



Mr. Cecil Dempsey

August 25, 1942 - February 15, 2021

Cecil L. Dempsey was born August 25, 1942 in Hope Arkansas to Jewel (JD) Dempsey and Josephine Jackson-Dempsey. At the age of 78, Cecil departed this life on Monday, February 15, 2021 at Baylor Medical Hospital in Irving TX.

He united with Providence Baptist Church at an early age and his membership remained there until death. Cecil moved from Hope, Arkansas to Milwaukee, WI and lived there several years before relocating to Magnolia Arkansas.

He was admired for having a strong work ethic. In the early 70s he worked at the Gulf Station in Magnolia Ar. And In 1988 he began working for Arnold Baker Chevrolet and worked there for over 25 years until retirement. Cecil loved working on and collecting old cars, especially race cars. He never missed a chance to watch a race. His favorite racetrack was Prescott Raceway in Prescott Arkansas, where he attended with family and friends for many years. He enjoyed spending time with family and friends and was always willing to help anyone. He lived life to the fullest and made friends everywhere he went. He loved telling jokes and funny stories that taught life lessons. He enjoyed eating good food. Some of his favorite "spots" were Chick A Dilly, Andy's, and Marlar's Cafeteria.

Cecil Dempsey was preceded in death by his father and mother, Jewel (JD) Dempsey and Josephine Jackson-Dempsey; (1) Son, Rickey Leland; (4) Sisters, Betty Dempsey, Stella Mae Dempsey, Alma Ennis, Arnedia Simpson; (2) brothers, Willie James Dempsey, and Wayne Dempsey.

He Leaves to cherish his precious memories to his children; Connie Leland, Felicia Leland, Rochelle Roundtree (Leevan), and Emmauel Leland all of Milwaukee WI; Kelli Dempsey-Dockery of Benton Arkansas, Stephanie Dempsey-Cheatham (Stanley) of Irving Texas, Shanon Pugh (Dewayne) and Anthony Jacobs (Nycole) of Texas; (1) Brother, Emmanuel Wade Dempsey of Louisville, KY; (4) Sisters, Sara Monk, Myrtle Lacey, Betsy Faye Garland, and Joann Garland all of Milwaukee, WI; Grandchildren, Antonio McDonald Jr, Malik Dockery, Samarie Cheatham, Sanaa Cheatham, Sherell Roundtree, Prince Fields, Sanauna Horton, Sailor Horton, Brandon Shakeford, Justine Flowers (Alfreeman), Lysha Ward, Jazmia Ward, Lania Roundtree, and Andrew Leland; (19) Great Grandchildren, a special nephew, Frankie Watson, many special friends and a host of nieces, nephews, cousins, family, and friends.

Celebration of Life services will be held Saturday, March 6, 2021, at Lonoke Baptist Church in Hope, Arkansas at 11:00 a.m., under the direction of R.L. Reed Funeral Home. Pastor Steve Jackson, Sr. eulogist.

Visitation will be Friday, {Mar. 5th}, from 1:00 – 4:00 p.m.

Due to the COVID-19 Pandemic, “Everyone Is Required to Wear A Mask While Attending the Services and During Visitation Hours”. This ensures safety for you and others. Thank you in advance for your cooperation.

Previous Events

Celebration of Life

MAR 6. 11:00 AM (CT)

Lonoke Baptist Church
702 S. Hazel St.
Hope, AR 71801

Tribute Wall



“ *Barbara McBride lit a candle in memory of Mr. Cecil Dempsey*



Barbara McBride - March 05, 2021 at 08:39 PM



“ *Michael Clayton sent a virtual gift in memory of Mr. Cecil Dempsey*



Michael Clayton - March 05, 2021 at 06:08 PM



“ *Praying you Shan, Stephanie and to the rest of the family during this time*



Douglas and Cassandra Moss - March 04, 2021 at 07:45 PM



“ *Sending prayers to Shelley and the Dempsey family...*



Latricia Williams - March 04, 2021 at 07:36 PM

LW

Sending prayers to Shelley and the Dempsey family

Latricia Williams - March 04, 2021 at 07:37 PM

TC

“ *Tammi Cooper sent a virtual gift in memory of Mr. Cecil Dempsey*



Tammi Cooper - March 03, 2021 at 03:55 PM

MS

“ *Praying for the family*



Mary Strickland - March 03, 2021 at 05:53 AM

KG

“ *Kelly Gentry lit a candle in memory of Mr. Cecil Dempsey*



kelly Gentry - March 02, 2021 at 05:46 PM

MP

“ *Mary S. Pickings lit a candle in memory of Mr. Cecil Dempsey*



Mary S. Pickings - March 02, 2021 at 01:18 PM

MS

“ *Maurice Strong lit a candle in memory of Mr. Cecil Dempsey*



maurice strong - March 01, 2021 at 03:16 PM

EC

“ *Erica Critton-White lit a candle in memory of Mr. Cecil Dempsey*



Erica Critton-White - February 28, 2021 at 08:21 AM

TO

“ *Tonia lit a candle in memory of Mr. Cecil Dempsey*



Tonia - February 28, 2021 at 12:38 AM

JE

“ Jackie Easter lit a candle in memory of Mr. Cecil Dempsey



Jackie Easter - February 27, 2021 at 07:45 PM

BJ

“ Rest in Eternal Peace cousin



Belinda Ross Jenkins - February 27, 2021 at 07:13 PM

ER

“ Edna Rowden lit a candle in memory of Mr. Cecil Dempsey



Edna Rowden - February 27, 2021 at 05:49 PM

PB

“ Pastor Eric L. Burton lit a candle in memory of Mr. Cecil Dempsey



Pastor Eric L. Burton - February 26, 2021 at 11:49 PM



“ *Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Mr. Cecil Dempsey.*



February 25, 2021 at 08:02 PM



“ *My cousin Cecil always met me with a smile. No matter what was going on in life, he wore a heart warming smile. I grew up with family overlooking everyone in our community. We learned to love. We had respect for others. Cecil, C Man as we called him shared jokes and joy. After her moved to Magnolia I was very thankful to God for him being there. I commuted to Magnolia as a graduate student at SAU and my car broke down one dark night. My mind was filled with thoughts of lions and tigers and bears and Oooh wee. Cecil came to my rescue and got my car going. He will be greatly missed. And fondly remembered. God rest his soul!!!*

Alvis Conway - February 25, 2021 at 06:45 PM



“ *Jackie Easter lit a candle in memory of Mr. Cecil Dempsey*



Jackie Easter - February 23, 2021 at 07:29 PM



“ *Lisa Easter lit a candle in memory of Mr. Cecil Dempsey*



Lisa Easter - February 23, 2021 at 02:04 AM



“ *James E & Peggy Martin-Weaver lit a candle in memory of Mr. Cecil Dempsey*



James E & Peggy Martin-Weaver - February 22, 2021 at 10:00 PM



“ *Mary S. Pickings lit a candle in memory of Mr. Cecil Dempsey*



Mary S. Pickings - February 22, 2021 at 05:31 PM



“ *Willie & Stephanie Marks lit a candle in memory of Mr. Cecil Dempsey*



Willie & Stephanie Marks - February 22, 2021 at 03:36 PM

CF

“ *Carlton Franklin lit a candle in memory of Mr. Cecil Dempsey*



carlton franklin - February 21, 2021 at 12:49 AM



“ *April Colvin lit a candle in memory of Mr. Cecil Dempsey*



April Colvin - February 19, 2021 at 10:06 PM

RC

“ *Reginald Curry lit a candle in memory of Mr. Cecil Dempsey*



Reginald Curry - February 19, 2021 at 08:36 PM

LB

“ *Praying for strength and guidance for the family*



LaKeisha Brown - February 19, 2021 at 07:38 PM

RH

“ *Lord have Mercy on his family. I met him 20+ years ago when I worked for Buzz Buy. This was by far a good man. He would come in and say he was checking on us girls. RIP Cecil...*

Regina Henderson - February 19, 2021 at 04:27 PM

ML

“ *Rest In Love Mr. Cecil, you will be truly missed and forever in my heart!*



Monica Love - February 18, 2021 at 10:04 PM