

Celebrating the Life

of

Bro. Jaylen DeWayne Vance

Active Pallbearers

*Justin Davis
Keyuntae Anderson
Darien Kelly*

*DQuinton Robertson
Ray Mayweather
Sekeitherin Butler, Jr.*

Honorary Pallbearers

*Brother
Uncles
Nephews*

Flower Bearers

*MHS Class of 2022
M. E. B. C. Ushers*

Acknowledgement

The family of Jaylen Vance would like to thank you for every act of kindness shown during his life and during this time of bereavement. God bless each of you, and thank you so much.

The Family

*Sunrise
December 17, 2003*

*Sunset
August 20, 2025*

*“ To everything there is a season,
And a time to every purpose under the heavens:
A time to be born, and a time to die.
Ecclesiastes 3:1-2*

Service

*Saturday, August 30, 2025
11:00 A.M.*

*Mary Evergreen Baptist Church
9677 Highway 171
Grand Cane, LA 71032*

Rev. James Demery, Officiating



Jenkins Funeral Home

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Obituary

My name is Jaylen DeWayne Vance. I was born on December 17, 2003. My parents are Theresa Ann Hogan Vance and Tavares DeWayne Vance. My siblings are LaShonda Hogan, Jamerrick Hogan, and Alexis Vance (my partner in crime lol). My grandparents are the late Leroy Hogan, Sr, and the late C. Willow Hogan—also, Robert Vance, Jr., and Sandra Vance.

I accepted Christ at the early age of 5 at the Mary Evergreen Baptist Church. The late Pastor Edward Hatcherson, Jr, baptized me. My daddy assisted.

I received my formal education in DeSoto Parish. My first school was Mansfield Head Start. Mrs. Carrie Mitchell was my first teacher. My next school was Mansfield Elementary/Middle School. And then on to Mansfield High School. I graduated in the class of 2022. I had a love for football. My journey started with the Upward Bound Flag Football Program. It ended with the Mansfield High School Varsity Football team. I was “Big 63”. My senior year, I made the All-District Team, but unfortunately, my health said “NO”.

God has been so good to me. In my 21 years, He blessed me to work at some of the finest places – Omni Specialty Packaging, International Paper Mill, and the Cyber Square Sand Plant. I met many people and I went many places.

I was blessed to have good neighbors like Mr. Daymeon and Mrs. Jacqueline Boykins. This was my second home. They loved me. D.J. was my childhood friend who became my little brother.

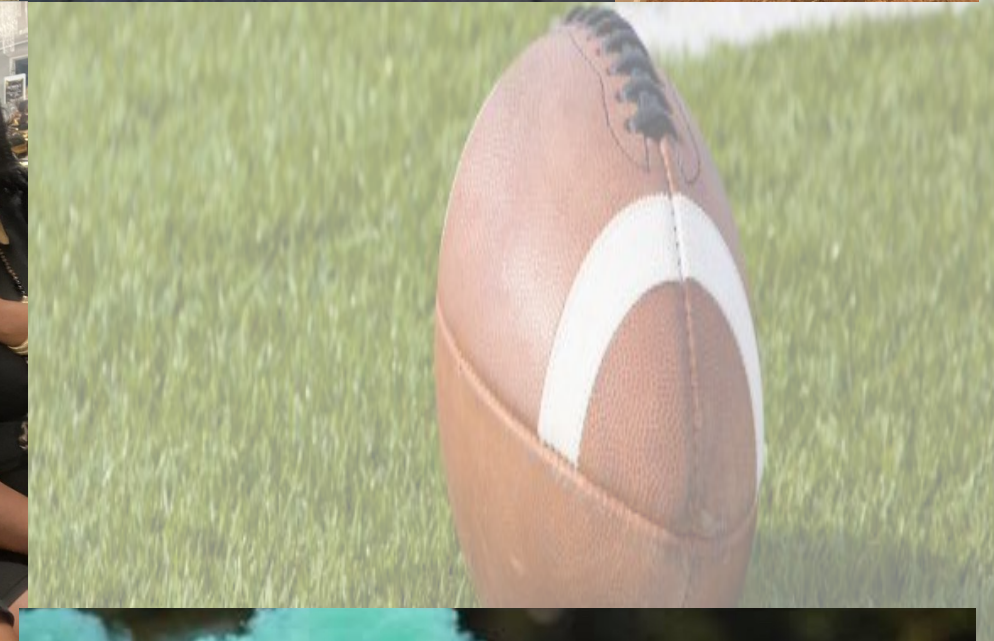
I’m preceded in death by my late grandparents.

Left to cherish my memories and continue this life’s journey without me are: my mother, Thersa Ann Hogan Vance; my father, Tavares DeWayne Vance (Carmenita); my brother, Jamerrick Hogan; my sisters, LaShonda Hogan and Alexis Vance (Lil Mama); my grandparents, Robert and Sandra Vance; My aunts, Laverne Young (Rickey), Cheryl Simmons (Windall); my uncles, Leroy Hogan, Jr. (Kathy), and Travis Jones (Uncle Pete-my personal mechanic); a host of nieces, nephews, cousins and many friends.

*I came, I worked, I stayed
I wanted to serve both God and Man
My calling, I tried to fulfil. If I failed in my trying
Then I pray that God is pleased.*

“Goodnight, Family and Friends, I’ll See You in the Morning!!”

*Love,
Jay*





Order of Service

Processional *Clergy & Family*

The Final Look

Scripture Reading
Old & New Testament *Pastor Kevin Cain*

Prayer *Rev. Moses Hall*

Celebratory Song *M. E. B. C. Mass Choir*

Obituary *Read Silently*

Expressions *2 minutes please*

Acknowledgements/Resolutions *Sis. Betty Carter*

Celebratory Solo *Pastor Don Pope*

Words of Comfort *Bishop Joseph Hall, Jr.*

Celebratory Song *M. E. B. C. Mass Choir*

Funeral Oration *Rev. James Demery*

Recessional

Entombment

Mary Evergreen Baptist Church Cemetery
9677 Highway 171
Grand Cane, LA 71032

Tributes



*This is the worst feeling
I have had in my life.
I thank God for my son.
I was so proud of the man
he had become.*

*I have so many good memories
we shared together.*

*I was at all of his football
games except one.*

*We traveled far and near,
but he always knew I was there.*

*We shared a love
for the PlayStation 5.*

*We loved to challenge each other
on the Madden Football Game.*

*Each year we waited for the
new game to be released.*

*He beat me pretty badly t
he last time we played.*

*The day we were to have the rematch,
my eyes had been dilated,
and seeing was a problem for me.*

*Upon leaving the house, he said, "Bye,
Grandma, Papa, and Kae.*

Daddy, I'll See You in the morning.

*I love Jaylen forever,
Your Dad*

My Beloved Son,

*There are no words to truly capture
the depth of my sorrow in saying
goodbye to you. From the moment I
first held you, my life was forever
changed. Your laughter, kindness,
and love brought light to every day,
and I will cherish those memories
always. Though your time with us
was far too short, you taught me the
true meaning of love and left an im-
print on my heart that will never
fade.*

*You will always be my pride, my joy,
and my greatest blessing. Rest
peacefully, my sweet son. Until we
meet again, I will carry you in my
heart with endless love.*

*With all my love,
Your Mother*





Tributes

My Sweet Baby Brother

*Jaylen you was the sweetest ever
I'm so thankful for the 21 seasons
That god aloud you to be present*

*I'll always cherish you in my heart
I'll never let your memories disappear
Till we meet again My sweet Baby
Brother*



Always Shunda

*Jay made it so easy for
us to love him unconditionally.
From birth to now, he was the
sweetest and the gentlest giant we knew.
He would do anything in
his power to help us,
and we would do the same for him.*

From Your Baby Sister "Your Lil Mama"

*We were like two peas in a pod.
Whatever I wanted you to do, you did it.
My heart is broken right now because
I miss you so much.
Rest, my brother, until we meet again.*

*We are so thankful for the
21 years that God has
allowed us to love Jay.
We trust God and believe
that we will see you again.
Until then, Rest in Peace because you
have definitely lived in Peace.*

Alexis

*Love,
Your Grandparents*

Tributes

Who would have known our time together would be so short? You were like a little big brother to me.

We made so many memories throughout our childhood that I will forever cherish.

As my eyes fill with tears, I find myself gazing up at the sky, feeling the warmth of the sun, reminding me of your love and that unforgettable smile.

The boys and I love you dearly and will truly miss you. Though they're too young to fully understand, they feel your absence and often think back on the days you shared together.

**It was too soon, Jay.
— Tee & The Boys**

Our Sweet Nephew,

It breaks our hearts to say goodbye so soon. From the moment you entered our lives, you brought laughter, love, and light that will never fade. You were more than a nephew—you were like a son and a true blessing.

We will forever cherish your smile, your jokes, and the way you brought our family together. Rest peacefully, nephew. Until we meet again, know that you are forever in our hearts, our sweet nephew—loved beyond words.

**With love,
Your Aunts and Uncles**

For nineteen years, side by side,
Through laughter, storms,
and tears we'd ride.
Not bound by blood, but soul's design,
Your heart and mine forever twined.
A friend, a brother, a steady hand,
You taught me love, to understand.
Now heaven calls, though much too soon,
I'll meet you there beyond the moon.
The Lord has gathered you to rest,
And though it hurts, I know it's best.
For every step, His plan was true,
And now His light surrounds you too.
I'll carry your voice, your smile, your song,
In quiet nights when grief feels strong.
And when my journey's race is run,
We'll meet again—two souls as one.
Farewell for now, my brother, my friend,
This broken road is not the end.
In God's great love, you're whole, you're free,
And still you walk in faith with me.
-Love DJ

You were more than a brother; you were my confidant, my supporter, and my friend. I remember our shared laughter, the stories we exchanged, and the dreams we built together. Those moments are now treasures I hold close to my heart. While I miss you deeply and will continue to miss you each day, I take comfort in knowing that you are at peace. I will honor your memory by carrying your love in my heart Jay I love you my boy make sure you let everybody know how we get down on them bones..... **Big Hook**

