-MAC Family##imported-begin##DeLisle C.
Horton-Willis##imported-end##*

September 01, 2009 at 04:58 PM



“ *To the Bray Family,*

I would like to send out my heartfelt condolences. May the lord comfort you in this time of need. Please take comfort in knowing that Tommie left a legacy of laughter and good times for everyone to remember him by. I have not seen him much since the academy days, but I often remember how uplifting (funny) he was. He will truly be missed- May he Rest In Peace.##imported-begin##Tish Lewis Ross##imported-end##

September 01, 2009 at 03:11 PM



“ In your time of deepest sorrow, we, as family by way of friendship, lift our hands up in prayer for your comfort. But we also rejoice in the knowledge the Savior as said, "Well done my faithful son! Welcome home!"###imported-begin##Anita & Walt Alef###imported-end##

September 01, 2009 at 09:26 AM



“ First of all, Tommie was not only a fantastic official, he was one excellent police officer. He made friends wherever he went. The one aspect of Tommie's character I'll missed is his ability to make people laugh. I've never seen Tommie without a smile on his face. I am still shock of the untimely death of our dear friend, Tommie. May our Lord, Jesus Christ welcome Tommie into the land of eternity. May God Bless Tommie and his family till we all meet again.###imported-begin##Thomas Sullivan###imported-end##

August 31, 2009 at 09:03 PM



“ Rest in Peace Tommie! You are a good man, who was ALWAYS upbeat and positive! I enjoyed all the basketball games we were able to work together. I know you touched many lives by all the "Tommie Bray" stories I have heard over the years. The officiating world lost a good friend. You will be missed!###imported-begin##Mike Knabusch###imported-end##

August 31, 2009 at 04:39 PM



“ At this time of loss, may I offer my deepest sympathy, and prayers for the peace of our lord to offer you comfort at this time.

God Bless!

Marvin Rutherford and Family##imported-begin##Marvin Rutherford##imported-end##

August 31, 2009 at 04:04 PM



“ Niecy I am so sorry for your loss. My prayers are with you and your family.

Love Rick##imported-begin##Ricarda Pope-King##imported-end##

August 31, 2009 at 02:57 PM



“ I was Tommie's baseball coach at N'Western H.S. He was outstanding in the classroom and on the diamond. He made major contributions on two championship teams. He passed some of his sports knowledge along to younger children. He then became one of the best sports officials in the State of Michigan. Thanks Tommie,for being a part of my life. May God bless you.##imported-begin##Coach Ron Teasley##imported-end##

August 31, 2009 at 02:13 PM



“ condences to the bray family only our father in heaven know's what's best class of 1978##imported-begin##YVONNE YOUNG##imported-end##

August 31, 2009 at 01:52 PM



“ *My deepest sympathy goes out to the Bray family and friends. I would like to share this thought, it's titled, "My Dear Brother in Blue"...I feel your sorrows; I reach out my hand. Let's embrace one another; I'll be a true friend. For tomorrow isn't promised and yet we still stand. Hold on, hold on; grab hold to my hand. Tommie has gone to a better place; indeed there was... always a smile on his face. So don't be sad, for he made us laugh; "forget about your troubles" he'd say and "don't dwell on the past!" As Tommie watches over us; he'll be glad to know, that we were listening, never letting the memories go.*

I promise you for this pain will come to pass; grab hold to my hand, let's take a stand. So go on my dear "Brother in Blue" and rest knowing we will always love you. By PO Kyva Garrison###imported-begin###PO Kyva Garrison- Clyburn###imported-end###

August 31, 2009 at 01:32 PM



“ *Tommy;*

Unfortunately we did not get an opportunity to work alot of games togethe but I cherrish the time I spent with you. I never heard anybody say anyhting but the best about you and that is a testament to the life that you lived.

Shawn Watterman###imported-begin###Shawn Watterman###imported-end###

August 31, 2009 at 12:37 PM



“ *The sadness at the lost of Tommie is overwhelming for me. He was than a more than friend, Tommie was the big brother I never had. You were always promised laughter and a good day when Tommie was working. He was one of the best partners I ever had, I always knew my six was covered when we worked together. To Tommie's family all of my prayers are with you during your time of sorrow. If there is anything I can do, please allow me to assist you. II Timothy Chap. 4:6-8, I hope it comforts you. R.I.P. Tommie##imported-begin##Alicia L. Terry##imported-end##*

August 31, 2009 at 11:31 AM



“ *My prayers goes out to the Bray Family, We have lost another member of our Family in Blue, God be with you all and be your comfort and strenght in this time of need. God Bless you all.##imported-begin##Sharon Robinson##imported-end##*

August 31, 2009 at 11:23 AM



“ *To the Family of Mr. Tommie Bray,*

On behalf of the citizens of Wayne County, I would like to extend our deepest and heartfelt sympathy to the family of Officer Tommie Bray. He will be greatly missed by his family, friends and the community in which he served as a Detroit Police Officer.

On this day, with great admiration we pause in our activities to pay our respects to a devoted and outstanding citizen of Wayne County. May he always be remembered for his love of family, friends and devotion to the City of Detroit and Wayne County.

In the future, may his memories and outstanding good deeds comfort you and the other lives that he touched, nurtured and inspired. May faith, hope and love continue to guide your way to a brighter tomorrow.

Please do not hesitate to contact my office, if we can be of any assistance to you.

Sincerely,

Robert A. Ficano

Wayne County Executive##imported-begin##Wayne County Executive Office##imported-end##

August 31, 2009 at 10:12 AM



“ Farewell Tommie. It was a good time while you were with us and I hope you enjoy life in the afterworld as much as we enjoyed you in this world. I'll never forget the game we refereed with Paul Oshanski at Renaissance versus Douglass a few years ago -- definitely one of the most memorable games I've ever worked -- not because the game was great, but because we all had so much fun and laughs working together that day. You had that gift, to make the day better around you, and I hope it lives eternal in those of us you left behind.

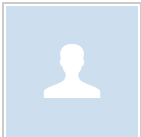
Regards, well wishes and healing prayers passed down upon the loved ones, family members and close friends you've left behind. You will be missed.##imported-begin##T.C. Cameron##imported-end##

August 31, 2009 at 09:53 AM



“ God bless Tommie, a good man and person in life. My best to the family.##imported-begin##Carson Butler Sr.##imported-end##

August 31, 2009 at 01:37 AM



“ Everybody loved Tommie and he will be missed. Hang in there, Lewis.##imported-begin##Bobby Johnson##imported-end##

August 31, 2009 at 01:05 AM



“ To The Family and Friends of Tommie Bray:
First, I would like to send my condolences to each and every one of you. Although we are not acquainted with one another, we all know what it feels like to lose a loved one to the enemy death. I'm sure that some of you are overwhelmed with sadness and that only shows that death is unnatural. Death was never supposed to be a part of life.
Our Heavenly Father feels the pain that you are going through. He promises that the day is soon to come in which he will wipe the tears of sorrow from our eyes forever and death will be no more. (Revelation 21:3-5) He also promises that all those in the memorial tombs (graves) will hear his voice and come out. (John 5:28, 29) Until his words are fulfilled, may each of you continue to take comfort in him.##imported-begin##Lenette##imported-end##

August 30, 2009 at 10:01 PM



“ Thomas , Miss You , nOw Our Father has another Plan for YOu .. Rest In God ...##imported-begin##Brigeda J Isbell - Nelson##imported-end##

August 30, 2009 at 03:29 PM



“ We just feel so bad for your loss, you guys are in our prayers tommy was a great father to jamar and a huge role model . He taught me how to referee basketball games and always gave me good advice, he will be missed.##imported-begin##Doria & Janea Merriewether##imported-end##

August 30, 2009 at 01:14 PM



“ Condolences to the entire Bray family, including my friend Lewis.

(Rocky)###imported-begin##Daniel O'Neill###imported-end##

August 30, 2009 at 10:27 AM



“ My deepest sympathy to the Bray family.

May God comfort you all in your time of celebrating the life of Tommy. Grace & Peace!!###imported-begin##Norman L. Brock###imported-end##

August 29, 2009 at 10:31 PM



“ I know that God does not make mistakes, still, It is so hard to say goodbye to a friend at such an early age. You will truly be missed TB, and with God willing, I will see you again. May God keep you and Bless all of your family and friends.###imported-begin##Sergeant Howard Phillips Jr###imported-end##

August 29, 2009 at 10:08 PM



“ Tommie was a good-natured, good-hearted, fun loving person who will be missed by many. He was the person who helped everyone whenever possible and with a smile. Brother-in-law you left your mark on a lot of us!###imported-begin##FaNina Kumasi-NaKuru###imported-end##

August 29, 2009 at 09:46 PM



“ Myprayers is with the family of Mr. Tommy Bray. Though I've only known Tommy for a short while, he was truly one of the nicest and friendly person I've met. God bless.##imported-begin##Harold Bettie##imported-end##

August 29, 2009 at 05:00 PM



“ Tommie was a true friend. Our friendship of almost thirty years go back to our baseball days. Tommie, your laughing, joking around will be truly missed. Most of all your words of encouragement will be missed most. You always talked about how glad you were to see others do well. I hope all the people you have touched listened to you. God Bless your family and friend!##imported-begin##Lamont Simpson##imported-end##

August 29, 2009 at 09:18 AM



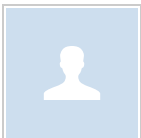
“ Grace and peace to you from him who is, and who was, and who is to come,

Revelation 1:4

Rest in peace my brother.

Danny Sapp##imported-begin##Danny Sapp##imported-end##

August 28, 2009 at 10:56 PM



“ My Friend, you will be truly missed.##imported-begin##Monique Turner##imported-end##

August 28, 2009 at 05:42 PM



“ Hello family, please know that you guys are in our prayers. I pray that you know that while we loved him, God loved him more. Mom, Bit, Lewis, Loretta and Laurie Ann, I love each of you.

On behalf of the Gilmore and Davenport family, we are here for you.

In His care, Marlene##imported-begin##Marlene Gilmore-King##imported-end##

August 28, 2009 at 04:50 PM



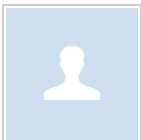
“ I want to extend my heartfelt condolences to the family and close friends of Tommie. I had the opportunity to get to know him through officiating. Every time I noticed that Tommie was on my schedule, I knew that we were going to have some laughs and great conversation during the drive to and from the game! I will never forget him...he will certainly be missed!##imported-begin##George Markley##imported-end##

August 28, 2009 at 04:07 PM



“ walk with jesus. miss u much##imported-begin##Darlene M Glenn##imported-end##

August 28, 2009 at 03:15 PM



“ Rest in peace my brother.....We certainly enjoyed some good times together.....H Jewell##imported-begin##Hugh Jewell##imported-end##

August 28, 2009 at 03:13 PM



“ To the Bray Family:

Tommie will always be remember in my mind as an positive person. He and I graduated from Northwestern High School and anytime I needed to talk about life or had question about sports. He always had an open ear for me to vent about my problems. He will always be missed and remember by everyone. My Older brother, I wish I could have had. My condolence goes out to his Family for the lost of a wonderful person from my dauther and myself.....Carl and Carla Nathan##imported-begin##Carl Nathan##imported-end##

August 28, 2009 at 02:30 PM



“ We will miss you Tommie! our favorite customer.

Sheila##imported-begin##Sheila Hughes ##imported-end##

August 28, 2009 at 12:19 PM



“ Tommie its strange how the people we love can bring on so many laughs and so many tears.....Over the years ive never had a conversation with you that didnt find us laughing about something...It is that laugh and laughter that I will miss the most...I trust in Gods promise and it is that belief that lets me know we will meet again on that shore....and laugh as we did in the days of old.....rest easy brother...I pray that Gods grace will dry every tear ease every broken heart.##imported-begin##Edgar Thomas##imported-end##

August 28, 2009 at 10:20 AM



“ May God Bless your family at this difficult time.##imported-begin##vickie young##imported-end##

August 28, 2009 at 08:34 AM



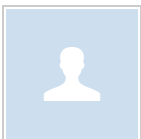
“ T-BRAY WORDS CANNOT EXPRESS THE WAY YOU WILL BE MISSED I THANK GOD FOR YOUR FRIENDSHIP FROM THE 1ST DAY 13 YEARS AGO AT NUMBER 8 YOU HAVE BEEN A TRUE FRIEND AND PARTNER FOR THE 9 MONTHS WE RODE TOGETHER.IM PRAYING FOR YOUR FAMILY PROVERBS 3:5-6 TRUST IN THE LORD WITH ALL THY HEART AND LEAN NOT TO THY OWN UNDERSTANDING IN ALL THY WAYS ACKNOWLEDGE HIM AND HE SHALL DIRECT THY PATH.GOD BLESS YOU T-BRAY YOUR FRIEND KENNY HAMPTON JR AKA BUSDRIVER THE NAME YOU GAVE ME SMILE.##imported-begin##P.O. KENNETH C.HAMPTON JR AKA BUSDRIVER##imported-end##

August 28, 2009 at 01:51 AM



“ Tommie I miss your laughter, you are truly missed, my prayers to your family.##imported-begin##Rochelle##imported-end##

August 27, 2009 at 11:12 PM



“ I will truly miss you. I love you cousin!!!!!!##imported-begin##Nytia Dupree##imported-end##

August 27, 2009 at 09:00 PM



“ You were a very special person to me and you will surely be missed. I know you will always be present in spirit. Love always....
Tracy Knox##imported-begin##Tracy Knox##imported-end##

August 27, 2009 at 08:43 PM