Pallbearers

Ja'keem Badger
Jakarri Gilbreath
Kimarri Gilbreath
Jimmy Braxton Jr.
Wayne Smith
Michael Braxton

Honorary Pallbearers

Paul Arrington
Kelvin Dukes
Randy Dukes
Aaron Streeter
Kevin McAlister
Mondrago Williams Jr.

Acknowledgments

On behalf of the Gilbreath/Braxton Family, We would like to express our love and gratitude for family and friends. Thanks to all who expressed various acts of kindness (phone calls, flowers, food, etc and most of all your prayers during our time of bereavement. Words cannot say enough. We appreciate all that you have done.

Services Entrusted to:

Toombs by Crystal Funeral Services

Interment:

Garfield Park Cemetery
2222 Kalamazoo Ave SE Grand Rapids, MI 49507

Repast:

Please return to the lower level of the church immediately following the burial to join the family.



Celebrating the Life of

Cornell Braxton

OCTOBER 8TH, 1955 – JULY 26TH, 2026

Monday, August 3rd Family Hour: 11am & Funeral Service: 12pm
Pastor Joe Jones • Brown Hutcherson Ministries
618 Jefferson Ave SE Grand Rapids, MI 49503

Order of Service

Processional
The family

Special Music
Tyrese Guyton

Scripture Reading
Pastor Moody

Musical Selection
Danielle Smith

Remarks
Limited to 2 minutes

Obituary Reading
Carla Carter
(Niece)

Musical Selection
Kelvin Dukes
(Nephew)

Eulogy
Pastor Joe Jones

Recessional
“Goin’ Up Yonder”



Obituary

Cornell Braxton was born in Dade County, Florida, on October 8, 1955, to Narcise Stamps Braxton and Richard Lee Braxton Sr. He was the youngest of eight children.

In 1966, Cornell moved to Grand Rapids, Michigan, where he attended Grand Rapids Public Schools and graduated from Ottawa Hills High School in 1975.

Cornell was a spiritual man who loved the Lord. He enjoyed fishing and hunting, but above all, he loved his family. He was a very hardworking man and dedicated over 15 years of service to Xanitos Company at Metro Hospital. Even during his illness, Cornell remained committed to his work and continued working full-time until his untimely passing.

Cornell was preceded in death by his parents, Narcise Stamps Braxton and Richard Lee Braxton Sr.; his brothers, Curly B. Braxton and Jimmy Braxton Sr.; his sisters, Mary Alice Braxton, Juanita Dukes, and Dartha Richmond (Mickey); and his great-grandson, Kehmanni Gilbreath.

He leaves to cherish his memory his daughter, Latrice Gilbreath; five grandchildren, Ja'Keem Badger, Mondrago Williams Jr., Jakarri Gilbreath, Kimarri Gilbreath, and Zariya Gilbreath; three great-grandsons, Marcellus Norwood, Patterson Williams, and Jeremiah Gilbreath; his brothers, Richard Braxton Jr. and Gary Braxton; a very special cousin, Paul Arrington; a host of nieces, nephews, cousins, and other loving family members and friends; a very special woman in his life, Trina Jones; and three lifelong friends, Kevin McAlister, Pete Kaha, and Bob Wheeler.

John 14: 1-6

Let not your heart be troubled: ye believe in God, believe also in me. In my Father's house are many mansions: if it were not so, I would have told you. I go to prepare a place for you. And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again, and receive you unto myself; that where I am, there ye may be also. And whither I go ye know, and the way ye know. Thomas saith unto him, Lord, we know not whither thou goest; and how can we know the way? Jesus saith unto him, I am the way, the truth, and the life: no man cometh unto the Father, but by me.













