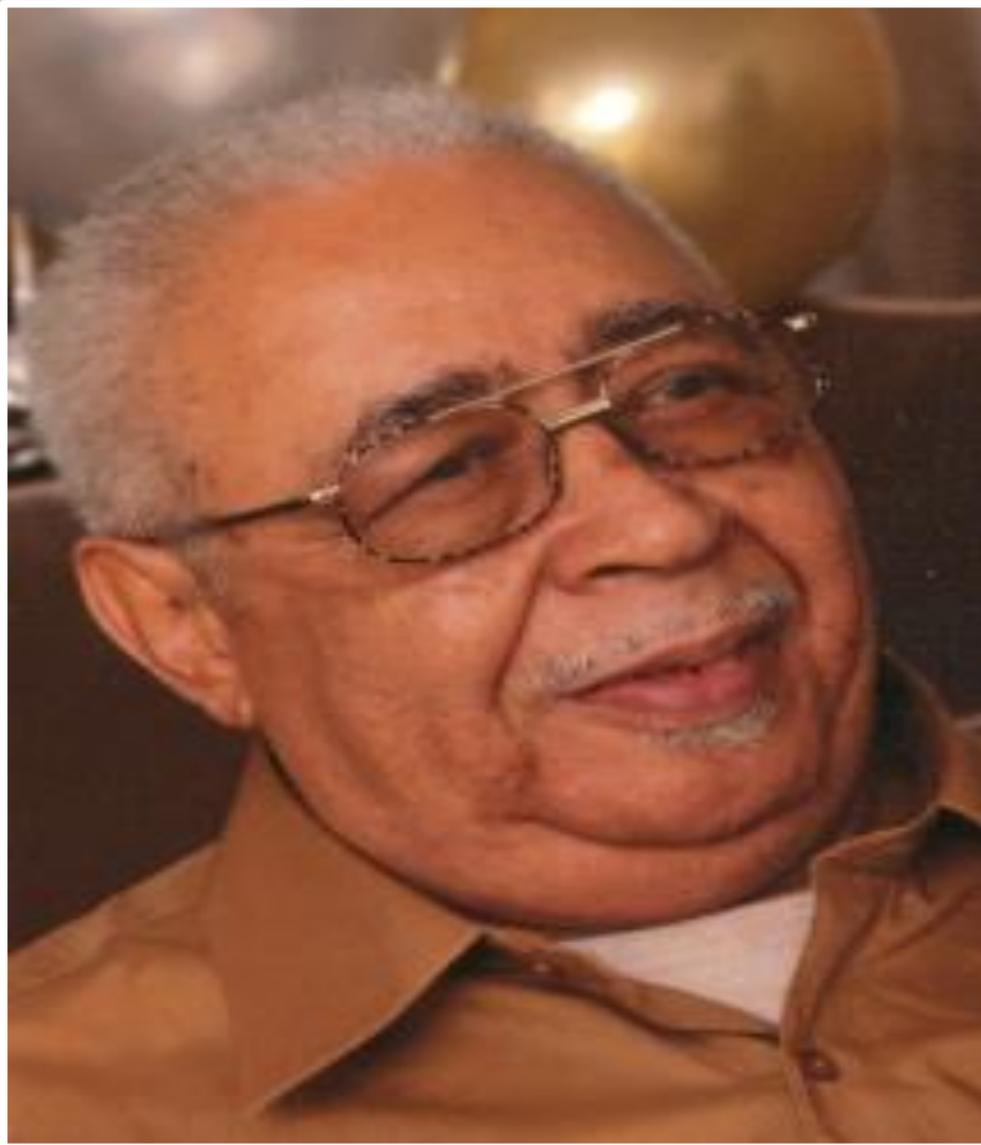
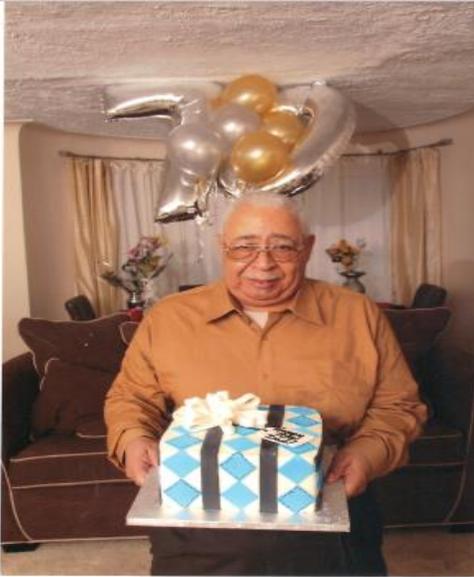


Celebrating The Life Of
Simon Michael Brantley
February 16, 1943 – March 28, 2020



Services to be held
Saturday, April 11, 2020
Family Hour: 8:30AM
Funeral 9:00AM
James H Cole Home for Funerals
16100 Schaefer Detroit, MI 48235

OBITUARY



Simon Michael Brantley was born February 16, 1943 in Detroit, Michigan to his late parents Reverend Doctor Joseph and Cenobia Council Brantley. He was the oldest of three siblings.

Mike received Christ at an early age and was baptized by his father at Galilee Missionary Baptist Church in Detroit, Michigan. He was educated in the Detroit Public School system where he attended Pershing High School. He joined the U.S. Army where he served in Germany before receiving his Honorable Discharge.

He was blessed with three children, Michael Dwayne, Vivian, and Angela from his marital union with the late Juanita Brantley who transitioned October 21, 1995. He was further blessed in marriage to Joyce Brantley, who

preceded him in death on February 11, 2020 with stepchildren: Kim, Tracy, Elisia, Angela, and Arneldo.

Mike worked at the Ford Motor Company Sterling Plant where he retired after 40 years. He also left a legacy of family members who thrived at Ford as well.

The best word to describe Mike is "Love." He loved his family whom he prayed for every night. He loved his old Detroit neighborhood, the Davison/Dequindre area, especially the annual picnics. He loved his friends at the Ford Plant, especially the retirees whom he joined for monthly breakfasts. Mike loved fun times like traveling to other states and countries. He loved to take Sunday drives; one of his favorites was cruising around Detroit's Belle Isle Park. He also loved good food. Last but not least, he loved to smile and laugh bringing joy and sunshine to anyone fortunate enough to meet him. He often helped others before himself.

Mike took great joy in being the family patriarch. He cried with joy at the birth of his first great granddaughter, Journey, for whom he passed down his own toddler chair, which he had kept all those years. He told many family and workplace stories as a way to pass on life lessons and bits of wisdom.

He was also preceded in death by his stepdaughter, Kim Neal. Mike leaves to cherish his loving memories: his brother Gordon Douglas Brantley (Jewell), his sister Pamela Osborne (Norman), his son Michael Dwayne Brantley (Hasina), his daughters Vivian (Princess) Palmer (David Sr.) and Angela Brantley, his stepdaughters Tracy Neal (John), Elisia Brockington, and Angela Brockington; His stepson Arneldo Brockington, grandson David Palmer Jr., granddaughters Deshay Brantley, Juanita Brantley, Adia Palmer, step-grandson Kennard Taylor, step-granddaughter A'Nyeshia Taylor and great granddaughter Journey Simmons; His aunts Anna Mae Council, Rosa Mae Rosemond, Claudia Council, Christina Fleming, and Dorothy Council; Also, a host of nieces, nephews, cousins and friends.

ORDER OF SERVICE

Processional

Prayer.....Minister

Scripture.....Minister

Musical Selection: Alabaster BoxEboney Paisley

Cards and Condolences.....David Palmer Sr.

Remarks (2 minutes please)Family & Friends

Eulogy.....David Palmer Sr.

Message of ComfortMinister

Musical Selection: Oceans.....Eboney Paisley

RecessionalFamily & Friends

PRAYER

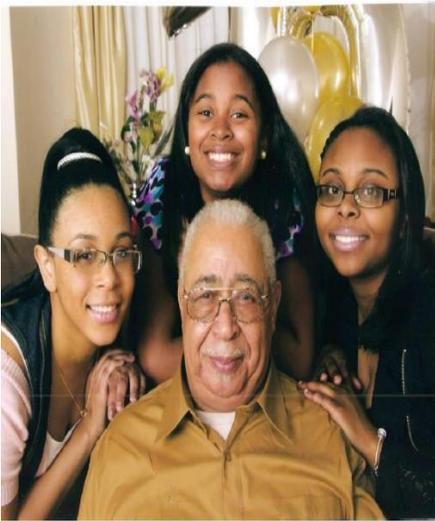
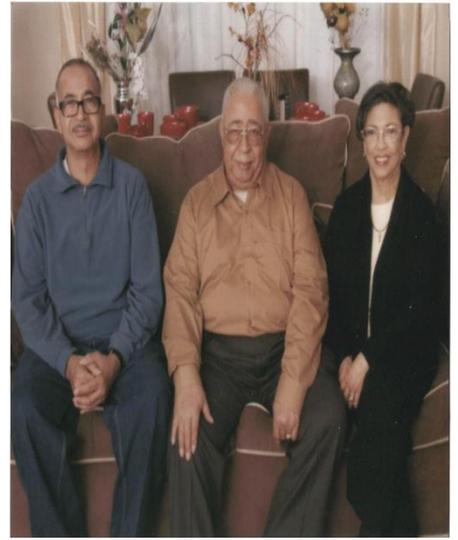
²⁷ My sheep hear my voice, and I know them, and they follow me:

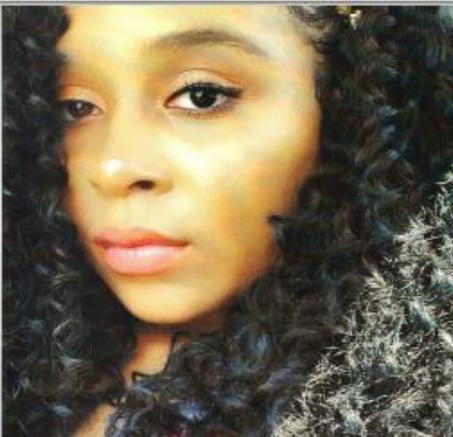
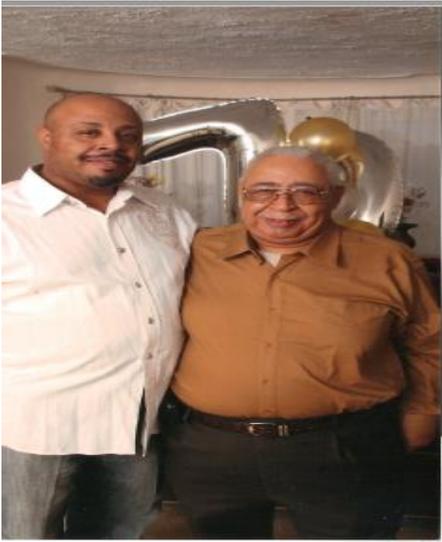
²⁸ And I give unto them eternal life; and they shall never perish; neither shall any man pluck them out of my hand.

²⁹ My Father, which gave them me, is greater than all; and no man is able to pluck them out of my Father's hand.

John 10:27-29







The Broken Chain

We little knew the day that
It broke our hearts to lose you
But you didn't go alone.
For part of us went with you
The day God called you home.
You left us peaceful memories.
Your love is still our guide,
And though we cannot see you
You are always at our side.
Our family chain is broken
And nothing seems the same,
But as God calls us one by one
The chain will link again.

LOVE YOUR SON MIKE

ACCEPTANCE

Such an easy word to say
Such a hard word to incorporate,
Not for you,
Your love was genuinely given, your acceptance
of me and my family made a world of difference
I will always love you for it.

Your daughter-in-law, Hasina

MY GRANDAD

Grandad treated us as his own.
He welcomed us from the beginning,
Making it was easy to reciprocate the love.
He had jokes for days and
Always got us to open up;
He was always willing to help,
So we wanted to be there for him too.
He called us "good peoples,"
And said we will have good grand-babies like him.
We hope to be good grandparents like him too.

A'Nyeshia and Kennard



As a child.
From the day I was born my daddy placed
me in his heart.

And from the start He loved me
encouraged me to do my best.
He promised me he would always be
there.

He even named me and said prayers.
As a child he guided me and held my hand
and never expected anything in return.

He was a protector, a teacher.
When I became a woman I placed my
daddy in my heart.

I became the person that he taught me to
be by watching over him as he has done
for me.

The day my daddy decided to be with God
I cried and prayed for him and knew he
was at peace because he was
with God.

My daddy may have moved on from this
world.

But he will always be in my heart as I will
always be in his.

Love your daughter

Vivian



Until We Meet Again

Those special memories of you
Will always bring a smile
If only I could have you back
For just a little while
Then we could sit and talk again
Just like we used to do.
You always meant so very much
And always will too.
The fact that you're no longer here
Will always cause me pain,
But you're forever in my heart
Until we meet again.

Love your daughter Angela

MISSING YOU

If tears could build a stairway,
and memories a lane.
I would walk right up to Heaven
and bring you back again.

No farewell words were spoken,
No time to say "Goodbye".
You were gone before I knew it, c
and only God knows why.

My heart still aches with sadness,
and secret tears still flow.
What it meant to love you -
No one can ever know.

But now I know you want me
to mourn for you no more;
To remember all the happy times
life still has much in store.

Since you'll never be forgotten,
I pledge to you today~
A hollowed place within my heart
is where you'll always stay.

**Love Your Favorite Granddaughter,
Juanita**

The Lord's Prayer

Our Father, which art in
heaven, Hallowed be thy Name.
Thy Kingdom come. Thy will be
done in earth, As it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread.
And forgive us our trespasses,
As we forgive them that
trespass against us. And lead us
not into temptation, But deliver
us from evil. For thine is the
kingdom, The power, and the
glory,
For ever and ever.
Amen.

Brantley Family



You will be missed.

PALLBEARERS

Friends of the Family

FLOWER BEARERS

Friends of Family

INTERMENT

Woodlawn Cemetery

19975 Woodward Ave

Detroit, Michigan 48203

(Immediate family members only)

ARRANGEMENTS ENTRUSTED TO

JAMES H. COLE FUNERAL HOME

Northwest Chapel

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Thank You

We would like to express our sincere appreciation
for all the expression of comfort given to us
during this very difficult time of loss and bereavement.

May God continue to bless each one of you.

With Much Love and Appreciation

The Family