

Junius Braxton

December 12, 2025

Junius Braxton, 85, of Avondale, Louisiana, passed away peacefully on Friday, December 12, 2025, with his loving wife by his side, as God reclaimed His angel.

Born and raised in Uptown New Orleans, Junius was the beloved son of the late Murphy Braxton and Alfoncia Hogan Braxton. He carried the spirit, pride, and resilience of his neighborhood throughout his life. He graduated from Walter L. Cohen High School in 1959, a milestone he was always proud of. In June of 1960, he married his lifelong partner, Zelda Mae Jenkins, beginning a devoted union that lasted more than six decades.

Junius was a cherished brother to Virginia Catchings, the late Lawrence and James Braxton, and a devoted brother-in-law to Arthur and Annette Jenkins. Throughout his life, he was affectionately known by many names — Lil-Bro, BroNLaw, Brah, Pop, Dad, Grandpa, and Paw-Paw — each one reflecting the special relationship he shared with those who loved him.

Junius was so good to everyone he met. He was a man of great integrity and generosity, a true jack-of-all-trades who never met a stranger. He always had words of encouragement for his cousins, friends, neighbors, and anyone blessed to cross his path. His kindness was effortless, and his presence made others feel seen, supported, and valued.

Together, Junius and Zelda built a strong, loving family. He was the proud father of six children: James Kenneth (passed February 2009), Junius Murphy (Mechelle), Diedria, Antoinette (Scott), Paul Michael, Paulette Michelle. His

children were his greatest joy, and he poured his heart into guiding, supporting, and loving them. He was also blessed with six grandchildren — Allison (Paul Wizzard), Vivian, Kaila, Ronessa, Alyssia (Antonio Miller) and Shiloh — each of whom brought him immense pride and happiness.

Junius' joy extended into another generation. He was the great-grandfather of six: Liam, Ndiassa (Jah Jah), Logan, Jaxson, Laila (Lae-Lae), and the most recent blessing, Halo. Each one added light to his life, and he cherished the chance to see his family grow. Junius Braxton was a lifelong and faithful member of Second St. John Missionary Baptist Church and we honor his legacy and services to the church. He was also a honorary father of Marine & Mt. Moriah Community Church.

A hardworking and skilled mechanic, Junius dedicated more than 20 years to the Regional Transit Authority (RTA) as a Maintenance Mechanic. Earlier in his career, he also worked with DensGate, Evans Cooperage, and Hooker Chemical, where he was respected for his reliability, craftsmanship, and strong work ethic. After several years J. Braxton Enterprise was established as a successful HVAC company servicing the greater New Orleans area. His lifelong passion for working on cars and machinery made him a natural fit for every role he held.

Junius' legacy lives on not only through his family but through the paths they have taken. His seeds have grown into careers in management at large warehouses, business ownership, social worker, medical, military, academics, and law — a testament to the values of hard work, determination, and integrity that he instilled in them. Through his encouragement and belief in their potential, his children have traveled to many states and countries, including the Bahamas, Japan, South Africa, Bristol (England), Turks & Caicos, Dubai, D.R., London, and Paris, carrying his spirit with them wherever they go. He was known for his generosity, quiet wisdom, and steady presence. His warm spirit touched everyone who had the privilege of knowing him.

Junius' memory will live on in the hearts of all those he loved and touched (nieces, nephews, cousins, friends and coworkers).

Cemetery Details

Providence Park Cemetery

8200 Airline Dr
Metairie, LA 70003
(504) 464-0541

Previous Events

Visitation

DEC **20**. 8:30 AM - 10:00 AM (CT)

Second St. John Baptist Church
242 Avondale Garden Rd
Avondale, LA 70094

Funeral Service

DEC **20**. 10:00 AM (CT)

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242 Avondale Garden Rd
Avondale, LA 70094

Tribute Wall



“ Hey dad. Mardi Gras just passed. It was different. You never had a chance to ride or see me ride but I know you were looking down on me..... smiling, clapping and dancing. It was bitter sweet. I miss you dearly. I ride because I know you would too. Forever My Daddy's Daughter.



Paulette Braxton - February 18 at 08:27 PM

AW

“ Hey Grandpa! It's days like to today when a phone call to you would help a lot! Missing you! 💜

Allison Wizzard - February 09 at 11:35 AM

AH

“ I asked God to just get us home for Thanksgiving and He did. I was truly grateful to spend this time with you!



Antoinette Harris - January 14 at 03:06 PM

AH

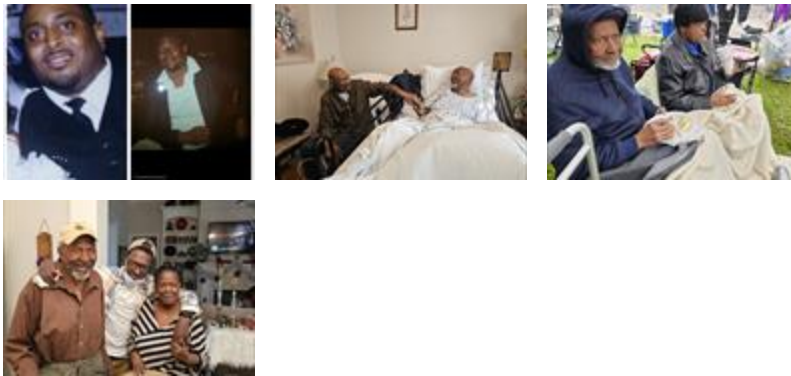
“ Hey Daddy, I miss you so much. If God granted me just 1 wish it would be that you were on this earth with us! It's only been 32 days but I still can't believe you're not here. We'll keep moving forward until we meet again! Forever in my heart ❤️



Antoinette Harris - January 14 at 02:55 PM

DB

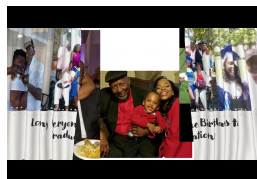
“ 4 files added to the tribute wall



Diedria Braxton - December 19, 2025 at 11:15 AM

DB

“ Daddy, the other night before you left us, I saw you reach out your hand. As you reached out, I prayed that God would receive you into His perfect kingdom, where Gram, Grandpa, Kenny, James, and others you loved are. I love you with every fiber of my heart, but God loved you 1st. Until we meet again....your Doo-Doo



Diedria Braxton - December 19, 2025 at 11:13 AM

VW

“ Victor W. purchased the Serenity Wreath for the family of Junius Braxton.



Victor W. - December 19, 2025 at 09:33 AM

VC

“ Virginia C. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Junius Braxton.

Virginia C. - December 19, 2025 at 08:26 AM



“ Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Junius Braxton.



December 18, 2025 at 10:06 PM

LJ

“ Love James and Jackie planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Junius Braxton.

Love James and Jackie - December 18, 2025 at 10:06 PM

TN

“ The Causey Family of NJ purchased the Ocean Breeze Spray for the family of Junius Braxton.



The Causey Family of NJ - December 18, 2025 at 08:50 PM

AA

“ Audrey, Shar, Ashton purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Junius Braxton.



Audrey, Shar, Ashton - December 18, 2025 at 02:11 PM

AA

“ Audrey, Shar, Ashton planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Junius Braxton.

Audrey, Shar, Ashton - December 18, 2025 at 02:11 PM

BF

“ Barry & Doris M. Fortney purchased the Emerald Garden Basket for the family of Junius Braxton.



Barry & Doris M. Fortney - December 18, 2025 at 02:11 PM

BM

“ Worked with JB at Hooker Chemical as a inexperienced maintenance mechanic and he carried me through and teaching me the trade He was a wonderful man and I teamed up with him every chance I got Rest in peace JB

Bill Munch - December 18, 2025 at 09:31 AM

DB

Thank you. My daddy was such a nice person. He wanted everyone to be good & advance in their trade. Thank you so much for sharing.
Diedria

DIEDRIA Braxton - December 19, 2025 at 03:50 AM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Junius Braxton.*



December 17, 2025 at 09:55 PM



“ *With Love, Your "NOLA SISTAS" planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Junius Braxton.*

With Love, Your "NOLA SISTAS" - December 17, 2025 at 09:55 PM



“ *We met this wonderful, loving Braxton Family about "5" years ago, after moving to the area. From Mom & Dad on down, they are the BEST! They are the BEST at making memories with EACH OTHER & never miss an opportunity to entertain & have the BEST, FUN parties EVER! As you observe the Children of Junius & Zelda, you can see all of their GREAT qualities exhibited with each other, their large extended Family & Friends. We were Blessed to have "found this amazing Braxton Family", and may you cherish all of those MEMORIES made forever in your hearts, photos, videos & conversations. PEACE be with you all. M & R Duncan*

M & R Duncan - December 17, 2025 at 12:50 PM



Aweee. Thank you M & R. You are beautiful. Thank you for being part of our family. DB

DIEDRIA Braxton - December 19, 2025 at 03:47 AM

JH

“ Jason and Belinda Hill purchased the Lily and Rose Tribute Spray for the family of Junius Braxton.



Jason and Belinda Hill - December 16, 2025 at 08:53 PM



“ Enchanted Cottage was purchased for the family of Junius Braxton.



December 16, 2025 at 12:48 PM

TT

“ The IPO Audit Team planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Junius Braxton.

The IPO Audit Team - December 16, 2025 at 12:48 PM

YF

“ Your Wayfair Family purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Junius Braxton.



Your Wayfair Family - December 16, 2025 at 10:33 AM

YF

“ Your Wayfair Family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Junius Braxton.

Your Wayfair Family - December 16, 2025 at 10:33 AM

DB

“ *We lived a full life...made many memories*



DIEDRIA Braxton - December 16, 2025 at 08:11 AM

DB

“ *7 files added to the tribute wall*



DIEDRIA Braxton - December 16, 2025 at 07:55 AM

DB

“ *God... just one more day to do more... just one more day to see your face... one more day to say "hey my daddy & hear you say. . Hey my Baby" lord just one more day*

Diedria Braxton - December 16, 2025 at 12:17 AM

DW

“ *Derrick Washington purchased the Magnificent Life Spray for the family of Junius Braxton.*



Derrick Washington - December 15, 2025 at 08:53 PM