



## Mr. Thurston Lee Perry Sr.

February 2, 1943 - June 3, 2024

Thurston Lee Perry, Sr. was born on February 2, 1943, in Madison County, Tennessee. He was the oldest son to J. L. Perry, Sr. and Willie Mae Harden. He was raised by his maternal grandmother, Rosie L. Lee (Mommo). On Monday, June 3, 2024, surrounded by his family, he traded his earthly home for his heavenly home.

Thurston accepted Christ at an early age at Lane Chapel C.M.E. Church. Years later, he joined Ezekial Baptist Church where he remained until his health failed. Thurston had a love for music and would often find himself as the worship leader of the church. He was educated in the Madison County School System.

As an entrepreneur, he could often be seen managing several convenient stores, with later running his own and catering for the Miss Tennessee Pageant for over 40 years.

Thurston was eager to provide for his family and later became a licensed electrician. He would also find himself building HUD homes in the community. In 2000, Thurston began working with Habitat for Humanity as the Building Coordinator, during this tenure, he's had a helping hand in building over 70 homes. Those homes can still be seen around the West Tennessee area. Whatever he could find his hand to do, he would do it.

He was preceded in death by his parents, his maternal and paternal grandparents, two sons, Patrick Perry, Adrian Brown; one daughter, Beverly House; one grandson, Antonio Perry; five sisters, Sharon L. Ross, Linda Sowell, Willene Rice, Patricia Cole, Lula Mae Perry; three brothers, Murray W. Harden, J.L Perry, Jr., Curtis Hardin; and a host of brother in-laws, sisters in-laws, aunts and uncles.

He leaves to cherish his memories, his devoted wife of 50 years, Marva L. Perry; four sons, Maurice (Jennifer) Brown, Andre (Penny) Brown, DeWayne (Lametrice) Dodd, Tony (Tracy) Redd, Thurston (Tiffany) Perry, Jr.; four daughters, Byanker (Phillip) Cole, Shareese (Dewayne) Daniels, Tenna (Greg) Brown and Kim Redd-Chatman; 28 grandchildren, a plethora of great and great great grandchildren; four sisters, Mary Ann Flentroy, Luretha Jacob, Kenya (Michael) Porter, Diane (Kenneth) Anders; four brothers, Harold (Elizabeth) Harden, Kenneth (Valerie) Harden, Billy (Mary) Perry, Kenneth (Danita) Beard, Sr.; one aunt, Cleora Womack-Wash; two sisters in-law, Carolyn Cathey and Marilyn Graves and a host of nieces, nephews, cousins other relatives and dear friends.

# Cemetery Details

## Parkway Memorial Gardens

2839 Paul Coffman Drive  
Jackson, TN 38301

# Previous Events

## Family Hour

JUN 7. 5:00 PM - 6:00 PM (CT)

Stephenson-Shaw Funeral Home, Inc.  
807 N. Hays Avenue  
Jackson, TN 38301  
(731) 427-7411  
info@stephenson-shaw.com  
<https://www.stephenson-shaw.com>

## Celebration of Life

JUN 8. 12:00 PM (CT)

New St. Luke Baptist Church  
1670 North Royal Street  
Jackson, TN

# Tribute Wall

MS

“ *Mr Thurston was a really nice man, respectable and dependable He was as stern but fair. He was wise in his years and I appreciate all the work he done for me. My condolences to the family 🙏*



Ms.Cross - July 08, 2024 at 03:35 AM

CB

“ *Thurston take your rest my brother. You fought a good fight you have finishes the course. You no longer have to suffer and bear anymore pain. My you have recieved your wings. You are with some many of your family again. The chain is connecting bk together. Until we see each other on the side. You continue to rest in the arms of Jesus. Snlove and family I'm praying God strengthen each of us where we need his strength and comfort. Love you brother, Rest in Jesus, Thurston*



Cheryl Dianne Beard-Anders - June 07, 2024 at 10:28 PM

VS

“ *Victor & Sherrell Sterle planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Mr. Thurston Lee Perry Sr..*

Victor & Sherrell Sterle - June 07, 2024 at 04:47 PM

VS

“ Victor & Sherrell Sterle purchased the Serene Retreat for the family of Mr. Thurston Lee Perry Sr..



Victor & Sherrell Sterle - June 07, 2024 at 04:47 PM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Mr. Thurston Lee Perry Sr..



June 06, 2024 at 11:36 AM

JD

“ Johnny and Brittie Weddle To: Wayne Dodd planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Mr. Thurston Lee Perry Sr..

Johnny and Brittie Weddle To: Wayne Dodd - June 05, 2024 at 03:30 PM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Mr. Thurston Lee Perry Sr..



June 05, 2024 at 03:30 PM

TJ

“ *The Haltoms, Bruce, Bartley, & Jon planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Mr. Thurston Lee Perry Sr..*

**The Haltoms, Bruce, Bartley, & Jon** - June 04, 2024 at 11:11 PM



“ *Serenity Wreath was purchased for the family of Mr. Thurston Lee Perry Sr..*



June 04, 2024 at 11:11 PM

DM

“ *Dorothy Martin lit a candle in memory of Thurston Perry*



**Dorothy Martin** - June 04, 2024 at 10:39 PM

BM

“ *Praying for the entire Family during your time of Bereavement. Marva a special prayer of strength for you Love and Peace in Jesus Name 🙏🙏*

**Barbara Miller** - June 04, 2024 at 02:54 PM

BC

“ *Barbara Cockrell lit a candle in memory of  
Thurston Perry*



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**Barbara Cockrell** - June 04, 2024 at 10:53 AM

LL

“ *Loretta Long lit a candle in memory of  
Thurston Perry*



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**Loretta Long** - June 04, 2024 at 12:57 AM