



Grant Everson Jr.

September 11, 1930 - January 5, 2024

Grant Everson, Jr. passed suddenly on Friday, January 5, 2024 in Wixom at the age of 93.

Grant Everson, Jr. was born on September 11, 1930, in Abbeville, Georgia to Mary Rogers Everson and Grant Everson.

After high school he joined the US Marines in 1951 and obtained the rank of Corporal.

After being honorably discharged in 1953, he moved to Detroit, Michigan and married Thelma Davis Everson in 1957. They honeymooned in Havana, Cuba and celebrated at the world-famous Copacabana.

Grant worked at Fisher Body Automotive for 11 years and became a foreman as his last position.

Thelma started Everson's Party Store in 1972 and Grant left the auto industry to manage the store while Thelma set her sights on opening a BBQ which she did in 1975. Both businesses flourished allowing them to become one of the first Black owned small businesses on West 7 Mile Road.

Grant attended Unity Church and in his free time enjoyed several hobbies

such as playing pool & renovating cars. An avid sports fan, Grant loved football, basketball, baseball, and the Indy 500.

Grant retired in 2015 and moved to Wixom, Michigan. He and Barbara Dowe Spencer built a life together and enjoyed going on walks, going to the movies and other outdoor activities in Oakland and Wayne Counties.

Grant is survived by his son Tony Everson and daughter Cynthia Everson; daughter-in law Sylvia Barajas Everson; two grandchildren Michael Everson and Olivia Everson; 4 great-grandchildren; nieces Gladys Wallace and Eutha Wilson; and numerous extended family and friends in Michigan, New Jersey, Florida, Georgia, and Indiana.

Interment/ Military Honors will take place 1:00 PM, Thursday, January 11, 2024, at Great Lakes National Cemetery in Holly, Michigan.

Cemetery Details

Great Lakes National Cemetery

4200 Belford Road
Holly, MI 48442
<http://www.cem.va.gov>

Previous Events

Military Honors

JAN 11. 1:00 PM (ET)

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Tribute Wall



“ O’Brien-Sullivan Funeral Home created a Military Honors at Great Lakes National Cemetery in memory of Grant Everson Jr.



O’Brien-Sullivan Funeral Home - January 12, 2024 at 04:32 PM



“ 2 files added to the album Grant Everson, Jr.



O’Brien-Sullivan Funeral Home - January 12, 2024 at 04:32 PM



“ I have great memories of my father in law but the one that stands out is when he came to visit us in Oregon. I asked him to come live with us. He looked at me and said, “Sweetie thank you but I can never leave Michigan”. Rest in peace Pops.

Miamor Ever - January 11, 2024 at 09:57 AM



“ Matingu S. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Grant Everson Jr..

Matingu S. - January 11, 2024 at 03:58 AM

GW

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Gladys Wallace - January 10, 2024 at 07:35 PM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Grant Everson Jr..



January 10, 2024 at 02:02 PM

MF

“ Marvin Earl Everson and family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Grant Everson Jr..

Marvin Earl Everson and family - January 10, 2024 at 02:02 PM

ME

“ Michael, Rachel, and Elijah Everson purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Grant Everson Jr..



Michael, Rachel, and Elijah Everson - January 10, 2024 at 12:19 PM

FM

“ *Family Muteba purchased the Ocean Breeze Spray for the family of Grant Everson Jr..*



Family Muteba - January 10, 2024 at 12:19 PM

CY

“ *Grant Everson, Jr. was known to many as Mr. E but to me he was "my Daddy."*

I was such a Daddy's girl and have fond memories of him giving me \$20 to buy doll clothes once or twice per week; helping him make the shopping list for the weekly trips to the wholesale house; taking all of the candy my little hands could carry from the party store to all of my elementary school friends; and so many other precious memories.

Than you for everything Daddy.

We were blessed to have you for 93 years and will love you forever.

Love, Rea

Cynthia - January 09, 2024 at 10:44 PM

ME

“Well hey, how's it going young fella?!” Usually in a voice that would come booming through the phone. I remember a big highlight in the run up to Christmas as kids was picking him up at the airport on the years he would visit us. Back when you could actually meet your people at the gate, he'd come strolling out of the jetway, coat draped over one arm, the other arm open and ready to give us a hug. All smiles, and always in his trademark cap like the one in your picture. That was grandpa. Though geographic distance meant that I didn't grow as close to him as I did my grandmother, I still have a lot of respect and thanks for the family that helped build, and for the values he instilled that continue on.

Michael Everson - January 09, 2024 at 04:17 PM

HP

“Our love, prayers and deepest sympathies to Tony , Cynthia & Families. I am thankful for Uncle Grant's Military Service and his immediate Family. May The Lord Continue To Rest & Receive His Soul. Deacon Henry Lee Everson PE & Families/ Vice President Everson Family Reunion

Henry Lee Everson PE - January 09, 2024 at 12:17 PM

HL

“Henry L. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Grant Everson Jr..

Henry L. - January 09, 2024 at 12:07 PM

TM

“Tony M. planted a grove of 3 [Memorial Trees](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Grant Everson Jr..

Tony M. - January 09, 2024 at 11:46 AM

TF

“ Tony Everson Family purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Grant Everson Jr..



Tony Everson Family - January 09, 2024 at 11:43 AM

BS

“ Grant was a beautiful person. He will never be forgotten. Rea and Tony stay strong. Love always. Barbara Dowe- Spencer

Barbara Spencer - January 09, 2024 at 09:55 AM



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O'Brien-Sullivan Funeral Home - January 08, 2024 at 05:08 PM

JC

“ Dear Tony, Cynthia, Sylvia, Michael and Olivia, I was saddened to hear of Mr. Everson's passing. I also enjoyed my conversations with Mr. Everson over the years. Because I've known the Everson family so long (since I was 6 years old). I had many of life's first because of Mr. Everson. My first ride in the back of a pick-up truck. Tony and I had our first clubhouse, built by Mr. Everson and it included squirt guns! Also the first Black business owner I knew personally. Rest in peace Mr Everson.

John Clinton - January 08, 2024 at 01:51 PM

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Tony Everson - January 08, 2024 at 01:30 PM

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