



## Mr. Ronald "Dunk" Sawyer

December 5, 1960 - March 4, 2025

Ronald "Dunk" Sawyer was born December 5, 1960, in Birmingham Alabama. He was the seventh child of nine children born to Eddie and Nellie Mae Sawyer. Dunk is honored as a son, father, brother, uncle, nephew and cousin. Dunk received his wings to go home with the Lord on Tuesday March 4, 2025.

Dunk resided in Saginaw Michigan and was a proud graduate from Buena Vista High School Class of 1980. Dunk received his nick name from his talented skills of playing basketball. He was a member of Ephesus Seventh Day Adventist Church, the legendary "Saginaw Bucks" Basketball Team.

Throughout his life journey he earned some college credits through Delta College and worked various jobs in small local plants. He was very dedicated to creating his own side hustle as a "handyman" for many people. He was NOT a stranger to anyone, especially living in Buena Vista.

He was a man of great pride, treated everyone with kindness and never wanted to be involved in family drama, being the "peace maker". His presence, conversations and laughter will be truly missed, if you knew Dunk, you would know what his favorite sayings were and knew what he meant when he said them such as, "Already ready", "Fla'va", "You want to chew on something". He enjoyed going to the casino, playing pool, horseshoes, dominoes, spades and spending time with his family/friends and living his

“BEST” life.

He leaves to cherish his memory one daughter, Shileena Henderson of Atlanta, GA, two sisters, Delores Gayles and Joyce Stribling both of Saginaw, MI; one brother, Derrick Sawyer, Sr., of Saginaw MI; one uncle, John (Gloria) Thomas of Newport News, VA; four nieces, Pamela Sawyer, Archia (Otis) Jackson, Jr., Michelle (Douglas) Coleman, Sr, and Shandana Jackson of Saginaw, MI; six nephews, Erwin Sawyer, Eddie Harris, Derrick Sawyer Jr. of Saginaw, MI, Johnny Gayles Jr. of Ann Arbor, MI, Tito McKinney of Sherman Oaks, CA and Germaine Helton of Atlanta, GA, four great-nieces, Chaerra Layton, Arreanna and Raven Sawyer, all of Saginaw, MI and LaTia Jackson of Fort Worth, Texas; five great-nephews, Otis Jackson III, Rayvon and Trayvon Sawyer, Douglas Coleman, Jr. and Christian Coleman all of Saginaw MI; best friends, Janice Hulett, Darryl Pruitt and Fred Crow of Saginaw, MI; a host of many other relatives and friends.

Dunk was preceded in death by his mother, Nellie Mae Sawyer, father, Eddie Sawyer, sister, Eddie Mae Sawyer, four brothers, Charles “Jeff”, Bennie, Michael “Moon” and Ernest Sawyer, one aunt, Jessie Foster; grandparents, Maria and Charlie Thomas.

Family hour will take place at 10:00 a.m. with the funeral service commencing at 11:00 a.m., Monday, March 17, 2025 at Evans & Browne's Funeral Home, 441 N. Jefferson Ave., Saginaw, MI 48607. Pastor Ernest L. Reed will officiate with interment in Forest Lawn Cemetery, 3210 S. Washington, Saginaw, MI 48601. Visitation will begin at 9:00 a.m.

# Cemetery Details

## Forest Lawn Cemetery

3210 S. Washington Avenue  
Saginaw, MI

# Previous Events

## Visitation

MAR 17. 9:00 AM - 10:00 AM (ET)

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

## Family Hour

MAR 17. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

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Saginaw, MI 48607

## Funeral Service

MAR 17. 11:00 AM (ET)

Evans & Browne's Funeral Home  
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Saginaw, MI 48607



# Tribute Wall



“ *Evans & Browne's Funeral Home created a Webcast in memory of Mr. Ronald "Dunk" Sawyer*



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**Browne's Mortuary** - March 17, 2025 at 10:57 AM

BR

“ *Brenda Ryan lit a candle in memory of Mr. Ronald "Dunk" Sawyer*



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**Brenda Ryan** - April 10, 2025 at 07:19 PM

KS

“ *Katrina Shivers lit a candle in memory of Mr. Ronald "Dunk" Sawyer*



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**katrina shivers** - March 31, 2025 at 07:53 PM

RR

“ I remember so, so many fun times from my childhood "Dunk". Sincere condolences to all. "Red"



Richard Reid - March 29, 2025 at 09:46 AM

JS

“ Jackie Sanders lit a candle in memory of Mr. Ronald "Dunk" Sawyer



Jackie Sanders - March 20, 2025 at 07:17 PM

MA

“ Mary Addison lit a candle in memory of Mr. Ronald "Dunk" Sawyer



Mary Addison - March 18, 2025 at 05:54 PM

TW

“ Toni Wright lit a candle in memory of Mr. Ronald "Dunk" Sawyer



Toni Wright - March 18, 2025 at 05:00 PM

V3

“ Sending are Condolence to the Sawyer Family !!!! R.I.P. D.U.N.K.  
..... JIMENEZ FAMILY 🙏 Slick Vic 🙏

Victor Jimenez. 30th - March 17, 2025 at 06:51 PM

LW

“ Louis Weems sent a virtual gift in memory of  
Mr. Ronald "Dunk" Sawyer



Louis Weems - March 17, 2025 at 01:13 PM

MK

“ My condolences and prayers to the family.  
RIH Dunk.



Monica L Kellum - March 17, 2025 at 10:14 AM

BW

“ Beverly Walker lit a candle in memory of Mr.  
Ronald "Dunk" Sawyer



Beverly Walker - March 17, 2025 at 06:52 AM

RF

“ Robert Hughes And Family lit a candle in memory of Mr. Ronald "Dunk" Sawyer



Robert Hughes and family - March 16, 2025 at 07:37 PM

MF

“ Ms Jettie Hoggs And Family lit a candle in memory of Mr. Ronald "Dunk" Sawyer



Ms Jettie Hoggs and family - March 16, 2025 at 07:36 PM

MJ

“ MR. &MRS. MARION W GRIFFITH JR. lit a candle in memory of Mr. Ronald "Dunk" Sawyer



MR. &MRS. MARION W GRIFFITH JR. - March 16, 2025 at 05:46 PM

BS

“ You are at peace now rest on until we meet again



billi stribling - March 16, 2025 at 02:37 PM

MP

“ Mitchell Patrick lit a candle in memory of Mr. Ronald "Dunk" Sawyer



Mitchell Patrick - March 15, 2025 at 04:54 PM

YS

“ Yvonne Sanders lit a candle in memory of Mr. Ronald "Dunk" Sawyer



Yvonne Sanders - March 14, 2025 at 10:58 PM

GC

“ George F. Cooper sent a virtual gift in memory of Mr. Ronald "Dunk" Sawyer



George F. Cooper - March 14, 2025 at 10:01 PM

DS

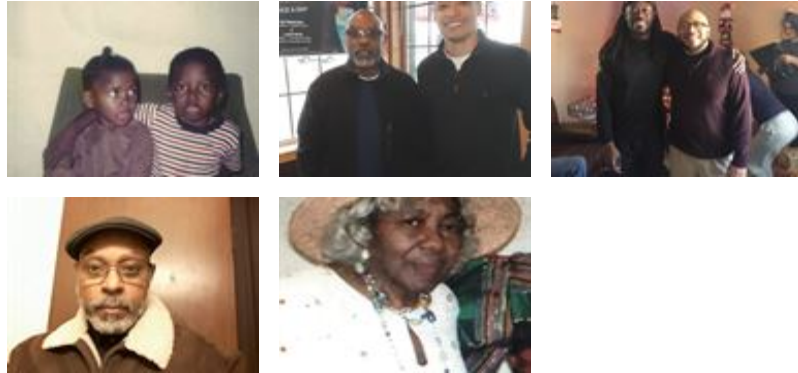
“ Donna Shipman lit a candle in memory of Mr. Ronald "Dunk" Sawyer



Donna Shipman - March 14, 2025 at 08:55 PM



“ 86 files added to the album Life Tributes



Browne's Mortuary - March 14, 2025 at 03:18 PM

JC

“ Jeanette B Champion lit a candle in memory of Mr. Ronald "Dunk" Sawyer



Jeanette B Champion - March 14, 2025 at 12:12 PM

CJ

“ Carrie Jackson-Zackrie lit a candle in memory of Mr. Ronald "Dunk" Sawyer



Carrie Jackson-Zackrie - March 14, 2025 at 10:08 AM

MC

“ *Uncle Dunk you will be missed you and my dad are together now.*



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**Michelle Coleman** - March 13, 2025 at 10:12 PM

CP

“ *Charlotte Perkins lit a candle in memory of Mr. Ronald "Dunk" Sawyer*



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**Charlotte Perkins** - March 13, 2025 at 04:28 PM

CW

“ *Cathy Wilson sent a virtual gift in memory of Mr. Ronald "Dunk" Sawyer*



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**Cathy Wilson** - March 13, 2025 at 03:48 PM

PS

“ *We love you unk, you will be missed from me and the kids, you can rest up now*

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**pamela sawyer** - March 13, 2025 at 03:01 AM

TB

“ My condolence to the Sawyer family. To us (The Bells) we called you Dunk. You and my Uncle Leroy could play some ball. The memories I have of you I will hold dear to my heart. 💙🙏🕊️🙏💙

Tracey Bell - March 12, 2025 at 04:26 PM

TF

“ The Loster And Tyson Family lit a candle in memory of Mr. Ronald "Dunk" Sawyer



The Loster and Tyson Family - March 12, 2025 at 12:06 PM

PR

“ Sherry Pat and Pam sending are condolences.



Pam Richardson - March 12, 2025 at 12:04 AM

KS

Rest in peace, 🙌 power, 🗳️ and love ❤️ in paradise for eternity 🙏❤️. Condolences sent to all Family and Friends 🙏

Katrina Shivers - March 12, 2025 at 09:09 PM

SB

“ Shellie A Bell sent a virtual gift in memory of Mr. Ronald "Dunk" Sawyer



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**Shellie A Bell** - March 11, 2025 at 07:53 PM

WH

“ I'm so sorry for your lost my thoughts and prayers for the Sawyer family

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**Willis Humphrey** - March 11, 2025 at 06:35 PM

JM

“ Judi Mason-Ford lit a candle in memory of Mr. Ronald "Dunk" Sawyer



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**Judi Mason-Ford** - March 11, 2025 at 09:44 AM

JW

“ Jeanette Williams lit a candle in memory of Mr. Ronald "Dunk" Sawyer



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**Jeanette Williams** - March 10, 2025 at 04:05 PM

AJ

“ *Uncle Dunk your are at peace, you rest on,  
you will be truly missed!!!* ❤️❤️❤️



Archia Jackson - March 10, 2025 at 10:40 AM

CP

“ *Cheryl Kay Payton lit a candle in memory of  
Mr. Ronald "Dunk" Sawyer*



Cheryl Kay Payton - March 10, 2025 at 08:11 AM

CS

“ *Charles And Rametra Sparks lit a candle in  
memory of Mr. Ronald "Dunk" Sawyer*



Charles and Rametra Sparks - March 09, 2025 at 11:38 PM

BP

“ *Barbara Payton lit a candle in memory of Mr.  
Ronald "Dunk" Sawyer*



Barbara Payton - March 09, 2025 at 06:31 PM

FJ

“ *Felicia Jones lit a candle in memory of Mr. Ronald "Dunk" Sawyer*



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**Felicia Jones** - March 09, 2025 at 05:05 PM

LM

“ *My condolences go out to Delores Gayle's and the Sawyer family. Dee I know how close you were to your brother. My prayers are with the family. Your brother is in Gods hands now so take some peace in knowing that.*



*Lorraine McKinny*

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**Lorraine McKinny** - March 09, 2025 at 04:29 PM

JS

“ *Jackie Sanders lit a candle in memory of Mr. Ronald "Dunk" Sawyer*



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**Jackie Sanders** - March 09, 2025 at 02:23 PM

PR

“ *Pastor Ernest Reed lit a candle in memory of Mr. Ronald "Dunk" Sawyer*



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**pastor Ernest Reed** - March 09, 2025 at 06:00 AM

EK

“ *Erica Kennedy lit a candle in memory of Mr. Ronald "Dunk" Sawyer*



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**Erica Kennedy** - March 08, 2025 at 04:09 PM

TF

“ *Keeping the family lifted in prayer.*



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**The Hulett Family** - March 08, 2025 at 12:49 AM

J(

“ *Janice Gidron (Ann) lit a candle in memory of Mr. Ronald "Dunk" Sawyer*



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**Janice Gidron (Ann)** - March 07, 2025 at 10:45 PM

CW

“ Rip "Dunk" from Chad

Chad Wilson - March 07, 2025 at 10:24 PM

RW

“ Rhonda L. Warren lit a candle in memory of Mr. Ronald "Dunk" Sawyer



Rhonda L. Warren - March 07, 2025 at 08:47 PM

GG

“ Guy Grays lit a candle in memory of Mr. Ronald "Dunk" Sawyer



Guy Grays - March 07, 2025 at 07:37 PM

JC

“ Jeanette B Champion lit a candle in memory of Mr. Ronald "Dunk" Sawyer



Jeanette B Champion - March 07, 2025 at 07:05 PM

CW

“ Rip "Dunk" from Chad

Chad Wilson - March 07, 2025 at 06:05 PM

JO

“ JoyReeves sent a virtual gift in memory of Mr. Ronald "Dunk" Sawyer



JoyReeves - March 07, 2025 at 06:10 AM

MO

“ Ms.Harriet Oliver lit a candle in memory of Mr. Ronald "Dunk" Sawyer



Ms.Harriet Oliver - March 07, 2025 at 02:02 AM

DF

“ DEBORAH FINCH lit a candle in memory of Mr. Ronald "Dunk" Sawyer



DEBORAH FINCH - March 06, 2025 at 04:37 PM

CB

“ Conzellie Bates lit a candle in memory of Mr. Ronald "Dunk" Sawyer



Conzellie Bates - March 06, 2025 at 03:23 PM

MD

“ *Mary A Darby lit a candle in memory of Mr. Ronald "Dunk" Sawyer*



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**Mary A Darby** - March 06, 2025 at 03:22 PM

DH

“ *Deidre Hunter sent a virtual gift in memory of Mr. Ronald "Dunk" Sawyer*



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**Deidre Hunter** - March 06, 2025 at 02:53 PM

MD

“ *I'm gonna miss u Dunk r.i.h*



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**Mary A Darby** - March 06, 2025 at 01:38 PM

BG

“ *Bradley Garner lit a candle in memory of Mr. Ronald "Dunk" Sawyer*



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**Bradley Garner** - March 06, 2025 at 11:09 AM

DG

“ *RIP Ronald (Dunk) I miss you.*

Delores Gayles - March 06, 2025 at 10:26 AM

JW

“ *Jeanette Williams lit a candle in memory of Mr. Ronald "Dunk" Sawyer*



Jeanette Williams - March 06, 2025 at 09:52 AM

CH

“ *Clifford Harris lit a candle in memory of Mr. Ronald "Dunk" Sawyer*



Clifford Harris - March 06, 2025 at 08:57 AM

DA

“ *Dwight/Shalanda Akins lit a candle in memory of Mr. Ronald "Dunk" Sawyer*



Dwight/Shalanda Akins - March 06, 2025 at 07:15 AM

EL

“ *Edith Delphine Lewis lit a candle in memory of Mr. Ronald "Dunk" Sawyer*



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**Edith Delphine Lewis** - March 05, 2025 at 07:33 PM

JL

“ *John Michael Lewis lit a candle in memory of Mr. Ronald "Dunk" Sawyer*



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**John Michael Lewis** - March 05, 2025 at 07:32 PM

KH

“ *Ken Harris lit a candle in memory of Mr. Ronald "Dunk" Sawyer*



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**Ken Harris** - March 05, 2025 at 03:11 PM