



Mr. Norman Adail Childress Jr.

August 22, 1964 - December 31, 2016

CHILDRESS, Mr. Norman Adail Jr. - Age 52, passed away Saturday, December 31, 2016 at his residence. Family hour 2:00 PM Saturday, at the Kingdom Hall of Jehovah's Witnesses, 1805 Lapeer Rd., with memorial service commencing at 2:30 PM Bro. Elliott Traeye officiating. Interment Evergreen Cemetery, G-3415 E. Hill Rd., Grand Blanc, MI. Friends and pallbearers will assemble at the hall 2:00 PM Saturday. Mr. Childress will lie in state in the Chapel of Lawrence E. Moon Funeral Home, 906 W. Flint Park Blvd. There will be no public viewing.

Mr. Norman Adail Childress Jr. was born August 22, 1964 in Greenwood, Mississippi, the son Norman Adail Childress and Mary R. Sims. He was a resident of Flint Twp., MI and served as a local Elder of the Mt. Morris Rd. Congregation of Jehovah's Witnesses. Norman graduated from Flint Northern High School, then later he attended Baker College of Flint. In 1989, he married the love of his life and they started a family. Norman devoted much of his time and energy caring for his family. He was a kind, humble and loving father, grandfather, son, brother and friend. Norman was a very talented musician, songwriter and music composer. He was known to play multiple instruments such as the trombone, keyboard and guitar. Later he would go on to produce an album with his longtime friend, Curtis Brookes entitled "Just Listen". Norman's focus in life was always centered around his God Jehovah. He took seriously the spiritual interest of his family and that of the

congregation. Norman made it his purpose in life to fulfill the commission found in Matthew 28:19 "To go therefore and make disciples." Along with teaching others about God's Kingdom he also focused on strengthening and encouraging his spiritual brothers and sisters. He faithfully served his God Jehovah until the end and encouraged as many as he could to do the same.

Mr. Norman Adail Childress Jr. leaves to cherish his memory: wife, Deborah Childress of Flint Twp., MI; 3 daughters, Falin (Kenneth) Wilkes of Burton, MI, Taylor Childress of Flint and Paige Harden (Matthew) Oxenfield of Las Vegas, NV; 2 sons, Isaiah Childress of Flint and Norman Adail Harden of Tacoma, WA; grandchildren, Mariah Wilkes, Jaden Wilkes, both of Burton, MI, Andreonah Wilkes of Atlanta, GA, Matthew Oxenfield Jr. of Las Vegas, NV, Neveon Harden and Davon Harden, both of Tacoma, WA; father, Norman (Lorine) Childress Sr.; 4 sisters, Dianna Childress-Smith, Valarie (Jonathan) Douglas, Tamika Childress-Coleman, and Katrina Childress; brother, Randle (Cindy) Childress; 4 step-sisters, Charlotte Aborom, Monica (William) McCullum, Michelle Jones and Virginia (Shingo) Masuda; 5 nieces, Karmellah Banks, Clarissa Coleman, LaNya Douglas, Dajsha Douglas and Alayja Childress; 3 nephews, Elijah Childress, Jordan Childress and DeJaneiro Childress; 3 aunts, Earlene (Elmore) Tims, Camilla (Kenneth) McGee and Christine Anderson; 6 uncles, Arden (Gloria) Childress, Farmon (Irma) Childress, Clyde (Linda) Childress, Willie Lee, John Smith Willie Sims and Elmore (Vicky) Tims Jr.; 10 cousins, Evelyn (Alphonso) Hatter, Michael (Shontail) McClellan, Joe Childress Jr., Tammy Thorton, Jerome Childress, Clyde Childress Jr., Farmon Childress Jr., Delphine Blevins and Melvina Blevins; sister-in-law, Valerie Tims; 2 brothers-in-law, Roosevelt (Marilyn) Maze and Albert Maze; a host of other relatives and friends including special friends, Curtis Brookes, Rubin Carmon Jr. and James Ray.

Mr. Childress was preceded in death by his mother, Mary Childress; paternal grandparents, Douglas and Lillie C. Childress; maternal grandparents, Jake

and Sallie Sims; aunts, Dorothy Jean Blevins and Alberta Dunn; uncles, Douglas Childress Sr. and Joe Childress Sr.

The family would like to express special thanks to Elliott Traeye Jr., Joe Pegues and all of our brothers and sisters that gave warm expressions of love during this difficult time.

Cemetery Details

Evergreen Cemetery

G-3415 E. Hill Rd.
Grand Blanc, MI 48439

Previous Events

Family hour

JAN 7. 2:00 PM (ET)

Kingdom Hall of Jehovah's Witnesses
1805 Lapeer Rd.
Flint, MI

Service

JAN 7. 2:30 PM (ET)

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Tribute Wall



“ 1 file added to the tribute wall



Deborah Childress - April 26, 2019 at 01:01 AM



“ 1 file added to the album Memories Album



Deborah Childress - April 26, 2019 at 12:06 AM

VS

“ *My sincere condolences to the entire Childress family. Norman will be missed by many whose life he touched. Jehovah promises to wipe the tears from all faces and to swallow up death forever. Looking forward to that day with you and keeping you all in my prayers.*

Vivian Smith - January 14, 2017 at 06:38 AM

DT

“ Debra Thornton lit a candle in memory of Mr. Norman Adail Childress Jr.



Debra Thornton - January 12, 2017 at 09:37 PM

CT

“ Our deepest sympathy to the family of Norman Childress Jr. Death is a painful hurt. Please know that our hearts are with you'll at this time. Remember Jehovah the God of all comfort will sustain you(2Cor. 3,4) as you go through this sorrowful time



CharlieMae Traeye - January 08, 2017 at 06:04 PM



“ You will forever be in my heart ❤️

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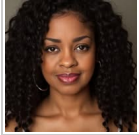
Paige Ox - January 08, 2017 at 01:06 AM

TJ

“ Tanya Jefferson lit a candle in memory of Mr. Norman Adail Childress Jr.



Tanya Jefferson - January 07, 2017 at 07:17 PM



“ This beautiful person named Norman Adail Childress Jr. Nickname *Maine* born into this world and painted it with brilliance of art his entire life through. He expressed Art of Music at the age 4 years old. He possessed the talent of *playing music by ear* just by listening to it. When my parents (his uncle Elmore and aunt Earlean) bought me a piano at the age of 6, He'd come by our house and show me how he could play pretty much every song I'd turn to on the radio. Which became a game for us. Our parents would hear the music Maine would be playing and start to cheer him on. And a musical genius was born. Life for my dear cousin was utmost his love for music as a Hobbie. However what took precedence over his Music was his devotion to His Heavenly Father by serving Him as much as he could and walk the path Jesus taught him to do. Putting his life in perspective he was able to put God 1st, Put his family 2nd, and Music 3rd. Which not only protects him while he sleeps, but assures him true salvation in Gods *New* World. This was the ultimate goal for my cousin Maine. All I will continue to do is look forward to seeing Him on the New World very soon along with all our kin folks/loved ones. Nap In Peace my dear close cousin. The Music Lady will be there when you awake.

Evelyn Hatter - January 07, 2017 at 07:36 AM

RJ

Beautiful!!! To my nephew Johnathan and Neice Valerie & Family❤️
..May Norman rest in peace and be granted paradise🙏🙌💜. From
Retha Jameelah & Family❤️

Retha Jameelah Hasan & Family. Johnathan - January 07, 2017 at 01:11 PM

JC

“ RIH main with love from ur cousin Jerome until we meet again RIP
love u very much u will be missed but not forgotten Amen

Jerome Childress - January 06, 2017 at 11:21 PM

EW

“ *Evaett Laury Webb lit a candle in memory of Mr. Norman Adail Childress Jr.*



Evaett Laury Webb - January 06, 2017 at 07:13 PM

PJ

“ *We will see you in the resurrection Jo 5:28,29*

Phillip Johnson - January 06, 2017 at 04:57 PM

DA

“ *My deepest sympathy to the Childress family . He is loved my many and will not be forgotten. He was encouraging even at times when was not feeling his best. Sorry for your loss. Sis Denise Avery*

Denise Avery - January 06, 2017 at 03:16 PM



“ *Best brother in the world ❤️❤️. I will miss you.*



Tamika Childress - January 06, 2017 at 02:14 PM

LM

“ Love Delphine and Melvina purchased the Be My Love Bouquet with Red Roses for the family of Mr. Norman Adail Childress Jr..



Love Delphine and Melvina - January 06, 2017 at 12:03 PM

SL

“ Sophia Lacy lit a candle in memory of Mr. Norman Adail Childress Jr.



Sophia Lacy - January 06, 2017 at 11:01 AM

SL

Praying for you and your family thru this difficult time. May God comfort you during this time. Never will I leave you; never will I forsake you Hebrews 13:5

Sophia Lacy - January 06, 2017 at 11:04 AM

MO

“ Marcella Oden lit a candle in memory of Mr. Norman Adail Childress Jr.



Marcella Oden - January 06, 2017 at 09:48 AM

MO

My deepest condolences Diana to you and your family for the loss of your brother. My God continue to walk with you and your family thru this time and all the days that follow.

Marcella Oden - January 06, 2017 at 09:49 AM

SL

“ My condolences to your family. Remembering Norman playing during breaks in band. He was so good at it. Mr Shuman would always depend on him for his part. Rest In Peace.



Sondre Savage Lacy - January 05, 2017 at 09:36 AM

GB

“ Stormin' Norman was to me a caring friend and an ultimate Showman. He made playing the Trombone fun and his attitude and smile were infectious! He made High School memorable for me and I always valued his friendship. Know that Norman touched many lives and he will be missed. Hearing of his passing was truly sad news for me and others who knew him. I pray for God's hand to heal the hurt and sense of loss his passing has created. My thoughts and prayers go out to his family in their loss. I pray for God's blessings upon him and his family. RIP Norm you will be greatly missed!!!



Gene Bobrowski - January 04, 2017 at 10:07 PM

 Tony Palladeno

“ I worked with Norman at the Flint Journal. Rest in peace Friend.

Tony Palladeno - January 04, 2017 at 07:25 PM

DW

“ Donna Williamson lit a candle in memory of Mr. Norman Adail Childress Jr.



Donna Williamson - January 04, 2017 at 06:29 PM



“ *Bertha Moses sent a virtual gift in memory of Mr. Norman Adail Childress Jr.*



Bertha Moses - January 04, 2017 at 04:17 PM

ES

“ *Eric S F Scott lit a candle in memory of Mr. Norman Adail Childress Jr.*



Eric s f scott - January 04, 2017 at 02:56 PM

SM

“ *May Jehovah give you strength and comfort at this time and the entire Childress family will be in my prayers.*

Selina Long Merriwether - January 04, 2017 at 01:39 PM

DE

“ *Sending my condolences to my friend KaTrina and her family...May God continue to bless you all at this time of grief... Love Dessaray*



Dessaray - January 04, 2017 at 12:41 PM

RA

“ *Robbin Hamilton Auston lit a candle in memory of Mr. Norman Adail Childress Jr.*



Robbin Hamilton Auston - January 04, 2017 at 11:18 AM

RH

Norman was one of the first people I met when I joined the Northern Marching Band. He will truly be missed. I pray for God's peace for his family.

Robbin Hamilton-Auston - January 04, 2017 at 11:20 AM

EP

Norman was the heart and soul of the Flint Northern Marching Band. Truly the "Big Noise" for the class of 1982. Norman was also a caring, kind and gentle person. A truly beautiful spirit. Expressing sympathy to his family.

Evelyn Parker - January 08, 2017 at 08:10 PM

CT

“ *Cynthia Turner lit a candle in memory of Mr. Norman Adail Childress Jr.*



cynthia turner - January 04, 2017 at 05:21 AM



“ Sharon Mixon lit a candle in memory of Mr. Norman Adail Childress Jr.



Sharon Mixon - January 03, 2017 at 10:31 PM

RA

“ Renee Allen lit a candle in memory of Mr. Norman Adail Childress Jr.



Renee Allen - January 03, 2017 at 06:05 PM

DB

“ May Jehovah biess the Childress family doing their time of sorrow .May the scripture from(Acts:24:15) along with prayer encourage you to meditate on those words with the hope that they will give you peace and help you to endure this difficult time.



Daisy M Boone - January 03, 2017 at 05:08 PM

SW

“ Sonya Williams lit a candle in memory of Mr. Norman Adail Childress Jr.



Sonya Williams - January 03, 2017 at 10:20 AM

SM

“ Stacy McGee-Dixon lit a candle in memory of Mr. Norman Adail Childress Jr.



Stacy McGee-Dixon - January 03, 2017 at 10:08 AM

F8

“ On behalf of Flint Northern Class of 1982, we send our condolence and prayers to the Childress Family.



Flint Northern Class of 82 - January 03, 2017 at 09:35 AM

LF

“ Liz Franklin lit a candle in memory of Mr. Norman Adail Childress Jr.



Liz Franklin - January 02, 2017 at 05:01 PM