



## Mr. Melton Laurice "Milton" Southern

October 10, 1961 - February 15, 2023

Milton "Laurice" Southern was born October 10, 1961 in Florence, Alabama. His mother, Lucy M. Southern loved and cherished him as her baby boy. Milton was led to the Lord by his daughter, Ashley and we know the Lord heard his prayer of repentance and accepted him. Milton passed from death to life February 15, 2023. We will miss him.

Milton attended Saginaw Public Schools, and was blessed with the Gift of music and as an accomplished Bass player. He played in several bands. After an excellent performance, he would kiss his Bass Guitar and say, "I love this thing." Milton loved his wife, children, and family with a fierce love. As his family's youngest sibling, he was loved as such.

Milton "Laurice" leaves to cherish his memory his wife Patricia Southern; his children, Joseph Williams (fiancé, Izasha Gardner), Milton and Michael Butler, Jeremy Robinson (Maria), Ashley Butler, Mario Stanton and Shawn Hairston; siblings, Birler Southern, Andy Southern, Harold Southern (Debra), Pastor Charlene Washington and Maurice Southern (Geraldine); grandchildren, Amari Williams, Anya, Aneya and My-Shea Gardner, ShonTrese, Laurice, DeMarcus, Kaniah, Sa'mya and Maciah Butler; a host of nieces, nephews, other family members and friends.

Milton was preceded in death by his mother, Lucy M. Southern; son, Stephen

Ware; sisters, Patricia Hardin and DeBora Jones; nephews, Michael Wadley, Don Cope, Jr. Larry Polk, Jr, Otis O. Washington II, Marcus Jones and a niece, Latoya Grant.

Milton leaves his love to all family members and fellow musicians.

Family hour 10:00 AM Tuesday, February 21, 2023, at Evans & Browne's Funeral Home, 441 North Jefferson Avenue, Saginaw, Michigan 48607, with funeral service commencing at 11:00 AM. Pastor Charlene Washington will officiate with interment in Forest Lawn Cemetery, 3210 Washington Avenue. Visitation will take place at the church 9:00 a.m. until the time of service.

Please NOTE: There is NO Go Fund Me Page.

# Cemetery Details

## Forest Lawn Cemetery

3210 S. Washington Avenue  
Saginaw, MI

# Previous Events

## Visitation

FEB 21. 9:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

Evans & Browne's Funeral Home  
441 N. Jefferson Avenue  
Saginaw, MI 48607  
(989) 754-0481  
evansbrownes@gmail.com  
<https://www.evansbrownesfuneralhome.com>

## Family Hour

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## Funeral Service

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FEB 21. 11:00 AM (ET)

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# Tribute Wall



“ Evans & Browne's Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Mr. Melton Laurice "Milton" Southern



Browne's Mortuary - February 21, 2023 at 11:01 AM



“ Evans & Browne's Funeral Home created a Webcast in memory of Mr. Melton Laurice "Milton" Southern



Browne's Mortuary - February 21, 2023 at 10:58 AM

EV

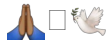
“ Elizabeth Vance lit a candle in memory of Mr. Melton Laurice "Milton" Southern



Elizabeth Vance - March 01, 2023 at 06:40 PM

RS

“ Prayers for the Southern and extended families.



Regina Smith-Johnson - February 22, 2023 at 12:29 PM

SC

“ SONA Carruth lit a candle in memory of Mr. Melton Laurice "Milton" Southern



SONA Carruth - February 21, 2023 at 11:23 PM

OC

“ Odeania Carruth lit a candle in memory of Mr. Melton Laurice "Milton" Southern



Odeania Carruth - February 21, 2023 at 11:23 PM

MP

“ Many Nights of Fun. Learned a ton of knowledge from you my friend that took my Music and Skills to another level Rest Up Sir.

Marchris Perkins - February 21, 2023 at 11:09 PM

AD

“ This was a real shock hearing about my friend Milton; Milton and I go way back to the LAST GENERATION BAND; We kept in touch from time to time via facebook. This guy was the best bass player EVER-PERIOD! Sincere condolences are extended to his wife, brother (who worked at USPS) and entire family. I also worked at Seitner's with his mom years ago, who treated me like a daughter. Great loss!



Larry/Linda Adams

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**ADAMS** - February 21, 2023 at 11:19 AM

SH

“ Shirley Hughes sent a virtual gift in memory of Mr. Melton Laurice "Milton" Southern



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**Shirley Hughes** - February 21, 2023 at 07:03 AM

LS

“ Lillie B. Strong & Family sent a virtual gift in memory of Mr. Melton Laurice "Milton" Southern



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**Lillie B. Strong** - February 20, 2023 at 08:59 PM

OJ

“ Oscar And Alice Wilson Jr. sent a virtual gift in memory of Mr. Melton Laurice "Milton" Southern



Oscar and Alice Wilson Jr. - February 20, 2023 at 02:30 PM

SH

“ Sharon lit a candle in memory of Mr. Melton Laurice "Milton" Southern



Sharon - February 20, 2023 at 09:56 AM

SH

Im gonna miss this amazing man ..

Sharon - February 20, 2023 at 09:56 AM

SH

“ Shelbie lit a candle in memory of Mr. Melton Laurice "Milton" Southern



Shelbie - February 19, 2023 at 11:20 PM



“ *Shonda Stewart-Myles lit a candle in memory of Mr. Melton Laurice "Milton" Southern*



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**Shonda Stewart-Myles** - February 19, 2023 at 10:57 PM



“ *Rhonda Ervin lit a candle in memory of Mr. Melton Laurice "Milton" Southern*



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**Rhonda Ervin** - February 19, 2023 at 09:50 PM



*Melton was a good guy and played bass with so many for years*

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**Rhonda Ervin** - February 19, 2023 at 09:54 PM



“ *Milton was a favorite to all of us girls at the Secretary of State on Bay rd. He always asked us about our personal lives and made us feel safe and secure when he was in the building. My friendship with Milton continued after we both left our jobs. We just spoke on the phone a few weeks ago and I considered him to be a close friend. I know I will see him again in the Paradise. Rest easy my friend. We will meet again soon!*

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**Michelle Busch** - February 19, 2023 at 09:00 PM

CE

“ *I love you so much. You had treated me as part of the family. I really appreciate you so much. R.I.P*



**Cecilia** - February 19, 2023 at 05:02 PM

JM

“ *Janice F Harrell Merriweather lit a candle in memory of Mr. Melton Laurice "Milton" Southern*



**Janice F Harrell Merriweather** - February 18, 2023 at 07:44 PM

KS

“ *My Condolences to the Southern Family on your loss. May the Creator Bless each of you.*

**kenneth stanback** - February 18, 2023 at 06:46 PM

AG

“ *prayers to the family he was a good person to everyone that knew him fly high Milton*



**ann and eddie gamble** - February 18, 2023 at 06:13 PM



“ *Mary Lawrence lit a candle in memory of Mr. Melton Laurice "Milton" Southern*



Mary Lawrence - February 18, 2023 at 12:36 PM



“ *Sending our deepest condolences love and prayers to the family From The Bady/Warren Family Rest In Paradise* ❤️🙏❤️



Katrina Warren - February 18, 2023 at 12:20 PM



“ *Kenneth Morris lit a candle in memory of Mr. Melton Laurice "Milton" Southern*



Kenneth Morris - February 18, 2023 at 12:20 PM



“ *Sending my love prayers and condolences to the family love you guys* ❤️🙏❤️



Katrina Warren - February 18, 2023 at 10:24 AM



“ Zada Bailey lit a candle in memory of Mr. Melton Laurice "Milton" Southern



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**Zada Bailey** - February 18, 2023 at 10:15 AM



“ Linda Ann Pritchett lit a candle in memory of Mr. Melton Laurice "Milton" Southern



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**Linda Ann Pritchett** - February 17, 2023 at 09:45 PM

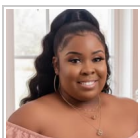


“ Wright / Williams Family lit a candle in memory of Mr. Melton Laurice "Milton" Southern



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**Wright / Williams Family** - February 17, 2023 at 07:34 PM



“ Whitney Marchelle lit a candle in memory of Mr. Melton Laurice "Milton" Southern



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**Whitney Marchelle** - February 17, 2023 at 04:56 PM

SF

“ R.I.H Bigg Guy 👑🎸 Prayers for The Family  
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Sonny Moten & Family - February 17, 2023 at 04:55 PM



“ I have known Milton for many years through my ex-husband but he was an awesome person and one heck of a bass player. He always kept it real. He will be truly missed.



Chan Lynne - February 17, 2023 at 03:55 PM

RS

“ prayers and hugs for melton's family



RPM AUTO SALES - February 17, 2023 at 01:57 PM

DB

“ Our prayers and sympathy are sent for the southern family

Dorothy Burch - February 17, 2023 at 01:46 PM



“ *Colleen Smith lit a candle in memory of Mr. Melton Laurice "Milton" Southern*



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**Colleen Smith** - February 17, 2023 at 01:00 PM

BW

“ *Brian Woods lit a candle in memory of Mr. Melton Laurice "Milton" Southern*



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**Brian Woods** - February 17, 2023 at 12:54 PM

BF

“ *Brian Woods & Family purchased the Plants-A-Plenty for the family of Mr. Melton Laurice "Milton" Southern.*



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**Brian Woods & Family** - February 17, 2023 at 12:49 PM

DM

“ *Deborah Morris-Williams lit a candle in memory of Mr. Melton Laurice "Milton" Southern*



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**Deborah Morris-Williams** - February 17, 2023 at 12:34 PM

MV

“ *Monica Vaughn lit a candle in memory of Mr. Melton Laurice "Milton" Southern*



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**Monica Vaughn** - February 17, 2023 at 12:31 PM

DP

“ *Dorothy Price lit a candle in memory of Mr. Melton Laurice "Milton" Southern*



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**Dorothy Price** - February 17, 2023 at 12:17 PM

OK

“ *Olivia Kincaid sent a virtual gift in memory of Mr. Melton Laurice "Milton" Southern*



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**Olivia Kincaid** - February 17, 2023 at 12:03 PM

SD

“ *Sandra Dillard sent a virtual gift in memory of Mr. Melton Laurice "Milton" Southern*



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**Sandra Dillard** - February 17, 2023 at 06:43 AM

JL

“ Joseph Lawrence lit a candle in memory of Mr. Melton Laurice "Milton" Southern



Joseph Lawrence - February 16, 2023 at 09:07 PM

JL

“ We played together as boys on this planet called Earth we will rejoice one day in the paradise called Heaven, sleep well MY MAN, Joseph Lawrence

Joseph Lawrence - February 16, 2023 at 09:05 PM

RC

“ Rose Coleman lit a candle in memory of Mr. Melton Laurice "Milton" Southern



Rose Coleman - February 16, 2023 at 06:13 PM

MF

“ Ms. Ann Ford & Family sent a virtual gift in memory of Mr. Melton Laurice "Milton" Southern



Ms. Ann Ford & Family - February 16, 2023 at 01:20 PM

PW

“ *Pat I'm keeping you and your family in my prayers*



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**patrice williams** - February 16, 2023 at 12:19 PM

HW

“ *Hattie Wilson lit a candle in memory of Mr. Melton Laurice "Milton" Southern*



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**Hattie Wilson** - February 16, 2023 at 10:05 AM

CC

“ *R.I.P*



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**Cheriska Coleman** - February 15, 2023 at 05:57 PM



“ *our condolences and prayers are with your entire family, -Faye Burton & Family* ❤️

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**Mikal Burton** - February 15, 2023 at 05:27 PM

PB

“ My heart goes out to Charlene Maurice Andy and Birler may God this family strength. Prayers lifted up 🙏🙏 Rip Milton

Patricia Brown - February 15, 2023 at 04:15 PM

PB

“ My guitar star Rip my friend, truly will be missed



Patricia Brown - February 15, 2023 at 04:02 PM

CF

“ Sending love and prayers. To the family praying God strength. Melton was always nice and kind everytime. I saw him. He was a awesome guitar 🎸 player. I love you all.



Choyce family - February 15, 2023 at 03:50 PM

PB

Sending prayers to the Southern family, Milton was my first crush, I remember when I first saw him.. I can go on and on about Milton. I know he is resting now, with his guitar in his hand.. My heart goes to Charlene Biler and the rest of the family.. Tell Debra and Pat and of course your Mom.. Rip Nauty Lah

Patricia Brown - February 15, 2023 at 04:00 PM



“ *Ramona Palmer lit a candle in memory of Mr. Melton Laurice "Milton" Southern*



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**Ramona Palmer** - February 15, 2023 at 03:42 PM



“ *Your in our prayers family.*



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**Edward & Mattie Jackson** - February 15, 2023 at 09:04 AM