



Mr. LaVelle Javon Guess Sr.

September 16, 1978 - November 30, 2019

****NOTE: VISITATION & FUNERAL SERVICE TIMES AND LOCATION ARE LISTED BELOW***SEE FULL OBITUARY BELOW***

*****FAMILY IS REQUESTING PLANTS/GREENERY INSTEAD OF FLOWERS. PLEASE CONTACT THE FUNERAL HOME IF YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS*****

LaVelle Javon Guess Sr. 41 passed away on Saturday, November 30, 2019 at 3:59 pm peacefully, surrounded by family and friends. LaVelle battled Amyotrophic Lateral Sclerosis (ALS) for four years. LaVelle was born September 16, 1978, to Clouetta Guess and the late Jerome Thompson in Inkster, MI.

On April 24, 2004 he married his best friend Kimberly Buchanan in Kalamazoo, MI. The two met while playing basketball for KVCC, where he achieved his Associates degree in 1998 and have been together ever since. LaVelle enjoyed playing basketball, softball and bowling. He also enjoyed spending quality time with his family, friends and his "Petty Crew." But most of his time was spent with his "pride and joy" LaVelle Javon Guess II, affectionately known as "LJ." LaVelle worked hard to provide for his family, working at Target Distribution and Graphic Packaging until he no longer could.

LaVelle and his twin Lorenzo Guess were recently inducted into the Wayne Memorial High School Hall of Fame for both basketball & football. The family was recently informed that the yearly Holiday Tournament will be named after LaVelle and a picture of him will be placed on the winner's trophy.

Left to cherish the memory of LaVelle is his wife Kimberly and his only child LJ Guess of Kalamazoo, MI; mother Clouetta Guess of Inkster, MI; mother and father in-love David (Annette) Buchanan of Kalamazoo, MI; sister Tazeria (Roger) Bethune of Bellville, MI, and Ashley Guess of Inkster, MI; brothers Sean (Monica) Hunter, Jerome Thompson and Allen Lavender of Inkster, MI, Anthony (Jonyelle) Buchanan of Dallas, TX and David Smith of Kalamazoo, MI; twin brother Lorenzo (Bianca) Guess of Lansing, MI; five special Godchildren Kortni Reynolds, Ariyanna and DJ McClain, Jordan and Jackson Griffin; his best friends along with numerous aunts, uncles, nieces, nephews and cousins who he cherished dearly.

He was preceded in death by his father Jerome Thompson; grandparents Ruth Guess and Ruthie Thompson.

LaVelle made sure he lived his best life all the way to the end, he was thankful for all the memories made in the last 4 years and wanted to encourage all the people he touched to live everyday like it's their last.

Cemetery Details

Mount Ever-Rest Memorial Park

3941 S. Westnedge Avenue
Kalamazoo, MI 49008

Previous Events

Visitation

DEC 6. 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM (ET)

The Galilee Baptist Church
1216 North Westnedge Avenue
Kalamazoo, MI 49007

A Service in Loving Memory

DEC 6. 12:00 PM (ET)

The Galilee Baptist Church
1216 North Westnedge Avenue
Kalamazoo, MI 49007

Tribute Wall



“ Harper Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Mr. LaVelle Javon Guess Sr.



Harper Funeral Home - December 04, 2019 at 10:35 PM



“ Time and life is so precious. I'm so sorry to hear about Lavelle's passing. I met him 28 years ago, at my senior prom. He was my girlfriend's cousin's date. What i remember of him was his peace, calm demeanor and spirit. I pray the The Lord Jesus continues to give strength, comfort and Wisdom to all his family that he left behind. His Wife, His Son, His Mother, his twin brother, other siblings, and all others that were hurt and continue to hurt and miss him. May The Good Lord bless you all. Please know that Jesus is just a prayer away, and would love to be your savior. You need only to accept him.

Kendrick McLin - February 14, 2025 at 08:01 AM



“ Mr. LaVelle Javon Guess Sr.

October 23, 2023 at 06:06 AM



“ Mr. LaVelle Javon Guess Sr.

October 06, 2023 at 10:42 AM

JS

“ Jason Stewart lit a candle in memory of Mr. LaVelle Javon Guess Sr.



Jason Stewart - January 28, 2020 at 03:24 PM

TP

“ Toney Patterson lit a candle in memory of Mr. LaVelle Javon Guess Sr.



Toney Patterson - December 09, 2019 at 03:36 PM

BB

“ Bari Brown lit a candle in memory of Mr. LaVelle Javon Guess Sr.



Bari Brown - December 09, 2019 at 03:22 PM

MW

“ Michael & Barbara Watson lit a candle in memory of Mr. LaVelle Javon Guess Sr.



Michael & Barbara Watson - December 07, 2019 at 06:47 PM

PG

“ *Pauline Gardner lit a candle in memory of Mr. LaVelle Javon Guess Sr.*



Pauline Gardner - December 07, 2019 at 08:12 AM

ES

“ *Ethel Smith lit a candle in memory of Mr. LaVelle Javon Guess Sr.*



Ethel Smith - December 06, 2019 at 09:50 AM

TB

“ *Terrence Browning lit a candle in memory of Mr. LaVelle Javon Guess Sr.*



Terrence Browning - December 05, 2019 at 04:59 PM



“ *Serene Retreat was purchased for the family of Mr. LaVelle Javon Guess Sr..*



December 05, 2019 at 03:13 PM

TS

“ Tommy and Rachel Hoke (MSU Strength staff) purchased the Small Garden Dish for the family of Mr. LaVelle Javon Guess Sr..



Tommy and Rachel Hoke (MSU Strength staff) - December 05, 2019 at 01:38 PM

MW

“ Minister Flora Walker sent a virtual gift in memory of Mr. LaVelle Javon Guess Sr.



Minister Flora Walker - December 05, 2019 at 11:54 AM

BP

“ Barbara Phillips lit a candle in memory of Mr. LaVelle Javon Guess Sr.



Barbara Phillips - December 05, 2019 at 10:20 AM

HW

“ Helen Word lit a candle in memory of Mr. LaVelle Javon Guess Sr.



Helen Word - December 05, 2019 at 10:03 AM



“ *Lovely One Spathiphyllum Plant was purchased for the family of Mr. LaVelle Javon Guess Sr..*



December 04, 2019 at 04:29 PM



“ *Joy Smith lit a candle in memory of Mr. LaVelle Javon Guess Sr.*



Joy Smith - December 04, 2019 at 06:35 AM



“ *Karlie Williams lit a candle in memory of Mr. LaVelle Javon Guess Sr.*



Karlie Williams - December 03, 2019 at 08:53 PM



“ *My deepest sincere condolences on you loss. My prayers to the family and friends of Lavell.*



Jytisha - December 03, 2019 at 08:22 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Mr. LaVelle Javon Guess Sr..*



December 03, 2019 at 07:30 PM



“ *Jakiya McReynolds lit a candle in memory of Mr. LaVelle Javon Guess Sr.*



Jakiya McReynolds - December 03, 2019 at 06:49 PM



“ *Lord knows you kept me laughing you and kim so now I'll take it on and have others laughing you were one of the best nephew in my life tell mom I said hello and I love ya I'll be here for your son and wife when needed.*



Tonia Alexander - December 03, 2019 at 06:45 PM



“ *Guenetta Gordon lit a candle in memory of Mr. LaVelle Javon Guess Sr.*



Guenetta Gordon - December 03, 2019 at 05:41 PM

AS

“ Anthony And Gwen Smith lit a candle in memory of Mr. LaVelle Javon Guess Sr.



Anthony and Gwen Smith - December 03, 2019 at 01:28 PM



“ Prayers and thoughts for Kim and the family. Love you girl.

Shaneka Brown - December 03, 2019 at 12:29 PM

LC

“ Lillie Cotton lit a candle in memory of Mr. LaVelle Javon Guess Sr.



Lillie Cotton - December 03, 2019 at 08:41 AM

SW

“ Selena Walker lit a candle in memory of Mr. LaVelle Javon Guess Sr.



Selena Walker - December 03, 2019 at 05:24 AM

TH

“ Sending Condolences to the Guess and Haley Family. May God cover your hearts during this most difficult time. Be Blessed



Tanya Hollin - December 03, 2019 at 03:36 AM

VL

“ Vanessa Lewis lit a candle in memory of Mr. LaVelle Javon Guess Sr.



vanessal lewis - December 02, 2019 at 10:47 PM

JS

“ Jalen Smith lit a candle in memory of Mr. LaVelle Javon Guess Sr.



Jalen Smith - December 02, 2019 at 09:09 PM

SB

“ Shannon Beville lit a candle in memory of Mr. LaVelle Javon Guess Sr.



Shannon Beville - December 02, 2019 at 09:08 PM

TF

“ *The Daniel Family lit a candle in memory of Mr. LaVelle Javon Guess Sr.*



The Daniel Family - December 02, 2019 at 09:02 PM

DB

“ *DeNise Blake lit a candle in memory of Mr. LaVelle Javon Guess Sr.*



DeNise Blake - December 02, 2019 at 07:39 PM

MP

“ *Mollie Peterson lit a candle in memory of Mr. LaVelle Javon Guess Sr.*



Mollie Peterson - December 02, 2019 at 07:23 PM

PF

“ *PATTERSON FAMILY sent a virtual gift in memory of Mr. LaVelle Javon Guess Sr.*



PATTERSON FAMILY - December 02, 2019 at 03:49 PM

TF

“ *The Daniel Family lit a candle in memory of Mr. LaVelle Javon Guess Sr.*



The Daniel Family - December 02, 2019 at 12:24 PM

DJ

“ *DaNetta R Julian lit a candle in memory of Mr. LaVelle Javon Guess Sr.*



DaNetta R Julian - December 02, 2019 at 10:54 AM

DJ

“ *DaNetta R Julian lit a candle in memory of Mr. LaVelle Javon Guess Sr.*



DaNetta R Julian - December 02, 2019 at 07:38 AM