



## Steven Thomas Bledsoe Jr

January 9, 1967 - August 9, 2022

<https://livestream.com/accounts/7325565/stevenbledsoe>

Steven Thomas Bledsoe Jr. courageously departed this life to return to Our Lord, Jesus Christ on August 9, 2022. He was born to Steven Thomas Bledsoe Sr. and Brenda Glover in Indianapolis, Indiana on January 9, 1967. Steven attended Indianapolis Independent School District and graduated from Broad Ripple High School April 1985. He went to further his education by receiving his Licenses as a A/C and Heating Expert (HVAC), United States Environmental Protection Agency (EPA-CPO Universal) and OSHA Certified. Steven professed a hope in Jesus Christ at an early age and attended Zion Hill Missionary Baptist Church under the leadership of Reverend Lee, Indianapolis, Indiana and later moved his membership to East Side New Hope Baptist Church, Indianapolis, Indian. In 2003 he moved to Austin, Texas where he established his membership at Zion Rest Missionary Baptist Church under the leadership of Pastor R.E. Foster sang in the choir and served as a leader in other ministries of the church.

As a child Steven was very inquisitive, he always wanted to know what and how things worked. He was always taking his toys apart and putting them back together. In school he was a good student, did his homework and didn't complain much. During his high-school years he worked downtown at a taco bell and when he got paid, he would always bring his check home to his mother to help pay the bills. Steven liked cooking and his mother taught him

how to make certain things in case he never married. Steven always had a “Big” Smile” on his face and always found a reason to laugh. He enjoyed growing up with his cousins, playing basketball and family cookouts. Steven was mild-mannered with a gentle spirit and a big heart.

While in Indianapolis, IN., Steven married Shauna Upchurch-Hilliard and to this union they had one son Steven Alexander Bledsoe. Steven also had two best friends growing up. They did everything together; James Ray and Dwayne Ray were 14 years old when they met, they became best friends, whenever the three of them got together the rest was history, they became brothers and remained friends until this day. Steven and Dwayne sang with the Rocky Shores gospel group; they were the youngest in the group. Steven also became the God Father of James' three daughters Jada, Dorain and Kayla. Steven was employed as a Maintenance Technician with Kensington-Indianapolis in 2003 then he moved to Austin, Texas and made it his permanent home where he made many friends.

Steven had experience as a Maintenance Technician for 20+ years and in addition to his experience he gained considerable customer service skills, maintained over 300+ unit properties and had strong leadership skills.

Upon his relocation to Austin, Tx (2003) he worked as a lead Maintenance at Spring Valley Apartments-Austin, Texas in 2003-2005, Lead Supervisor Club at Summer Valley Apartments-Austin, Texas in 2005-2007, Lead Service Technician at Travis Station Apartments-Austin, Texas 2007-2015, Regional Maintenance Supervisor at Daybreak Venture LLC-Denton, Texas 2015-2018, Facility Maintenance Visa (Camelot)-Austin, Texas 2018 to Present until his health failed.

“A Servant Leader”

Steven grew up and became his own man, he was first a Man of God and a Family Man... A ride or die Indianapolis Colts fan. He knew everything about sports, he loved football, fishing, grilling and quiet moments in his man cave. Steven had an old soul, he loved music, old gospel songs and singing out loud. He knew every song you could think of and all the lyrics no matter who

the artist was. Steven was very proud of his son "Lil" Steven which is what he called him and would light up when he received calls from him, he loved everybody and everybody loved him, he had a smile that would light up a room when he entered one and he always made you welcomed and would make you feel like you knew him forever.

To cherish the memory of this great man is his wife and forever true love, Vickie Bledsoe, Austin, Texas; Mother, Mrs. Brenda Glover-Travis (Jasper); Father, Steven T. Bledsoe (JoAnna), Indianapolis, IN; Son, Steven A. Bledsoe, Indianapolis, IN; Bonus Daughters, Ms. Krystal Jones-Williams, Mrs. Shawntay Clemons (Marcus), Mrs. Tie'rah Wilson (Brandon) all of Austin, Texas; Mother and Father-In-Law Dea. Leo and Mrs. Shirley Brown, Austin, Texas; Sisters, Shannon Bailey (Willie) Killeen, TX, Cheryl Bledsoe, Nashville, TN; and Brother John Bledsoe (Tonya), Indianapolis, IN. 10 Grandkids who he adored and loved; Aunts, Cheri Gorman (McArthur), Rhonda Glover and Rita A. Watson, Indianapolis IN; Uncles, Craig Bledsoe Sr. Indianapolis, Indiana, Gerald Glover (Rhonda), Indianapolis IN; Great Aunt, Vivian Sarver, 10 Grandkids, and a host of brothers-in-law, sister-in laws, nieces, nephews, family, and friends.

# Previous Events

## **PUBLIC VIEWING FOLLOWING CDC GUIDELINES**

AUG **25**. 4:00 PM - 6:00 PM (CT)

St. James Baptist Church  
3417 E. Martin Luther King Jr. Blvd  
Austin, TX 78721

## **Celebration Service**

AUG **26**. 12:00 PM (CT)

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# Tribute Wall



“ Steven Thomas Bledsoe Jr

October 06, 2023 at 07:08 AM



“ Steven was my son. It's not a day that I don't think about something you said or you being silly. I pray that you are at Peace and know that I miss you so much Son. We had a very special bond. I as proud of all your accomplishments. You will always be in my heart. Love Mom.

**Brenda Glover Travis** - November 27, 2022 at 08:22 PM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Steven Thomas Bledsoe Jr.



August 25, 2022 at 01:46 PM



“ Deborah Hargis lit a candle in memory of Steven Thomas Bledsoe Jr



**Deborah Hargis** - August 24, 2022 at 11:51 AM

VB

“ *First thing on my agenda every day is missing you throughout the day. Love you, my sweet husband.  
I miss your sweet smile, I miss your loving touch and I miss your soft voice. But most of all I miss the person I am when I was with you.*



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**Vickie Bledsoe** - August 22, 2022 at 08:43 PM

PR

“ *o our brother Steve. I remember the first time I meet Steve over a decade ago, He called me sis and I called him bro. His smile and laugh would light up a room. Steve was a blessing in my husband (James E Ray Jr) life we will miss you brother steve*

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**Pastor Sherry Ray** - August 22, 2022 at 07:56 PM

JR

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**James & Sherry Ray** - August 22, 2022 at 07:53 PM

JR

“ 1 file added to the tribute wall



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**James Ray** - August 22, 2022 at 07:50 PM

CG

“ *I worked with Steve at TCS and I loved working with him because he worked hard, was always in good spirits and he played all the good jams! We'd sing together and I enjoyed our conversations. Steve, you will be missed!*

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**Cat Gutierrez** - August 18, 2022 at 09:31 AM

DE

“ *Steve was part of Team AUSome and will forever be missed! Steve was funny and thoughtful and supportive and encouraging. He loved his family and shared his pride. He told us how he met his wife and we knew everything he did was for his family. RIP Steve.*



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**Deanna** - August 18, 2022 at 09:07 AM

BT

*Steven was a fantastic son and brother. Very protective of his mother and sister. He helped any and everyone he could. Steven love family and cherished all his friends.*

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**Brenda Glover Travis** - September 05, 2022 at 03:25 PM

SC

“ *Mr. Steven you have always been the sweetest! You where a Gem in our lives. You where and are everything to your grandkids! We will miss you! We love you! Job well done! Get your rest!!*

Shawntay Clemons - August 17, 2022 at 10:27 AM

TW

“ *Thank you for loving our family since day one. Our paths crossed for a reason and I can truly say we could always count on you. Being a husband, father, grandfather were the roles I was blessed to witness you in and I can say from the bottom of my heart that you were one of the greatest. Our bond was one of a kind and I will definitely cherish the moments. Thank you thank you thank you especially for being a highlight in my children's life.*



Tierah Wilson - August 15, 2022 at 09:58 PM

KS

“ *Truly going to miss our chats and seeing you laugh around these grandkids. They sure are missing you. Continue to rest easy. We will always think of you.*



Krystal- stepdaughter - August 15, 2022 at 09:36 PM



“ *Mr Steven was a true gentleman in every sense of the word. His smile always lit up the room & he was always the first to wish all of us moms Happy Mothers Day when we were at the ball park at 7am to watch our kids play an 8am ball game. He was one of a kind & will be missed*❤️

Tiffany Shelly Herbrich - August 13, 2022 at 06:26 PM

SB

“ *Shannon Bailey lit a candle in memory of Steven Thomas Bledsoe Jr*



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**Shannon Bailey** - August 11, 2022 at 10:11 AM