



## Mr. Floyd Cross

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Floyd Cross Sr. was born on June 22, 1945 to the union of the late Arthur William, Sr. and Piccolar

Cross (nee Hutchins) in the Little Hill Community near Kosciusko, Mississippi.

Floyd received his

formal education first in the schools of the Little Hill community, and later in Milwaukee Public

Schools. During his latter adult years Floyd earned a degree from Milwaukee Area Technical College, and went on to earn certification as an AODA

Counselor. He was quite proud of those more recent achievements, as they became the vehicle through which he could help set others free of a life of alcohol and chemical dependency and more on to live a life of quality.

Floyd accepted Christ as his Lord and Savior at Little Hill Missionary Baptist Church. He was in-

involved in various ministries of the church throughout his childhood until he moved to Milwaukee

with his mother and several of his siblings. Soon after their arrival in

Milwaukee, Floyd and his

family joined Greater Galilee Baptist Church where he continued to grow in his faith and work for the Lord. Floyd was a member in good standing of Pilgrim

Rest Missionary Baptist Church, and he excitedly looked forward to serving the Lord in the church's Outreach Ministry to help bring others out of a life of chemical dependency.

Floyd was united in holy matrimony with Bertha Triplett in Kosciusko, MS. During the duration of their marriage they were blessed with two children, Piccolar and Floyd Dwight. He also welcomed a step-son, Kevin Triplett. Prior to his marriage, Floyd also welcomed a daughter, Mona Lisa Perry.

Floyd was employed for approximately twenty years at Milwaukee Kitchen Mart as a Carpenter's Helper. He always had an entrepreneurial spirit. At an early age he would shovel snow to earn money, and in later years he began a successful fruit vending business. Toward that end he bought a truck to which he had his baby brother attach protective guard rails, and began purchasing watermelons, cantaloupes and other summer fruits, and nuts squash.potatoes, etcetera in the fall, and selling them throughout the greater Milwaukee community.

In his leisure Floyd enjoyed helping others, whether it was in sponsoring someone who was initiating the walk of a lifestyle free of chemical dependency, or any of his family members, no matter their need. He also enjoyed gardening, and could be depended upon to come and help himself to any family members backyard gardening - in the name of ensuring that all was growing well - or cultivating a garden of his own in either his sister's yard or his own. Floyd also enjoyed traveling. He was known to hop in any of the vehicles he owned over the years and travel to Mississippi or Milwaukee, and points in between, depending upon where he was living at the time. He enjoyed being in the company of his family and friends. He always ensured that he took special time to share in the love of everyone. However, everyone who knew Floyd best knew that he was crazy

about his grandsons, BJ and Bobby! Finally, Floyd was also a comical person. There was never a dull moment when he was around! In addition to his church membership, Floyd was a member of various organizations such as Alcoholics Anonymous and Twelve Step.

Floyd Cross departed this life on November 10, 2012. He was preceded in death by his parents, Arthur and Piccolar Cross; his dear son, Floyd Dwight Cross, Jr.; sisters: Mary Helen, Lula Bonzell Florence, and Jean; brothers: ST, LC, Clayton Roosevelt, Arthur William and Otha William. He leaves to cherish his memory his two children Mona Lisa Perry and Piccolar Johnson, nee Cross (Anthony), and his grandsons Benjamin - fondly called BJ, and Bobby. He also leaves his sisters Volina, Wardell, Joyce, and Patricia; his brothers Keith and Glenn. Furthermore, Floyd leaves a host of nieces, nephews, aunts, cousins and other family and friends who will dearly miss his presence .

God was walking through his garden and chose one of his best from amongst his beautiful vines.

# Cemetery Details

## Graceland Cemetery

6401 N. 43rd St.  
Milwaukee, WI

# Previous Events

## Visitation

NOV **14**. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

Pilgrim Rest Baptist Church  
3737 N. Sherman Blvd  
Milwaukee, WI

## Service

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# Tribute Wall

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“ I remember every summer, My cousin and I went swimming then after we would go to my Uncle Floyd's, Watermelon Stand and eat his samples then he would be like "Summers Why'd you do that?" Then he'd laugh and I would say "Can we have a watermelon?" He'd give us a Big Watermelon. Then we'd say goodbye and go. I miss him so much!! ;((

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