



Mr. Jeffrey Brian Crawford ,Sr.

June 12, 1965 - June 7, 2020

In Loving Memory Of;

Jeffrey Brian Crawford (Big Jeff) was born on June 12, 1965 in Detroit, MI. He was the third child of Wheeler P. and Marva M. Crawford, both of whom preceded him in death.

Jeff, always active in many sports, was educated in the Detroit Public Schools system and graduated from David L. Mackenzie High School where he played quarterback on the football team. Awarded an athletic scholarship to Winston Salem State University in North Carolina, Jeff embarked on a career which garnered him many accolades along with numerous lifelong friends. During summer vacations, Jeff returned to Detroit working for the U.S. Postal Service and Federal Mogul. Ultimately, finishing his education at Prairie View A&M University, one of our nation's Historically Black Colleges and Universities (HBCU), Jeff continued his education in business while playing football for the Panthers. His experiences there resulted in more lifelong friends.

It was during his time at Prairie View A & M that Jeff met Benita Wilkerson whom he would later marry. To this union, four children were born. He was also "Dad" to his stepdaughter that he claimed as his own.

Having had enough of Michigan winters, Jeff decided to become an entrepreneur in the security industry. He opened his own alarm installation company in Houston, TX which he managed until his death.

Always a firm supporter of his alma maters, Jeff was sure to be an attendee of any of their functions. Whether a picnic, reunion or just a group of "his boys"

getting together, you didn't have to look for him. He was there! Talking junk was his favorite pastime, and if he couldn't make you laugh, something was wrong with you!

He also had a love of "old school" music that he continually blamed on his eldest sister and her "basement parties." Songs by Earth, Wind and Fire and the Isley Brothers were known to get him "groovin" no matter where he was! While fun to be around, Jeff also had a serious side. Family came first with Jeff! His children always knew they could go to him with any problem. He wouldn't solve the problem, but come up with options that you maybe hadn't thought of. He was extremely close to his brothers and sisters and was always the first to pick up the phone just to say "Hey, what you doin"?

Previous Events

Family Hour

Saturday, Jun. **27**. 12:30 PM - 2:00 PM (ET)

Kadesh Full Gospel Baptist Church
20361 Plymouth Road
Detroit, MI 48228

Memorial Service

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Tribute Wall



“ *Mr. Jeffrey Brian Crawford ,Sr.*

January 21, 2023 at 09:34 PM



“ *We are saddened to hear about your family loss. May the support of family and friends be a source of strength and the God of comfort a refuge in your time of sorrow. With caring thoughts*

Evans family - June 29, 2020 at 04:46 AM



“ *JC,
I have so many memories with you that I will always cherish in my heart. I will continue to pray for your family because I consider them my family as well. Until we meet again much love and peace.*

TA and Family

Tony Austin - June 27, 2020 at 02:40 PM



“ *Kevin Benjamin and Family purchased the Laven der Reflections Spray for the family of Mr. Jeffrey Brian Crawford ,Sr..*



Kevin Benjamin and Family - June 26, 2020 at 04:06 PM

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“ *With Condolences, Peter Killough and Family purchased the Serene Retreat for the family of Mr. Jeffrey Brian Crawford ,Sr..*



With Condolences, Peter Killough and Family - June 25, 2020
at 05:07 PM