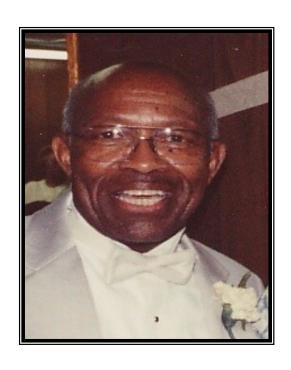
A Service of Memory Celebrating the Life ~of~



Dumas Monte Cobb

September 14,1922-September 16, 2005

Thursday, September 22, 2005
10:00 A.M. Family Hour~11:00 A.M. Memorial Mass
ST. MONICA & ST. AUGUSTINE CATHOLIC CHURCH
4151 SEMINOLE ~DETROIT, MICHIGAN 48214

Officiating Clergy
Father Daniel Trapp, Pastor

~Words of Reflection~



Dumas Monte Cobb was born on September 14, 1922 to the union of Nannie Lee Gentry and George P. Cobb in Detroit, Michigan. Dumas was the middle of three children. He received Christ in his life at St. Benedict the Moor in 1934. Dumas attended Detroit Public Schools and graduated from Northwestern High School in 1941.

Dumas was drafted in 1942 to the United States Army and served in World War II in Europe. After receiving an honorable discharge from the Army in 1945, Dumas attended University of Michigan in Ann Arbor for two years, where he was pursuing

a degree in medicine. While at the University of Michigan he pledged Alpha Phi Alpha fraternity.

During one of his visits home from college, a trip to the Stevenson's ice cream parlor for his sister Phyllis, proved to be destiny. There he met the love of his life, Emma Jefferson. After that meeting, they became inseparable and after a whirl wind courtship, they were united in marriage on September 11, 1948. This union was blessed with seven beautiful children, Roger, Linda, Janet, Kenneth, Margaret, Mary and Patricia.

In 1946, Dumas began working for the City of Detroit as a bus driver for the Department of Street and Railways (DSR), which was later renamed the Department of Transportation (DOT). Due to his growing family, Dumas was committed to providing the very best for them. What began as a job, became a true passion and an opportunity to serve and interact with the citizens of Detroit. He always had a smile, when greeting his passengers and would go out of his way to make sure they got to their destination. As a result, the D.O.T. received numerous written commendations from customers who were pleased with Dumas service. He especially enjoyed his bus lines on Crosstown, Warren, Van Dyke, Mack, Gratiot, and Jefferson. In 1983, he retired after 37 years of service. However, he wasn't quite finished working yet. He then became a travel agent with Kirby Travel for the next 13 years before finally retiring in 1996. Fortunately, the travel agent position afforded Dumas and Emma the opportunity to see more of the world.

Dumas and Emma thoroughly enjoyed traveling all over the world. This became a hobby of theirs long before Dumas became a travel agent and continued long afterwards. Dumas and Emma, along with a select travel group, were able to take cruises and trips to islands and countries all over the world. These adventures included visits to China, Kenya, Israel, Egypt, Greece, Rome, the Caribbean, Chile, Alaska, Australia, Norway, Japan, Sweden, and Fiji. Dumas preferred cruises because of all the social activities, excursions, the interaction with people all over the world and of course the food.

Furthermore, Dumas loved to take his family on out-of-state trips especially the annual Huguely family reunion. Piling his family into a long station wagon, he would travel the highways and bi-ways. On Sundays, the family would visit relatives and friends and looked forward to Mrs. Melonson's homemade cakes, Gramma Nannie's buttered popcorn, and seeing our cousins over Aunt Gwendy's.



Dumas believed in being a Christian in both word and in deed. His children can vividly recall him praying fervently on his knees, next to his bed every evening. He diligently gave of his time, money and services, to his church and generously donated to many charitable causes. Over the years, he faithfully attended Sunday and weekday mass at Sacred Heart, St. Catherine, and later on St. Aloysius. As a member of St. Catherine (later renamed St. Monica & St. Augustine) for nearly 45 years, Dumas served in several capacities — Parish Council, Ushers Club, Eucharistic Ministries, and Commentator/ Lectern. Additionally, he volunteered his time with several Catholic organizations: the Catholic Interracial Council, Eastside Vicariate, Black Catholics in Action, Archdiocese of Detroit and St. Paul of the Cross Retreat House, where he was recently awarded a pin for attending 50 consecutive retreats. However, what left an indelible mark were over forty years of charitable work with the St. Vincent De Paul Society, especially the delivering of holiday food baskets to needy families within the parish and neighborhood. In addition, he recruited children for their summer camps at Camps Ozanam and Stapleton.

Dumas was an avid sports fan and thoroughly enjoyed football and basketball. He was loyal to the Detroit Lions, Detroit Pistons and U of M football. Over the years, he and Emma attended many of the games at Michigan, while the children were left with their grandmother. Attending the Pistons game, with their father was a lasting tradition for the Cobb children.

In all aspects of his life, Dumas was truly a people person and never met a stranger. He loved to talk about Emma, his children and being a bus driver. His jovial personality was evident in his joke telling, his stories and his everyday interaction with people. Dumas loved life, touched many lives and will truly be missed. He was an exemplary father, brother, husband, grandfather, role model and servant of God.

On September 16, 2005, Dumas departed this life to join his Savior and Emma, his wife of 56 years. He leaves to cherish his memory, a sister, Phyllis a brother, Lillord, seven children, Roger (Rosalind), Linda McClain (John), Janet Morton (Duane), Kenneth, Margaret Ross (Robert), Mary, Patricia Barthwell (Andre'), two brothers-in-law, Alexander Jefferson, Clarence Jefferson (Florence), 14 grandchildren, and 7 great-grandchildren, several nieces and nephews, and a host of other loving relatives, long time friends, and church family to mourn his passing.



Together Again

















































Thank You Daddy

Thank you for always being there for us and your understanding

Thank you for all the times you stopped what you were doing, just to listen to us

Thank you for always knowing when to hold us tight and when to let us go

Thank you for the values and morals you gave us, that we will treasure forever

Thank you for your guidance and advice that made us what we are today

Thank you for taking us to church every Sunday and giving us that spiritual foundation

Thank you for taking us places, laughing and playing with us and spending time with us even though you had worked all day

Thank you for the examples you showed of how to love your spouse, discipline your children, manage a household budget and give of yourself unselfishly time to others

Thank you for not only being the best father possible but a great daddy.

Love and Miss you always,

Your Seven Children

Dad,

I hope this letter finds you in a restful and peaceful place, reunited with Mama. I know that being apart from Mama these past eight months and missing your 57th wedding anniversary with her last week were very difficult for you. As my role model while growing up, you possessed many wonderful qualities for which any young man would strive: hardworking, fun-loving, down-to-earth, family man, generous, compassionate, modest, charitable, religious, humorous, talkative (Wow!!!), personable, supportive, honest, intelligent, 'old school' discipliner, eternal optimist, gentleman, and most notable - family publicist/P.R. and diehard Lions/Pistons fan. Perhaps you can, once again, watch your favorite TV magazines (Dateline, 20/20, 60 Minutes, 48 Hours) while listening to Mama's beautiful piano playing in the background!!! Take care!

I Love You,

Kenneth



A Grandfather Like You

Throughout the years, you've always been A wonderful man, you see.

When I was small you took the time to bounce me on your knee.

As I grew older you were there
I only had to call.
I knew that I could count on you
You'd never let me fall.

So many hard times in my life You've helped to get me through, I'm so glad God's given me A grandfather just like you.

From your Grandchildren



~Order of Service~



Opening Song
GreetingFather Daniel Trapp
First ReadingBook of Wisdom 3:1-6,9Rev. Edwin Rowe
Responsorial Psalm
Second Reading
Gospel
Solo
HomilyFather Daniel Trapp
Prayers of the Faithful
Preparation of the Gifts
Lord's Prayer
Sign of Peace Song
Communion Song
Ministers of the Eucharist.
Obituary
Words of Thanksgiving(Please limit remarks to 2minutes)
Closing Prayer
Closing Song"Going up Yonder"

Because He Loved.....

Because God so loved world, that He gave His Only Son so that......

Dumas could love God with his whole heart and soul

Dumas could lovingly call his wife "sweets" and Emma could lovingly call him "baby"

Dumas lovingly pledge 56 years of marriage to the same woman

Dumas could bring forth in love seven offspring who produced 14 grandchildren and seven great grandchildren

Dumas could be *loving* to his mother, Nanny, his brother Lefty, his sister Phyllis and later to his brother-in-laws Alex, Clarence, sister-in-law Florence and his numerous nephews, nieces, and cousins

Dumas was able to provide a stable household for his family where love constantly abounded

Dumas could serve his church and the community showing forth the love of Jesus

Dumas could love the poor and lovingly gave his money, time and God-given talents

Dumas, as a bus driver, could *lovingly* announce in a loud voice the stops on his route knowing that some passengers couldn't hear, were blind or simply had dozed off in danger of missing their street

Dumas could be such a *loving* earthly father to his children that it influenced them in accepting and recognizing the love of God as their Heavenly Father, with the desire to serve Him

Dumas could *lovingly* counsel young men who came to the house on Canfield for spiritual direction and advice that turned many lives around

For God so *loved* the word that He gave His only Son Jesus that Dumas who believed in Him has no perished but is enjoying right now everlasting life.

Dumas would *lovingly* tell others even in his later years how thankful he was that God has continuously blessed his life.







Final Chrangements Entrusted To:

James H. Cole Funeral Home 2624 W. Grand Blvd. Detroit, MI 48208

In lieu of flowers, contributions can be made to St. Vincent De Paul Society and/or Alzheimer's Associations of Michigan in memory of Dumas M. Cobb. Please send donations for St. Vincent De Paul Society to 3000 Gratiot Ave. Detroit, MI 48207

~In Appreciation~

The family of Dumas M. Cobb wishes to acknowledge with deep appreciation, the many comforting messages, floral tributes, prayers, and other expressions of kindness and concern expressed at this time in thought and deed. A more personal acknowledgement will be made at a later date. May God bless you.