



Mr. Desrik "Dez" Samar Blakes, Sr.

March 14, 1984 - December 23, 2020

Our beloved son, grandson, father, uncle, nephew, cousin, brother and friend went home to be with his Heavenly Father on Tuesday, December 23, 2020 at the age of 36 years. Dezi was born on March 14, 1984 to Desiree Blakes and Bernell Mitchell in Saginaw, Michigan.

Dezi enjoyed life to the fullest. He was an outgoing person. He enjoyed spending time with his family and enjoyed motorcycling and restoring car interior. "Dez" had earned his Bachelor degree in Business. He was also employed with Jacks Fruit Market.

Dezi leaves to cherish his memory his parents, Desiree Blakes (Reginald Prince), Bernell Mitchell; one daughter, Laniyah White, Ohio; three sons, Desrik Blakes, Jr., Pontiac, MI, Desmen Blakes, Saginaw and Dominik Blakes, Bay City, MI; brothers, Shaquille and Dequavis Mitchell; sisters, Iesha (Terrance Hodrick), Kiesha, Christine and Aaliyah Mitchell; a very special friend, Telecia Young; grandmothers, Georgia Blakes, Pierce, Saginaw and Luella Brown, Wisconsin; god-father, Jesse England; god-mother, Allison Garrette-Barber; special aunt, Sheryl Blakes-Williams, many other aunts, uncles; cousins, including special cousins, Rasheema Boyd, TyKeke Davis, TeMarus Grice, Melvin Marshall, Jr. "Primo", Jermaine "Flip" and Tremaine "Punch" Buckner; special friends, Andrew Rose "Dose", Dexter McBride "Daz" and many, many other others; a special family friend, Brenda Beckom; a

special uncle, Evander L. Blakes.

Dezi was preceded in death by his great-grandmothers, Lucille Mitchell, Emma Foster; grandfather, Lee A. Blakes; auntie, Christine Salinas; uncle, Ellery L. Blakes; cousin, Dontay Boyd.

Funeral service will take place Saturday, January 2, 2021 at 11:00 a.m. at Evans & Browne's Funeral Home, 441 North Jefferson Avenue, Saginaw, Michigan 48607. Pastor Robert Williams will officiate with interment at Forest Lawn Cemetery, 3210 S. Washington Avenue, Saginaw, Michigan 48601. Visitation will take place from 9:00 a.m. until time of service.

Cemetery Details

Forest Lawn Cemetery

3210 S. Washington Avenue
Saginaw, MI

Previous Events

Visitation

JAN 2. 9:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

Evans & Browne's Funeral Home
441 North Jefferson Avenue
Saginaw, MI 48607

Funeral Service

JAN 2. 11:00 AM (ET)

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Tribute Wall



“ *Evans & Browne's Funeral Home created a Webcast in memory of Mr. Desrik "Dez" Samar Blakes, Sr.*



Browne's Mortuary - January 02, 2021 at 10:41 AM

TM

“ *1 file added to the tribute wall*



teri minnear - March 20, 2025 at 11:11 PM

LB

“ *LaRonda Beasley lit a candle in memory of Mr. Desrik "Dez" Samar Blakes, Sr.*



LaRonda Beasley - February 24, 2021 at 07:55 PM

LB

“ So It's Been 2 Long Months, I couldn't find myself writing on here before now because I feel like I'm still in denial 😞 my heart aches for you daily but I still play our last conversation we had the day before you left us in the back of my mind so I'll be okay. It hurts though going from talking to you every single day for 3 years straight to not being able to hear your voice or see your face again 😞 you will forever hold a very special place in my heart that no one will ever be able to fill. I'll always wear these pearls and ring in memory of you! I love and miss you sooo much Desrik forever your Danni😞💔😞

LaRonda Beasley - February 24, 2021 at 07:53 PM



“ Neeko Haulcy lit a candle in memory of Mr. Desrik "Dez" Samar Blakes, Sr.



Neeko Haulcy - January 27, 2021 at 08:21 AM

Cheryl Stasinski

“ My son, Don Warner, met Dez "train" and they became brothers. Any brother of my son is my child! We got to see him only 1 time since he came home but were so excited for him to start his life over. No words can ever explain the deep sadness and sorrow we feel. Tears flow all the time for him! I wish I could have attended his funeral but I didn't know when it was! Prayers for everyone 🙏

Cheryl Stasinski - January 15, 2021 at 07:49 AM

TT

“ *Dez was a cool person..I remember back in the days on Findley St...I just found out you passed...My Deepest Condolences to his family.*”

Ty Ty - January 07, 2021 at 11:58 PM

LO

“ *Leah O'Daniels lit a candle in memory of Mr. Desrik "Dez" Samar Blakes, Sr.*”



Leah O'Daniels - January 05, 2021 at 12:01 AM

RB

“ *Rosette Blakes sent a virtual gift in memory of Mr. Desrik "Dez" Samar Blakes, Sr.*”



Rosette Blakes - January 02, 2021 at 05:35 PM

KI

“ *Long love our brother Love You. You'll truly be missed*”



Ki'asha - January 02, 2021 at 08:26 AM

NI

“ *This is so sad, still can't believe it.*



Nikki - January 02, 2021 at 07:45 AM

CP

“ *Cheryl Hatter Pruitt lit a candle in memory of Mr. Desrik "Dez" Samar Blakes, Sr.*



Cheryl Hatter Pruitt - January 02, 2021 at 12:14 AM

KL

“ *Keisha Fa Life lit a candle in memory of Mr. Desrik "Dez" Samar Blakes, Sr.*



Keisha fa life - January 01, 2021 at 10:00 PM

LW

“ *#LONGLIVEMYDAD 🕊️💔.*



lanayah white - January 01, 2021 at 07:01 PM

RP

“ *Ruth Prince lit a candle in memory of Mr. Desrik "Dez" Samar Blakes, Sr.*



Ruth Prince - January 01, 2021 at 10:09 AM

DA

“ *DAPHNE ALLEN-BARDELL lit a candle in memory of Mr. Desrik "Dez" Samar Blakes, Sr.*



DAPHNE ALLEN-BARDELL - December 31, 2020 at 11:55 PM

MH

“ *Mary Hubbert lit a candle in memory of Mr. Desrik "Dez" Samar Blakes, Sr.*



Mary Hubbert - December 31, 2020 at 09:24 PM

BB

“ *Bridget Baber lit a candle in memory of Mr. Desrik "Dez" Samar Blakes, Sr.*



Bridget Baber - December 31, 2020 at 07:14 PM

BC

“ *Bobbie Crosby-Locke*



Bobbie Crosby-Locke - December 31, 2020 at 02:03 PM

JW

“ *Jeanette Williams lit a candle in memory of Mr. Desrik "Dez" Samar Blakes, Sr.*



Jeanette Williams - December 31, 2020 at 09:34 AM

NW

“ *Nakisha West lit a candle in memory of Mr. Desrik "Dez" Samar Blakes, Sr.*



Nakisha West - December 30, 2020 at 09:14 PM

VJ

“ *Sending heartfelt condolences from the entire Jeffries family Dee-Dee and Lil. June the both of you are in our hearts, prayers and thoughts . I pray that God place an unspeakable peace on the both of you as you go through this trying time. We love you both .*

Vicki L. Jeffries - December 30, 2020 at 08:00 PM



“ 39 files added to the album *Life Tributes*



Browne's Mortuary - December 30, 2020 at 05:56 PM



“ *Condolences to Dee Dee & the Blakes family & friends*



Cynthia Adams - December 30, 2020 at 11:49 AM

CM

“ *Calvin P McFarland lit a candle in memory of Mr. Desrik "Dez" Samar Blakes, Sr.*



calvin p McFarland - December 30, 2020 at 11:20 AM

FH

“ Felicia Haywood and family send my condolences to you Dee an your entire family.loveyou.



Felicia Haywood - December 30, 2020 at 11:10 AM

TC

“ Tosha Caldwell lit a candle in memory of Mr. Desrik "Dez" Samar Blakes, Sr.



Tosha Caldwell - December 30, 2020 at 10:56 AM

LY

“ Dez you will truly be missed. Im gonna miss hearing those words that only came from you. "Heyy Miss Lydia". Hope you are at peace now. My prayers go out to your family and all who loved you.

Lydia - December 29, 2020 at 12:54 PM

DA

“ Dawn lit a candle in memory of Mr. Desrik "Dez" Samar Blakes, Sr.



Dawn - December 29, 2020 at 10:54 AM

SD

“ *Sandra Dale lit a candle in memory of Mr. Desrik "Dez" Samar Blakes, Sr.*



Sandra Dale - December 29, 2020 at 10:17 AM

NR

“ *Nedra Riley-Williams lit a candle in memory of Mr. Desrik "Dez" Samar Blakes, Sr.*



Nedra Riley-Williams - December 29, 2020 at 12:13 AM

GE

“ *Gloria (Henderson) Eiland sent a virtual gift in memory of Mr. Desrik "Dez" Samar Blakes, Sr.*



Gloria (Henderson) Eiland - December 28, 2020 at 11:31 AM

EG

“ *My condolences to the family 🙏*



Evelyn Hardy Garrett - December 27, 2020 at 07:35 PM

RI

“ Risky lit a candle in memory of Mr. Desrik "Dez" Samar Blakes, Sr.



Risky - December 27, 2020 at 04:46 PM

WJ

“ Willie Jenkins lit a candle in memory of Mr. Desrik "Dez" Samar Blakes, Sr.



Willie Jenkins - December 27, 2020 at 03:23 PM

MA

“ Marie lit a candle in memory of Mr. Desrik "Dez" Samar Blakes, Sr.



Marie - December 27, 2020 at 02:16 PM



“ Condolences in this time of sorrow



Cynthia Adams - December 27, 2020 at 12:13 PM

JW

“ Jeanette Williams lit a candle in memory of Mr. Desrik "Dez" Samar Blakes, Sr.



Jeanette Williams - December 27, 2020 at 07:16 AM

MA

“ Marie lit a candle in memory of Mr. Desrik "Dez" Samar Blakes, Sr.



Marie - December 26, 2020 at 05:42 PM

DR

“ Daryl Riley lit a candle in memory of Mr. Desrik "Dez" Samar Blakes, Sr.



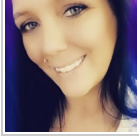
Daryl Riley - December 26, 2020 at 02:43 PM



“ Rest In Heavenly Peace Dez 🙏 Prayers 💔
Father God Bless Desrik Soul Amen



Juanita Boyd - December 26, 2020 at 09:47 AM



“ *Brandi Delong sent a virtual gift in memory of Mr. Desrik "Dez" Samar Blakes, Sr.*



Brandi Delong - December 26, 2020 at 12:41 AM



“ *So many memories!!!! This man was extremely talented in so many things!! The most affectionous smile in the world and a singing voice that would melt your soul!!!! You will be truly missed I LOVE YOU DESRIK ❤️ YOUR PIGGY*



Brandi Delong - December 26, 2020 at 12:40 AM



“ *Dec. Charles & Share' Patrick*



Mrs. Share' Patrick - December 25, 2020 at 11:26 PM



“ *Rhonda Ervin lit a candle in memory of Mr. Desrik "Dez" Samar Blakes, Sr.*



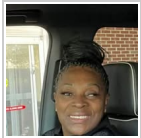
Rhonda Ervin - December 24, 2020 at 10:39 PM



“ *Anthony & Tanya Harrison lit a candle in memory of Mr. Desrik "Dez" Samar Blakes, Sr.*



Anthony & Tanya Harrison - December 24, 2020 at 06:26 PM



“ *Praying with and for y'all, For strength in the time of grief. Weeping may endure for a night but joy cometh in the morning*



Evangelist Loretta Gibbs - December 24, 2020 at 05:27 PM



“ *Sending thoughts and prayers to Desrik's children, his mother Ms. Blakes and his "Granny". I will truly miss one of my best friends!*



Nicole Speight - December 24, 2020 at 11:37 AM

