



Lee Ernest Jay Sr

October 27, 1942 - August 17, 2022

LEE E. JAY, SR. was born in Roxboro, North Carolina on October 27, 1942 to the late Ruth William Jay and Jessie R. Jay Sr. He was the youngest of seven children. God called him home on Wednesday, August 17, 2022.

Lee was raised by his aunt and uncle, Pearl Jay Jeffers and Hughie Jeffers from the time he was 6 months old due to his mother's untimely death. His stepmother in the person of Hallie Harris Jay was also influential in his life.

He was educated in Roxboro Public Schools and graduated from Person County High School in 1961.

Lee's early religious training was rooted in the teachings of the Lawson Chapel Baptist Church in Person County. He always enjoyed singing along with the choir. Years later he joined in fellowship with Emmanuel Temple Holiness Church, under the leadership of Bishop Shantel A. Louallen, where he remained a member until God called him home.

It is a special blessing when your occupation is also one of your greatest pleasures. This was the case for Lee. He loved being on the

open road driving trucks from coast to coast. He did this for more than 30 years. He was employed by Mayflower, Global, Schneider, Paxton/Atlas, and Murry's Steaks. His trucker handle was Jaybird.

While working for Murry's Steaks, he met Laverne Henry. He courted her for three years and then asked her to be his bride. Laverne and Lee shared twenty-five years of marital happiness. From this union was born Shanika Lee Jay.

Lee also loved to cook. His most requested dishes were chicken and dumplings, sweet potato pie and peach cobbler. Fishing and hunting were among his favorite pastimes, as well as playing checkers and listening to the blues. Lee also loved his dogs, Bear and Kong, which were Chow Chows, and Chewy, his Shih Tzu.

Lee was preceded in death by: his siblings, Jessie Jr., William, Charlie, Isadora Jay, and Sue Berta Holloway; son, Kenneth A. Brown, Jr.; father- and mother-in-law, Percy and Bernice Henry; brothers-in-law, Percy Jr., Tyrone, Kevin, and Marvin Jackson, Sr.

He leaves behind with broken hearts and memories to cherish forever: his wife, Laverne Jay; his children, Lee Jay Jr. (Ann), Patsy Edwards (Carl Sr.), Shanika Jay; brother, William Harris (Jean); sister, Ann Jay Satterfield; sisters-in-law, Denise Jackson and Pamela Baskerville (Harold, Sr.); thirteen grandchildren, seven great-grandchildren, and a host of nieces, nephews, cousins and other relatives.

Previous Events

Public Viewing

AUG **24**. 3:00 PM - 5:00 PM (ET)

March Funeral Home - West
4300 Wabash Avenue
Baltimore, MD 21215

Wake

AUG **25**. 11:30 AM - 12:00 PM (ET)

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Funeral Mass

AUG **25**. 12:00 PM (ET)

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Live Streaming

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Tribute Wall



“ To View the Webcast of the Funeral for Lee Ernest Jay Sr, Please Click the Link below.



March Funeral Homes - August 23, 2022 at 12:44 PM

WI

“ Wife lit a candle in memory of Lee Ernest Jay Sr



Wife - January 02 at 10:06 AM

LA

“ Laverne lit a candle in memory of Lee Ernest Jay Sr



Laverne - November 26, 2025 at 08:44 PM

WI

“ *Wife lit a candle in memory of Lee Ernest Jay Sr*



Wife - November 12, 2025 at 01:48 PM

LJ

“ *Happy Heavenly Birthday Hon*



Laverne Jay - October 27, 2025 at 01:29 PM

PB

“ *Happy Heavenly Birthday*



pamela baskerville - October 27, 2025 at 08:50 AM



“ *Lee Ernest Jay Sr*

October 13, 2022 at 08:33 AM

PF

“ Preston Jay & Family purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Lee Ernest Jay Sr.



Preston Jay & Family - August 24, 2022 at 12:15 AM

PJ

“ Deeply saddened to hear the passing of my beloved cousin Lee Ernest Jay Sr. Lee was the Patriarch of the Jay family. It was a position he did not take lightly. He was revered and respected by all members of the Jay Family. He was wise and great story teller. His knowledge of Jay Family history expounded to Jays born during slavery and those born in the 1860. He was truck driver who had been to every state in the continental 48 USA. Although Lee is gone to glory he continues to live in our hearts memories and the smiles and eyes of his children and grandchildren. May his wife and children find comfort in knowing he is heaven God. Rest In Peace cousin and enjoy your reunion with all those Jays in heaven.

Preston Jay - August 23, 2022 at 11:57 PM



“ We the March Family and Staff wish to extend our deepest and heartfelt sympathy in the passing of your loved one. Our prayers go out to you and your family in your time of loss. We know and understand that you have received many expressions of love and we will continue to lift you up in prayer. May the memories you cherish of brighter and happier days help to ease your sorrow and comfort you always.

March Funeral Homes - August 19, 2022 at 01:00 PM