



Robert David Givens III

March 31, 2020

Robert heard his Father's call and answered on March 31, 2020.

Robert David Givens III was born on January 23, 1969 to Mr. and Mrs. Robert and Regina Givens. He was baptized soon after his birth in 1969 at St. Monica Catholic Church. He was educated in the New Orleans Public School system. Lil River, as he was affectionately known, graduated from L.E. Rabouin Senior High School.

Robert worked at Chateau De Notre Dame Nursing Home as an Aide; subsequently he became a Deputy for The Orleans Parish Prison. Robert gained his popularity and the name Lil River from the International Longshoreman Association Local 3000 where he worked for over 2 decades from 1996 to current as a Longshoreman. Robert did not meet a person whom he did not consider a friend. He established a strong work ethic that allowed him to become a Foreman at the International Longshoreman Association Local 3000.

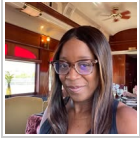
He will be missed for his joyful life, great sense of humor and his laughter. He treasured his wife, children, beloved grandson, family and all whom he encountered during his life.

Robert is preceded in death by his grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Alfred and

Lonnie Mae Matherson, Mr. and Mrs. Robert D. and Willie Odessa Givens; Uncle Parran, Dudley C. Givens; Uncle, Calvin Matherson and Aunt, Antoinette Matherson.

Robert's legacy is his children and his grandson. He will be missed by his devoted wife, Veneshia Vickers-Givens; his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Robert and Regina Givens; his beloved children Rashelle Givens, Kaya Hudson and Jared and Chelsey Vickers; his dearly loved grandson, Travis Bell Jr.; his sister, Tanya (Lumar) Leblanc and brothers, Dwayne (Melvina) Givens and Ronald Givens; his aunts, uncles, nieces, nephews, God Children, and a host of family and friends. Relatives and friends of the family, Due to COVID-19, the Funeral Service is private. Arrangements by D.W. Rhodes Funeral Home, 3933 Washington Ave.

Tribute Wall



“ Our deepest sympathy for the loss of our loved one. Our prayers are with the family and we send our condolences to all those that were blessed by his joy and energy on a regular basis. I’m so glad we were able to hang out with Rob at the end of last year before this happen. Before that, we hadn’t seen him in quite a while. Rest In Peace cousin Rob. We love you and you will be truly missed.

Glen, Tanya Patterson and family

Tanya Patterson - April 14, 2020 at 04:16 PM

MR

“ RIP my Friend!



MRoussell - April 11, 2020 at 08:18 PM

JA

“ 1 file added to the tribute wall



Joyal and Tanesha Abdin - April 11, 2020 at 12:38 PM

CJ

“ My best friend for over 40 years, my generous, caring brothers this world has ever seen, who lived life abundantly. May he be model for us all in our daily interactions with one another. Words cannot express the grief that we have, but we know that your selflessness keeps our heart calm that we were blessed to experience your love.

Peace and Love My Brother

The Johnson Family

Carl R Johnson - April 11, 2020 at 11:59 AM

AH

“ Aaron Hines sent a virtual gift in memory of Robert David Givens III



Aaron Hines - April 11, 2020 at 11:23 AM

AH

“ Aaron Hines lit a candle in memory of Robert David Givens III



Aaron Hines - April 11, 2020 at 11:22 AM

AH

“ My Heart is shattered in So many ways, that I can not count. There time in Life that We understand what is going On, and there others where you can't fathom the reason why. But My Cousin/ Brother your light will truly be missed. It seemed like just Yesterday We hung out, talked mess and talked about the upcoming things We were going to Do. Love You and miss You Bro.



Aaron Hines - April 11, 2020 at 11:21 AM

AG

“ My favorite memory of my Uncle Parran was when he picked me up from my Boo Boo house and took me up to the horse track. This time he wanted to bet on a horse for money. He told me to pick a number and I picked 9 because I was nine at the time. He picked 11 and he said if my number won he would give me 20 dollars and if he won I would have to give him 20 dollars. I said ok and we shook on it. He said good luck because he thought he was gonna win, but my horse ended up winning and he tried to act like he didn't have money on him, but I know he always have 50 dollars or more on him. I said where's my money and he said he wasn't giving it to me so I didn't talk to him until he gave it to me. Then he gave it to me when I was getting out the car and then I started talking to him again. I love you and will always miss you.

— Love your favorite God Child,

Addysyn Givens

Addysyn Givens - April 10, 2020 at 03:15 PM

WJ

ROB YOU WAS A GOOD FRIEND AND YOU WILL TRULY BE MISSED AND I WILL ALWAYS REMEMBER YOU OK ALSO I WILL KEEP IN MY HEART THE DAYS OF SAINT MONICA, THE FAMILY HAS MY PRAYERS AND CONDOLENCES

Wardell LEWIS JR - April 11, 2020 at 01:08 PM

TW

“ *Rest in Heaven Rob* ❤️❤️



Tanisha Warren - April 10, 2020 at 03:03 PM

TW

“ *To my beautiful sister-in-law Veneshia Vickers- Givens*

May God continue to bless you and through this hard time. Continue to have faith and stay positive! You are a strong woman sis and we as a family, will get through this difficult time together.

Praying for you, my nieces, and nephew.

I will always remember Robert as a caring, giving, laid back brother-in-law.

Love Always,

Tanisha

Tanisha Warren - April 10, 2020 at 02:51 PM

ET

“ *Sending prayers and hugs to our brother-in-law's wife Barnett, children, grandson, nieces, and nephews. We love you all. Robert will forever be in our hearts and memories.*
With love at this sad time,
Eric and Tiffany V.



Eric & Tiffany - April 10, 2020 at 12:22 PM



“ *Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Robert David Givens III.*



April 10, 2020 at 12:09 PM

TV

“ *1 file added to the album Memories Album*



Tiffany Vickers - April 10, 2020 at 10:56 AM

CH

“ Praying for the Givens-Vickers Family!
I remember one day going get a break tag, they denied me for having a cracked windshield, Rob hopped in the car with me and took me back over there and told them people “to give his daughter a break tag”. We drove off with my breaktag and my cracked windshield haha! Another day, the man cutting the grass somehow broke my car window, it was shattered into pieces. The very next day Rob had my window fixed good as new! So many things like that I’ll never forget! He truly treated me like his own. Rest Peacefully 🙏 -ChuanB

ChuanB - April 10, 2020 at 12:55 AM

SO

“ Stanley Overton Robert Lil River you one my Best friends you will be missed forever my friend

Stanley Overton - April 09, 2020 at 09:59 PM

KF

“ Kirby Lee and family purchased the Divine Light for the family of Robert David Givens III.



Kirby Lee and family - April 09, 2020 at 05:26 PM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Robert David Givens III.



April 09, 2020 at 04:26 PM

KL

“ I love you Pawran, you have always been there for me and I'm going to miss everything about you. I know you are still watching over us all. Teedy Vee, Muff, Jared, and Chelsey I love y'all. 🙏

Kierra Lee - April 09, 2020 at 02:44 PM



“ Rip to my Phat Buddy Aka Uncle Rob ☐

I remember going to Destin, Fl with my Teedy, Rob, and my cousins and Unc let me and Chelsey play on the beach until like 2am lol he was sitting at a bar a couple feet away from us so you kno he wasn't Tripping he let us play til we was ready to go in.

My First time to Essence was with them too and we had so much fun 😂 Uncle Rob was more Lit then the people on stage dancing and smiling of course making us dance smile and laugh with him!

I pray that you live on through the memories of your loved ones and friends. Long Live Lil River☐🙏 RG3

Sending Love and Prayers to my Family as they Grieve their Husband and Dad☐☐☐☐☐☐

Kacy Lee - April 09, 2020 at 11:36 AM

TJ

“ To my niece Veneshia Vickers-Givens hold on to God's unchanging hand he will get you though this difficult time. You have stood by Robert from the beginning and now it's time for him to get his rest. Know that God is in control!! Rest well nephew-n-law.
Love always,
Auntie Tracy

Tracy Jackson - April 09, 2020 at 09:05 AM

TJ

“ *Tracy Jackson lit a candle in memory of Robert David Givens III*



Tracy Jackson - April 09, 2020 at 09:01 AM

AK

“ *Rest in Heaven Cousin.
I love you and will miss you much.* 💕💕💙



Avril W Knox - April 08, 2020 at 11:39 PM

VW

“ The day I met you we started off fought cause I was afraid to let anyone in and once I let you in we created a bind that no one could break you were like my best friend you was like my father my inspiration my support my everything. River you changed my life and I can't thank you enough for showing me who I really am and allowing me to be myself. I can't thank you enough for guiding me down the right path and stepping into my life when I felt all alone. Well now besides family and close friends I feel all alone again. No one really understand how I feel like you did no one really been so supportive of me and you allowed me to be happy and no one really understand how strong and powerful our bond was and I can't believe I'm telling you good bye this feel so unreal. Like why you I really love you so much river and I'm gon miss you and I promise that from here on life is dedicated to you. I'm happy that you got the chance to live your life and be the amazing man you were. You had such a positive happy and amazing spirit like you affected us so much my momma down here hurting Lo feel lost again I feel all over the place like idk myself and yk how noonie is but you can tell he's hurt it's like wow you really gone. I just wish I could get one last hug and tell you Iloveyou river. Well ima be strong for you even tho this one really got me messed up Iloveyou lil river.💔💔💔💔💔😭😭😭🙏 #rip #iloveyou #imissyou



Vernon Watkins - April 08, 2020 at 11:02 PM



“ Sentiments of Serenity Spray was purchased for the family of Robert David Givens III.



April 08, 2020 at 10:17 PM

LJ

“ Thank u Lil River for being the best since DAY 1. I'm so sad and all over the place but thankful I got to share my life with u . 🥹❤️-Love always your lucky Lo!



lawreal jefferson - April 08, 2020 at 10:16 PM

KJ

“ There will be better days we have a strong angel in heaven now 🙏



Keyiron Jefferson - April 08, 2020 at 10:13 PM

LJ

“ Lawreal Jefferson lit a candle in memory of Robert David Givens III



lawreal jefferson - April 08, 2020 at 10:12 PM

KJ

“ Keyiron Jefferson sent a virtual gift in memory of Robert David Givens III



Keyiron Jefferson - April 08, 2020 at 10:10 PM

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Keyiron Jefferson - April 08, 2020 at 10:09 PM

KJ

“ *Keyiron Jefferson lit a candle in memory of Robert David Givens III*



Keyiron Jefferson - April 08, 2020 at 10:06 PM



“ *Mosaic of Memories Square Easel Wreath was purchased for the family of Robert David Givens III.*



April 08, 2020 at 10:06 PM

RM

“ *Rest In Peace my friend.*

Robbie Menesses

Robbie Menesses - April 08, 2020 at 06:54 PM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Robert David Givens III.*



April 08, 2020 at 06:39 PM

LL

“ *Lisa Longs lit a candle in memory of Robert David Givens III*



Lisa Longs - April 08, 2020 at 05:42 PM

DJ

“ *Our Thoughts And Prayers are with the Givens And The Vickers Family at this difficult time.
We are Sorry for your loss. From: The Post Office Employees Credit Union*



Deanne Jones - April 08, 2020 at 04:25 PM

DM

“ *RIP you well be truly missed*

Denice Mitchell - April 08, 2020 at 03:16 PM



“ *Lovely One Spathiphyllum Plant was purchased for the family of Robert David Givens III.*



April 08, 2020 at 03:10 PM

MD

“ *Malcolm Darensbourg purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Robert David Givens III.*



Malcolm Darensbourg - April 08, 2020 at 02:45 PM

DJ

“ *Your Wings Were Ready, But Our Hearts Were Not. You Will Truly Be Missed By So Many. One Of My Favorite Credit Union Members. May You Sweet Precious Memories Linger In Our Hearts Forever. Rest In Peace My Buddy, My Friend, Gonna Miss You. See You On The Other Side One Day!! Ms. Dee/ POECU*



Deanne Jones - April 08, 2020 at 01:19 PM



“ *Love you forever pops .. your son jjv*



Jared Vickers - April 08, 2020 at 11:01 AM

AT

That Givens smile and Williams soul will be missed. Watch over us cousin. RIP as you find your way amongst the angels that went before you. We will always be grateful for the time we had with you. Cousin Adrian

Adrian Todd - April 09, 2020 at 03:49 PM