



Mr. Farris Lanier Jr.

January 23, 1949 - November 21, 2019

Mr. Farris Lanier, Jr., a Jackson, Tennessee native and music icon was born on January 23, 1949, by a mid-wife at the family home located at 716 East Baltimore Street in Jackson, Tennessee, to Laverne Crayton Lanier and Farris Lanier, Sr.

He passed away on November 21, 2019, after a long illness. Mr. Lanier was a founding member of the band “The Jacksonians” that went on to attain renowned fame under the group’s new name “Lanier & Company.”

Mr. Lanier obtained his education through the Jackson Public Schools, attending Washington Douglass Elementary School, Merry Junior High School, and Merry High School - the school that held a special place in his heart. He was a proud 1967 graduate of Merry High School.

Mr. Lanier attended The Tabernacle of David, the house of Israel, where, up until his passing, he was a devout member.

Mr. Lanier was a dedicated employee at Kisbers department store in Jackson, Tennessee, from 1971 until the onset of his illness in 1990. He loved his job and his co-workers, and customers love him more. Above all, his family loved him dearly. His mother and father lovingly called him “June” and his siblings affectionately called him “Fah Jr.”

Mr. Lanier attained many accomplishments in his life. In 1982, Mr. Lanier made a guest appearance on American Bandstand, performing with “Lanier and Company.” Mr. Lanier and the band toured South Africa; Kingston, Jamaica; Europe; London, England; Canada; and several states in the United States, including Hawaii. On August 13, 1999, Sigma Gamma Rho Sorority awarded him the Pioneer Music Award. On August 10, 2013, he was inducted into the Rockabilly Hall of Fame.

Mr. Lanier, his brother Fayette, and his cousin Charles Whitelaw were the first Black athletes to play on the American Legion Baseball team in Jackson, Tennessee. He was an avid Dallas Cowboys and St. Louis Cardinals fan.

Mr. Lanier was preceded in death by his father the late Farris Lanier, Sr., and a brother Fayette O. Lanier.

Mr. Lanier leaves to cherish his memory his mother Mrs. Laverne Lanier, two brothers Marlon F. Lanier and Fenoye Lanier, and a sister Mona Lisa Lanier all from Jackson, Tennessee; two aunts Ebbie Lanier of Jackson, Tennessee, and Magnolia Crayotn of St. Louis, Missouri. He also leaves a host of nieces, nephews, cousins, and close friends.

Cemetery Details

Church Of Israel Cemetery

Hurts Chapel Road
Jackson, TN 38301

Previous Events

Visitation

NOV 30. 10:00 AM - 12:30 PM (CT)

National Guard Amory
1510 Highway 70 East
Jackson , TN 38301

Service

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Tribute Wall



“ *Mr. Farris Lanier Jr.*

January 28, 2023 at 12:37 PM



“ *So sorry to hear of the passing of Farris Lanier. We were classmates through elementary and high school. Such a sweet guy. Another star shining brightly in the heavens.*

My sincerest condolences to his family.

*Cheryl Ratliff Hopewell
North Wales, PA.*

Cheryl Ratliff Hopewell - January 12, 2020 at 05:56 PM



“ *Prayers for his family*



Linda Elam - December 04, 2019 at 10:22 AM



“ *He was a bright light forever shining.
"Virginia"*



Virginia P Yarbrough - November 27, 2019 at 06:08 PM

VY

“ My deepest sympathy to the Lanier Family. Farris had a sincere heart, a loving personality & loved his family & his music. Treasure all the memories, for he was one of a kind & will be missed. "Virginia Penny Yarbrough"

Virginia P Yarbrough - November 27, 2019 at 06:06 PM


Belinda
Givens

“ Belinda Givens sent a virtual gift in memory of Mr. Farris Lanier Jr.



Belinda Givens - November 27, 2019 at 05:40 PM

CS

“ Colleen Scott lit a candle in memory of Mr. Farris Lanier Jr.



Colleen Scott - November 26, 2019 at 07:11 PM

JS

“ James & VaRand Sevier-Pride lit a candle in memory of Mr. Farris Lanier Jr.



James & VaRand Sevier-Pride - November 26, 2019 at 05:52 PM

MM

“ *Marion McCurry lit a candle in memory of Mr. Farris Lanier Jr.*



Marion McCurry - November 26, 2019 at 11:20 AM

JJ

“ *When I worked at Kisbers he would always have me laughing*

judy joyce - November 22, 2019 at 05:20 PM

IG

“ *Farris was a very nice person. A man with a kind heart and bright smile. My condolences to the family. Love/blessings, Iris Gardner*

Iris Gardner - November 22, 2019 at 02:21 PM

WT

“ *WILMA TRANSOU lit a candle in memory of Mr. Farris Lanier Jr.*



WILMA TRANSOU - November 22, 2019 at 09:45 AM

TC

“ *Tawanna Chism sent a virtual gift in memory of Mr. Farris Lanier Jr.*



Tawanna Chism - November 21, 2019 at 08:24 PM