

You held my hand when I was small. You would catch me if I fell. You are the hero of my childhood and my later years as well. Every time I think of you my heart still fills with pride; I will always miss you DAD I know you're by my side. In laughter and in sorrow, in sunshine and in rain, I know you're watching over me until we meet again – Your oldest daughter *Ne'yah*

*To RayShawn*, I love you. You was always one love that I could never let go. Even when it was difficult I knew that my love for you was unconditional and you knew it too. Thank you for our babies I will never let them forget you. Thank you for every push to get me out of my shell even tho I barely budged. Thank you for loving me even when it was difficult.  
*Stine bean*

I love Yu. I miss Yu more than anything I've ever lost. You helped me become the man I am and will be. I get all my confidence from you. Prepared me for all Ive been through. I love you. You live forever in my heart and soul and your name rings through my mind constantly. Your kids are in the best hands available. I'm make sure they feel you, through me. You counting on me to play this the right way. I will. With a shattered heart.. *Your little brother....Roc*

Gone to soon I can still hear our conversation going over and over in my head and when we greet each other with a what's good Nephew what up Unk then the hug just like I can still hear our conversations I can still feel the warmth from your hug love you Shawn Rest In Paradise Nephew  
*Love Uncle Rell.*

Tears on my pillow,  
I can't count how many I've cried. I feel so awfully hollow,  
Almost like it's me that died. How long will I feel so empty,  
Will this heartache ever end? How long will I have to wait,  
Until we meet in Heaven, -Sincerely your Bestfriend, Favorite  
*Cousin Rara*

TT loves you and I'm going to miss you dearly.  
Love, *TT Kaye*

*Daddy*, We know you loved us and there was nothing you wouldn't do for us. We will miss you laughing, playing and teaching us. We will make you proud.  
*Love Ne'yah, KeMani, Nylah, and Novah*  
Your memory is my keepsake, With which we'll never part. God has you in his keeping, I have you in my heart. - Your Lil/Big Cousin *Diwan*

It's hard to process everything especially the fact that you're not here. We grew up together. We grew apart and started to find our way back to each other. I'm so thankful that we made things right before you left. All those memories, I'll cherish till we meet again. Love, *Stevie*

**SOMETIMES**  
Sometimes I hear your voice in the gentle autumn breeze. Sometimes I hear your footsteps in the rustle of the trees. Sometimes I see your eyes in the rising of the sun. Sometimes I think of you until my day is done. Sometimes I hear your laughter in music's softest sound. Sometimes I feel you so close I have to look around. Sometimes I hear your voice as it softly calls my name. Sometimes I hide my tears in the early April rain. Sometimes I take a walk, some peace I try to find and pray for God to get me through this darkest time. Love, *Pops (RayShawn Hudgins Sr)*

I remember the late nights on Marshfield, you'd let me sleep with you because I was too scared to sleep in my own room. You made me feel so safe. I feel that same way knowing you're watching over me, your "first baby", as I'm now watching out for your babies. Thank you for teaching me to be so tough and always stand up for myself. I will always love you big brudda. -Your First Born,  
*Pooka (LaShonda)*

*RayShawn*  
I think about you always, I talk about you still  
You will never be forgotten, And you never will.  
I hold you close within my heart and there you will remain. I will forever love you until we meet again.  
*Auntie Sylvia*

I love you so much Shawn Shawn. Watch over the family and your precious babies. Love *Passion*

I love you. I'm gonna miss hearing your laugh and you telling me you love me. Thank you for making sure you said it every time you saw me.  
Love, *Monie*

You and I had a very special bond. I can tell when something was going on with you. I did not know that would be our last heart to heart on that Wednesday. We told each other that we loved and appreciated each other. We Hugged and kissed. I will cherish all the memories in my heart forever -  
Loving you always Your Cousin/  
*Aunt Diane Balls Moseley*

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GENTLEMEN'S QUARTERLY  
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RAYSHAWN

What it's REALLY  
like to be  
RAYSHAWN

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Plus! Read about the fabulous life of RayShawn!

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CLASS ACT

'RayShawn  
was my hero'

Touching tributes  
to a man who lived  
his love of Christ  
out loud!







*Celebration of Life*

*RayShawn Hudgins Jr.*

*Sunrise: April 11, 1991 – Sunset: January 28, 2023*

RayShawn Hudgins Jr. was born in to this life April 11, 1991. He was preceded in death by his Grandmothers Vera Hudgins, Bessie R. Jackson and Grandfather LT Jackson

RayShawn joined Canaan MB Church, accepted Christ and was baptized at the age of 13 in Lake Michigan along with his brother and sister by Rev Lacy E. Simpson, Jr.

RayShawn loved music and started rapping in church as SHAWN DA BAPTIST. He continued rapping in adulthood as SK DA GOD. He would often be in the studio with his brother, cousins and friends.

RayShawn was proud and honored to preform a song he had written with the musician and actor Common at his 8th grade graduation from John Hope Community Academy. He also won a radio contest where he called in to rap on the spot on a random topic.

RayShawn would hug you and you just felt better. He knew how to make you laugh and keep your spirits up. He was a character.

RayShawn was a very hard worker. He would do odd jobs for friends and family while working as the Grill Master at Best Barbecue, Line cook at Bar 10 Doors and a mover with Steelmen, Men of Steel Movers as well as Midway movers.

RayShawn joined our Creator on January 28,2023 and he leaves to mourn his passing his father RayShawn Hudgins Sr. his mother, LaRhonda Pearce, Stepfather Curtis Pearce Grandfather Marion Lee, Justina Sanders and Darresha Pope, who are the mothers of his 5 children Ne'yah, KeMani, Nylah, Novah and RayShawn III-Tre (arriving in July) one brother Rodrick, and four stepbrothers Terrence, Aaron (Nichelle) Angelo (Latoya), Christopher and his baby sister LaShonda who he told everyone was his first born, six nephews four nieces. He had the closest relationship to nephews MarShawn, Ryan and Rayce and niece Reign. Two aunts Jakki Hudgins (Paul), Sylvia Barnes (Jeff) and one uncle Darrell Jackson (Shantel)

RayShawn absolutely LOVED his children. He would do anything for them. He is entrusting Justina and Darresha will keep his memory alive in the hearts of his children

RayShawn had a special relationship with his first best friend and younger brother Rodrick, his Aunt Jacqueline and his cousins Jermaine, Diane, Willie, Mercedes, Rajeeyah, Tyanna

Saturday , February 11, 2023  
Wake: 11:00 A.M.      Service: 12:00 P.M.

*Lawndale Christian Community Church*

3827 W. Ogden Ave | Chicago, IL 60623  
Officiating Pastor Johnathan Brooks

Family Procession	
Scripture:	Reggie Newell
Prayer:	Khadijah Freeman
Song:	Judy Davenport
Resolutions/Cards	
Poem:	Robyn Brownlow
Tributes (5 people / 2 minutes)	Family & Friends
Song	Angelia Dobyne
Eulogy	Paster Johnathan Brooks
Reviewal	
Benediction	
Recessional	

*Interment*  
Private

*Pallbearers*

Rodrick Hudgins	Willie Balls
Kevin Muhammad	Marcus Jackson
Fatima Ali	Darrell Jackson

*Acknowledgements*

The family of RayShawn Hudgins Jr. would like to thank everyone for all the prayers, texts, phone calls, and all kinds words of encouragement. As you depart today remember “We don’t know what tomorrow holds, but we know who holds tomorrow.” Thank You

