



Jai Verrall

October 7, 1969 - January 9, 2024

Jai was born in Georgetown, Grand Cayman. Through the providence of God, he was brought to live in Tyler, Texas at the age of 6 years. Upon his graduation from John Tyler High School in 1989, Jai enlisted in the United States Navy where he served aboard the USS Truxtun and the USS Sacramento as a Mess Specialist. He cooked for around 1000 servicemen daily. He never learned how to cook for a normal-sized family.

From his earliest childhood until just days before his death, Jai's sense of humor distinguished him and made him a favorite of all who knew him. His quick wit, sarcasm, and self-deprecating humor enabled him to brighten every room, as well as face each hardship that he experienced with a light heart and contagious smile. From the rapid onset of blindness, through his final battle with cancer, Jai was never without jokes and a humorous take on each situation.

He was a devoted but devastated fan of his Dallas Cowboys, and loved to watch and discuss sports and the prospects of future victories for his teams.

By God's grace, Jai was drawn to the Primitive Baptists and served the church by helping out in the kitchen for several years. He especially found great joy in helping with the Salt & Light Conference and other church meetings in Tyler and Mississippi. In December of 2022, he united with Tyler Primitive Baptist

Church through a profession of faith in Jesus Christ and water baptism. Jai has been a faithful member of Tyler Church and is loved by each one in his church family.

Jai was preceded in death by his adoptive father, William Verrall; his biological father and mother, Albert Jackson and Juanita Elaine Lake; brother, James Kelly Smith; grandmother, Grace Smith; great nephew, Payton St. Clair.

Jai is survived by his mother, Ramona Patterson Bennett; brother, Jerry (Susan) Smith; sister, Shane (Jon) DeHorney; sister, Leah (Mark) Woodruff; nieces, Jennifer Manziel (Shannon Thomas), Sierra Verrall Morris, Alyssa DeHorney, Lauren DeHorney, Morgan Woodruff (Kris Roberts), Vivian Hale, Halie Woodruff, and Maddie Woodruff; nephews, Shawn Smith, Michael Clark, Brian Smith, James Smith; also survived by Caymanian birth family: sisters, Sherry Ann Smith (Barreck Bodden), Nekita Saintvil, Alexandria Saintvil, Leonna Saintvil; brother-in-law, Thorr Wesley Gibson Scott; brothers, Asis Smith, and Kenmore (Ammerica) Jordan Sr.; nephews, Jason Carter, Jerrin Carter Kenmore Jordan Jr., Jaden Smith, Brevon Watson, Kevron Clarke, Symeon Clarke, Jhaiyre Willis, and Thorr Wesley Gibson Scott II; nieces, Jenna Watson, and Naomi Davis.

Services will be held on Sunday, January 14, 2024 at 1:00 p.m. at Tyler Primitive Church in Tyler. Visitation is scheduled one hour prior to service. Burial will follow service at Rose Lawn Cemetery in Tyler.

Make donations to Tyler Primitive Baptist church 6502 Old Jacksonville Hwy, Tyler, Tx 75703 <https://tylerpb.org> in honor of Jai Verrall.

Cemetery Details

Rose Lawn Cemetery

2003 Blue Mountain Blvd.
Tyler, TX 75703

Previous Events

Visitation

JAN 14. 12:00 PM - 1:00 PM (CT)

Tyler Primitive Baptist Church
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Tyler, TX 75703
(903) 534-1998

Service

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Tribute Wall



“ *Stewart Family Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Jai Verrall*



Stewart Family Funeral Home - January 12, 2024 at 09:27 AM

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“ *Ramona Bennett lit a candle in memory of Jai Verrall*



Ramona Bennett - January 14, 2024 at 01:16 PM

“ In Loving Memory of my brother Jai



My dear brother Jai, words cannot express the deep sense of loss I feel as I bid you farewell. Your departure from this world has left an irreplaceable void in my heart, and I find solace only in the cherished memories we created together.

We shared a bond that transcended mere siblings; we were kindred spirits united by our shared love for cooking. I will forever miss the joy in your voice as you called me every other day, or sometimes once a week, just to share the delight of baking a cake or preparing a delicious meal. Cooking was in our genes, a passion that bound us together, and those conversations brought us closer than ever.

Your thoughtfulness knew no bounds. I'll forever treasure the call you made on my wedding day, offering your heartfelt congratulations and sharing in my joy.

Our childhood was filled with adventures, like that one day when you got your head stuck in a chair, and our step grandfather, Archie, had to come to the rescue, breaking the chair to free you. You grew into a fine young man, full of character and resilience.

Life took us on separate paths, and we lost contact for a time, but I never forgot you. The day I found you in Texas after the storm will forever be etched in my heart. Your shoutout on Facebook, announcing that you had found your real sister, SherryAnn, filled me with immense happiness and relief.

Your journey in this life was not without its struggles, as you battled with health issues for a long time. Yet, your unwavering commitment to God provided strength and solace. Now, I take comfort in knowing that you are in His presence, free from pain and suffering, and your spirit soars in the heavens.

I am grateful that I was there with you till the very end, and sharing those precious moments. The way you squeezed Mogan's hand during our phone conversations, letting me know you were listening, will forever remain etched in my memory.

Jaí, you were not just my brother; you were my confidant, my friend, and my partner in the love of culinary arts. Your memory will continue to inspire me in the kitchen, and I will carry your spirit with me in every dish I prepare. Though you are no longer with us in person, your presence will forever linger in my heart.

Rest in peace, dear Jai, and know that you will be deeply missed but never forgotten. Until we meet again in the embrace of eternity.

With all my love,

Your real sista SherryAnn

Sherryann - January 13, 2024 at 07:11 PM

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Sherryann - January 13, 2024 at 07:01 PM

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“ *Jai and I shared a short yet meaningful connection, bonded by our Cayman roots and common Christian heritage. Despite the brevity, our meeting left a lasting impression of love, smiles, and joy. Wishing you blessings and happiness in your next life, Jai. With love, Cousin Jill & Family.*

Jill Jones - January 13, 2024 at 12:45 PM



“ *Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Jai Verrall.*



January 13, 2024 at 12:29 PM



“ *Ocean Breeze Spray was purchased for the family of Jai Verrall.*



January 12, 2024 at 07:10 PM



“ *Beautiful Heart Bouquet was purchased for the family of Jai Verrall.*



January 12, 2024 at 10:56 AM



“ *97 files added to the album Life Tributes*



Stewart Family Funeral Home - January 12, 2024 at 09:29 AM

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“ *Jai was and will always be my best friend. First met him while working at Brookshires when we were teens. His personality and whole being was infectious. I am completely heartbroken. Rest easy old friend. Until we meet again. I love you bud!* ”

David Wooley - January 12, 2024 at 09:27 AM