



James "Cotton" McDaniel

July 1, 1923 - June 8, 2012

James "Cotton" McDaniel, 88, of Benton Harbor went to be with the Lord on Friday, June 8, 2012 at his home.

Services celebrating his life will be held at 11AM on Tuesday, June 12, at the Fairplain Chapel of Florin Funeral Service in Benton Harbor with Rev. William Hughes officiating. Burial will follow in Mount Pleasant Cemetery in Sodus Township. The family will receive friends and relatives from 5 PM to 8 PM on Monday at the Fairplain Chapel. Memorials may be made to Hospice at Home.

Cotton was born on July 1, 1923 in McHenry, KY to Will and Ruth McDaniel. He married his wife, Barb Rutkowski, on March 31, 1951 in Benton Harbor and together they have celebrated 61 years of marriage. He retired in 1980 after 25 years with Whirlpool where he was manager of the Display Dept. He enjoyed going to the Ponderosas Restaurant with his brother and grandson and more recently to McDonalds and Michigan City. Cotton also enjoyed making his home made chill along with some of his favorite foods like beans, corn bread, and fried potatoes. He loved being around friends and family. Cotton was a loving father and a good provider for his family.

He is survived by his wife, Barb; his daughters, Deborah (Everett) Lumpkins of Stevensville, Kathy (Dennis) Kessinger of Benton Harbor, and Karen

McDaniel of Benton Harbor; his brother, Bob McDaniel of Benton Harbor; his sister, Loretta Schultz of Port Richie, FL; his 2 grandchildren and his several nieces and nephews.

Cemetery Details

Mt. Pleasant Cemetery

5508 S. Pipestone Road
Sodus, MI 49126

Previous Events

Visitation

JUN 11. 5:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

Fairplain Chapel of Florin Funeral Service
1053 East Napier Avenue
Benton Harbor, MI 49022
(269) 926-7222
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Service

JUN 12. 11:00 AM (ET)

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Burial

JUN 12. 12:00 PM (ET)

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Gathering

JUN 12. 1:00 PM (ET)

First Free Will Baptist Church
3472 Territorial Road
Benton Harbor, MI 49022

Tribute Wall

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“ *Kathy Lynn Kessinger lit a candle in memory of James "Cotton" McDaniel*



Kathy Lynn Kessinger - June 10, 2012 at 07:11 PM

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“ *My thoughts and prayers are with all of my family back home. Its a sad day when someone we love is called home, he has ledt his foot print in everyones heart and even with him not being here in person he is here is sprit looking over you all. all my memories that i have of uncle cotton are ones of his always smiling, upbeat and such a sweet sweet man. I am not able to be home with you but i am there in you heart and in sprit.*

Sarah Soltesz- Blake - June 10, 2012 at 10:38 AM