



## Mr. Herman Orr

July 2, 1942 - January 18, 2017

HERMAN ORR was born in Tupelo, Mississippi to the union of Reverend Oscar and Evangelist Squillar Off. He was the youngest son of their 10 children. He was raised in the church and spent all of his Sundays and most of his weekdays praising God and singing with his family's gospel group.

Herman was a product of MPS and a proud Blue Devil. Tales of his singing filling the halls of North

Division continue to be told by his classmates and his defensive line can still reenact some the best plays they ran on the football field.

In 1966, he graduated from the University of Arkansas Pine Bluff with a bachelor's degree in Elementary Education and received his Masters in Guidance and Counseling from UW-Platteville in 1970. He pledged Omega Psi Phi in 1968 and in 2016 was awarded the lifetime achievement award from his chapter, Kappa Phi.

He loved encouraging children and dedicated 32 years to MPS as an administrator, and countless

volunteer hours to organizations close to his heart. There was never a time in his life when he was not educating and mentoring children. He worked with Beckum-Stapleton Little League Baseball, The LaVamway Milwaukee Boys Club Boosters, Youth Basketball Association, The Young Anglers Fishing Association, Black Male Empowerment Program, Kids On The Water Fishing Association, and The Joy Center.

Herman met the love of his life at the new teacher orientation at West Division High School and they enjoyed 48 years of love and laughs. In his leisure time, he enjoyed fishing, gardening, volunteering in Northside Church of God's food pantry and, playing dominoes with anyone looking for some smack talking and a thorough beating.

God peacefully called Herman home on January 18, 2017. He leaves behind his wife, Sandra; daughters Pauline, Kathy and Stacey; his foster son Curt; son-in-law Ramel; "adopted" son Rod; and mother-in-law Rosetta. He will be sorely missed by his grandchildren Josetta, Trinity, Felicia, Megan, Joie, Jonah, Noah, and Skye. His remaining siblings Joe, Arthur (Carolyn), Merle, Viola, Lawrence (Dorothy), and Dorothy (Robert) will work to comfort the scores of nieces and nephews who rate Herman as the best uncle a kid could have.

With countless friends across the country, it's clear that Herman never met a stranger. He was loved by all, and each friend will tell you that his laid-back attitude and quick wit made it easy to be his friend. He was met on the other side by his parents; his sisters Eulara and Mary; his brother Willie; his granddaughter Maya Alisia; and host of extended family and friends. There is also a special contingency of fishing buddies waiting to fish with him once again.

# Cemetery Details

## Graceland Cemetery

6401 N. 43rd St.  
Milwaukee, WI

# Previous Events

## Visitation

JAN 24. 3:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

Northwest Funeral Chapel  
6630 W. Hampton Ave  
Milwaukee, WI

## Visitation

JAN 25. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

Holy Redeemer C.O.G.I.C.  
3500 Mother Daniels Way  
Milwaukee, WI

## Service

JAN 25. 11:00 AM (CT)

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# Tribute Wall

DB

“ Herman was a wonderful neighbor and friend. He was always so kind to our children and our family. We will miss the holler across the street 'Hi David, Hi Marie' whenever he spotted us outside and we will especially miss his beautiful singing voice as he worked in the yard. We were lucky to share the occasional beverage together and the neighborhood 'men's party' won't be the same without him. Sandra, if there is anything you need, please know we are here for you. With love, David and Marie Branovan

David and Marie Branovan - January 25, 2017 at 10:31 AM

NS

“ Nancy Simuel lit a candle in memory of Mr. Herman Orr



Nancy Simuel - January 24, 2017 at 08:36 PM

NS

I remember Herman for his friendly smile and firm handshake

Nancy Simuel - January 24, 2017 at 08:37 PM

LS

“ Mrs. Orr and family, Mr. Orr touched our lives in so many ways at Christ Church, Seifert, the Boy's Club, and four generations of our family. He was truly a special man who will be missed by many who loved him! God bless all of you, we will keep you in our prayers We love you, Leon and Linda Kendricks.

Leon Kendricks, Sr. - January 24, 2017 at 07:33 PM

LJ

“ Lester & Georgia Johnson purchased the Arrive in Style for the family of Mr. Herman Orr.



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**Lester & Georgia Johnson** - January 24, 2017 at 03:40 PM

JB

“ My sincerely condolences go out to the Orr family. Mr Orr was a great and loving man and role model. I remember like it was yesterday when we drove down to volunteer at the Joy house. He organized to fix it up for the grand opening. He has touched so many hearts, from the youth of Milwaukee to mine as his neighbor. He will not be forgotten. Rest in Peace Mr. Orr. Love, Jordan Branovan

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**Jordan Branovan** - January 24, 2017 at 03:25 PM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Mr. Herman Orr.



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January 23, 2017 at 10:27 AM

LD

“ I was so sorry to learn of Herman's passing. Of all of the people I admired Herman was the best. We spent so much time talking about our beliefs and aspirations. He always was the one who made me feel good about myself when he was the one who inspired it. Now he is free to run with his beloved Smoky. He will be missed by so many lives that he touched. Lois Degener

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**lois degener** - January 21, 2017 at 08:30 AM

BD

We're so sorry about the loss of your loved one. Our deepest condolences goes out to the family. May "the God of tender mercies" comfort and strengthen you all at this time of sorrow. (2Cor. 1:3,4)

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**B. Daniels** - January 23, 2017 at 05:22 AM

MA

I am so sorry for your loss, I am praying for the family.

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**mary** - January 23, 2017 at 04:46 PM

DM

I am saddened to hear about the loss of Mr. Orr. I just saw him a few weeks ago and shared stories of when he was my principal. He will be missed, especially his smile. My prayers and condolences are with the family. Denise Murphy-McDowell

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**Denise Murphy-McDowell** - January 23, 2017 at 09:18 PM

FM

*To the Orr Family from Josephine and Floyd Mosley, Jackson TN*

*Dear Sandra we were sadden and surprised to hear about Herman's home going. We are unable to attend his home going celebration; however, we will keep you and your family in our prayers. We have such found members that we will cherish forever. The Get-Away- Club trips. The bid Whist Fridays at our Get- Away Club meetings. His smile and beautiful high tenor singing voice. His leadership in MPS and love for children and their success. Going fishing, visiting your cabin, the boat rides. There are so many beautiful memories Josephine and I have of you and Herman. We will miss him dearly. We love you and we will keep you and your family in prayer. May God comfort and keep you. Josephine and Floyd. "To God Be The Glory"*

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**Floyd & Jo Mosley** - January 24, 2017 at 12:28 PM