



IN LOVING MEMORY OF

A LOVING
FATHER, SON
BROTHER, AND
FRIEND.
YOUR PRESCENSE
WILL NEVER
BE FORGOTTEN.

FOREVER
IN OUR
Hearts

Jovan Maurice Varner

MARCH 8, 1985 - SEPTEMBER 5, 2026

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 18, 2026

WAKE: 10:00 AM - FUNERAL: 10:30 AM

WATSON'S FUNERAL HOME

10913 SUPERIOR AVE - CLEVELAND, OHIO 44106

Order of Service

Musical Prelude

Processional..... The Family

Family Visitation..... 10:00 AM – 10:30 AM

Scripture.....Elder Ernest Wilson
OLD & NEW TESTAMENT

Prayer.....Elder Ernest Wilson

Selection.....
SMILE, KIRK FRANKLIN

Remarks PLEASE LIMIT TO 2 MIN

Obituary..... Don Baker

Eulogy.....Elder Ernest Wilson

Recessional.....Family & Friends

INTERMENT

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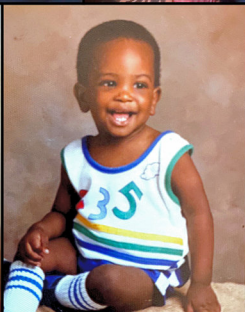
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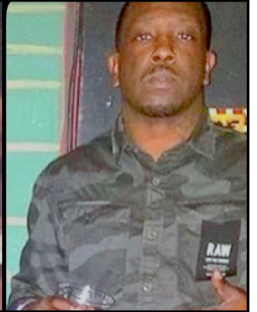
FAMILY WILL RECEIVE FRIENDS FROM 2 – 6 PM

SIGNATURE EVENT CENTER, NOW CALLED CONNECTIONS

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Obituary

Jovan Maurice Varner, 41, passed away, Saturday, September 5, 2026, in Cleveland, Ohio. Born on March 8, 1985, Jovan brought immeasurable warmth, infectious humor, and boundless energy to everyone around him. He grew up in Cleveland's Glenville neighborhood, near 117th Street and St Clair, surrounded by a devoted circle of friends and extended family.

Jovan attended Charles H. Lake Elementary School, Franklin D. Roosevelt, and Glenville before earning his GED elsewhere. As a child, he was rambunctious, playful, and full of energy. He loved having fun, telling jokes, and making others laugh. His teasing came from a playful heart, never a desire to hurt anyone.

Jovan first met Dominique in third grade, never knowing that when their paths crossed again as young adults, she would become the love of his life. Together, they had a daughter, Dajianique Jovanna Varner, whom he loved dearly and affectionately called his "princess." He eagerly looked forward to becoming a grandfather to baby Onyx Jovani. Although he did not get to meet his grandchild, his family holds dear the hope that they will meet in the new world to come.

Jovan had a creative spirit and enjoyed drawing, writing, and making things for his family whenever he found the time. He also loved playing chess, especially with his cousin Hashim. He enjoyed celebrating with family and friends, sharing food and drinks, and filling every gathering with laughter. Spending time outdoors with loved ones, especially his 117th Street family, brought him joy.

His bright smile, compassionate nature, and willingness to help others left a lasting impression on everyone fortunate enough to know him.

Jovan leaves to cherish his memory his loving parents, Joella L. Varner and Roosevelt C. Payne; his beloved daughter, Dajianique Jovanna Varner, and her mother, Dominique; his eagerly awaited grandchild, Onyx Jovani; his sister, Rochelle Varner (Ronald); his brother, Noelle Nelson; and his special brothers, Fred, Keith, Reese, Mar-Mar, and L'A.

He is also lovingly remembered by Lashon L. (T'Andre), his very special cousin, sister, and friend; and his special cousins, Hashim, Tracey, Ken, Santana, and Lil Toni.

His memory lives on through his nephews, Ronald, Jaron, Jordan, Jaylin, Noelle Jr., Avontay, and Tatum; his very special niece, Jasmine, whom he affectionately called "Moo"; his great-nieces, Kimoni, Kamyah, Khloe, and Legacy; and his great-nephews, De'Andre, Kayden, Kyrie, and Legend.

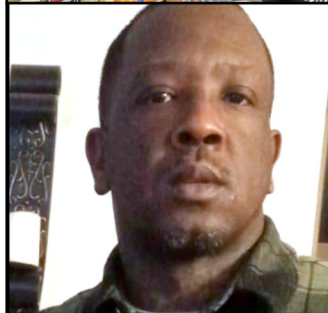
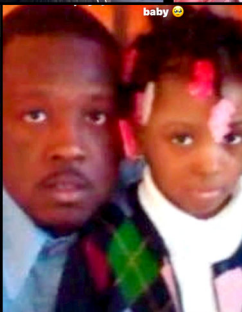
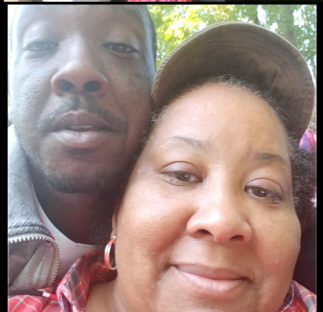
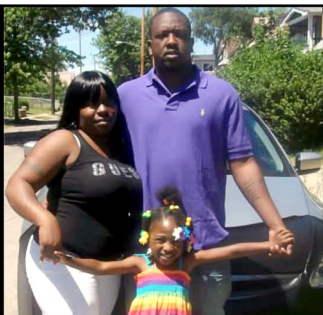
He also leaves his aunts, Leslie A., Kaleema (Abdul), and Jeri L. (Wayne); his uncles, John E., Jason L. (Cheryl), and Ronald A.; and a host of cousins, relatives, and extended family and friends from 117th and Sellers, too numerous to name.

Jovan was preceded in death by his grandparents, Geraldine A. and William Lee Varner Sr., and Lurline Payne; his aunt, Toni Marie Scott; and his uncles, William Lee Varner Jr. and Jarvis Lamonte Varner.

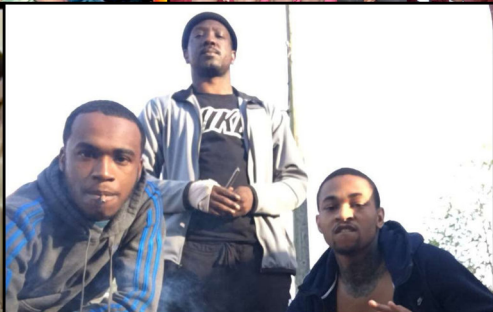
Jovan, you were deeply loved, and you will be greatly missed. You will remain forever in our hearts as we look forward to seeing you again in the new world to come.

"HE WILL CALL AND YOU WILL ANSWER." – JOHN 5:28, 29*

*Lovingly Submitted,
The Family*







SON LOYALTY FOR LIFE

Who? Was my son. The son I know was silly as can be. He was very charismatic, loving and free. He loved to laugh and make others laugh too. This other young man I had no clue. He loved life, loyalty for life to his family and friends. There's nothing he wouldn't do for them to no end. And especially his princess, my daisy, his nique. He was always laughing and trying to flex his physique. Whether you needed him or not he was always ready to lend his hand, and yours too, if you were standing around with nothing to do. He loved dancing and trying to sing and having a ball. And if there was a party he was the first one there trying to help out because he truly cared. That silly young man loved to laugh, now he's set free, from the stress and the strife of this world. The young man that I know is just resting, he's asleep. He will be back just wait and see, in the new world to come that's where he'll be. The son I know lived, he loved, he was quite smart that young man. I knew will always be in my heart loyal and true. The son I know that's you. Son loyal and true I'll see you in the new world to come my son Jovan.

(“JOHN” 5:28,29) “HE WILL CALL YOU WILL ANSWER”

THE FATHER'S LOVE NEVER DIES. I'LL SEE YOU WHEN I GET THERE.

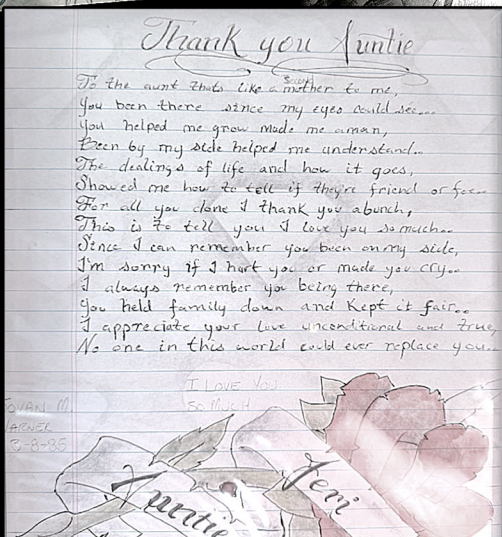
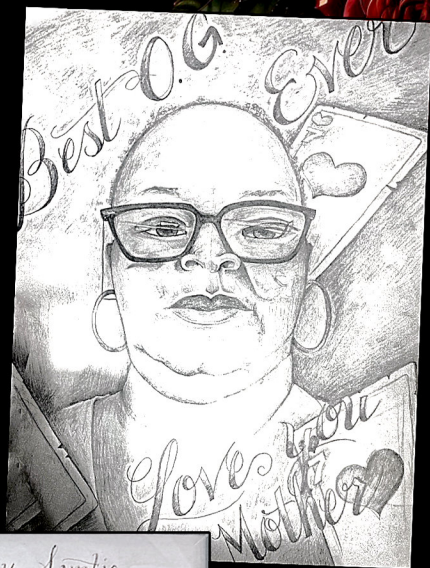
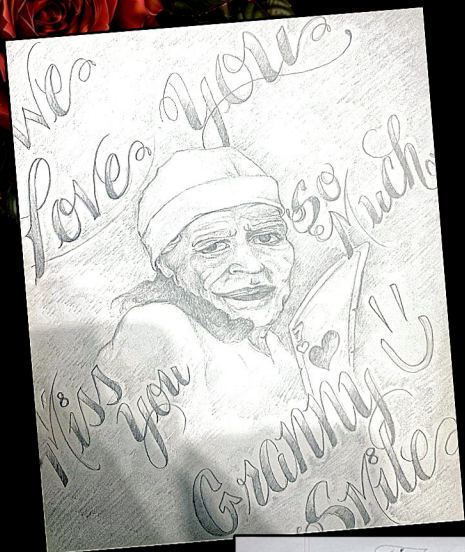
To my little brother my heart is hurting right now. Everyone is thinking I'm okay but I'm not giving them any reason to doubt it right now. I'm carrying it quietly. Everyday smiling away my pain never letting it out. I'm not falling apart out loud I'm barely holding on but somehow everyone thinks I'm okay but nobody really knows my pain right now!

LOVE YOUR SISTER ROCHELLE ♥

I'm truly going to miss you the way you talk. You really had your own lingo. You were a unique person and stood out everywhere you went. Everybody loved you because you never changed, you was only being you Juve!

I'm going to miss all the conversations we had and times we spent together. I'm going to hold it down big bra and your name will never die.

LOVE YOU BRA!



ACKNOWLEDGMENT

The Family sincerely appreciates all acts of kindness shown during this time of bereavement. We thank you for your prayers, comforting words, personal visits and calls. We ask that you continue to keep us in your prayers.

May God Bless and forever comfort you.

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