

*Celebrating
The Life
Of*



William Lezarian Ivory

Sunrise: February 5, 1981 - Sunset: August 31, 2022

Saturday, September 17, 2022

Family Hour: 11:30 am - Funeral Service: 12:00 noon

Service Held At

SPIRITLOVE MINISTRIES CHURCH

7520 Puritan - Detroit, Michigan 48238

Bishop Percy Henderson, Officiating



The Obituary

William Lezarian Ivory was born in Detroit, Michigan on February 5, 1981 to Joyce Ivory and Ralph Martin. He attended Detroit Public Schools and studied dance and graduated high school at Detroit School of Fine and Performing Arts in 1999.

Lezarian spent the majority of his youth with his mother and grandmother, Ernestine Ivory, whom he called my "Granny", he was the love of her life. He was affectionately called "The Child" by his mother and "The Boy" by his grandfather who he was named after. Other fond names were "Z" and "Zarian". Both grandparents preceded him in death.

William accepted Christ at an earlier age and joined Second Ebenezer Church under the direction of Bishop Edgar Vann. Lezarian was blessed with rhythm and he started his journey of dance at "Detroit Windsor Dance Academy" at a very young age. He also was a member of Freedom Dance Troup. As his passion for dance grew, so did his love for Janet Jackson.

He choreographed hip-hop and mastered various genres of dance including ballet, jazz and hip-hop. Upon his journey of dance, Lezarian danced professionally and appeared in videos for singer, Aaliyah and Michael Bivens of the group Bell-Biv-Devoe. In 2010 Lezarian appeared on the Anderson Cooper Show, showing his dance moves and was surprised when the Love-of His Life Janet Jackson came out on stage. Lezarian was such a huge fan of Janet, that he often traveled out of state to see her performance. Through his journey of life Lezarian has met several prominent individuals: RJ Reynolds of the Dramatics, Judge Greg Mathis, and several other prominent Detroiters.

Lezarian was lively and fun-loving. He worked as a waiter at various restaurants in and around the Detroit Area and he never met a stranger. He enjoyed eating, spending time with family, friends, and dancing. Whenever there was a gathering, he was the life-of-the party.

Lezarian departed this earthly life on August 31, 2022. He will be missed by all who knew him. Lezarian was a joy to his mother Joyce, father, Ralph, sisters Shardai and Bernice, brother TooShort and a host of family and friends. Lezarian was blessed to have several true friends he loved like family.

Order of Service

Organ Prelude

Processional

Scripture 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18

Prayer Latonya Miggins Coleman

Song Mary Anita Palmer

Acknowledgement and Condolences Marcella Hampton

Obituary Lenore Strange

Remarks Two Minutes, Please

Song/Dance Motor City Dance Factory

Song Mary Anita Palmer

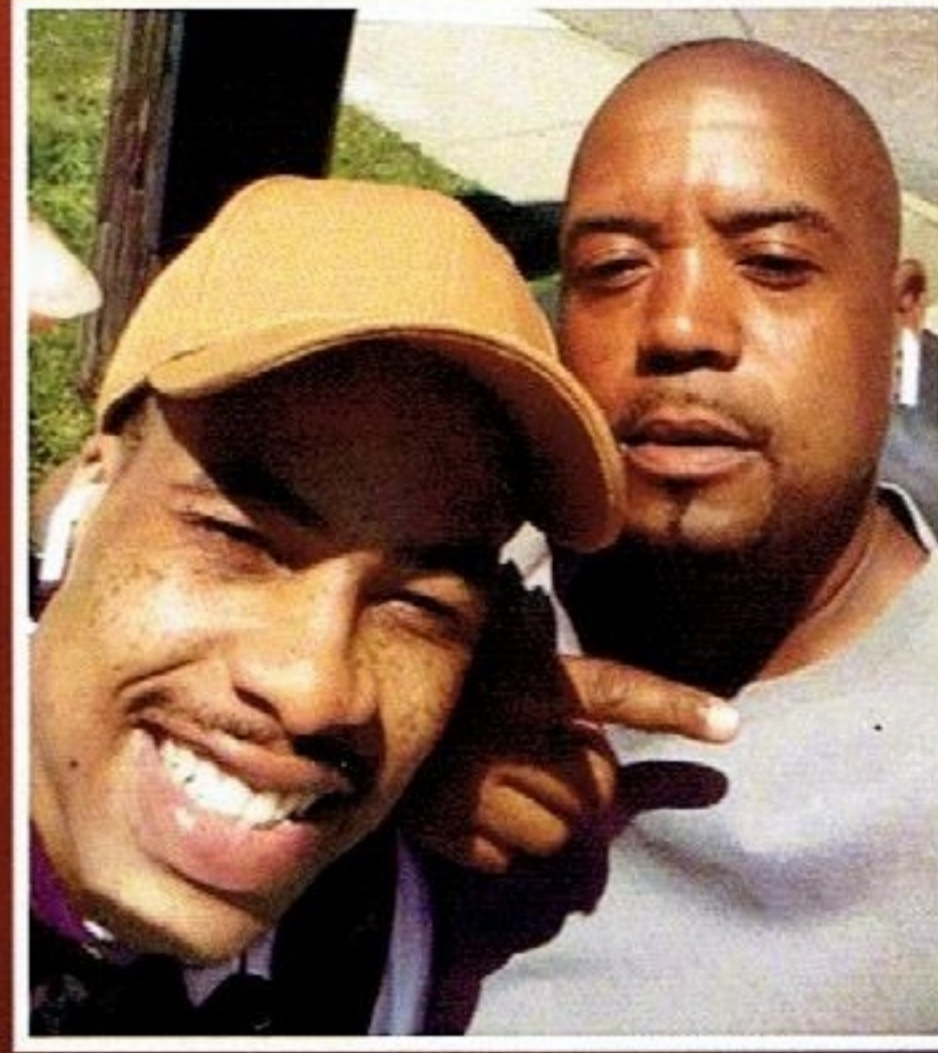
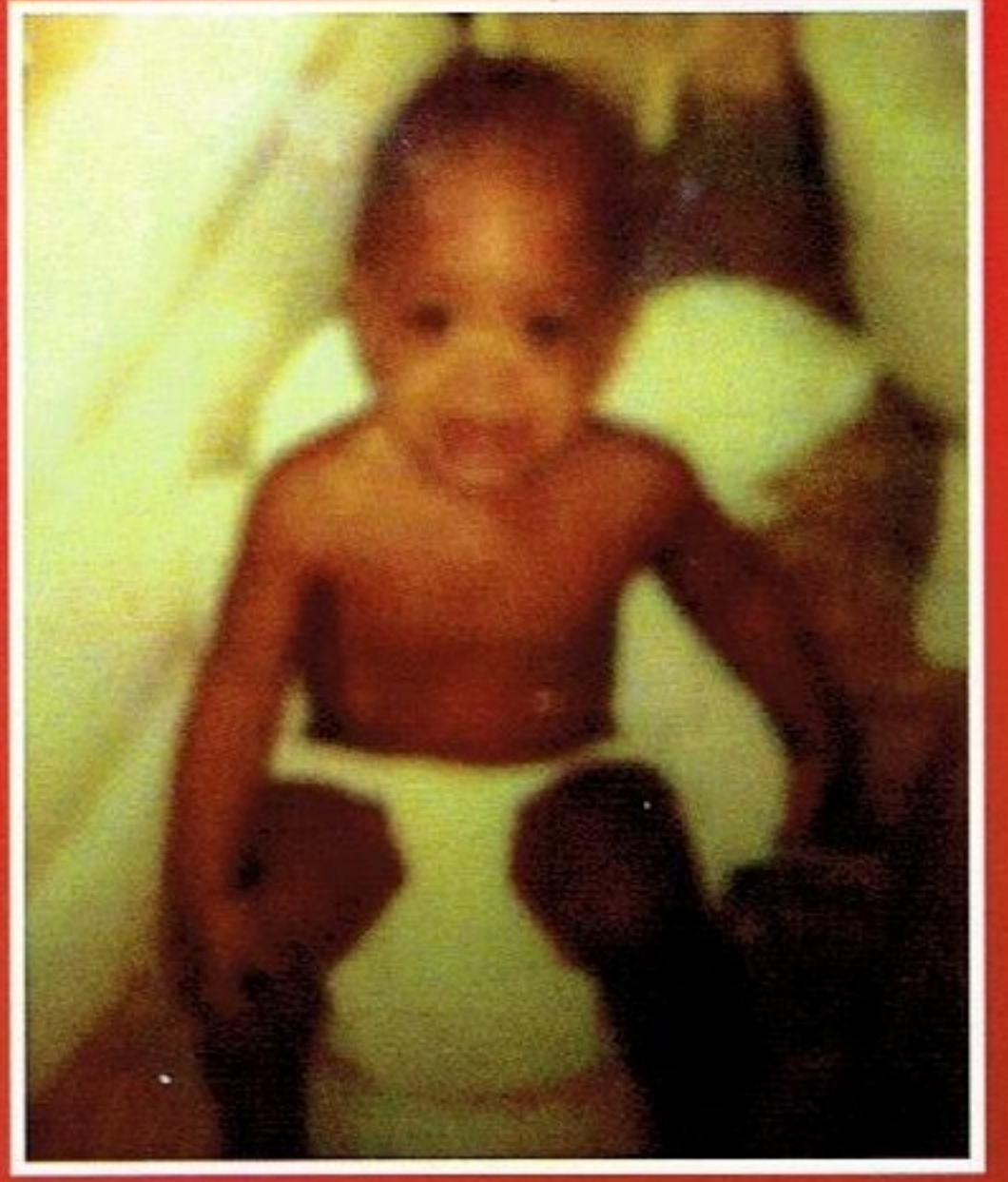
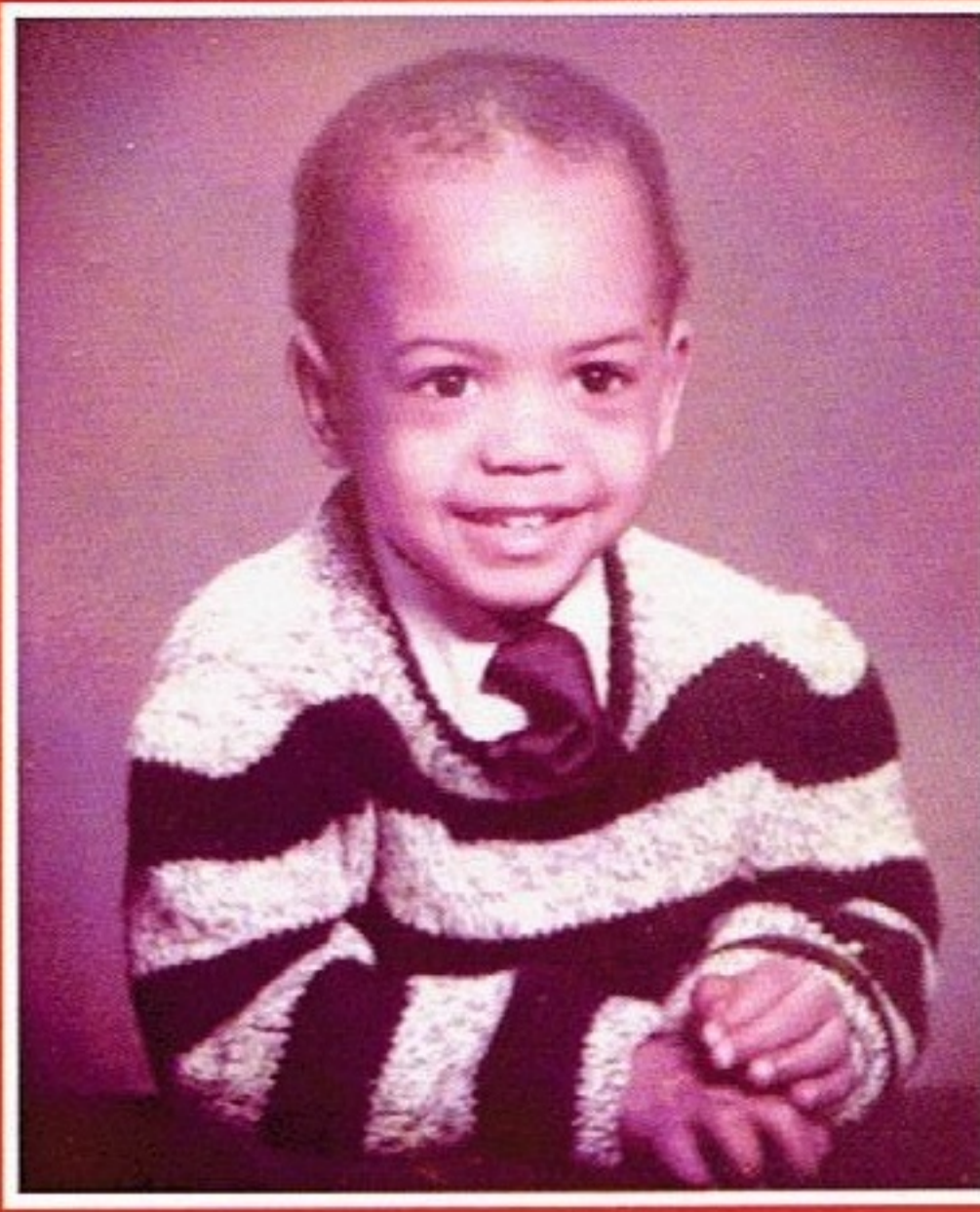
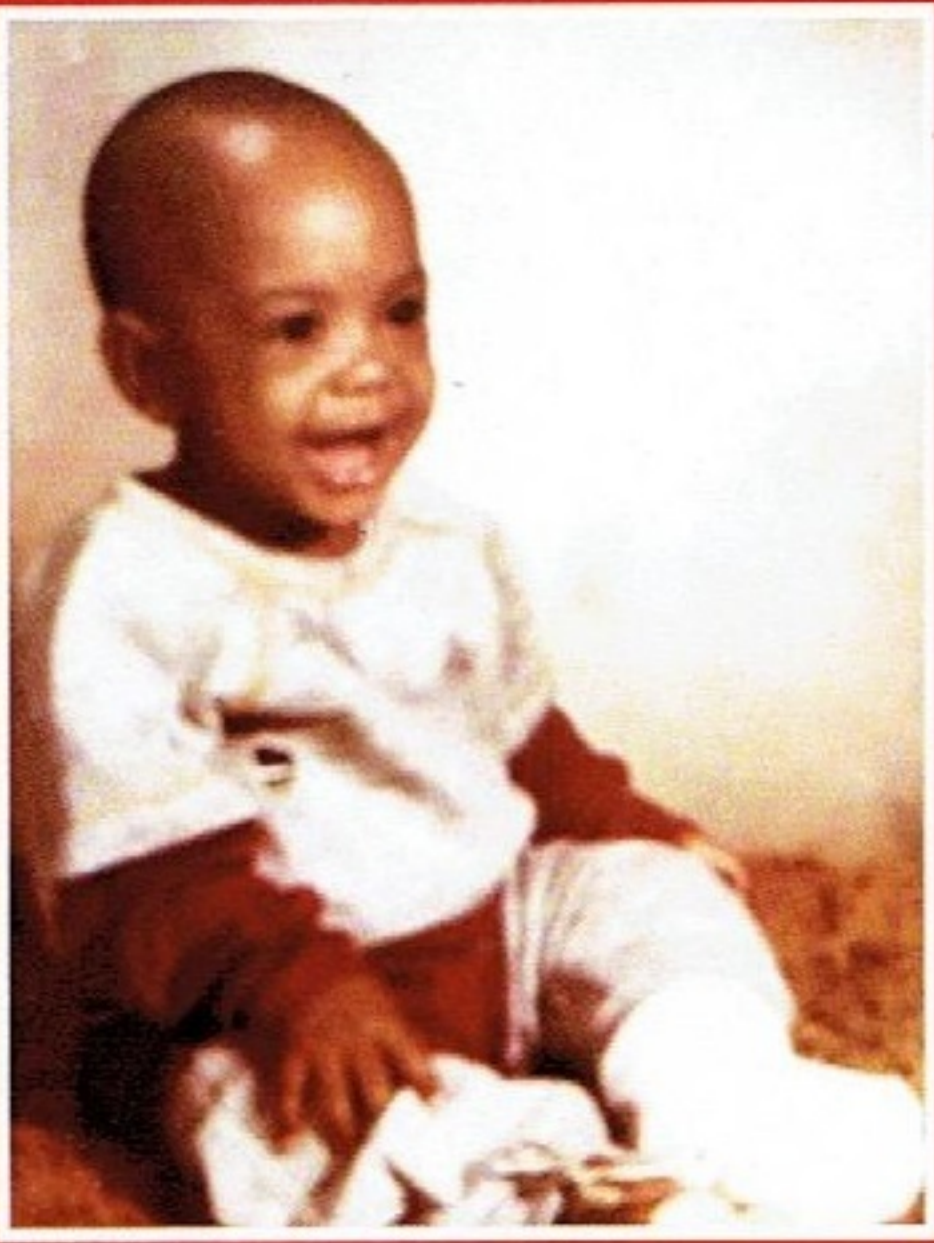
Eulogy Bishop Percy Henderson

Recessional

Organ Postlude

I am the resurrection, and the life: he that believeth in me, though he were dead, yet shall he live: And whosoever liveth and believeth in me shall never die.

-St. John 11:25-26



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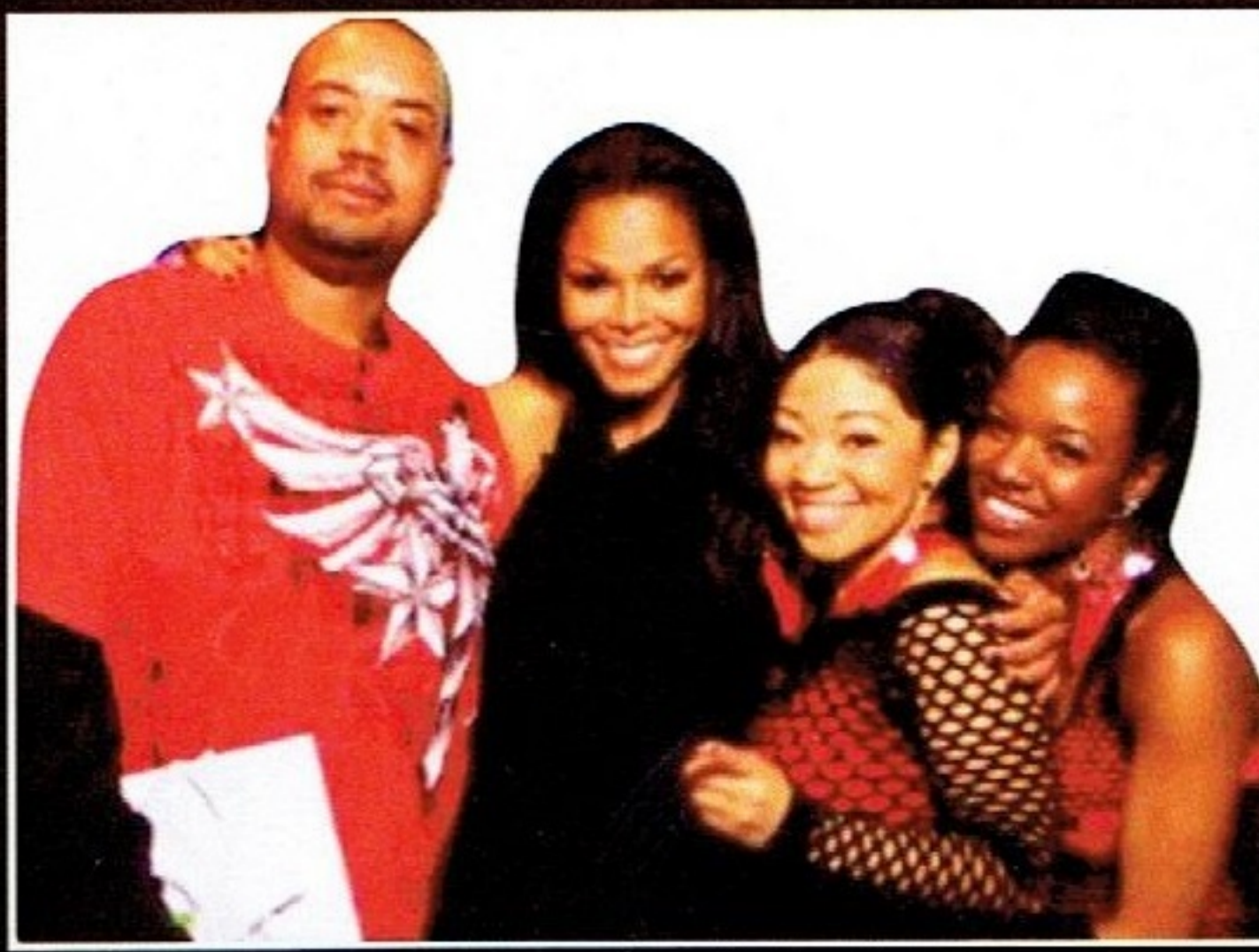
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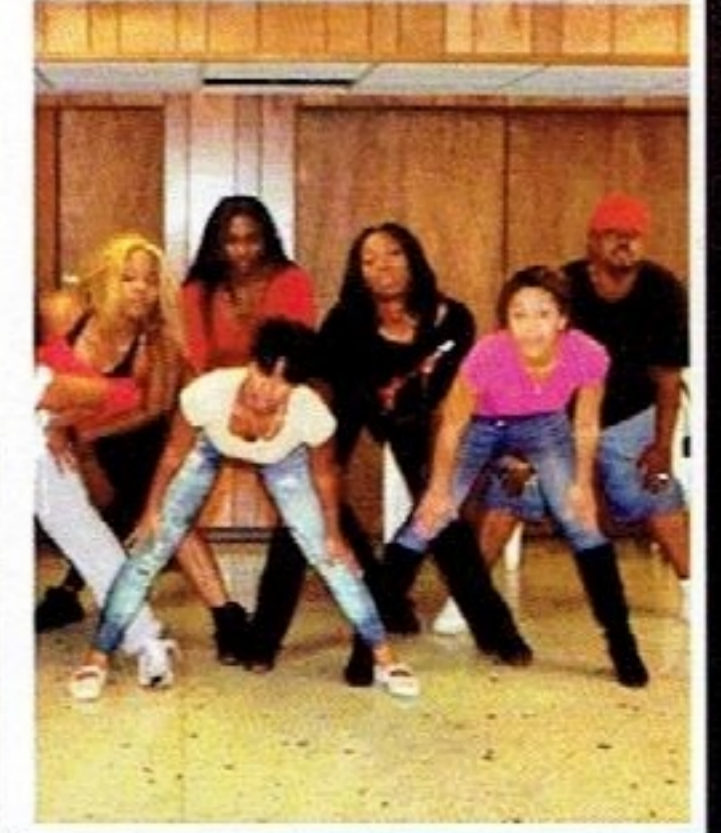
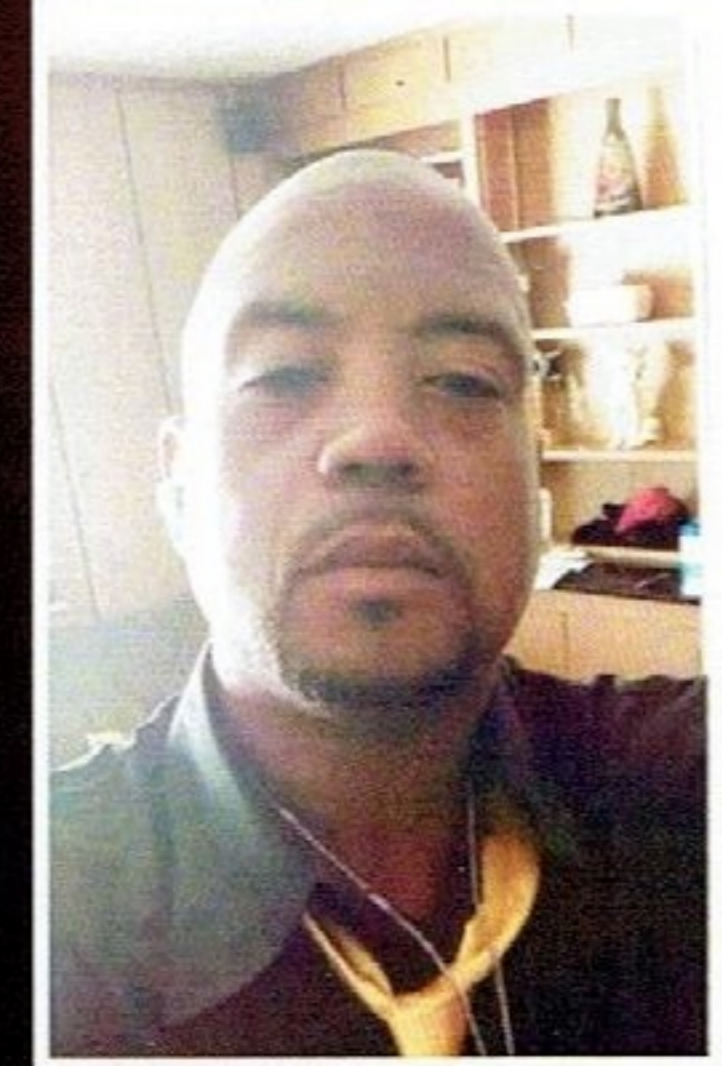
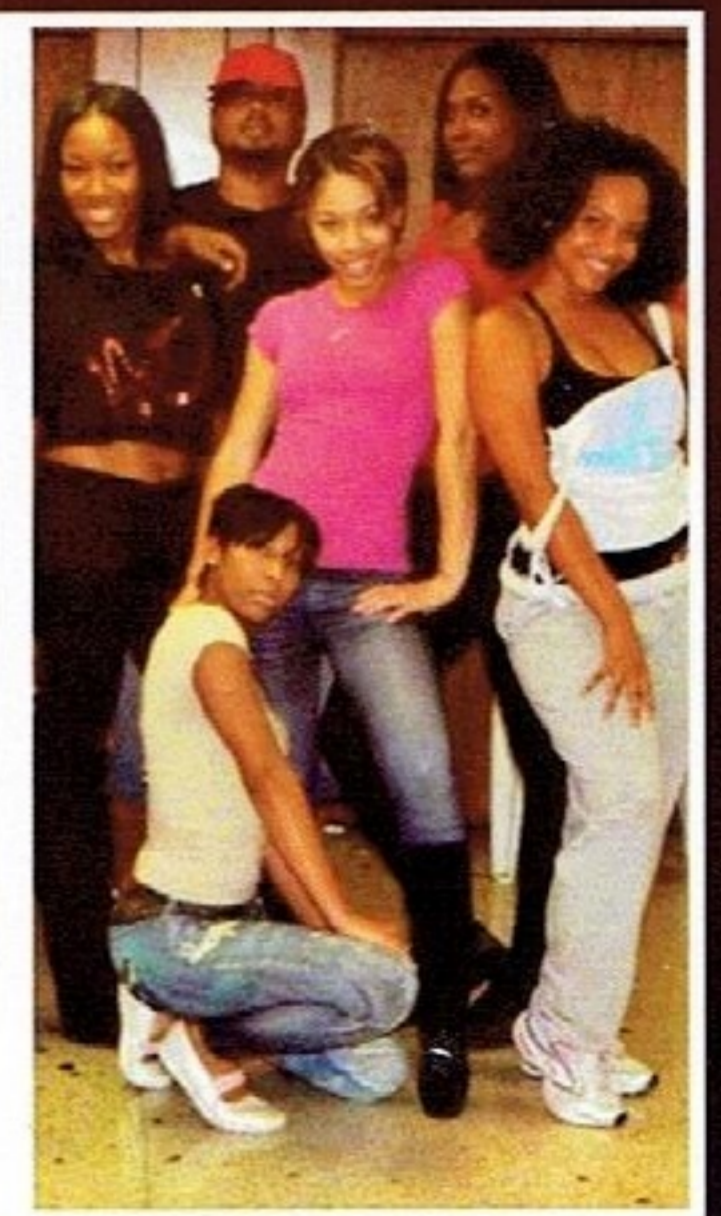
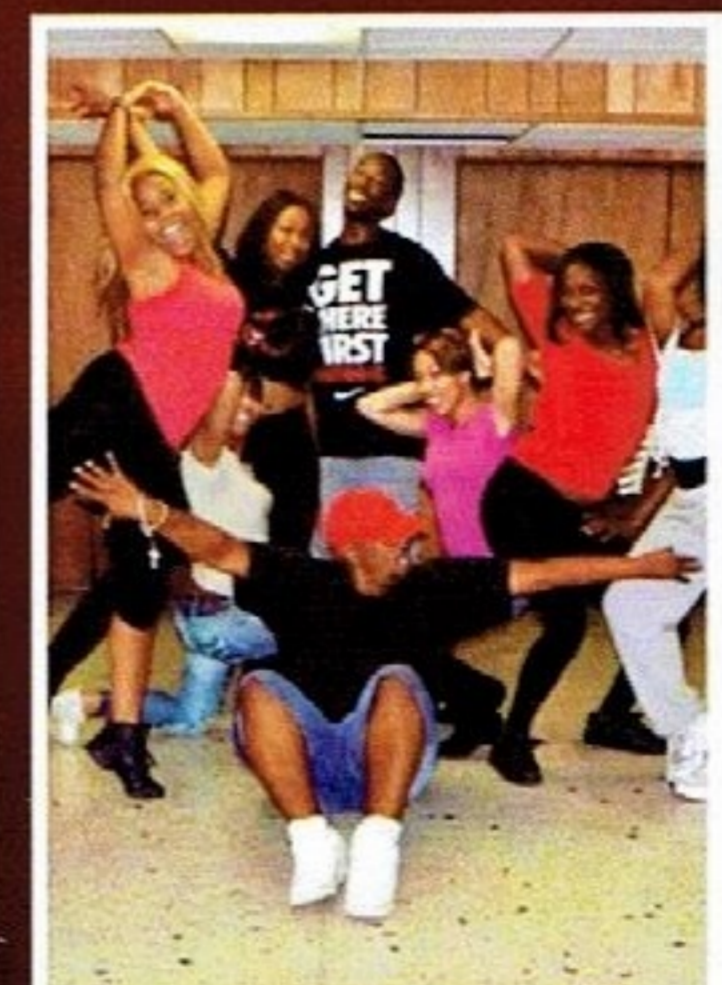
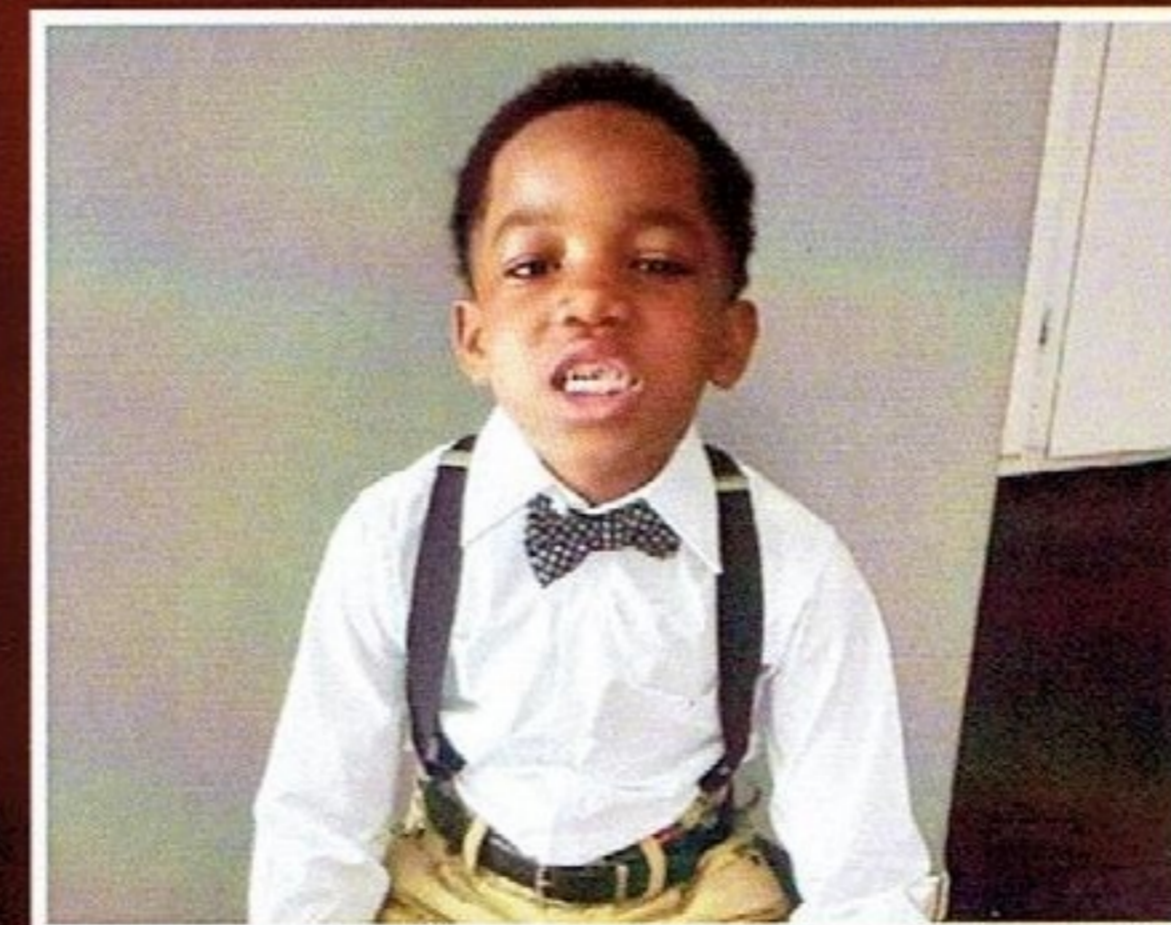
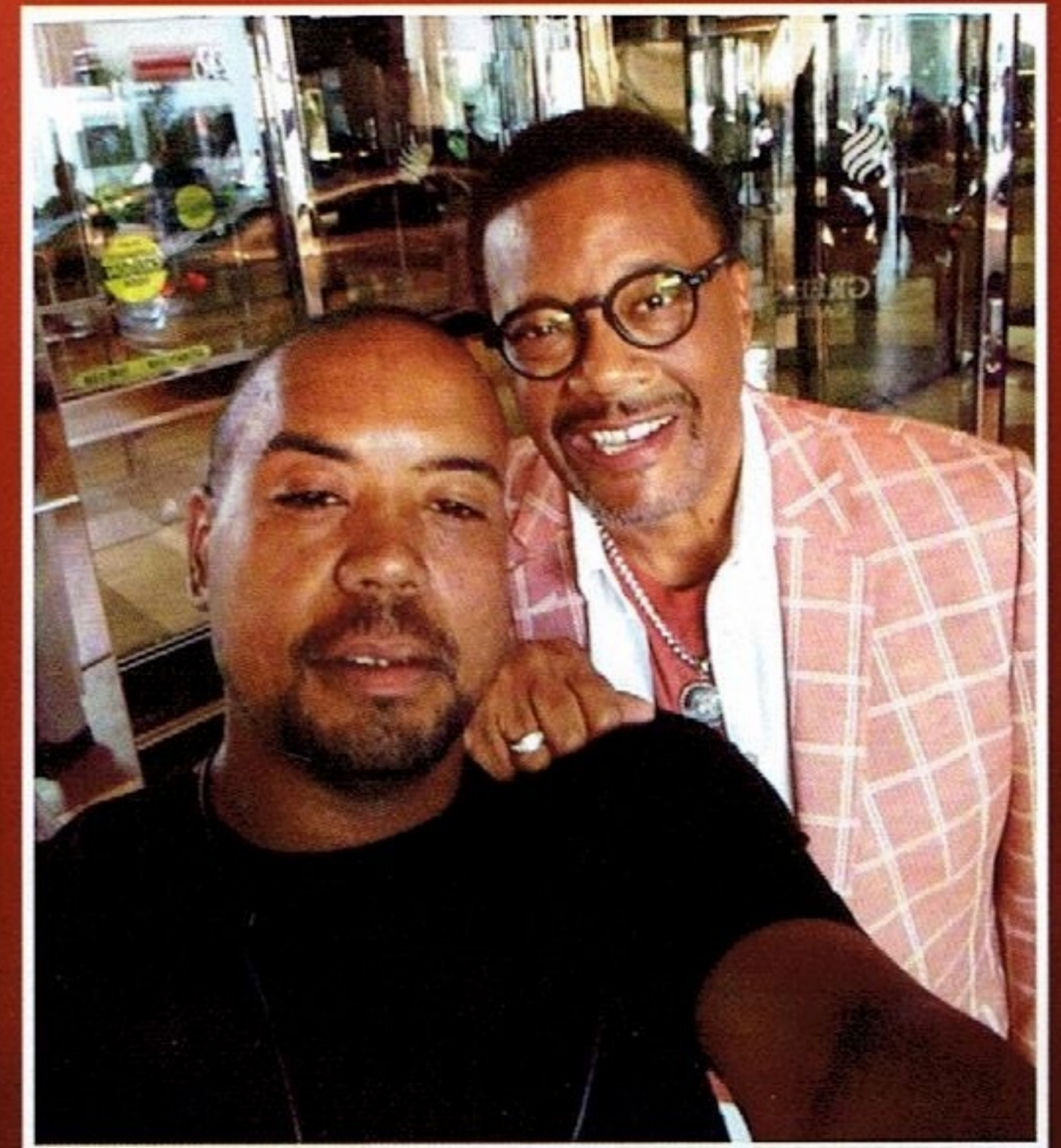
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Expressions of Love to Lezarian

My only regret is that if I had known that the last time I saw you, would be the last time I saw you, I would have hugged you a little tighter, told you I loved you a little louder and stayed by your side a little longer.

My mind knows that you are gone but my heart will never accept it.

I miss you so much.....



Love Mom



Letters To My Son in Heaven

They say there is a reason, They say time will heal;

Neither time or reason

Will change the way I feel.

Gone are the days, we used to share.

But in my heart, you are always there.

The gates of memories, will never close;

I miss you more than

Anybody knows....

Love and miss you everyday till we meet again

Always and Forever, Love Your Father

William Lezarian Ivory!

As your Godmother, I have lived you since the day you were born! Now I mourn! You had the cutest big eyes and chubby cheeks! And was quite meek!

You had such charm; You could set off an alarm! Some of us wonder where do people go when they die? Down below or in the sky? I'm not sure, but it seems they simply live inside our dreams! So see you later alligator!

Love your Godmother Kim Akpabio

Dear Brother

Now that you are gone and no longer here to share the bond we had together a bond of love and care. Yet, I know that you are watching over me now that you are free, I will miss you so very much and living life without you here I just don't know how it will be.

Yet, within my heart I feel you will always be by my side. Every since you went away life has not been the same yet it comforts me to know that one day we will meet again. I love you so much brother.

- Your little Sis Shardai

Brother

I can't believe this happened, I'm going to miss you so much. We were never broken apart, we were always together, we had fun together. I still ain't, can't believe but you are in a better place, you will never be forgotten.

You are my only brother, your mom and my mom kept us together, me and your nephews are going to miss you and always will love you and Jones we will always love you and miss you forever and more.

To say I'm going to miss you is an understatement, from the first day we met, I knew you were special. I will always remember the laughs we shared and happiness I felt around you.

I Love You Cuzzin
Forever and Always, Love Rosa

Dear Will,

From the first day we met you were special! Always dancing and laughing. You had such a bright spirit. It was 25 years ago, but it feels like it was yesterday. Always ready to dance and have fun I even nicknamed you "Mr. Janet Jackson", because not only were you a great performer, you LOVED Janet. Nobody could say anything about Janet or it was war.

Our friendship went from friends to family so quickly. Hanging out at BBQ's, the Casino, Family functions where you always treated me like family.

I will never find another friendship like the one we shared and I will forever cherish the memories. You always checked on me, no matter what and that was just one of the amazing things about you.

You cared from the people you loved. I am so thankful for having a friend like you, a brother and I will always have a place for you in my heart. We never said, goodbye, only see ya later, so Will, I am gonna miss you so much and I love you Forever!! I'll see ya later!
-Love Shy

To My Oldest Friend

Goodbyes make me think about the things that will no longer exist; the life that you brought to EVERY room, your loyalty that was unmatched and second to none, and the ability to captivate the hearts of everyone you've come in contact with.

Although our friendship may have been flawed at times but it was genuine and solid. Without a doubt I've always known where I've stood with you. After 30 years of memories, it's not about the final words that had been spoken or the ones that were not spoken, it's about the love that has been expressed over the years that not even death has broken.

You've got your wings now my brother and I imagine that you're dancing in heaven givin' 'em a flawless 8 count! I love you so much and I'll see you when I get there!

Love, Toya

Will

Words can't express the pain I feel
Where do I start,
21 yrs ago u came into my life
and I became ur favorite white girl.

We may not have been blood related, but you couldn't tell us that cause we loved each other like we was. You watched my children and grandchildren grow.

You wasn't just cousin u was my best friend. I'm going to miss u walking down the street with a box of noodles or chicken for the kids and a juice box (wine) for us yellin deeeeedrrrrraaaa or white girl that was your name for my daughter.

I may forget a lot of things but William Ivory, I will not forget you and the fun we had. I love u cuzin.

Rest east and fly high
Your Favorite White Girl

Pallbearers

Hilliard L. Hampton III
Kwame L. Hampton
Ramon Murphy

William V. Holmes
Londarius Black
Christopher Coleman

Flower Bearers

Family and Friends

Cremation

Southern Michigan Services
Livonia, Michigan 48150

Repast

16415 Stricker Avenue
Eastpointe, Michigan
(Between 8 & 9 Mile
and Gratiot & Kelly)

Acknowledgment of Appreciation

The family of the late **William Lezarian Ivory** acknowledges with sincere appreciation, the many comforting messages, floral tributes, prayers and other expressions of kindness evidenced at this time in thought and deed. A more formal acknowledgement will be made at a later date.

Arrangements Entrusted To

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