

Albert E. Hartsfield Sr.

April 7, 1949 - September 7, 2022

Albert Eugene Hartsfield, Sr. was born on April 7, 1949, the third of seven children born to the late Harry and Alberta Hartsfield née Murphy in Detroit Michigan. Albert attended Sacred Heart for elementary school, then Durfee Junior High. He graduated from Detroit Central High School in 1967.

Anyone who knew Albert, knows that he was a born leader, and carried a mission of service to others throughout his life. After high school, he worked for Detroit Edison for about 4 years. He took the initiative and served his country during the Vietnam War, and enlisted in the U.S. Navy and served as a seaman stationed in California.

After the navy he returned home to Detroit, and soon after found the love of his life, Gracie Hobbs. They married in June 1974. From that union, they have two children, Stacie Whitby and Albert E. Hartsfield, Jr. He loved his family. He was a proud and dedicated father and grandfather. He especially loved Gracie, his wife of 48 years. You rarely saw Albert without Gracie and vice versa.

Albert was a spiritual person who believed in Jesus Christ. As a child, he was baptized Catholic at Sacred Heart Church of Detroit where he also served as an altar boy. Later Albert and Gracie joined the Metropolitan Church of God under the leadership of Reverend Robert O. Dulin, Jr.

Albert and Gracie kept beautiful homes where they raised their children. His family, friends, and neighbors described him as a leader, friendly, outgoing and knowledgeable.

Albert worked 34 years for the Detroit Public Schools (DPS) and Public Safety Police Department. He started with the cedar program in the mid 70s and retired July 1, 2009. He was the only person to start as a security guard and rose through the ranks to become DPS's Public Safety Police Interim Chief. He loved being a police officer and took his mission to serve and protect to heart.

He enjoyed gardening, dancing, Motown music, Frankie Beverly and Maze, the Mannhattans and reality police shows. He was civic minded and served as President of the Oakman Boulevard Community Association.

Albert was a conversationalist, and got along with everyone. He met no strangers and because he was a Hartsfield, he pontificated on everything —local, national and international events.

Albert was a dapper dresser. He had an extensive wardrobe: stinky brim hats, starched shirts, suits pressed and spotless, and spit shined dress shoes. Outfits in GQ magazine had nothing on Albert.

He may be gone from sight but he will never be gone from our hearts.

Preceding him in death were his parents, his brother, Richard A. Hartsfield in 2013 of Southfield, MI and sister, Haroldeen Hartsfield of Houston, TX in 2020. He leaves to cherish his life and memory: his wife, Gracie, daughter, Stacie Whitby (Marcus); son, Albert E. Hartsfield, Jr; his grandsons, Marcus J.

Whitby and Cacie D. Whitby; his sister, Joyce Y. Hartsfield of New York City, Judy A. Hartsfield (Leon Holmes) of Detroit, Anthony C. Hartsfield, Sr. (Anita) of Lexington, KY and Roderick T. Hartsfield (Janice) of Detroit, his sisters-in-law: Joyce Foster-Hartsfield of Southfield, Kyra Spencer, Edith Smith-Meah, Catherine (Paul) Jones, Kim (Charles) Phornore, brothers-in-law: Willie (Carol) Borders, Louis Borders; a paternal aunt, Olelia Stubblefield of Lincoln, NE, and maternal uncle and aunt, Henry (Doris) Murphy of Wilmington, DE, and a host of nieces, nephews, cousins and friends.

Zoom Instructions

1. Go to Kempfuneralhome.com.
2. Click on your loved one's photo. You are now on their Tribute Page.
3. You should see a tab labeled photo & videos (or it may be labeled media, depending on your device). Select that tab.
4. Just before the service starts, you will see an icon labeled Webcast (or it may be labeled external video, depending on your device). Select the icon.
5. You will begin to launch into the zoom meeting.
6. Wait for host to let you into the meeting.

Previous Events

Family and Friends Hour

SEP **16**. 12:00 PM - 12:30 PM (ET)

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Funeral Service

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Tribute Wall



“ *Kemp Funeral Home & Cremation Services created a Webcast Funeral Service in memory of Albert E. Hartsfield Sr.*



Kemp Funeral Home & Cremation Services - September 16, 2022 at 12:23 PM



“ *Albert E. Hartsfield Sr.*

September 27, 2022 at 08:40 PM



“ *Albert E. Hartsfield Sr.*

September 27, 2022 at 06:52 PM

BW

“ *My dear Al. Words are not enough to express my sorrow at your passing. So many memories of good times on Oakman in the yard with you and Gracie and the gang. Rest in Heaven with your buddy.*
- Brenda Willis



Brenda Willis - September 19, 2022 at 07:22 AM

ST

“ *Thank you everyone for your kind words and beautiful floral arrangements.* ❤️



Stacie - September 17, 2022 at 12:57 AM

MA

“ Dearest Cousin Albert, no words can express the loss to our family, your Auntie Olelia (Black as you'd call her) and your cousins in Nebraska. God truly blessed us with your presence in April 2022 for your Auntie Olelia's 90th birthday; what a family reunion and celebration to have all of our family together. You were the family Patriach, so full of love, and we are deeply saddened. Our prayer is for God's blessing to see you again one day, and for now we'll cherish the memories of our long talks and hugs. With heartfelt condolences to Cousin's Gracie, Albert Jr., Stacey and our Hartsfield family cousins. We Love You, Your Stubblefield Cousins.

Mary K Arvin - September 16, 2022 at 11:13 AM

SW

“ 3 files added to the tribute wall



Stacie Whitby - September 15, 2022 at 12:29 AM

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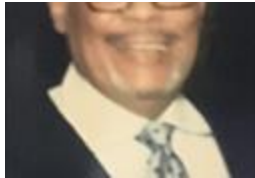


Stacie Whitby - September 15, 2022 at 12:23 AM

SW

“ *Playlist of Daddy's Favorite Songs*

- Treat Her Like A Lady by The Temptations*
- Happy Feelin's by Maze*
- I Wanna Thank You by Maze*
- Holla At Me by 2Pac*
- The Ghetto by Too \$hort*
- Fabulous by Jaheim*
- No Diggitty by Blackstreet*
- If I Was Your Man by Joe*
- As by Stevie Wonder*
- Keep On Lovin' Me by The Whispers*
- Finding My Way Back by Jaheim*
- Outstanding by The Temptations*
- Shining Star by The Manhattans*



Stacie Whitby - September 15, 2022 at 12:10 AM

JL

“ *James & Vickie Lott purchased the Days of Sunshine Bouquet for the family of Albert E. Hartsfield Sr..*



James & Vickie Lott - September 14, 2022 at 10:52 PM



“ *Beautiful Dreams was purchased for the family of Albert E. Hartsfield Sr..*



September 14, 2022 at 05:52 PM



“ *Serene Retreat was purchased for the family of Albert E. Hartsfield Sr..*



September 14, 2022 at 04:30 PM



“ *I recently met you but you left a memorable impression in my life. I met you at my grandma's 90th birthday party and it was wonderful. You told me about your history and about how I should look at the world and raise my boys and my daughter. The conversation we had was wonderful. I learned a lot in that short amount of time we spent together. When my grandmother told me that you were sick, I didn't put two in two together that it was you that was sick because you were just a wonderful man when I met you. Then, when my grandmother text me and told me that you passed away, I really had to think about who she was talking about and then I realized that it was you and I was just so heartbroken because you were just a wonderful person at the first time that I met you. God knows best and I'm glad you're no longer in pain anymore. Thank you for the knowledge you provided to me! I wish i could have spend more times and made more memories with you!*

Xavier Stubblefield - September 14, 2022 at 04:14 PM

JW

“ *Cousin what can I say, you’ve gone on without me but I rejoice in knowing I will see you again someday. I remember visiting you and Gracie in Detroit many times and all the fun we had over the years I will always treasure our times together. I will miss your phone call to Mom and sometimes the whole Stubblefield family. Albert and Gracie I love you always. Cousin Janice* 🧡❤️🙏🙏

Janice Woody - September 14, 2022 at 03:16 PM

GF

“ *Gina Ford-Copeland lit a candle in memory of Albert E. Hartsfield Sr.*



Gina Ford-Copeland - September 14, 2022 at 01:56 PM

RC

“ *Richard and Stefani Carter purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Albert E. Hartsfield Sr..*



Richard and Stefani Carter - September 14, 2022 at 10:44 AM

JH

“ *Gracie, Stacie and Al,*

Albert was a special person who shall never be forgotten. I believe there's a family reunion in heaven with him, our parents and Deenie and Rick. They're all laughing and talking like we did on Leslie Street.

Love you,

Judy, Leon and Jessica



Judy H - September 14, 2022 at 10:02 AM

CP

“ *Curtis and Vertricia Perry purchased the Arrive in Style for the family of Albert E. Hartsfield Sr..*



Curtis and Vertricia Perry - September 14, 2022 at 08:56 AM



“ *Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Albert E. Hartsfield Sr..*



September 13, 2022 at 08:05 PM

TF

“ *Hartsfield family,
We are so sorry to hear of Uncle Albert's passing. He will truly be missed. All the best to you all as you go through this tough time. Our deepest condolences go out to you all.
Love,
The Pookrums*

The Pookrum family - September 13, 2022 at 07:33 PM

JE

“ *May God be with the Hartsfield's in this time of grief! Albert was an outstanding leader and person, in general. I looked forward to his official visits to our school when he was an officer. He will be missed, especially during those Hartsfield family gatherings. It's going to be difficult, but let's all remember his wonderful spirit. RIP!!
Joyce Herron-Taylor, Esq.*

joyce Herron-Taylor, Esq. - September 13, 2022 at 07:04 PM

JE

Hartsfields, not Hartsfield's

joyce Herron-Taylor, Esq. - September 13, 2022 at 07:05 PM

DM

“ *May family and friends bring comfort and may time bring peace. Love, Deidre & Everett
Harkless (Stafford, Tx)*



Deidre Mooring - September 12, 2022 at 07:54 PM

TW

“ *Praying fond memories and the words of our Heavenly Father offer you comfort.*

The Wallace's - September 12, 2022 at 06:29 PM

DM

“ *David & Melanie lit a candle in memory of Albert E. Hartsfield Sr.*



David & Melanie - September 12, 2022 at 06:27 PM