



Ezell Perry Jr., affectionately known as “Hugo” and “BeBe,” passed away peacefully, with his family by his side, Thursday morning, Dec. 11, 2014, at Dandridge’s Burgundy Manor. Ezell was born Sept. 22, 1929, in Aberdeen, Miss., a son of Ezell Perry Sr. and Emma Sue Swanson Perry.

Ezell came to Youngstown as a teenager and graduated from The Rayen School in 1948. As a young man, he played softball for the Northside Travelers. For many years, Ezell was an independent tax preparer. He retired from Commercial Shearing in 1994. He was a member of the Tabernacle Baptist Church, where he previously served as a Sunday school superintendent, Sunday school teacher, and was a member of the Counting Ministry. Ezell enjoyed many activities, including bowling, trips, cards, going out to dinner and he was known for always having a good joke to tell. Ezell married his wife, Ojetta Herian Perry, on Aug. 14, 1948, and she passed away on June 4, 1984.

Ezell is survived by two children, a daughter, Joyce Robinson of Liberty and a son, Ron (Barbara) Perry of Canfield; four grandchildren, Anissa (Rashid) Fareed of Youngstown, Anika Robinson of Florida, Rashida Perry of Boardman, and Kamila (Malcom) Campbell of Indianapolis; 10 great-grandchildren; two great-great-grandchildren; a goddaughter, Candace Robinson Broomfield; a very special friend and companion, Alice Saunders; a great friend and former co-worker, Jim Mock, who faithfully visited Ezell every Tuesday with a newspaper, along with the latest news; and he leaves a host of other relatives and friends.

In addition to his parents and wife, two brothers, John T. and Herbert Perry, preceded Ezell in death. Services will held at the Tabernacle Baptist Church on Tuesday, Dec. 16, 2014. Friends and family may call from 10 to 11 a.m. with funeral services at 11 a.m.

Arrangements entrusted to the L.E. Black, Phillips & Holden Funeral Home.