

Obituary

With hearts full of sorrow and love, we celebrate the life of JaQius N. Cox, affectionately known as Bugg, who departed this earthly life on Saturday, June 7, 2025, at the age of 28 years old. JaQius was born in Lansing, Michigan, at St. Lawrence Hospital, to Valeria Hutchinson and Nelson Cox, on Wednesday, February 5, 1997. From the very beginning, he carried a joyful spirit and a light that brightened every room he entered.

At an early age, JaQius accepted Jesus Christ as his Lord and Savior. He was raised in the Baptist faith and often attended Lansing Church of God in Christ with his beloved aunt, Fannie Hutchinson. His relationship with God was personal and sincere, evident in the way he loved and served others. JaQius was educated in the Lansing School District and attended Everett High School. Gifted and curious, he was exceptionally computer-savvy, and his creative soul found expression through rapping, making music, and dancing. His hobbies were more than just pastimes—they were reflections of his energy, passion, and purpose. To know JaQius was to love him. His heart of gold and selfless nature made him a protector and friend to all. He always wore a big smile, greeted strangers like family, and was willing to help anyone—no questions asked.

He was preceded in death his father, Nelson Cox; maternal grandparents, John Henderson and Mary Hutchinson; uncles, John Henderson Jr., Michael Hutchinson, Isaac Hutchinson, and Edward Swindle; and cousins, LeBron Blackmon, Alphonso Blackmon, Timothy Blackmon, Bonita Harris, and Zanetta Hutchinson.

He is lovingly remembered by his mother: Valeria Hutchinson and stepfather, James Smith; sisters, Shenita Andrews and TaLarra Reed; brother, Ronald (Shekia) Morris; nieces, Ebrionne Andrews, Amaya Morris, Davoni Lewis, and Tahlia Ford; nephews, Ebrahim Andrews Jr., Davari Lewis, Devon Lewis, and Adrian Gonzales; aunts, Treva Hutchinson, Debra Wise, Mattie (Darnell) Riley, and special aunt Rebecca Morris; uncles, William (Fannie) Hutchinson and Stanley (April) Hutchinson; favorite cousins, Quan Hutchinson, Jamarion Bradford, Quinton Ward, Michael Hill Jr., and Charma Tanner; numerous other cousins, many other relatives and friends, including best friend, Regan Jasper.

Though his time with us was cut short, JaQius's impact is eternal. He lived with purpose, gave with his whole heart, and loved deeply. His laughter, generosity, and presence will be missed beyond words—but his memory will forever live on in all of us.

Rest in Peace Poem from Mom:

You are not forgotten, my love
Nor will you ever be.

As long as life and memory last,
Your soul will live in me.

I'll miss you now,

My heart is sore.

As time goes by,

I'll miss you more.

Your loving smile,

Your gentle face,

No one can fill your vacant place.

Love, MOM



Flower Bearers
Friends of the Family

Acknowledgement

The family wishes to thank our relatives and friends for their kind expressions of concern and heartfelt sympathy during our bereavement. May God richly bless each of you. Thank you.

The Family of
Mr. JaQius Nakei Cox



Paradise Funeral Chapel & Arrangement Services

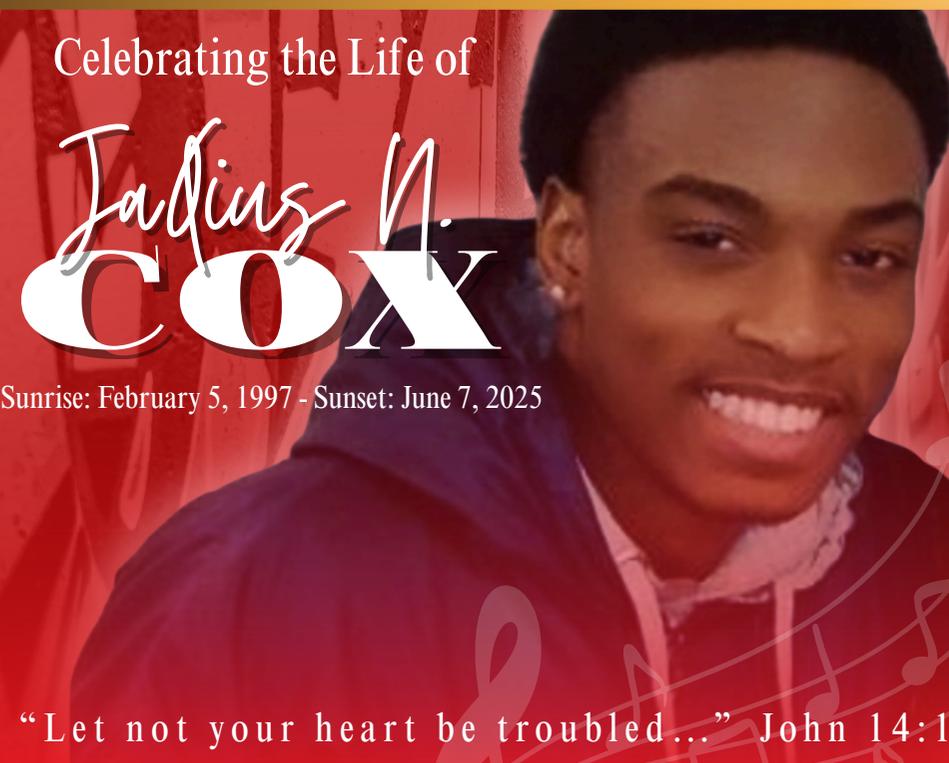
1107 East Miller Road
Lansing, Michigan 48911
Phone (517) 272-1035 / Fax (517) 272-1048
pfclansing@gmail.com
Kevin C. Behnke, Manager
Ivan E. Phillips, President & Owner



Celebrating the Life of

JaQius N.
COX

Sunrise: February 5, 1997 - Sunset: June 7, 2025



“Let not your heart be troubled...” John 14:1

“A Letter from Heaven”
– By Alena Hakala Meadows
When tomorrow starts without me,
and I’m not there to see,
If the sun should rise and find your eyes
all filled with tears for me,
I wish so much you wouldn’t cry
the way you did today,
While thinking of the many things
we didn’t get to say.
I know how much you love me,
as much as I love you,
And each time you think of me,
I know you’ll miss me too.
When tomorrow starts without me,
don’t think we’re far apart,
For every time you think of me,
I’m right there in your heart.
Love, Bugg



“Let not your heart be troubled: ye believe in God, believe also in me. In my Father’s house are many mansions...”
John 14:1–2

Memorial Service: Saturday, July 12, 2025 11:00 a.m.

Faith Fellowship Baptist Church
1001 Dakin Street
Lansing, Michigan 48912

Reverend Dr. Stan Parker, Pastor

A Letter to Our Brother, JaQius” From Your Sisters and Brother

Dear Bugg,

How do we even begin to say goodbye
To the one who made us laugh when we wanted to cry?
You weren’t just our brother—you were our joy,
Our protector, our heartbeat, our mother’s baby boy.
From the moment you came into this world so bright,
You filled our family with warmth and light.
You danced through life with music in your soul,
With a smile so wide, and a heart so whole.
You’d give the shirt right off your back,
No questions asked—just love, no lack.
Always willing, always near,
You never let us feel alone or fear.
We remember your jokes, the sound of your voice,
The way you’d turn even silence into reason to rejoice.
Your loyalty was fierce, your love ran deep,
And now your memory is a treasure we’ll forever keep.
We weren’t ready—we never could be,
To face a world without you physically.
But we know you’re with us, watching from above,
Wrapped in God’s peace, surrounded by love.
So this is not goodbye, not really, not ever—
Because a bond like ours can’t be severed.
We’ll carry your name in all that we do,
Because a piece of our hearts went with you too.
Rest now, baby brother, your work here is done.
You ran your race, you shined like the sun.
Until we meet again, this much is true—
We’ll always be proud to say:
“That was our brother. That was Bugg”
With endless love,
Pookie and Your Siblings

Order of Service

Musical
Prelude

Processional
Family

Welcome
Ms. Charma Tanner

Prayer
Minister

Scripture Reading
Old Testament: Psalm 23 (KJV)
New Testament: John 14:1-3 (KJV)
Minister

Musical Selection
“Take Me to the King”
by Tamala Mann

Obituary Reading
Ms. Shenita Andrews

Family Tribute Poem
“A Letter to Our Brother, JaQius”
Sisters & Brothers

Musical Reflection
“I’ll Be Okay”
Bri Babineaux

Poem from Mom
“Rest in Peace”
Mr. Ty Fudge

Remarks
Family & Friends

Musical Selection
“Jireh”
Elevation Worship & Maverick City Music

Eulogy
Reverend Dr. Stan Parker

Closing Poem from Bugg
“A Letter from Heaven”
Reagan Jasper

Committal | Benediction | Recessional



Photos are the silent keepers of our most cherished memories

