



## Mr. Larry Darnell Balknight

February 22, 1954 - February 19, 2025

BALKNIGHT, Mr. Larry - Age 70, passed away Wednesday, February 19, 2025, at his residence. Memorial Service 11:00 AM, Saturday, March 8, 2025, at New Heaven Missionary Baptist Church, G-3184 W. Pierson Rd., Pastor Joseph Jenkins, Host Pastor, Elder Michael Leslie, officiating. Family and friends will assemble at the Church 11:00 AM. There will not be a public viewing. Larry Darnell Balknight was born February 22, 1954 in Flint, Michigan. The son of R.D. & Martha Balknight. Larry attended Flint Public Schools. He was very handy as he worked on homes and commercial properties. Mr. Balknight played with and teased children affectionally calling them "Buzzard." Larry was known for talking smack, eating all the sweets, and spending time with his son and grandchildren. The Arid Club was a very important part of his daily life for the past 2 years. Larry Darnell Balknight leaves to cherish his memory: son, Cedric (Alma) Taylor of Mesquite, TX; step-son, Dejuan Smith of Houston TX; grandchildren, Ava and Serenity Taylor, both of Mesquite TX, LaJae and Jayanna Smith, both of Houston, TX; sister, Denise Balknight of Flint; brothers, Rodney Balknight and Warren Taylor, both of Flint; nieces, Latrice (Corey) Manns, Nicole Balknight, Yolanda (Dean) Morgan, Tytisha Houston, Dewonna Balknight, Sharonda Hart, Aqueelah Hasan, and Deshawanna Curry; nephews, Robert (Debra) Balknight, Kiyante Balknight, James Curry, Tywan Curry, Tramarcus Hart, Marcus Balknight, and Alphonso Curry; aunts, Ola May (Ed) Jones of Atlanta, GA, Janet (Wendell) Counts, Clara Echols, all of Flint; uncle, Lawrence McLemore

of Flint; a host of cousins including special cousins, Milas Caudle and Renee Blake; a host of other relatives and friends, including special friends, the Taylor family. Mr. Balknight was preceded in death by his daughter, Lavonne Treat Nash; parents, R.D. and Martha Balknight; siblings, Robert Balknight, Viola Balknight, Belinda Balknight and Sandra Lamb; niece and nephew, Tramaine and Venica Balknight; the love of his life, Linda Morris. The family would like to express special thanks to the Taylor family and the Arid Club.

# Previous Events

## Memorial Service

MAR 8. 11:00 AM (ET)

New Heaven Missionary Baptist Church  
G-3184 W. Pierson Rd.  
Flint, MI

# Tribute Wall

LM

“ *I'm going to miss you uncle.*

*Latrice MANNS*



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**Latrice manns** - March 23, 2025 at 01:55 AM

BP

“ *Sorry for your loss. I grew up with the Balknight family. I will be praying for the family. As an adult, I always called him by his full name, Larry Balknight. Rest in peace Larry.*

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**Brenda Pate** - March 22, 2025 at 04:07 PM

NJ

“ *Nancine Jackson sent a virtual gift in memory of Mr. Larry Darnell Balknight*



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**Nancine Jackson** - March 10, 2025 at 03:53 PM

SW

“ I knew Larry many many years ago, and the Balknight family. Rest in Peace Larry.



Stephanie Woods - March 10, 2025 at 01:32 PM

TT

“ Tameika Taylor lit a candle in memory of Mr. Larry Darnell Balknight



Tameika Taylor - March 09, 2025 at 06:56 AM

MB

“ My condolences to the entire family! May God comfort you all during this time! My prayers are with you!

Maria Blassingame - March 08, 2025 at 06:54 AM

SP

“ Sincerely Penny and Hope Poplar purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Mr. Larry Darnell Balknight.



Sincerely Penny and Hope Poplar - March 07, 2025 at 06:24 PM

ST

“ *Every time I see Uncle Larry, he kept me with laughter....gne miss bumping into u out here!! My condolences to the family* 💜🥺

**Shinika Taylor** - March 07, 2025 at 10:03 AM

TT

“ *Taneika Taylor lit a candle in memory of Mr. Larry Darnell Balknight*



**Taneika Taylor** - March 06, 2025 at 02:33 PM

GG

“ *My deepest condolences to the family of Larry. He was a friend and family. He was a great person. Sending prayers* 🙏

**gaynell gould** - March 06, 2025 at 11:38 AM

JJ

“ *Joann Ross Jordan lit a candle in memory of Mr. Larry Darnell Balknight*



**Joann Ross Jordan** - March 05, 2025 at 09:16 PM

DE

“ Debra Evans lit a candle in memory of Mr. Larry Darnell Balknight



Debra Evans - March 05, 2025 at 07:49 PM

BL

“ Betty Leeper lit a candle in memory of Mr. Larry Darnell Balknight



Betty Leeper - March 05, 2025 at 04:35 PM

ET

“ Eric Taylor sent a virtual gift in memory of Mr. Larry Darnell Balknight



Eric Taylor - March 05, 2025 at 12:59 PM

RR

“ Rodney Richardson lit a candle in memory of Mr. Larry Darnell Balknight



Rodney Richardson - March 05, 2025 at 11:49 AM

PW

“ RIH LARRY YOU WAS SUCH A GOOD FRIEND WE GO BACK TO JEFFERSON BRYANT NORTHWESTERN PATRICIA WATT



PATRICIA WARNER - March 05, 2025 at 06:02 AM

CG

“ Carla Gould-Dent lit a candle in memory of Mr. Larry Darnell Balknight



Carla Gould-Dent - March 04, 2025 at 02:55 PM

BM

“ Barbara McFarland-Brown lit a candle in memory of Mr. Larry Darnell Balknight



Barbara McFarland-Brown - March 04, 2025 at 02:01 PM

MT

“ Monica Taylor sent a virtual gift in memory of Mr. Larry Darnell Balknight



Monica Taylor - March 04, 2025 at 01:17 PM

KB

“ Sending prayers and love to the Balknight Family! May God comfort your broken hearts and shower you with His love.



Katrina Bolton - March 04, 2025 at 07:33 AM

NO

“ Narotha Ogden lit a candle in memory of Mr. Larry Darnell Balknight



Narotha Ogden - March 03, 2025 at 04:51 PM

MJ

“ Maynard Jones lit a candle in memory of Mr. Larry Darnell Balknight



Maynard Jones - March 03, 2025 at 01:03 PM

TO

“ Tonya sent a virtual gift in memory of Mr. Larry Darnell Balknight



Tonya - March 03, 2025 at 09:33 AM

BM

“ *Barbara McLemore sent a virtual gift in memory of Mr. Larry Darnell Balknight*



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**Barbara McLemore** - March 02, 2025 at 07:07 PM

JU

“ *Judy lit a candle in memory of Mr. Larry Darnell Balknight*



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**Judy** - March 02, 2025 at 10:36 AM

LC

“ *Lois Cunningham lit a candle in memory of Larry Balknight*



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**Lois Cunningham** - March 02, 2025 at 08:40 AM

VL

“ *Valerie Leslie lit a candle in memory of Mr. Larry Darnell Balknight*



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**Valerie Leslie** - February 28, 2025 at 02:56 PM

EW

“ *Earnestine Williams lit a candle in memory of Mr. Larry Darnell Balknight*



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**Earnestine Williams** - February 28, 2025 at 09:00 AM

EE

“ *Edna Elam sent a virtual gift in memory of Mr. Larry Darnell Balknight*



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**Edna Elam** - February 27, 2025 at 11:41 PM

JM

“ *James & Barbara Moore lit a candle in memory of Mr. Larry Darnell Balknight*



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**James & Barbara Moore** - February 27, 2025 at 07:24 PM

JW

“ *I send my sincere condolences to the Balknight family. May your fond memories comfort and keep you.*

*Juanita Ross-Wells*

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**Juanita Wells** - February 27, 2025 at 05:47 PM

FA

“ 2 files added to the tribute wall



Family - February 27, 2025 at 04:17 PM

ST

“ Sondra Taylor sent a virtual gift in memory of Mr. Larry Darnell Balknight



Sondra Taylor - February 27, 2025 at 12:56 PM

GT

“ Gloria Thompson lit a candle in memory of Mr. Larry Darnell Balknight



Gloria Thompson - February 26, 2025 at 07:20 PM

SL

“ Much Love to my family! Rest In Peace 💙



SweetPea Leslie - February 26, 2025 at 05:44 PM

GP

“ Gloria Proby lit a candle in memory of Mr. Larry Darnell Balknight



Gloria Proby - February 26, 2025 at 05:08 PM

BW

“ BRIDGETTE & REGINA WATKINS sent a virtual gift in memory of Mr. Larry Darnell Balknight



BRIDGETTE & REGINA WATKINS - February 26, 2025 at 02:31 PM

EF

“ Sending Our Sincere Condolences, to the Balknight Families. A family that we've known for many years. It is our prayer, that God gives you the strength that you need, at this most difficult time 🙏💙 RIH



Elder-Dr. Carolyn Steele-Davis & Family - February 26, 2025 at 12:37 PM

TF

“ You have our heartfelt sympathy



The Brown Family - February 26, 2025 at 12:30 PM

OC

“ ORA CARTER lit a candle in memory of Mr. Larry Darnell Balknight



ORA CARTER - February 26, 2025 at 01:52 AM

SW

“ Sherry L Williams sent a virtual gift in memory of Mr. Larry Darnell Balknight



Sherry L Williams - February 25, 2025 at 07:19 PM

DB

“ Darline Baker sent a virtual gift in memory of Larry Balknight



Darline Baker - February 25, 2025 at 12:47 PM

DB

“ Darline Baker sent a virtual gift in memory of Larry Balknight



Darline Baker - February 25, 2025 at 12:37 PM

CM

“ To the Balknight family from the Mckenzie family our sincere condolences to you. May the good lord continue to bless you with his grace and love.



Charles Mckenzie - February 24, 2025 at 10:02 PM

MF

“ McDaniel Family sent a virtual gift in memory of Mr. Larry Darnell Balknight



McDaniel Family - February 24, 2025 at 09:01 PM

JH

“ My condolences to the family 🙏🙏🙏



judy (Harper) Hollis - February 24, 2025 at 08:22 PM

BS

“ Bishop Kirk Williams Sr.



Bishop Kirk Williams Sr - February 24, 2025 at 08:16 PM

BM

“ Bobby McKay(Slim) lit a candle in memory of Mr. Larry Darnell Balknight



Bobby McKay(Slim) - February 24, 2025 at 03:19 PM

PR

“ Patricia Roberts lit a candle in memory of Mr. Larry Darnell Balknight



Patricia Roberts - February 24, 2025 at 02:43 PM

WT

“ Warren Taylor sent a virtual gift in memory of Mr. Larry Darnell Balknight



Warren Taylor - February 24, 2025 at 12:40 PM

RB

“ Raino Branch sent a virtual gift in memory of Mr. Larry Darnell Balknight



Raino Branch - February 24, 2025 at 12:39 PM

VT

“ Victoria Taylor sent a virtual gift in memory of Mr. Larry Darnell Balknight



Victoria Taylor - February 24, 2025 at 12:37 PM

AK

“ Anthony Fitzgerald Koger sent a virtual gift in memory of Mr. Larry Darnell Balknight



Anthony fitzgerald Koger - February 24, 2025 at 12:37 PM

YG

“ Yakima Givens sent a virtual gift in memory of Mr. Larry Darnell Balknight



Yakima Givens - February 24, 2025 at 12:36 PM

SL

“ Shenea Leeper sent a virtual gift in memory of Mr. Larry Darnell Balknight



Shenea Leeper - February 24, 2025 at 12:36 PM

SH

“ Shelia Phondria Hayman sent a virtual gift in memory of Mr. Larry Darnell Balknight



Shelia Phondria Hayman - February 24, 2025 at 12:35 PM

SH

“ Shelia Phondria Hayman sent a virtual gift in memory of Mr. Larry Darnell Balknight



Shelia Phondria Hayman - February 24, 2025 at 12:35 PM

YB

“ Yolanda Balknight lit a candle in memory of Mr. Larry Darnell Balknight



Yolanda Balknight - February 24, 2025 at 12:12 PM

DT

“ Dessie Taylor lit a candle in memory of Mr. Larry Darnell Balknight



Dessie Taylor - February 24, 2025 at 12:04 PM

MW

“ *Monique Williams sent a virtual gift in memory of Mr. Larry Darnell Balknight*



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**Monique Williams** - February 24, 2025 at 10:48 AM

TF

“ *The Pippins Family sent a virtual gift in memory of Mr. Larry Darnell Balknight*



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**The Pippins Family** - February 24, 2025 at 09:59 AM

ED

“ *Evangeline Dixon lit a candle in memory of Mr. Larry Darnell Balknight*



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**Evangeline Dixon** - February 24, 2025 at 06:43 AM

ED

“ *Praying, for strength and comfort.*



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**Evangeline Dixon** - February 24, 2025 at 06:41 AM

ML

“ *Praying for our family.*”



Michael & Phyllis Leslie - February 24, 2025 at 01:55 AM

CG

“ *Carol (Taylor) Gardner lit a candle in memory of Mr. Larry Darnell Balknight*”



Carol (Taylor) Gardner - February 23, 2025 at 11:48 PM

CH

“ *My condolences 🙏 for all the families RIP classmate*”



Cheryl Delores Harris - February 23, 2025 at 09:28 PM

SC

“ *My prayers and condolences are with your family.*”



Sandra Copeland - February 23, 2025 at 04:46 PM

LK

“ *Lois Keith sent a virtual gift in memory of Mr. Larry Darnell Balknight*



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**Lois Keith** - February 23, 2025 at 04:23 PM

EJ

“ *Another OG from the family is Gone....Tell everyone they are missed Larry like you will be*



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**Eric Jones** - February 23, 2025 at 03:49 PM

EJ

“ *Eric Jones lit a candle in memory of Mr. Larry Darnell Balknight*



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**Eric Jones** - February 23, 2025 at 03:47 PM

NJ

“ *Norma Jean Jones lit a candle in memory of Mr. Larry Darnell Balknight*



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**Norma jean Jones** - February 23, 2025 at 01:26 PM

CT

“ *Charles Thompson lit a candle in memory of Mr. Larry Darnell Balknight*



Charles Thompson - February 23, 2025 at 12:54 PM

VS

“ *Vera Styles lit a candle in memory of Mr. Larry Darnell Balknight*



Vera Styles - February 23, 2025 at 11:57 AM

SP

“ *Larry was one of my favorite Cousins, and he will be truly missed.*



Shelly Poplar - February 23, 2025 at 10:27 AM

BP

“ *Brock Poplar lit a candle in memory of Larry Balknight*



Brock Poplar - February 23, 2025 at 09:15 AM

OC

“ *Otis & Debra Cheatom lit a candle in memory of Larry Balknight*



**Otis & Debra Cheatom** - February 23, 2025 at 08:37 AM

DT

“ *Debby Taylor sent a virtual gift in memory of Larry Balknight*



**Debby Taylor** - February 23, 2025 at 08:29 AM



“ *Pandoretta Jackson lit a candle in memory of Larry Balknight*



**Pandoretta Jackson** - February 23, 2025 at 08:08 AM

SP

“ *Sandra Payne lit a candle in memory of Larry Balknight*



**Sandra Payne** - February 22, 2025 at 05:30 PM

OM

“ *Ollie Morris lit a candle in memory of Larry Balknight*



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**Ollie Morris** - February 22, 2025 at 04:07 PM