



Mr. Jude T. Lastrapes

December 14, 1960 - December 1, 2017

Obituary

Memorial services will be held at 11:00 AM Saturday, December 30, 2017 at Holy Ghost Catholic Church in Opelousas, LA, for Mr. Jude T. Lastrapes.

Visiting hours will be observed from 8:00 AM to 10:30 AM at Williams Funeral Home. A Rosary will be recited at 9:00 AM.

Jude Thaddeus Lastrapes was born in Opelousas, Louisiana on December 14, 1960 to Jude Caswell and Velma Auzenne Lastrapes. He entered eternal rest on Friday, December 1, 2017, at New York Presbyterian Hospital surrounded by family and friends.

He graduated from Opelousas Senior High School in 1979. After high school, Jude moved to New Orleans to attend Xavier University. After graduating from Xavier, Jude continued to call New Orleans home. He was a free spirit who loved holidays, festivals, parades, music, Mardi Gras, the New Orleans Saints, and the rich New Orleans culture. He was the “King of the Fleur de Lis”.

After the devastation of Hurricane Katrina, Jude was welcomed to New York by friends who helped him reestablish his life in a city he always said he would move to. Jude loved New York, but he never abandoned his love of New Orleans. He incorporated as much of the New Orleans culture into his New York life. He hosted numerous Mardi Gras events, cooked gumbo, taught his friends Mardi Gras songs, and decorated with many, many fleur de lis. Simply put, he lived his New York life in a New Orleans kind of way. Jude loved the

life he lived, and he lived the life he loved.

Jude left us much too soon. His smile, his warmth, his giving personality, and quick wit will be sincerely missed. He leaves to cherish his memories: his parents, Jude C. and Velma Lastrapes of Opelousas, LA; six siblings: Keith Lastrapes of Jacksonville, FL; Tanya Lastrapes Griffin of Woodstock, GA; Darin Lastrapes and Alanna Lastrapes Barbour, both of Opelousas, LA; Dionne Lastrapes Williams of Frisco, TX; and Scott Lastrapes of Columbia, MD; two sisters-in-law: Wanda and Rosalind Lastrapes; three brothers-in-law: Scott Griffin, Paul Barbour, and Antonio Williams; eleven nieces: Ashley (Goddaughter), Kara, Erin, Shelbi, Sierra, Jordyn, Madison, Nyah, Jaya, Linda, and Courtney; seven nephews: Henley, Lance, Ricardo, Nicholas, Ryan, Hunter, and Norman; great-nieces and nephews: Morgan, Kaiden, Peyton, Addison, Beau Danielle, Micaiah, and Korryn; Godfather: James (Cap) Lastrapes; Godchildren: Walter and Jarvis; and a host of family and friends.

He was preceded in death by his brother, Todd Anthony Lastrapes; maternal grandparents: Aramise and Carrie Auzenne; paternal grandparents: Henley, Wilda and Grace Lastrapes; Godmother: Emily Ruth Auzenne, and a host of aunts, uncles, cousins, and dear friends.

Share words of comfort with the Lastrapes family at www.williamsfuneralhomes.net

Funeral arrangements are entrusted to Williams Funeral Home of Opelousas, 337-942-2037.

Previous Events

Visitation

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

Williams Funeral Home - Opelousas
817 East South St.
Opelousas, LA 70571
(337) 942-2037
williamsfuneralhomes.1932@gmail.com
<https://www.williamsfuneralhomes.net/>

Service

DEC **30**. 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM (CT)

Holy Ghost Catholic Church
732 North Union Street
Opelousas, LA

Tribute Wall



“ *Mr. Jude T. Lastrapes*

January 28, 2023 at 08:52 AM



“ *Jude was my dear friend and not a day passes that I don't think of him. I didn't get to say goodbye and I grieve daily because he was such an inspiration to my ministry. Jude I love you brother.*

Troy Wilkins - May 15, 2019 at 10:39 PM



“ *I am just, today, learning of Jude's passing. To his family and loved ones, please accept my heartfelt condolences. I pray God's grace, strength and healing mercies blanket and keep each of you. Like others here, I, too, knew Jude from my days at Xavier. He was a warm, kindhearted, easygoing spirit, who only left me with fond memories that have and will make me smile each time I think of him. May he be at peace.*



Lillie (Bowie) Johnson, X.U., '81 - July 10, 2018 at 02:22 PM

CD

“ Jude has been a light in my dark life. He brought JOY into my life. We did so many fun things together in NOLA. I was supposed to go to NYNY this Spring to visit with him & find a military friend who lives there. I was so looking forward to this trip. I last spent time with him when he came to Atlanta for Chief Pennington's funeral. He called me to come to the wake & funeral, where he got teased about carrying a gift bag that looked like a purse, Leopard & Black , with a gift he brought for me. He was so thoughtful. I feel like Jude sent us { in the deep South] the beautiful Snow. It sparkled & cleaned up everything & made it beautiful I prayed to him & St. Jude for good weather for Mardi Gras and the weather was like Summer, instead of the forecasters' rainy weather for 3 days. Now I know he is looking-out for me.

Cornelia Dunnings - February 22, 2018 at 07:25 PM

AB

“ I was unable to attend the family visitation at the funeral home but, made the memorial service. What a beautiful tribute! May God lighten the heavy hearts of those who'll miss him.



Andrea Brisco - December 31, 2017 at 05:18 PM

CG

“ Curley Green lit a candle in memory of Mr. Jude T. Lastrapes



Curley Green - December 30, 2017 at 01:38 PM

DF

“ Dear Lastrapes Family, it is with a heavy heart to have read of the passing of your beloved one--Jude, he was such a pleasant man to everyone he came in contact with. I send God's comfort and peace to the family during this difficult time---

Daisy Frilot - December 30, 2017 at 01:04 PM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Mr. Jude T. Lastrapes.



December 30, 2017 at 09:04 AM

LH

“ Lisa Henry lit a candle in memory of Mr. Jude T. Lastrapes



lisa Henry - December 30, 2017 at 12:31 AM

LG

“ Lois Gallien lit a candle in memory of Mr. Jude T. Lastrapes



Lois Gallien - December 29, 2017 at 09:00 PM



“ Jude was a wonderful kindhearted person whom I was pleased to call a dear friend. He was like a “little brother” who always made me feel special. I remember Jude with love, Christmas 2015 in New York with Bridget, Darlene and Germaine. My condolences to the family. May he Rest In Peace.

Elaine Coleman - December 29, 2017 at 06:41 PM

LR

“ Lillian Rideaux lit a candle in memory of Mr. Jude T. Lastrapes



Lillian Rideaux - December 29, 2017 at 03:41 PM

DP

“ My thoughts and prayers are with the family during this difficult time. It was a joy to know Jude. Lots of memories with him when he lived in New Orleans. He will be missed. Rest with the angels my friend. I will see you on the other side.

Darnell Prejean - December 29, 2017 at 11:51 AM

BE

“ Bridget, Janice, Lori, Greg, Ivan, etc. purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Mr. Jude T. Lastrapes.



Bridget, Janice, Lori, Greg, Ivan, etc. - December 28, 2017 at 06:42 PM

EB

“ *Elois Rodgers Brown lit a candle in memory of Mr. Jude T. Lastrapes*



Elois Rodgers Brown - December 26, 2017 at 10:43 PM

KT

“ *Jude was a great friend and classmate at Xavier. I will never forget him.*

Kym J. Thornton - December 26, 2017 at 12:10 PM

S.

“ *S.D.Banfield lit a candle in memory of Mr. Jude T. Lastrapes*



S.D.Banfield - December 25, 2017 at 11:46 PM

RM

“ *Rosalie Meullion lit a candle in memory of Mr. Jude T. Lastrapes*



Rosalie Meullion - December 25, 2017 at 07:47 PM

PI

“ A great Friend- great Person- it was a pleasure to know Jude- always caring about others. My sympathy to his entire family. Rest my brother- you will not be forgotten.

Percy Baldwin - St. Louis, MO

Percy Baldwin III - December 24, 2017 at 09:48 PM

TO

“ My condolences and prayers to the family and friends of Jude. Tony Hart



Tony - December 24, 2017 at 08:00 PM



“ Sentiments of Serenity Spray was purchased for the family of Mr. Jude T. Lastrapes.



December 24, 2017 at 08:39 AM

LD

“ La Shawn DeBose-Pender lit a candle in memory of Mr. Jude T. Lastrapes



La Shawn DeBose-Pender - December 24, 2017 at 02:05 AM

DA

“ Jude and I met at St. Peter Claver. He welcomed me to NYC when I moved up here last May. Jude was like a big brother to me and he was my connection to home. I love meeting up for brunch on Sundays and reminiscing about St. Peter Claver Church and New Orleans. He is sorely missed. My prayers go out to the family.

Dr. Ansel Augustine - December 23, 2017 at 10:37 PM

GM

“ Greg McClinton lit a candle in memory of Mr. Jude T. Lastrapes



Greg McClinton - December 23, 2017 at 07:34 PM

JM

“ JULIA MALLET lit a candle in memory of Mr. Jude T. Lastrapes



JULIA MALLET - December 23, 2017 at 04:09 PM

FW

“ My prayers are with the family that God gives you comfort, strength, and peace in your hearts. Jude had a sweet spirit and is now resting with our Father in heaven.

Becky Motte Williams

Franchesca (Becky) Motte Williams - December 23, 2017 at 11:09 AM

BA

“ Beverly Addison lit a candle in memory of Mr. Jude T. Lastrapes



Beverly Addison - December 23, 2017 at 08:49 AM

MR

“ I'm devastated to have just learned that Jude has transitioned. We so often spoke about life, our good times and bad, and all that it had to offer. No matter what happened in life, Jude always kept a strong faith. We even spoke of the time when one of us would transition. He came and met my family. We were very close. Words cannot express what I feel right now in the loss of my friend. Can't wait to see you Jude on that GREAT day ... 🙏 for your family. 😭

Michael Robinson - December 23, 2017 at 05:44 AM

CX

“ My condolences. To know Jude was to love him. May he rest in perfect peace and may you always be comforted by God's unchanging hand.

Carla Gayle, XULA - December 23, 2017 at 03:50 AM

DL

“ Delbert T Lewis lit a candle in memory of Mr. Jude T. Lastrapes



Delbert T Lewis - December 22, 2017 at 05:23 PM