



Leander Wayne Laws

June 27, 1960 - December 28, 2021

Leander Wayne Laws was born on June 27, 1960 in Altheimer, Arkansas to Williestine Wilson and Cloid E. Laws, Sr. He was the third of six children. Leander graduated from high school and dedicated himself to being a husband, a father, a brother, a security officer and a grill master. He departed this life on December 28, 2021 in Chicago, Illinois. Leander is survived by his wife Denise, siblings, aunts, daughters, nieces, nephews, grand children, great grand children and a host of other loved ones.

Cemetery Details

Private

Previous Events

Visitation

JAN 8. 10:00 AM - 10:30 AM (CT)

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Interment

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Private

Tribute Wall



“ *Leander Wayne Laws*

October 09, 2023 at 04:52 AM



“ *2 files added to the album Family Memories*



Juana McFarland - January 10, 2022 at 11:06 AM



“ *Sorry to hear about the loss of Leander.
Kevin Hill and Family*



Kevin Hill - January 08, 2022 at 12:03 PM



Kevin, thank you for your expression of sympathy during our loss.

Terri - January 14, 2022 at 04:27 PM



“ *Please accept my deepest condolences Family! May God Bless and
keep your family as they celebrate your life.*

Michelle Davis-Hatch - January 08, 2022 at 12:01 PM

TE

Thank you for your expression of sympathy Michelle. 🙏❤️

Terri - January 23, 2022 at 02:04 PM



“ Bird, I can't believe you are gone I met you in 1988 at Grossinger Pontiac. I was only 18 and you had such a huge impact on my life at the time. You will always be in my thoughts and my heart. Miss you my brother!!!!

Scott Wasserman - January 08, 2022 at 11:29 AM

TE

Thank you Scott for sharing your memories about Leander. We all miss him. 🙏❤️

Terri - January 23, 2022 at 02:07 PM

RD

“ My deepest condolences to your family. Leander was always respectful and nice to my family. He will be missed. Prayers for the family and friends. 🙏❤️🕊️💙😇

Renee Daniel - January 08, 2022 at 11:14 AM

TE

Thank you Renee. Leander's history with your family goes way back. Thank you for your expressions of sympathy and love. 🙏🕊️🙏

Terri - January 23, 2022 at 02:10 PM

CM

“ Uncle Wingy. I love you very much. I miss you very much. You were more than the best uncle we could ask for. I'm grateful we are family.

charell mcfarland - January 08, 2022 at 10:09 AM

CH

“ Uncle wingy, you will forever be in my heart. Thank you for caring for Charell and I selflessly like we were your own children. Thank you for watching and guarding us. We love you and appreciate the sacrifices you made to be the best uncle! ❤️

Chantell - January 08, 2022 at 09:46 AM

MM

“ I worked at Archer Heights Library with Mr. Lee I recently retired in October no words can't describe he was such a kind and caring person. Always going above and beyond his duties and watching out for us and our patrons. He will truly be missed.

Sincerely,
Margot Menchaca

Margot Menchaca - January 06, 2022 at 05:42 PM

TE

Bless you Margot! Leander loved his job and his colleagues. He talked about it so much that I knew the people by name. Thank you for embracing him and accepting him. He took pride in his job and gave it his best until the end. ❤️🙏

Terri - January 23, 2022 at 02:03 PM



“ Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Leander Wayne Laws.



January 06, 2022 at 03:57 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue* was purchased for the family of Leander Wayne Laws.



January 06, 2022 at 03:57 PM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket* was purchased for the family of Leander Wayne Laws.



January 06, 2022 at 03:55 PM

TW

“ I wrote my tribute a week ago. I was pretty sure of what I had written as I thought, “Wayne and I were the two in the middle. There were two before us and two after us. Our stories were similar in many ways. Until this past April, we were the two that remained in Chicago when everyone else moved...” I had convinced myself that Wayne and I had a special bond among the six siblings. You know like when a child convinces themselves that they’re the parents’ favorite? But once I began to read what other siblings had written about Wayne being there for them without telling their business, bailing them out of situations to keep our parents from finding out, being a voice of reason and sage wisdom over the years, etc., I began to realize Wayne had tricked me! Because of his loving and caring nature, he had a way of making everyone feel special...like they were the chosen one. His nieces fondly remembered how he took them to get potato chips and pickles after school. His stepdaughters spoke of how he was the father they never had. His co-workers praised him for watching over them and making sure they were safe. His wife lamented that he took care of everything, and she’s basically lost without him. Grown men cried when they found out about his passing... Yeah, I had been hoodwinked and bamboozled into thinking our relationship was special. And it was... it was just as special as ALL the other relationships in my brother’s life. He had the uncanny ability to make everyone feel like they were that special someone because in his eyes, they were. May He Rest In Peace. ❤️🙏

Terri

Terri Wilson - January 04, 2022 at 06:25 PM

JM

This is beautiful Terri ❤️

Juana McFarland - January 05, 2022 at 07:13 PM

CH

So true!!! That was definitely his gift. ❤️

Chantell - January 08, 2022 at 09:59 AM

TC

My condolences to you Terri and to your entire family. I did not know your brother Leander Wayne but all of these wonderful tributes make me realize that he is just like you. And since you are one of my most favorite people in the world, I am sure Wayne and I would have become great friends if I had been blessed to know him. May the Lord's blessings rain down upon Leander Wayne Laws and his family and may he Rest In Peace.

Tom C. - January 08, 2022 at 11:22 AM

TE

Bless you Tom. Thank you for your expressions of sympathy in the loss of my brother. Everyone's support and prayers have made this time more bearable for our family. Thank you again. ❤️

Terri - January 14, 2022 at 04:34 PM

LB

My name is Linda Budz, I am a patron of the Archer Heights, library. Mr. Laws was the smiling face that greeted everyone at the library. He was a a kind, respectable gentleman who always was friendly and helpful. We will miss him dearly. God Bless

Linda Budz - January 18, 2022 at 09:53 PM

TE

Bless you Linda. Working at the Archer Heights Branch was the highlight of Leander's day. It was an outlet for him and allowed him to meet many people. My heart is happy to know that he was happy. Thank you and the other patrons for making his day. 🌹🕊️

Terri - January 23, 2022 at 02:14 PM

AS

“ *Archer Heights Library Staff purchased the Heavenly Grace Spray for the family of Leander Wayne Laws.*



Archer Heights Library Staff - January 03, 2022 at 11:36 AM

H(

“ Leander or "Wayne" as he was called in our house was a dependable, easy going, and even tempered brother. Dependable in that, If you called him, you knew he'd answer. If you needed it and he had it, you knew he'd give it to you. And if you were in a jam or in trouble and didn't want Mama to find out, Whether you still lived at home or not, Wayne would come get you, make sure you were ok, and never breathe a word about it without your permission. And when you said "thank you" he'd simply respond "Don't ever be afraid to call me, I'm your brother." (Lesson Learned)

Wayne was also easy going and even tempered. I remember a different time, back when I was in middle school and I wanted to go on a field trip and mom and dad didn't have the money, so Wayne paid for me to go. I showed him my appreciation by sneaking into his closet the morning of the field trip and borrowing his 'Members Only' jacket and matching 'Kangol' hat without permission. Of course I spilled ketchup down the front of the jacket and the hat flew off my head and landed in a puddle of mud. When Wayne saw the clothing later that evening he handed the items to me and made me walk them to the dry cleaners. Then 2 days later when they were ready to be picked up, he handed me the ticket and the money and said "now go get my clothes" When I got back I finally apologized for going in his closet and he simply said "Next time, Just ask" and he let me keep the change from the dry cleaners. Now the next time I asked to borrow his clothes he looked at me, smiled and simply said "Nope". (Lesson Learned) Of course, every time after that he always said yes.

Wayne was a great brother, friend, and mentor. I shared the 2 above memories because through them Wayne taught me 2 important lessons.

1. Family comes when you call them
2. Family forgives when you wrong them

Wayne, I'll never forget the lessons you taught me and I'll always love you Brother!!!

Harry Tolbert Jr. (Tarell) - January 01, 2022 at 07:12 PM

JM

Beautifully shared Tarell. Wayne taught all of lessons in his own special way. ❤️

Juana McFarland - January 05, 2022 at 07:15 PM

CH

Love love love this!!! ❤️

Chantell - January 08, 2022 at 09:58 AM

JL

“ Jimmy Lightfoot lit a candle in memory of Leander Wayne Laws



Jimmy Lightfoot - December 31, 2021 at 12:58 PM

TE

Thank you Jimmy for remembering our brother. ❤️

Terri - January 14, 2022 at 04:39 PM



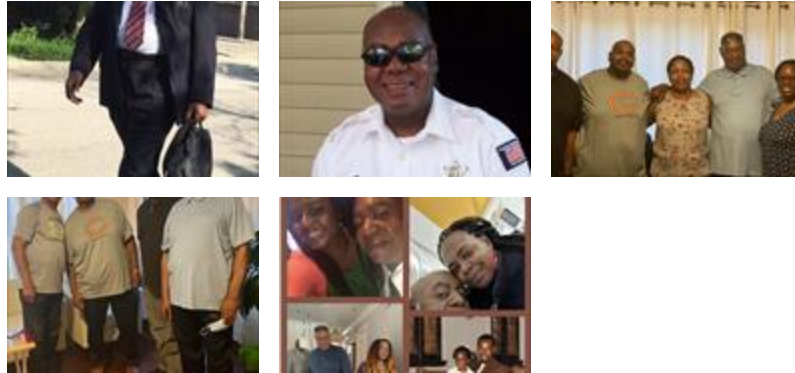
“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Leander Wayne Laws.



December 30, 2021 at 09:32 AM

JM

“ 6 files added to the album Family Memories



Juana McFarland - December 30, 2021 at 07:23 AM

MK

I am a Patron of The Archer Heights . Library were Leander Laws was a security Guard. I met Lew there and talked to him. We became friends. He was a very nice, kind, friendly man. I will miss him very much. I give my sincere condolences to his family. Lew was a Great man. God Bless Leander Laws . Yours Truely Mike Krocza.

Michael Krocza - January 08, 2022 at 01:01 AM