



Mr. James Juarez Montei Higgs

December 30, 1971 - August 1, 2025

**A FUNERAL SERVICE IN LOVING MEMORY FOR MR. JAMES JUAREZ MONTEI HIGGS WILL BE HELD FRIDAY, AUGUST 15, 2025 AT GREATER JOY CHURCH OF GOD IN CHRIST IN KALAMAZOO.

***ATTENTION FAMILY & FRIENDS: PLEASE SEE CORRECTED VISITATION BELOW FOR THURSDAY, AUGUST 14, 2025 AT OUR FUNERAL HOME

NOTE: PLEASE SEE VISITATION, SERVICE TIMES & LOCATIONS LISTED BELOW

PLEASE NOTE: MASKS ARE AVAILABLE UPON REQUEST---HAND SANITIZER WILL BE PROVIDED

If you have any questions, please contact us at: (269) 342-1000

James Juarez Montei Higgs, lovingly known as JJ, was born on December 30, 1971 in Benton Harbor, MI to Veronica Virlee Higgs and David Allen Nash. From his earliest days, he was a bright light—full of laughter, kindness, and a heart that welcomed everyone in.

Those who knew him will remember how he touched lives with his warmth,

generosity, and unwavering love. He made a difference in his community, always ready to lend a hand or offer words of encouragement. Giving his life to God at an early age, he found purpose in ministering to young people and spreading the Word. His faith was the foundation of his life, and his constant smile was a reflection of the joy he carried within.

He loved cooking for others, serving with a happy heart, and had a special fondness for cars—so much so that he became known for buying many over the years. Above all, he made his mother proud through the man he became.

He leaves behind a legacy of love, faith, laughter, and cherished memories that will forever live in the hearts of those who knew him. The family finds comfort in knowing that God has called him home.

He was preceded in death by his father, David Allen Nash.

James Higgs is survived by his mother, Veronica Virlee Sims; brother Jeremiah Sims; sisters, Janise Sims, Sharlotte Pierce and Shavawn Sims and a host of nieces, nephews and great nieces and nephews.

Cemetery Details

Riverside Cemetery

1015 Gull Rd
Kalamazoo, MI 49048-1733
(269) 337-8227

Previous Events

Visitation For Family & Friends

AUG 14. 4:00 PM - 6:00 PM (ET)

Harper Funeral Home - Chapel
521 Douglas Avenue
Kalamazoo, MI

Public Viewing For Family & Friends

AUG 15. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

Greater Joy Church of God In Christ
6016 King Hwy
Comstock, MI

A Service in Loving Memory

AUG 15. 11:00 AM (ET)

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Tribute Wall



“ Harper Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Mr. James Juarez Montei Higgs



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“ Helen Word sent a virtual gift in memory of James Higgs



Helen Word - August 14, 2025 at 03:59 PM



“ 73 files added to the album Life Tributes



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