



## Darrell Gaines,

December 23, 1988 - August 1, 2005

Gaines, Darrell Lamont Jr. "Lil Moon" Saginaw, Michigan. Family hour will take place at 10:00 a.m. on Friday, August 4, 2005 at Tabernacle Baptist Church, 810 Cathay Street, with the funeral commencing at 11:00 a.m. Pastor Thomas J. London will officiate with interment in Forest Lawn Cemetery. Friends may call at the Browne's Mortuary, 441 N. Jefferson Ave. on Thursday from 2:00 until 8:00 p.m. Darrell passed away on Monday, August 1, 2005 at the age of 16 years. He was born December 23, 1988 in Saginaw, Michigan and was a sophomore at Saginaw High School. Lil Moon was a very special young man that had a caring heart and loving spirit to all those who knew him. He had a special love for his parents, grandparents, siblings and family. Darrell attended Tabernacle Baptist Church where he was baptized and accepted Christ at the age of 12 under the leadership of Rev. Dr. Thomas J. London. He leaves to cherish his memories, his mother, Janice Lacey; father, Darrell Gaines, Sr., brothers, Donquavis Gibson and Davario Gaines; sisters, Ikea Gaines of Marietta, Ga., Dearia Gaines and Tania; grandparents, Johnny Lacey of Cincinnati, Ohio, Roy (Dorothy) Gaines and Gladys Gaines of Saginaw, Mich.; aunts, Kathleen (Sandy) Bledson of Saginaw, Mich., Clara (Henry) Stephens of Danville, Ohio, Patricia and Joyce Green of Saginaw, Mich., Annie (Sam) Carr of Saginaw, Mich.; uncle, Freddie (Towana) Green of Ann Arbor, Mich.; aunts, Rhonda Gaines of Richmond, Va., Stacy Steward, Rosalind and Katrina Gaines of Saginaw, Mich., Keisha Mosley of Detroit, Mich.; uncles, Christopher Gaines of Saginaw, Mich. and Seneca Holden of Frankfort, Ky.; great-aunts,

Azalee Bledsoe, Lula Butler, Annie (Jimmy) Jackson, Brenda, Josephine, Evelyn and Michelle Baker and Lizzie Pickett, all of Saginaw, Mich., Mamie Pickett of Union Springs, Ala., Viola Gaines-McMillon of Saginaw, Mich.; great-uncles, Edmond Gaines, Jr., Michael Baker and Jimmie Almond, all of Saginaw, Mich.; great-grandmother, Ruby Gaines of Saginaw, Mich.; special friends, Demetrius and Glenn Coleman, Sam Gordon, Deondre Gaines, Edd and Barbara Roberson, Chaloeene Carter and many more family members and friends too numerous to name but who all loved him. He was preceded in death by his grandmother, Zetna Isom; great-grandmother, Lula Baker, great-grandfathers, Edmond Gaines, Sr. and Joe Baker.

# Tribute Wall

SM

“ To Janice in your time of sorrow I would like you to know that you are in my prayers stay strong

Sheronda Mcgee - August 01, 2005 at 12:00 AM

ER

“ It's Like one day you here and the next day you gone. We know you in a you in a better place, but we will always miss you.....R.I.P Lil Moon Love Edd & Andre

Edd & DeAndr'e Roberson - August 01, 2005 at 12:00 AM

JD

“ Moon, We Gone Always Remember You.  
I Remember All The Times We Had At Parties And All. You Kept Uptown Hype And U Keep It Trill Downtown. But I'll Never Forget When Me And You Use To Do The Short Wanna Ride Wit Me.  
We'll Never Forget You!!!

Jimalhe Donald - August 01, 2005 at 12:00 AM

MF

“ Its Sad That He Gone, But He Will Always Be Remembered In Our Hearts.  
Though He Left His Life Early He Left A Legacy Of Always Being Goofy & Funny.  
R.I.P. Moon!!

Montrel "330" Franklin - August 01, 2005 at 12:00 AM

TS

“ I'LL KEEP YOU IN MY PRAYERS.

TONI SMITHERS - August 01, 2005 at 12:00 AM

NL

“ BOO WAS A FINE YOUNG MAN WHO WAS ADORED BY MANY (ESPECIALLY THE YOUNG LADIES). HE MAY HAVE BEEN INVOLVED IN UNNECESSARY, MISCHIEVIOUS THINGS, BUT THERE WAS ALOT OF GOOD IN HIM AND HIS SPECIAL MEMORY WILL BURN DEEP IN THE HEARTS OF HIS MOTHER JANICE, HIS FATHER MOON, HIS BROTHER QUAY, AND ALL OF HIS OTHER FRIENDS AND FAMILY WHO KNEW HIM AND LOVED HIM IMMENSELY AND SAW BEYOND HIS MISCHIEVEOUS WAYS. MY MEMORIES OF HIM WILL NOT BE TAINTED BY THE CIRCUMSTANCES OF HIS DEATH..... WE LOVE YOU BOO.

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**NICOLE LEWIS** - August 01, 2005 at 12:00 AM

DO

“ Moon, I still can't believe you're gone. I'd do anything just to see your beautiful smile again. It's kind of hard now that you're not around but knowing that God has forgiven you and you are in heaven smiling down on us watching us and leading us in a better path makes it a lil more better. Life ain't always what it seems to be. Sometimes times get tough and you just gotta think the unthinkable. It's unimagineable all the pain I feel now that I can't see you or even hear your voice when I want to. My thoughts are so big I can't define them or even express how I feel. I reminisce on the good times we had and I feel bad that we didn't spend more time together. I know your feelings were very strong for me just as mine were for you. But now it's too late to hold you and tell you how I feel. Sometimes I feel like I took your presence for grantedbut I always cared. I wish our relationship could've lasted longer. It didn't come to an end it turned into a deep friendship that will continue on forever because I know in my heart that you're still there. Till we meet again. I'll be missing you. Love you Darrell Lamont Gaines jr. a.k.a Moon

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**Destiny Oglesby** - August 01, 2005 at 12:00 AM

KE

“ *Me and Darrell were pretty good friends so i just wanted to express my sympathy for the family. I'm sorry this had to happen to someone as special as him and we all miss him very much.*

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**Kelisha** - August 01, 2005 at 12:00 AM

BR

“ *Janice: Moon was a very special young man, althouhg I didn't know him very long he fitted right in with my grandboys and spend a lot of time at our house. Please know that we will miss Moon and he will always be in our thoughts, and prayers. Our prayers and thoughts are with you and the family and know we're here for you. Sincerely, Barbra Roberson & boys.*

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**Barbra J. Roberson** - August 01, 2005 at 12:00 AM

CP

“ *Janice, Quay and Family,*

*I don't know what to say. I cannot even begin to say I know how you feel or what your pain is like. I can tell you that I feel a deep hurt and a great loss with Moon's homegoing. I can't help but to remember the summers I spent babysitting Moon and Quay. They were my babies too (smile). I love y'all and I know that God will give you comfort where no words, hugs, flowers or KFC chicken can.*

*Although I haven't seen Moon lately, I can still see his smiling face and remember his sincere sweetness. We all know he was loved, but he's with someone who loves him more than we ever can know.*

*Love always,  
Cray*

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**Crasha Perkins** - August 01, 2005 at 12:00 AM

MS

“ I don't know what to say at times like this. So I will keep it simple and to the point and say what ever comes from the heart. First up I just want to say that I'm sorry and that my heart goes out to everyone Moon left behind, Janice and Qauey especially. There are not words to describe what you must be feeling right now nor for myself and my family. In recent years I have not been apart of Moon's life but the time I spent babysitting him as a child has always stayed close to my heart. He was like a little brother, I will never forget the way he looked up to me. It made me feel special. That is something that money can't buy. Little did he know that I also looked up to him.....I'm sorry like I mentioned before I don't know what to say. Just know that I love you Lil Moon and one day I will see you in Heaven. And Janice and Quay just know that he is watching over everyone close to him. He loves you and so do I. He is with God, and know that God will love him more then anyone here ever could. He is also with us, inside our hearts. Take care both of you and to all who miss him. -Mike-

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**Mike (Iris' Son)** - August 01, 2005 at 12:00 AM

AM

“ I don't even know what to say this is so unreal.I always remembered when we were young Lil Darrell Gaines.We went a few years without seeing each other but everytime you would see me you would be like remember we went to school together I would be like yes moon I remember you.I actually got to spend time with you recently which I am so glad of. I wouldn't wish for you to be anywhere else other than where you are.I will always miss you moon and can't wait to see your smiling face.

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**Aurscanta Mounger** - August 01, 2005 at 12:00 AM

DE

“ *To the family  
I jus wanna say that this is something so unexpected. Anyone that actually really knew the "real" Moon knows that he has a really kind heart. He was such a sweet person to me and to his family. He always expressed his feelings very truthfully and was an open-minded person. He was a young teenager that really cared about his family(especially his mother and his little brother). He had a very strong heart and was never afraid to pour out his feelings. This is going to be one of the hardest times in my life and definitely yours. But I know we can do it because Moon wouldn't want us to cry all the time and stress out over his homegoing. He would want us to laugh and be joyful from thinking about all the good memories we've had with him and all the times he made us laugh. Moon always kept a smile on his face even when he was upset about something and I know he would rather look down on us and see us laughing rather than frowning. One thing I always noticed about Moon was that he tried never to bring anyone down or hurt them and if he did he was so quick to apologize and he really meant it. Well need I say no more  
Moon is loved and will be missed by many*

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**Destiny** - August 01, 2005 at 12:00 AM

EM

“ *You are in my prayers. Please stay lifted up and encouraged always.*

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**Ebony McKethern** - August 01, 2005 at 12:00 AM

ZG

“ *Boo me and Chuckie will always love. Rest and peace I will keep you in my prayers.*

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**Zetna Green** - August 01, 2005 at 12:00 AM

DH

“ *be strong. God will heal you.*

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**Dawn Hughey** - August 01, 2005 at 12:00 AM

TH

“ *You are one in a million and i will miss you*

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**Teochia Howard** - August 01, 2005 at 12:00 AM

CS

“ *Our thoughts and prayers are with you and your family.....may God give you the strength you need*

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**CATHY SIMS** - August 01, 2005 at 12:00 AM

TR

“ *Moon was one of the first people that introduced himself to me at the High and we've been cool every since.I'm very sad that this has happened to you.A person that was so easy to get along with.I'm just happy that I seen you before you passed away.It's crazy how you were just with us chillin and laughin and now your gone.It is very hard to deal with but as long as I know your in heaven smilin down it is much easier for me to let go.I love you and can't wait to see you again*

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**Terri Reed** - August 01, 2005 at 12:00 AM

RO

“ Lil moon, I just want to let you know that I love and I miss you very much. During the times you were here I enjoyed the times when you would come over and we would laugh, talk, and at times I had to sit and talk with to see if you still had your head on straight. I still remember the time last year when you were over for ThanksGiving we had a good time and at that time we sat and had a long talk about your future and the things you were planning to do with your life. You were a very smart young man and you definitely had potential. If I could turn back the hands of time, i would replay that day and talk to you againg and tell how much I love you, what I expect from you, and be there for you mother and little brother. God always has a different plan for us, we just never know what it is and when our time is up. He dedided to take you with him and felt that it was time to go. I know that you are in a better place and I pray to God that he takes care of you and continue to be that strong, smart young man that I've known. To Janice I want to let you know that I am here for you, and If you ever need anything don't hesitate to give us a call, we are here for you. We love you and continue to keep God first and know that he will always comfort you and keep you. I will continue to keep you in my prayers and also continue to stay strong.

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**Rosalind** - August 01, 2005 at 12:00 AM

RG

“ I have a tribute of love for my nephew. This love simply can't be placed into words; the feelings of pain and lost are impossible to explain. There are so many feelings hitting me all at once, which were generated from three gun shots almost a week ago, and this event has changed my life forever. My nephews life will not be reduced to misleading words, and twisted truths. Darrell Lamont Gaines, Jr. was a human being with a loving family. I experienced and hold on to all the joys of embracing him from the very beginning of his life. Birth, smiles, words, steps, days at school, witnessing the range of his creativity, and the shaping of his personality. When I came home to visit, it was my Boo and his Auntie. That's all, nothing else to be said. As evidenced by all the support we have received from the community in Saginaw, my nephew was as special to this community as he was to me. I encourage anyone reading this tribure to seek the truth and make sure justice is carried out for my nephew, so his life and other young lives are not lost in vain. We don't always know the plan GOD has in store for us, and somehow as time goes on you feel better, but now, I selfishly feel cheated, and that this lesson came at a very high price. My family and I view this event as a wake up call to step up and to get uncomfortable with our so important lives, and daily routines, in order to make sure we take LEAPS of faith to do EVERYTHING in our power and take care of the remaining members of our young family. Darrell Lamont Gaines, Jr. was my first baby (nephew) and my heart will continue to bleed for him everyday of my life. I know he is now at peace and he is without worry. The spirtual impressions he left behind will remain with me all the days of my earthly life until my spirit is with him again in the after life. I LOVE YOU ALWAYS SWEETIE

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**Rhonda Gaines** - August 01, 2005 at 12:00 AM

RM

“ It?s been a few years since I last saw Boo, but I remember the way he took such good care of Quay when they were young. I will remember most his sweet smile, and loving and exuberant nature, and the way he gave such GOOD hugs!

*Janice and Quay, my heartfelt condolences. Love and take care of each other, and treasure the memories.*

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**Rachel Mukai** - August 01, 2005 at 12:00 AM

DS

“ Moon you was loved by many people's but no matter what you did in your life you will still be loved by the lord Jesus christ Moon was like a big brother to me and I will still love you I see baby shining to your mother your son loved you so much and don't let no one tell you he didn't. Love Yall.

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**Dena S. Smith** - August 01, 2005 at 12:00 AM

SC

“ Boo I miss you so much. Remeber the times we laughed and played all night and after got a whooping for keeping yo mama up all night and she ahd to work the next morning. Remeber how you and Narc would get into it one minute and be friends the next. Nothing could replace how I would feel when i hadn't seen you in a long time and you would give me a big hug. I miss you so much. You are so special to me and never will be forgotten. I love you so much. The news tried to portray you as a monster who was a trouble maker. But they didn't know the real Boo. They didn't know how sweet and kind you were. And how you bought all of your mama's sister's something for Christmas on year. They just discriminated against you because you was a young black man trying to make it. Words can't express how much I miss you and how much I love you. I remeber 2 days before you passed you let me drive the car. It was like my first time driving, so now that I got my license I think about you. Everytime you got the car you came and got me no matter who was with you. I was your favorite lil cousin and your partner in crime. Can't wait to untill we meet again

LOVE YOU ALWAYS  
MEECHIE

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Sammeetra Carr - August 01, 2005 at 12:00 AM

ND

“ Whud up moon baby how u been doin up there livin good not strugglin now that u livin with the lord. Me im down here strugglin but im making it. I been thinkin about you so i decide to write you and see wuz been up wit u, tommorrow you going to be a yung man 18 years old you a man now. HAPPY 18TH BIRTHDAY moon I love you!!!!

Shree,kania, terika,granny,and mommy said wuz up and happy birthday we remember the fun times that we had together you actin crazy as usually makin jokes and talking about everybody well I'll holla at you a little later to see wuz up with you love u always  
Ync/Upt

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**Nyeisha Dawkins** - August 01, 2005 at 12:00 AM

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Ync/Ybnc

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**Nyeisha Dawkins** - August 01, 2005 at 12:00 AM

DO

“ Wussup bro shit im chillin man you no how im doin it man but shit i was just stoppin by to say wussup and shit like that and let you no we miss you.....

Lil Bro

Quay

Young Money

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**Donquavis** - August 01, 2005 at 12:00 AM

DR

“ Was sup Lil Moon? Man Im just at the crib chillin and I just been thinkin about you lately. I was thinkin about all them fun days we had and all them days when me & you would be ready to fight each other one minute then the next minute we would be right back kool. Damn I miss those days.Well I just came by to holla at you, it been a minute so don't think ya boy forgot about you.....R.I.P my Nigga

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**DeAndre Roberson** - August 01, 2005 at 12:00 AM

AU

“ Whats Up Moon, I was sittin herre look at my preschool class picture and you was sittin right next to me...makin a lil silly face. I can't believe you left us so soon...But then again in Saginaw thats something you must become custom to. You never know when its your time! But shit'd what you been up ta? I know you prolly up there gettin into all types of shit! I just wanted ta drop a few lines ta you.

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**Aurscanta** - August 01, 2005 at 12:00 AM

KT

“ Yea i was thinking about you. man to this day i still believe you had to go. we had to many good times. memeber you came to pick me shay and destiny up and took us riding. you was mah nigga. even when you left me on stuck when you left me in da hood and aint come back(LOL). i love you and to day you are still come to my head and i think of all the good times. you and destiny were cute together but you know i liked you(LOL) tell jimalhe dat i love em and ya 2 make show ya watch ova me.

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**kamille thorne** - August 01, 2005 at 12:00 AM

TA

“ i used to play with him and quay when we lived in parkside, and janice used to do my hair. they were all good people...

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**Tabetha** - August 01, 2005 at 12:00 AM

SA

“ WUZ UP BOO WE REALLY MISS YOU OUT HERE WE LOVE YOU AND WISH THE FOR YOUR MOTHER AND YO LITTLE BROTHER WE ALL KNOW YOU SOMEWHERE BETTER LOVE SORRY YOU HAD TO GO SO EARLY

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**SAMMIE,BRE,SARIKL,SIMONE** - August 01, 2005 at 12:00 AM

DM

“ Boo, you will always be missed dearly. You have completed the task god put you here to do and now he has called you back home. Therefore we must celebrate your home going and keep you in our thoughts, prayers and our hearts always. We miss you and love you so much!!! The Lacey Green and Gaines will always be in my prayers.

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**Da Monica** - August 01, 2005 at 12:00 AM

TT

“MOON” i ain't got notthin but love and respect for u because u treated me like i was family from jump and sorry to the family for lossing a real angel in your life WE MISS U "LIL MOON".R.I.P

TRENT A.K.A LIL TERRY - August 01, 2005 at 12:00 AM

FW

“ Moon was a funny dude and i will miss that about him, he kept everyboby laughing. I know you in a better place so i aint trippin. But i will always miss you. R.I.P Lil Moon

Finis Wilford - August 01, 2005 at 12:00 AM

AE

“ i'm so sorry that you had to end our friendship so early i just hate going to school each and everyday knowing that i can't see your smilin face.you were the one to just keep us laughing continuously even we we were down in that place.When you walked in the presence no one left with a frown.i just wanna let you know that i will be coming to see you soon but until then,(R.I.P LIL MOON)

arnesha epperson - August 01, 2005 at 12:00 AM

SS

“ To moon:We will all miss you moon.....your laugh,your smile and everthing about you.We will miss the good old times..like when you was at our party on grant.We all wish you could have stayed longer but god called on his lil angel to come home.Our hearts go out to lil moon family and we are very honored to say we got a chance to meet such a beautiful person"moon".

Sammy and sparkle - August 01, 2005 at 12:00 AM