



Mr. Adrian L. Gardner

March 16, 1974 - December 22, 2024

Adrian LaShawn Gardner made his appearance into the world on March 16, 1974, to the union of John B. and Sallie Mae Gardner. Known as “Shawn” to family and close friends. He entered the KC Missouri School system and matriculated through Mary Harmon Weeks Elementary, King Middle School and Paseo Academy Fine and Performing Arts. Attending Paseo Academy he majored in Instrumental Music/ Vocal Music while affectionately gaining the name “Bubba” among his peers. Shawn made history as being a part of the first graduating class from the new Paseo Academy Fine and Performing Arts in June 1993.

Born and raised in a Pentecostal home, he accepted the Lord and Savior Jesus Christ at the early age of 12 years old. Shawn quickly took the love of an organ and piano, playing on the organ in the home he focused on enhancing his musical craft that he was blessed to have.

This talent would later present him an opportunity to attend Full Sail University, which he declined to continue serving in ministries in the local church and to follow his dream.

Over time, Shawn served as Minister of Music at various churches including the New Landmark International Deliverance Ministries, New Bethel Pentecostal Church, Westminster Baptist Church. His major step came when he accepted his call to ministry, under the leadership of Bishop James R. Mayfield. He completed his ministerial requirements through St. Peter Full Gospel Baptist Church becoming an Ordained Minister.

He had a love for cooking, and his southern roots persuaded Shawn into an entrepreneur mode which birthed his first restaurant Down South Grill. Running this establishment, he challenged himself and ventured into the food truck industry which formed two popular food trucks Hella-Bar-Cue and Show-me-Street Foods. His popular employees consisted of his nieces and nephew whom you would see with the assistance from his staff Arron, Dre, and Kevin. Shawn was able to share his love through his recipes and barbecue to family, friends, companies, and communities.

His love for his nieces and nephews came natural to him, you would find him at Father-Daughter Dances, dance recitals, homecoming events, band performances, softball and baseball games, high school, and college graduations and so much more. Attending trail rides with his close friend Prebis, teaching his nephew Manny ATV riding, the

barbecue rules and grill secrets.

Sunday, December 22, 2024, Shawn answered his final call and transitioned into glory

where he was welcomed by his loved ones who preceded him in death, his father John B.

Gardner Jr, mother, Sallie Mae Gardner, brother Kenneth Murrell and niece Arzelia Marshall.

He leaves to cherish his memories three sisters Tyran Murrell, Naishia Gardner of Lee's

Summit, Mo., Stephanie Gardner of Kansas City, Mo., two brothers John Gardner (LaVonda) of

Kansas City, Mo., Quentin Gardner Sr. (Christine) of Kansas City, Mo. His nieces and nephews

Maleka McGee, Rykiera Murrell, Quentin Gardner Jr., Ziyah Gardner, Joshua Gardner, Rykiya

Murrell, Kylan Murrell, Jasmin Gardner, Rykyran Murrell, Rymyra Murrell, Zurric Gardner, and

God- nephew Arron Stuart. Childhood best friend Stetton Jefferson along with close friends

Prebis Burton, Lenelle Parker, Cleveland Drone and a host of family and friends.

Funeral Services will be held on Saturday, January 4, 2024, at 11:00 a.m. at Christian Tabernacle Church Of God In Christ 7405 Paseo Blvd. KCMO 64131. Interment: Moore Cemetery, Dubberly, Louisiana. Visitation: 10-11:00 a.m. at the Church. Arrangements entrusted to Lawrence A. Jones & Sons Funeral Chapels. Condolence may be shared on our website lawrenceajones.com.

Previous Events

Visitation

JAN 4. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

Christian Tabernacle Church of God In Christ
7405 Paseo Boulevard
Kansas City, MO 64132

Funeral Service

JAN 4. 11:00 AM (CT)

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Tribute Wall

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“ *Food Truck Man,
Was very passionate about his food and love of friends and family.
You will be greatly missed. I will miss talking and joking with you
over the phone. I'm sure going to miss your RIB TIPS (Fire) Love
Always your dear friend Nicole W.*

Nicole Williams - February 07, 2025 at 01:08 PM

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“ *I had the pleasure of working with Adrian
(Shawn) for the past couple of years. Though
quiet, he was jovial and willing to assist
however needed. He maintained high
standards without being condescending. His
love for family and community was evident in our crack of dawn
conversations in his office. May the peace and joy he brought into
your lives comfort you.
Sincerest condolences,
Linda Johnson*



Linda Johnson - January 05, 2025 at 04:24 PM

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“ *We At Southside Christian Church offer our sincere condolences to
the family. And will continue to keep all of you in prayer.*

*Pastor Lester E Allen Sr
Southside Christian Church*

Lester Allen Sr - January 03, 2025 at 11:23 AM



“ *Tender Tribute was purchased for the family of Mr. Adrian L. Gardner.*



January 02, 2025 at 08:25 PM



“ *Christian sympathy to the entire family of your loved one. Although I did not know him, I heard of his devotion to his family and especially his nieces and nephews. I know you all will miss him and it will be hard knowing he is at rest but I am praying for God to carry you all through.*



Angie - December 31, 2024 at 10:44 PM