



## Melvin Lee Ames

August 1, 1937 - May 1, 2016

Melvin Lee Ames, 78, of Eaton Rapids, died May 1, 2016. He was born August 1, 1937, in Toledo, OH the son of Thomas and Helen (Hilton) Ames. Melvin was a graduate of Olivet High School. He later went on to work as a tool and die maker where he would retire from Franchino Mold and Engineering in 2006. Melvin married Charlene Hutchison on June 2, 1973.

Melvin will be remembered by others for being an extremely hard worker, very helpful and for having a kind and generous heart. Melvin turned his life around many years ago as a result of studying and applying Bible principles that he learned while studying with Jehovah's Witnesses. He was an American car enthusiast, who over the years owned several cars and trucks, his dream car being a 1955 Chevy. Melvin was a big Detroit Tigers fan, his father Thomas having pitched for the Toledo Mudhens before Melvin was born. He enjoyed time spent with family and friends, especially family gatherings where they all would cheer on the Detroit Tigers. Above all what was most important to him was his faith as one of Jehovah's Witnesses. He was often moved to share this faith with others, most importantly his family.

Melvin is survived by his wife of 42 years Charlene (Hutchison) Ames; children; Tony (Kellie) Ames, Mark (Kathy) Dixon, Michele (Jeff) Torres, Joel (Kim) Dixon, Cindy (Jim) Nichols, Phillip Dixon, Thomas (Shonda) Ames, Elizabeth (Chris) Eberhard, Samuel (Sadie) Ames; 15 grandchildren, 5 great-

grandchildren; sisters, Linda (Garry) Montague, Phyllis (Don) Rulison, Carolyn Sova, Nancy (Larry) Ott; brother, David (Jackie) Ames; several nieces and nephews. He is predeceased by his son, Joseph Cooper; and parents.

A funeral service will be held at 2:00 p.m. on Saturday, May 7, 2016 at the Kingdom Hall of Jehovah's Witnesses at 8972 Holmes Hwy, Eaton Rapids, Michigan, 48827. The family would like to see visitors at the Kingdom Hall starting at 12:30 on Saturday, May 7, 2016 to share stories and memories they have of Melvin prior to the service. In lieu of flowers, the family suggests memorial contributions to The Melvin Ames memorial Fund at [gofund.me/226rcbet](http://gofund.me/226rcbet). Friends and family are encouraged to share memories of Melvin on his tribute page at [www.prayfuneral.com](http://www.prayfuneral.com). The family is in the care of Pray Funeral Home.

# Previous Events

## Visitation

MAY 7. 12:30 PM - 2:00 PM (ET)

Kingdome Hall of Jehovah's Witnesses  
8972 Holmes Highway  
Eaton Rapids, MI 48827

## Funeral Ceremony

MAY 7. 2:00 PM (ET)

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# Tribute Wall

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“ I'm so sorry for your loss of your husband, Charlene. I wish I was able to attend the service for Mel. He was a wonderful man and spiritual brother. I'm sending heartfelt prayers to you and your family.

With Christian love,  
Your cousin in Arizona,  
Sister Ruth Franks (Curtis)

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**Ruth Franks** - May 05, 2016 at 10:22 AM



“ Our thoughts and prayers are with the Ames family. I didn't know Mr. Ames very well, but I do know his son Samuel Ames, he is my son-in-law. Sam is such a wonderful man that I know his father was an exceptional man also. He raised an amazing son. God bless your Family. Sarah Earl

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**Sarah Dornbos Earl** - May 04, 2016 at 07:28 PM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Melvin Lee Ames.



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May 04, 2016 at 05:51 PM

 Paul Johnson

“ He was a good ex-brother-inlaw & a longtime friend.

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**Paul Johnson** - May 04, 2016 at 09:59 AM

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“ God Bless to everyone in the family. I remember Ames family Christmas' and Tony and Cindy. I remember a few family reunions at Uncle Melvin's home on Kinsel Hwy. I know Uncle Melvin and my dad were good friends and had many good times. Uncle Melvin had many health issues towards the end of his life and I am glad that he can now rest and be at peace. I pray the immediate family will share in that peace. Eileen Fhaner

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**Eileen Fhaner** - May 03, 2016 at 05:40 AM