



Mr. Joel Gorden, Jr.

July 1, 1968 - August 29, 2024

In Loving Memory Of

Joel Gorden Jr., affectionately known as "Doe Doe" or "Joe Joe," made his grand entrance into this world on July 1, 1968, as the cherished son of Patricia Tumpkin and Joel Gorden.

Joe accepted the Lord Jesus Christ and was baptized at Bible Way Church as a young adult. He was educated in the Detroit Public Schools, where he developed a love for drawing at a young age—a talent he later passed on to his daughter.

Joe was a man of many talents and passions. After earning his Commercial Driver's License (CDL), he worked for Waste Management as a driver. Later, he became skilled as a barber, a profession where his creativity and love for people radiated. Gifted with his hands, Joe pursued home renovation projects that eventually grew into successful entrepreneurial ventures, including owning and managing rental properties. One of his proudest achievements was purchasing and rehabilitating a home in the Boston Edison District for his family.

Joe had a passion for music, traveling and cooking, and he was especially known for his delicious peach cobbler. He deeply loved his family and was always present for those who needed him. Whether it was lending a helping hand, providing support, or simply being there in times of need, his presence was a constant source of comfort and strength to those he cared about.

However, Joe's greatest joy in life was being a father, a role that truly

transformed his life. From his union with Shana Williams, he was blessed with two children: Joya Gorden and Jalen Williams who were his pride and joy. JoeJoe was preceded in death by his beloved mother Patricia Tumpkin and his grandparents Lee Ethel and Willie Gorden (Margaret) and Catherine and Percy Tumpkin. He is survived by his father, Joel Gorden (Deborah), along with his daughter Joya Gorden, son Jalen Williams and former wife Shana Williams. He is also survived by his siblings: Yolanda Gorden, Brian O'Larry (Diretta), Tammi Hamilton, Carlanda Gorden, Connie Johnson (Lockitt), Tracy Burroughs (Deongelo), Norman Tumpkin, Jazma Patrick, Khaleel Grandberry, Justin Gordon and stepbrother Lakell Patrick. Additionally, he leaves behind a host of aunts, uncles, cousins, nephews, nieces, great-nephews and nieces and friends who will deeply miss him.

Previous Events

Visitation

Wednesday, Sep. **11**. 3:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

O. H. Pye, III Funeral Home
17600 Plymouth Road
Detroit, MI 48227
(313) 838-9770
info@pyefuneralhome.com

Family Hour / Visitation

Thursday, Sep. **12**. 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM (ET)

Breaking Chains Outreach Ministries COGIC
13881 Joseph Campau Ave
Hamtramck, MI, MI 48212

Celebration of Life

Thursday, Sep. **12**. 12:00 PM - 1:30 PM (ET)

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Tribute Wall

CH

“ So we took this picture a few years back on our birthday weekend.. showed up dressed just alike and wasn't planned!! Rest in peace 🕊️ cousin!!



Claire Hawkins - September 12, 2024 at 09:28 PM

KW

“ Joe took me to Milwaukee for my birthday when I turned 37. He gave me a surprise birthday party at his father bar, It was my first surprise birthday party and a great gift we had remained friends for almost 20 years he was a great guy I will never forget him.

Kim Wilson

Kimberley Wilson - September 11, 2024 at 05:50 PM



“ Sweetest Sunrise Bouquet was purchased for the family of Mr. Joel Gorden, Jr..



September 11, 2024 at 11:30 AM

TM

“ *Shana, Many Blessings , Condolences and Much Love to You, my nephew and niece* 🤍
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Tiffany M. - September 10, 2024 at 01:32 PM

EP

“ *Enaj-gwendolyn P. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Mr. Joel Gorden, Jr..*

Enaj-gwendolyn P. - September 09, 2024 at 08:39 AM



“ *Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Mr. Joel Gorden, Jr..*



September 08, 2024 at 02:39 PM

ST

“ *Trying to find the words to say but I still can't believe your gone, all I can say is I miss you so much Joe Joe, you were apart of my life for 22 years the memories we created together will live on forever, I appreciate you so much. Joe Joe thanks for always being there for me no matter what. You are an and forever will be a great man. Continue to rest in peace. I will never forget you, I love you forever and always.*

sonya thomas - September 07, 2024 at 10:26 PM

TA

“ Every moment I spent with Shana and Joe and their family was a blessing. I don't have words to express my sadness at his passing. Our lives are forever changed and we will never stop missing him. He was larger than life, kind and gentle. Rest in peace

Tracy Anderson - September 07, 2024 at 03:39 AM



“ Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Mr. Joel Gorden, Jr..



September 06, 2024 at 07:41 PM

MJ

“ Moe, Ervin, and Auntie Jackie purchased the Serene Retreat for the family of Mr. Joel Gorden, Jr..



Moe, Ervin, and Auntie Jackie - September 06, 2024 at 07:29 PM

VS

“ Vickie S. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Mr. Joel Gorden, Jr..

Vickie S. - September 05, 2024 at 05:37 AM

TH

“ There's so many memories I have of my big brother two that stands out. Him taking rope and tying it around our apartment building so no one could get out, then we all got in trouble. Me making cookies one day and he came in the kitchen to mess with me as he always did with his sister's. So I told him to leave me alone but he always wanted to push his limits before I knew it, I had took the hot cookie sheet with the cookies and hit him. He yelled girl you crazy! But I had no more problems out of him anymore. I will miss us calling each other every holiday and our July birthdays. Most of all I will miss seeing him and him calling me big head 😭 Tammi Hamilton sister Love you Big Bro ❤️

Tammi Hamilton - September 04, 2024 at 09:29 PM

VS

“ Your Husband was one in a million. You & his children came first. Our sincerest condolences from my family to yours. 🙏🙏🙏🙏🙏
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Vickie Smith - September 04, 2024 at 07:01 PM

PW

“ Patricia Williams purchased the Simply Elegant S pathiphyllum for the family of Mr. Joel Gorden, Jr..



Patricia Williams - September 04, 2024 at 05:55 PM

LP

“ *Lashawn Price sent a virtual gift in memory of Joel Gorden, Jr.*



Lashawn Price - September 03, 2024 at 11:47 PM

JC

“ *I honestly can't pick just one memory of Joe (Joel). He was introduced to me 20 yrs ago. And we've only become more like family over the yrs. I called him my friend & looked at him like an older brother. I could talk & go to him for and about anything & he was always there, never skipping a beat. He helped me get through my on personal struggles. Always checking on me and getting on my ass, looking out like big brother's due!!! And was an amazing daddy. I'm just truly heartbroken over this and I'm glad our last words to each other was I love you! You will forever be missed but never forgotten bro!*



Jennifer Calvert - September 03, 2024 at 08:08 PM

JR

“ *1 file added to the tribute wall*



Jerome Reynolds - September 03, 2024 at 07:04 PM