



Leroy Kelley Jr.

December 29, 1966 - September 22, 2025

Leroy Kelley Jr. of New Haven, Connecticut gained his wings on Monday, September 22, 2025. He passed away peacefully at the age of 58 years old at Yale New Haven Hospital surrounded by his family members. He was born on December 29, 1966. Jr, as we nicknamed him, liked to rebuild things by undoing electrical wiring and re-connecting them. He taught himself how to repair bikes, radios, and other electrical items. His favorite entertainer was Bruce Lee, whom he would imitate with the nunchucks and karate shoes. One thing that will never be forgotten about Jr. is if you told him something, you better believe he is not going to forget it. He will definitely hold you to your word. Leroy was also one of those people that if you tell him not to do something, he is going to do it!

In addition, his goals were to work with young people and be a positive role model that provided examples and allowed the children to be prepared for life's challenges. Towards the end of his life, Junior was able to experience something he prayed many years for: his sobriety! Leroy often talked to the Lord and prayed for deliverance from his vices. God answered his prayers! Leroy revealed that God talked to him and he accepted the Lord's requests of him to be sober.

Leroy accepted Jesus Christ as his Lord and Savior and was baptized at Beulah Heights in New Haven. Our father, Leroy Kelley Sr. and grandmother,

Lola Kelley were great examples to Jr. Leroy loved his mother, Shirley Kelley, if he could he would move the earth for her. He never forgot his mother's love. Jr. loved everything outdoors: oceans, lakes, ponds, turtles, birds, and etc. Jr. loved chocolate, Colombian coffee, and his nephew Troy's banana pudding. Jr. loved the water as well, maybe that is why his favorite color was blue!

Leroy attended the New Haven Public school system. His favorite gym teacher was Mr. Jackson from Jackie Robinson Middle School. Afterwards, he enrolled at Job Corps of New Haven to focus on career opportunities.

There will be a scholarship set-up in Leroy Kelley Jr.'s name to help the youth.

Leroy leaves to cherish his memory; Mom Shirley T. Kelley, sisters Carlessia (Michael), Shirley A., Wanda (Keir), and brother Troy; nieces and nephews La'Keya (Carl), Jayuan, Troy, Ericka, Troy S., Tyla, Tyesha, Keirianna, Brandon, Brianna, K.J., Ashia and Juju; great nieces and nephews Jayuan, Jamal, Ny'Aire, Trinity, Jayce, Kadence, Zuri, and Nyla; special great nieces and nephews; special cousin Clayton; special childhood friend Cecil, and John R.; special lady friend Audrey (Blue) and hosts of aunts, uncles, and cousins; Newhallville friends, especially Bassett Street where he held so many memories. He was predeceased by his loving father, Leroy Kelley Sr. of New Haven, CT.

Cemetery Details

Private

Events

Details are pending.

Tribute Wall

WK

“ Well, Jr, you always called me your bodyguard, but in reality, God was working through me. Now the task is to bring the culprit to justice. And the responsible things will be held accountable. The one on the scene who thought you were alone and tried to discard the truth will also be held accountable. As a child of God, THE LIGHT was all over the hit and run. So rest and know that God is working through your family, and I will report back the updates in Jesus Name!!!

Wanda Kelley-Jones - October 10, 2025 at 04:19 AM

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“ To the Kelly family.Jr was a real likeable person from a child,his father we grew up in the hill and have known each other family.so take your rest and family hold onto memories. GOD GOT YOU..LOVE THE MOODY FAMILY



Sylvia Davis _moody - September 28, 2025 at 10:02 PM

SK

“ Shirley Kelley sent a virtual gift in memory of Leroy Kelley



Shirley Kelley - September 27, 2025 at 11:12 PM

SS

“ Shirley Kelley sister lit a candle in memory of Leroy Kelley



Shirley Kelley sister - September 27, 2025 at 11:11 PM

JC

“ My uncle was real and raw—never hiding his struggles, never pretending to be anyone but himself. He could recite Psalm 91 from start to finish, a quiet testament to his faith. He drank strong black coffee and found comfort in earth-tone colors and the range of Mother Nature. Music was part of his heartbeat: the soul of Angie Stone and Sade, the smooth clarinet in Mario’s Let Me Love You, the sharp metaphors and flow of Fabolous in Breathe, the timeless grooves of Earth, Wind & Fire, and so much more. Every note, every color, every ritual told the story of a man who lived in his truth.

In his prime years, I heard stories he had a swift side kick that earned him the nickname Bruce Leroy.

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Jayuan Carter - September 27, 2025 at 09:22 PM

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Jayuan Carter - September 27, 2025 at 09:03 PM

AJ

“ I'm going to miss my 1st Cousin...running into him...talking to and with him...his laugh...him clearing his throat,(like my Uncle Leroy also did),our confidential talks ...in MY Mother's house,we were all in the habit of saying "I Love you",and "so long",(as our Grandfather Pastor David L. Knight would say),so me and Jr. NEVER parted without saying "I Love you Cousin"...I have prayed that The Holy Ghost would Minister to my Aunt Shirley,and strengthen her at this time...I'm going to miss my Cousin,and I'm going to cherish all of our confidential talks...I'll never forget him!!



Apostle Allen E Coleman Jr - September 26, 2025 at 11:06 PM

WK

“ Wanda Kelley-Jones lit a candle in memory of Leroy Kelley



Wanda Kelley-Jones - September 26, 2025 at 11:16 AM

WK

“ Jr, I Love you, and I'm so happy I told you while you were here. Rest in Paradise!

Wanda Kelley-Jones - September 26, 2025 at 11:15 AM

SK

Jr. always ask about how everyone in the family was doing. He always talked about God to me and always tell me about psalm 91 Jr. favorite chapter. He loved when I talk about the bible. This is what help him alot. Because when I would read to him it let him know how much God loves him. Now he could rest no more pain.

Shirley Kelley - September 27, 2025 at 11:19 PM

WK

Jr,
I often find myself waiting for that knock on my back window at the house, but I know it is not coming.
Sleep on, Brother, we miss you!
But God got you in His destined resting place.
Love,
Wanda, your little big sister, you would say.

Wanda Kelley-Jones - December 19, 2025 at 09:01 AM