



Jesse R. Stanley Jr.

November 20, 1958 - January 26, 2015

Jesse Ray Stanley, Jr. affectionately known as "Ray" suddenly departed this earthly life on Monday, January 26, 2015. He was born in New Haven, CT on November 20, 1958 to the late Jesse Sr. and Doris Stanley.

Ray was educated in the New Haven Public Schools and graduated from Wilbur Cross High School in 1978. During these days Ray was a proud member of the high school gospel chorus and band. He also sang and played the trumpet for the Newhallville Community Choir. After high school Ray was briefly enlisted in the US Army. When he returned to Connecticut, he attended Gal mar Hairdressing Academy in downtown New Haven wherein he won a hairdressing contest and ultimately completed a certificate in Cosmetology from Gal mar.

Ray had many interests in life but his biggest passion was for God. At a very young age Ray committed his life to the teachings of Jesus Christ and preached the Gospel to others. Ray was a devoted long time member of Shekinah Glory Apostolic Church where he served as a Minister of the Gospel under the current leadership of Pastor Anna M. Roundtree. This is where he also met and married Rosemary Iovieno on May 12, 2007.

Ray was synonymous for blowing his trumpet, singing and praising God. His interests were photography, reading and writing poetry. He enjoyed listening to

gospel music and using computer software programs. He loved to watch WWE wrestling and old martial arts movies. "Uncle Ray" had a very special way with his nieces and nephews and was the ultimate baby sitter for them, giving each a unique name that was called only by him. For many years, Ray was fortunate to benefit from very caring relationships with community caretakers and friends at the Dixwell Newhallville Mental Health Community Center, Fellowship Place, New England Home Care, most recently The Hannah Gray Home and Compassion N Care. He will be so sorely missed by many.

Ray leaves to cherish his memory, wife, Rosemary Stanley, sisters Dorcas (Kenneth) Huff, Melissa Stanley, brothers Jonathan (Tammy) Stanley and Michael (Channell) Stanley, step sons Jamar (Monica) Iovieno and Michael Iovieno, two grand daughters, one grand son, one God-daughter, LaRhonda Gomes and a host of relatives and friends who loved him dearly. He was pre-deceased by his parents, Jesse and Doris Stanley and one sister, Sharon R. Stanley-Moore.

Cemetery Details

Beaverdale Memorial Park

90 Pine Rock Avenue
New Haven, CT

Previous Events

Visitation

FEB 5. 9:00 AM - 10:00 AM (ET)

Shekinah Glory Apostolic Church
715 Dixwell Ave
CT 06511

Service

FEB 5. 10:00 AM (ET)

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Tribute Wall



“ *Jesse R. Stanley Jr.*

October 09, 2023 at 06:14 AM



“ *R.B as we so often called him...Ray will be greatly missed in our family. Yes he loved singing & writing poems...and his passion for the word of God. It's really hard thinking that this is all true. So, I love you & we are looking to have a celebration of life on tomorrow as you would of desired it to be. Love you cuz..Rest on!*

Terra - February 05, 2015 at 12:51 AM



“ *Kenyatta Browning lit a candle in memory of Jesse R. Stanley Jr.*



Kenyatta Browning - February 04, 2015 at 06:48 PM



“ *Renee Knight sent a virtual gift in memory of Jesse R. Stanley Jr.*



Renee Knight - February 04, 2015 at 05:18 PM

RK

“ *Renee Knight lit a candle in memory of Jesse R. Stanley Jr.*



Renee Knight - February 04, 2015 at 05:16 PM

JS

“ *Jimmy Stanley lit a candle in memory of Jesse R. Stanley Jr.*



Jimmy Stanley - February 04, 2015 at 05:11 PM

JC

“ *Praying for the family.*



Janice Carter - February 04, 2015 at 12:00 PM

MW

“ *Marshia Williams lit a candle in memory of Jesse R. Stanley Jr.*



Marshia Williams - February 04, 2015 at 10:58 AM

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AR

“ *Anita Grimsley Robertson lit a candle in memory of Jesse R. Stanley Jr.*



Anita Grimsley Robertson - February 04, 2015 at 08:32 AM

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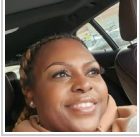
Weeping my endure for a night but, Joy comes in the morning. The sun will shine on you all in this hour. You all are in our prayers. God got it all in control. Be blessed and we send our Love. The Grimsley's in Alabama.

Anita Grimsley Robertson - February 04, 2015 at 08:36 AM

AM

“ *Oh my! I am just finding out wow my heart is heavy is was a gr8 guy and funny.. We go back PAW days when I was around he was sweet loving and quite until u got to know him.. Praying for the family.. Love y'all the Manning family.. :-(*

Aleka Manning - February 04, 2015 at 08:09 AM



“ I truly will Miss Bro.Ray for many different reasons around the church he was a great man and very funny at times when he really wasn't aware that he was making some of our days...I Believe he was the very first Man I saw that can praise God In a dance and tore it up ..I remember some of his favorite songs God had a smile on me, What a mighty we serve,and In the name of Jesus...."Dance to the Music"Was A sermon preach that I heard last..But he's gone to be with some great love ones that has gone on that we so Miss as Well...So I say to the Stanley Family you are all in my prayers.

Amanda Ward - February 04, 2015 at 07:51 AM



“ I Loved my Cousin Ray. I cannot put into words how my heart feels right now. As a child, you always had love for me and made me laugh! I am just so Grateful that I got to spend some quality time with you in July. You were so Happy, Expressive, and Full of Life! You made me laugh out loud and that bought me such joy! I will Never Forget that! 'Reverend Burning Bush' will always live on in my Heart! My Prayers, Thoughts, and Love will be with you Fam! Always!

Lynn Lee - February 04, 2015 at 04:57 AM



“ Lynn Lee and Family purchased the Divine Peace Bouquet for the family of Jesse R. Stanley Jr..




Lynn Lee and Family - February 04, 2015 at 04:48 AM

AW

“ Share a memory of Jesse R. Stanley Jr. or send condolences to the family.




Apostle Warren and Pastor Julia Wi - February 03, 2015 at 11:37 PM

 Alexis Ellis

“ We will miss cousin Ray! I remember taking him to one of the activities family reunion last year and he was frustrated because he missed the van but I got him there. Lol I hope he enjoyed himself. Such a sweet spirit.

We love you Ray! ~The Green Family

Alexis Ellis - February 03, 2015 at 06:04 PM

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Alexis Ellis - February 03, 2015 at 06:00 PM

SG

“ To Michael and family...May the peace of God be with you and may He wrap his comforting arms around all of your family. Earth has no sorrow, that heaven can not heal. Know that t he Stanley family is in our prayers. May God bless all of you.

Sharyn L. Grant - February 03, 2015 at 05:29 PM

AB

“ Ray, a man of few words but lots of love. You will be missed greatly. "Yea though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death I will fear no evil for thou are with me. Thy rod and staff they comfort me." I so glad your choice was life! Live on my brother now completely whole! My heart will always hold you near. Much love, Annette Roundtree Bassey.

Annette Bassey - February 03, 2015 at 03:51 PM

GS

“ I'm going to miss him so much. I looked forward to having him around longer but God had a different plan. Everytime I think about that fateful morning I get a gut wrenching pain in my stomach. Words can't express my sorrow



Guinell Stanley - February 03, 2015 at 03:22 PM

CS

I'm going to miss Ray it was nice having him in my life even for the short period of time that he was.I thank God for allowing me to meet such a wonderful person.

Channell Stanley - February 03, 2015 at 03:41 PM



We all will miss and love him Guinell. He will forever be in our hearts. You are right God had a different plan and we will get through this. Our family will continue to have faith,love and trust in all that we go through together.

Michael Stanley - February 03, 2015 at 03:47 PM

TG

Definitely going to miss Ray, his shouting, playing the horn, testimonials....those are the great memories I have. The Stanley family is forever in my thoughts, heart and prayers.

Theresa Grimsley - February 03, 2015 at 03:57 PM



Quanne Streater

Im going to miss uncle Ray he was always a pleasure to be around and the best babysitter ever. This doesnt seem real at all but we cant question God's work. I thank God that he brought you into my life its just unfortunate you had to go so early.

Quanne Streater - February 03, 2015 at 04:00 PM



TG

To my Dear friend words cannot express the pain I feel but u r better off no pain will miss U...RIP

Terry Grimsley - February 03, 2015 at 05:09 PM



WG

I remember The martial arts moves that he would display upstairs in the house and I thought he was the toughest cousin I had.. then he would sneek me downstairs in the basement and let me eat all the ice cream I wanted and would not tell anybody. Rip ray. Keep shouting

Wayne grimsley - February 03, 2015 at 05:50 PM



TA

He was truly gentle sole. I will cherish each memory and very encounter. He will be missed greatly. Don't always understand God's timing but I know his will is perfect.

Tawanna - February 03, 2015 at 07:59 PM



KJ

*To my dear brother , friend Ray.
You where a great brother and friend we use to hang out all the time you and Gene and my myshelf. I learned a lot from u guys. Wish I could've have come to pay my respects but I'm just getting out the hospital my myshelf. Love u man the lord has a better plan for u I know he needed a trumpet playa and a strong man for his kingdom so he snatched u from us but my friend and brother I will see u again. Love u big brother RIP*

Kenyatta Browning AKA: JAY - February 03, 2015 at 08:05 PM



:J

That's my post above Kenyatta Browning aka: JAY

: **JAY** - February 03, 2015 at 08:07 PM

ZG

Rip Ray U are going to b missed.I really enjoy you at the last reunion instead u was a wonderful person love u cousin

Zina Green - February 03, 2015 at 09:24 PM

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U will definitely b missed at the family reunions.You are a wonderful person inside and out love you cousin Rip Ray

Zina Green - February 03, 2015 at 09:32 PM

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Zina Green - February 03, 2015 at 09:35 PM

NG

I am truly going to miss my big brother! Every reunion he never hesitated to sing a song of praise! Everyone could just feel the presence of the Lord through his song! I rest knowing that you are in the safety of GOD! I love YOU soo much!

Nannette Glaspie - February 03, 2015 at 10:50 PM

AW

We are going to miss you so much. Sending out ours love to the family. May God continue blessing you with peace

Apostle Warren and Pastor Julia Wi - February 03, 2015 at 11:35 PM

LL

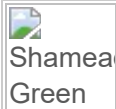
My Cousin Ray! I cannot put into words what I really want to say. I'm just so grateful I got to spend time with him in July and that time was so special because he was just so happy and expressive! I'm just so sad that my family cannot be there in person to say our final farewell! I pray that he knew my Love was real. Reverend Burning Bush will always have a place in my heart! I Love You! My Prayers and Thoughts will be with you Family!

Lynn Lee - February 04, 2015 at 04:33 AM

TN

Hearts are saddened by such a great loss. There will never be another cool breeze. Don't always understand God's plan and timing but we were taught that's his will is perfect and acceptable. He will be missed greatly. Sleep well maestro.

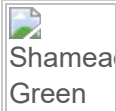
Tawanna Newton - February 04, 2015 at 07:07 AM



Shamea Green

RIP cousin Ray! You will be missed. My prays are definitely with you family. Sending hugs and kisses from a far.

Shamead Green - February 04, 2015 at 12:54 PM



Shamea Green

**prayers*

Shamead Green - February 04, 2015 at 12:56 PM

JS

RIP cousin Ray we love you and you will be really missed. Praying for the family. God Bless! !!!

Jimmy Stanley - February 04, 2015 at 05:05 PM



My brother my friend I will truly miss u Ray

Kenyatta Browning - February 04, 2015 at 06:50 PM