



Jesse Usher

January 17, 1946 - July 11, 2020

After an extensive battle with cancer, Jesse Richard Usher, Jr. died on July 11, 2020 in Royal Oak, MI at the age of 74. He leaves behind his sons, Darren Usher and Joseph Martin.

Jesse was born on January 17, 1946 in Apalachicola, FL, to parents Jesse Richard Usher, Sr. and Martha Inez Usher. He grew up in a large, loving family with five sisters and one brother. He excelled in his studies at Phyllis Wheatly Elementary and later on at Booker T. Washington High School where he cultivated his talent of playing drums. Jesse was a part of the marching band as well as the Thespian Club. He had the opportunity to travel throughout the state of Florida performing. He also was offered a scholarship to attend FAMU as a percussionist.

After graduation, he worked for various companies such as Avis Rental Car and Don Allen Chevrolet until relocating to River Rouge, MI where he was employed by Great Lakes Steel Company. He worked there for 34 years as an Electrical Crane Operator with the highest honor of a Five Star Safety rating.

Jesse was loved by many people and made friends easily. You would often find him donning one of his many hats in an animated conversation about music, sports, or current events. He could battle with anyone on the melody and lyrics of most songs and would know how to mimic the percussion. He

had a love for cars and owned several antiques. One thing he spent time on was dining and would drive around town to get whatever he had an appetite for regardless of the cost. His thirst for knowledge was unquenchable and he loved learning new things. When diagnosed with prostate cancer in 2015, he remained optimistic and faithful in his will while fighting his illness. He remained brave and mentally sharp throughout his final days.

Jesse is survived by his children, Darren Usher and Joseph Martin (Shawn); his sisters, Helen Lewis, Lillie Dopson, Bernice Henderson (Bob); his sister in law, Janie Usher; his grandchildren Sarah Norris, Lakieva Lawhorn (James), Amarii Usher, Joseph Martin II, Jeffrey Martin, and Sidney Martin; his great grandchildren, Milan Franklin, Jai Lawhorn, DeCree Woodbury, and Solomon Woodbury; and numerous nieces, nephews and friends. He is preceded in death by his parents; his sisters, Marie Barr and Rosa Mae Robinson; and his brother, Jeffro Usher.

The family would especially like to thank his buddies, George and Rob, for their continued support of Jesse during his illness; the staff of Beaumont Hospital for their constant, attentive treatment; and the Kemp Funeral Home, for making the arrangements.

Previous Events

Visitation

JUL **22**. 4:00 PM - 6:00 PM (ET)

Kemp Funeral Home & Cremation Services
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Funeral Service

JUL **23**. 12:30 AM (ET)

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Family and Friends Hour

JUL **23**. 12:00 PM - 12:30 PM (ET)

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Tribute Wall



“ *Kemp Funeral Home & Cremation Services created a Webcast in memory of Jesse Usher*



Kemp Funeral Home & Cremation Services - July 23, 2020 at 12:05 PM

JA

It is so lovely to see the hat tree, especially since Jesse was so fond of hats. This is a lovely memory to share.

Jamila - July 23, 2020 at 12:30 PM

JA

I wish I could shoulder the grief with you all by my attendance.

Jamila - July 23, 2020 at 12:31 PM



Holly Woods

It was a beautiful service but I wish we could've seen the video tributes. May Uncle Sonny Rest in Light

Holly Woods - July 23, 2020 at 01:45 PM



“ *Jesse Usher*

September 27, 2022 at 08:40 PM



“ *Jesse Usher*

September 27, 2022 at 06:52 PM

RK

“ I just found out of Jesse left us to go to a better place. I'm truly saddened by the news because for many years as a crane operator he had mine as well as others lives in his hands... no matter how hot or tough things were in the mill during the Summer Jesse would always put a smile on your face... condolence to his family... you will be truly missed by all that knew you.. Richard Kovalchick

richard kovalchick - July 26, 2020 at 06:38 PM

KW

“ To the Martin Family,

My deepest condolences and prayers are with you during this difficult time. May the memories of your Dad and grandfather bring you comfort with time. The service was beautiful. 💜

*Love,
Kiada Watts*

Kiada Watts - July 23, 2020 at 03:53 PM



“ To the Martin Family:

I am so sorry for your loss. Your family has my deepest sympathy. It was a pleasure knowing Jesse. He always had a good story and kept us laughing. He will truly be missed.

Marie Shelton - July 23, 2020 at 01:53 PM

DH

“ WITH DEEPEST HEARTFELT AND EXPRESSION OF SYMPATHY TO THE FAMILY AND RELATIVES AS WELL AS ALL THE FRIENDS OF JESSIE USHER, WE THE CLASSMATES OF THE CLASS OF 1964 OF BOOKER T. WASHINGTON HIGH SCHOOL OF MIAMI, WE TOO FEEL THE PAIN.
DR. GLADSTONE HUNTER-PRESIDENT
DR. MARY L. HYLOR-VICE PRESIDENT

Dr. Mary L. Hylor - July 23, 2020 at 12:47 PM

AB

“ Hello Joseph,

So sorry for the loss of your beloved dad. My condolences to you and your entire family.

A.B. Braggs and Family

A.B. BRAGGS - July 23, 2020 at 12:39 PM

JA

“ Although I had the pleasure of meeting Jesse Usher only one time, I have the honor of watching the life he sowed into- Joseph Martin. He is my brother in law and have been a first hand witness of the strength, commitment to family and happiness that Joe brings his family. I know that both her parents made it possible for Joe to be the man he is today. My heart grieves with you all as you celebrate the life of this remarkable man. His legacy will surely live on in the life of his beautiful grandchildren. My hope is that Joe, Jeffery and Sidney each bear the fruit of their grandfathers and fathers seeds of love and greatness.



Jamila - July 23, 2020 at 12:25 PM



“ *Rest In Peace Jesse! BOOKER T WASHINGTON TORNADOES REMEMBER YOU FONDLY. With deepest Sympathy and Condolences.....LEBBIE HAMMOCK LEE....BTW CLASS OF 1965*
♥♥♥♥

Lebbie H. Lee - July 23, 2020 at 12:23 PM



“ *You can find the Children, Grands and Greats of Rosa Mae here*
www.facebook.com/groups/168630229872540/



Holly Woods - July 23, 2020 at 12:13 PM

“ *Until We Meet Again*



*Each morning when we awake
we know that you are gone.
And no one knows the heartache
As we try to carry on.*

*Our hearts still ache with sadness
and many tears still flow.
What it meant to lose you,
No one will ever know.*

*Our thoughts are always with you,
your place no one can fill.
In life we loved you dearly,
In death we love you still.*

*There will always be a heartache,
and often a silent tear,
But always a precious memory
Of the days when you were here.*

*If tears could make a staircase,
And heartaches make a lane,
We'd walk the path to heaven
And bring you home again.*

*We hold you close within our hearts,
And there you will remain,
To walk with us throughout our lives
Until we meet again.*

*Our family chain is broken now,
And nothing will be the same,
But as God calls us one by one,*

The chain will link again.

Holly Woods - July 23, 2020 at 12:02 PM

DH

“ *This was my childhood friend and classmate, class of 1964 BTW miami. We were elementary, junior/senior high school buddies. I will always remember him. RIP my friend
Dr. Mary L. Hylor*

Dr. Mary L. Hylor - July 23, 2020 at 11:35 AM

YC

“ *Jesse was a good friend to my husband Robert Rawls very nice guy you will be miss RIH*

Yvette Coleman - July 22, 2020 at 11:47 PM

LY

“ *I enjoyed working with Jesse at Great Lakes Steel. We worked at Cold Mill and 80 Inch Mill.
He was a very nice guy. RIP Jesse.
Leroy Young*

Leroy Young - July 22, 2020 at 10:43 PM

JM

“ *1 file added to the album Memories Album*



Joseph Martin - July 22, 2020 at 03:16 PM

TT

“ *My heart felt condolences go out to the Ushers Family will keep you in my prayers*

Terese Turk - July 17, 2020 at 04:23 AM

TT

Sending my love and hugs to you you all

Terese Turk - July 17, 2020 at 04:25 AM

TP

“ *Jesse was my special friend and father of Joseph my son in law. Jesse was always the first person to call and wish me happy birthday the first to call and wish me happy mother's day the first to wish me merry Xmas He was always so funny and always so upbeat. I love that about him. I will miss him so much my thoughts and prayers with the Usher family. For Joseph Shawn Bj Jeff and Sidney I know the sadness but the memories of Dad and Grandpa Jesse will remain forever We here in Florida. Mom and Dad Grandma and Grandpa love you all very much Jessie my friend Rest In Peace*

Tina Parkinson - July 14, 2020 at 07:34 PM