



Luther D Wortham

July 28, 1935 - January 3, 2025

Luther Donald Wortham was born on July 28, 1935, in Mulga, Alabama, to the late Thelma Wortham. He and his family relocated to Detroit, Michigan, in the early 1950s. Luther was preceded in death by all of his siblings: Louvie, Verna, Walter, Norma Jo, and Willie.

Luther attended Northwestern High School in Detroit, where he met his first wife, Annette Marie Brooks. Together, they had nine children. Unfortunately, both Annette and their daughter, Lynette Sharon Wortham, preceded him in death.

A visionary with a strong entrepreneurial spirit, Luther entered the demolition industry at a young age. He started his career with Federal Wrecking Company, and later purchased the company, renaming it “ABC Demolition,” which became a well-known business in Detroit.

Throughout his career, Luther was passionate about his work. He was dedicated to mentoring many young adults, passing on his knowledge of the construction and demolition trades. All of his sons, along with several of his daughters, worked for the company at various times. Luther’s dedication to his business was evident, as he worked tirelessly from 5 a.m. until late in the evening.

Luther later met and married Jessie Mae Stephens, and together they had two sons and one stepson. He took great joy in being an active member of his community, frequently supporting local causes. He found a welcoming church home at Kadash Baptist Church on Plymouth Road in Detroit, where he

regularly attended services. Luther was always eager to provide any type of assistance he could offer.

Cemetery Details

Woodlawn Cemetery

19975 Woodward Avenue
Detroit, MI 48203

Previous Events

Visitation

JAN 10. 4:00 PM - 7:00 PM (ET)

Kemp Funeral Home & Cremation Services
24585 Evergreen Rd
Southfield, MI 48075
(248) 702-5367
info@kempfh.com
<https://www.kempfuneralhome.com>

Family Hour

JAN 11. 10:30 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

Kadesh Baptist Church
20361
Plymouth
Detroit, MI 48228

Celebration of Life

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Tribute Wall

LW

“ Love Rose Wohlgemuth purchased the Arrive in Style for the family of Luther D Wortham.



Love Rose Wohlgemuth - January 10, 2025 at 12:03 PM

AI

“ Alexander Transport, Inc. purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Luther D Wortham.



Alexander Transport, Inc. - January 10, 2025 at 09:43 AM



“ Dear Wortham FAMILY SO SORRY FOR YOUR LOSS STAY STRONG AS I KNOW THE FAMILY WILL

ANITA HAMLIN

Anita Esper - January 10, 2025 at 09:25 AM

AE

“ Angelique Easley purchased the Rainbow Of Remembrance Spray for the family of Luther D Wortham.



Angelique Easley - January 09, 2025 at 08:52 PM

TR

“ I'm so sorry for your loss Val. Sending prayers and hugs to you and your family.
Tryshelle

Tryshelle Reeves - January 08, 2025 at 08:12 PM

BB

“ Brenda Karen Laurie Donna and Beverly purchased the Arrive in Style for the family of Luther D Wortham.



Brenda Karen Laurie Donna and Beverly - January 08, 2025 at 04:37 PM

BB

“ Brenda Karen Laurie Donna and Beverly planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Luther D Wortham.

Brenda Karen Laurie Donna and Beverly - January 08, 2025 at 04:37 PM

AT

“ Annette, Val my deepest condolences goes out to you and the Family! It's really hard when they go, and so much harder when we did our best for them! But there is a good part of this and that is the ❤️ you both had and shared ! I love you Val praying for you and the Family!!



Annette Taylor - January 07, 2025 at 07:54 PM

RD

“ *My Deepest condolences to you all Val I know y'all took great care of y'all dad sending prayers 🙏 love Riesha*



Riesha Denham - January 07, 2025 at 07:43 PM

RS

“ *So sorry for your loss, Tanya. Praying for peace and comfort for you and your family during this difficult time.*

Rachel Spaulding - January 06, 2025 at 03:10 PM