



Johnny Leland Dantzler

November 4, 1937 - November 5, 2019

DANTZLER, Mr. Johnny Leland - age 82, passed away Tuesday November 5, 2019 at University Hospitals - Ann Arbor in Ann Arbor, Michigan. Family hour 10:00 AM Friday, November 15, 2019 at Perfecting Church, 7616 E. Nevada., with funeral service commencing immediately at 11:00 AM. Bishop Marvin L. Winans, Officiating. Interment White Chapel Memorial Park Cemetery 621 West Long Lake Road. Friends and pallbearers will assemble at the church 10:00 AM Friday. Mr. Dantzler will lie in state in the Chapel of Lawrence E. Moon Funeral Home, 268 North Perry Street and may be viewed from 3:00 PM -8:00 PM Thursday.

Johnny Leland Dantzler was born on November 4, 1937, in Macon, Mississippi. Johnny and his identical twin brother, Julius, were the youngest of five offspring born from the union of Julius L. Dantzler, Sr. and Marybelle (Dixon) Dantzler. Johnny spent most of his life in Flint, Michigan, ultimately graduating from Flint Northern High School in 1956. He was a star athlete while at Northern, excelling in track and field (named All State in 1956), baseball and basketball. Upon graduation from high school, Johnny began working for General Motors. He remained employed at GM for a period of 30 years, during which time he was promoted as the first African American sergeant of plant security at the Chevrolet Truck and Bus plant.

Throughout his lifetime, Johnny remained active and energetic. He enjoyed

playing golf, riding one of his many bikes, and going for long, scenic, drives with his family. Johnny enjoyed going for long walks with his beautiful wife of 35 years, Juanita, and his two daughters, Traci and Wendy. He also enjoyed watching sports and spending time with his son, Darren. Those who had the pleasure of knowing Johnny knew that he was a kind and generous person who would give out of his lack to help a loved one in need. Many of his children's friends considered him a surrogate father. He grew to have many adopted sons and daughters over his lifetime. He was also a wonderful friend and neighbor. As a testament to his beautiful spirit, one neighbor stated that, "a light went out in the neighborhood when Johnny left."

Most importantly, Johnny loved his family more than anything. He loved his three children, and his wife, with all his heart and soul. Family meant everything to him, and he poured out all he had to give to them every day. His special bond with his twin brother, Julius, was unequalled. It was as if they shared one soul. They became best friends in their mother's womb, and that bond remained until Johnny made his transition out of time and into eternity. Johnny loved his sisters, Ernestine, Fannie, and Arabelle dearly. He was their baby, and they adored him. His many nieces and nephews also held a very special place in his heart.

Johnny leaves to cherish his glorious memory: his loving, devoted, wife- Juanita; children-Darren John Dantzler, Dr. Traci Jill Dantzler, and Wendy Joy Dantzler;

brother-Julius (Carrie) Dantzler; sisters-Fannie Price Harris (Roosevelt) and Arabelle Sealey Capelton (Jimmie); special friend-Earl (Brenda) Bryant, and a host of nieces (special niece-Kimberly Dantzler), nephews, brothers-in-law, sisters-in-law, dear cousins and friends. Preceding Johnny in death were his father, mother and sister, Ernestine.

Johnny's greatest accomplishment was giving his life to the Lord nearly a year

before his transition. He was led into a prayer of repentance by two of God's most faithful servants, and he began to see through spiritual eyes thereafter. Those he left behind will miss him greatly, but we can find peace in knowing that he is in the presence of Almighty God singing with the angels, interceding on our behalf until we meet again.

“And now abideth faith, hope, love, these three: but the greatest of these is love.”

1 Corinthians 13:13

Cemetery Details

White Chapel Memorial Park Cemetery

621 West Long Lake Road
Troy, MI 48098

Previous Events

Visitation

NOV **14**. 3:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

Lawrence E. Moon Funeral Home Pontiac
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Pontiac, MI 48342
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Family Hour

NOV **15**. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

Perfecting Church
7616 East Nevada
Detroit, MI 48234
<http://www.perfectingchurch.org>

Funeral Service

NOV **15**. 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM (ET)

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Tribute Wall

SR

“ Your wife, children, family and friends they all have my Deepest Sympathy. I had the opportunity of working with Johnny and seeing his jokester side. Laughing and talking with him and Julis at the Golden Leaf. Yes he will be truly missed RIH JOHNNY 🚔♂️👤👉



Sandra ROBINSON - November 23, 2019 at 11:15 PM

MH

“ Marilyn Jordan Hudson lit a candle in memory of Johnny Leland Dantzler



marilyn jordan hudson - November 18, 2019 at 10:40 AM

RH

“ My Prayers of Comfort, Strength, Peace and Much Love To The Entire Dantzler Family. Darren, Traci, Wendy, Derek, Kim and Most of All His Twin Cousin Julius, I Love You All From The Bottom Of My Heart. Never Hesitate To Call And Say, "Hey Ruthi I Need Some Help With Anything Or I Just Wanted To Talk With You Or Just To See You" OK! I Love You Guys. May God Bless You All. 🥰💕🌸
👉R.P.I.H Johnny



Ruthi Hill - November 18, 2019 at 09:40 AM

HD

“ *Helen Donald lit a candle in memory of Johnny Leland Dantzler*



Helen Donald - November 15, 2019 at 07:21 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Johnny Leland Dantzler.*



November 14, 2019 at 11:50 AM



“ *Sentiments of Serenity Spray was purchased for the family of Johnny Leland Dantzler.*



November 13, 2019 at 10:21 PM

BP

“ *Bryan and Mischa Pollard purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Johnny Leland Dantzler.*



Bryan and Mischa Pollard - November 13, 2019 at 08:45 PM

RC

“ Rose Cox sent a virtual gift in memory of Johnny Leland Dantzler



Rose Cox - November 13, 2019 at 05:58 PM

RC

“ I had the pleasure of working with Johnny at the plant. He was a very like able person. My sincere condolences to the family I pray GOD will strengthen you as only HE can.....

Rose Cox - November 13, 2019 at 05:56 PM

OB

“ Ozell Relerford Burns sent a virtual gift in memory of Johnny Leland Dantzler



Ozell Relerford Burns - November 13, 2019 at 02:29 PM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Johnny Leland Dantzler.



November 13, 2019 at 07:17 AM

DC

“ Dwight And Yvette Tucker Collins lit a candle
in memory of Johnny Leland Dantzler



Dwight and Yvette Tucker Collins - November 12, 2019 at 09:42 AM

MF

“ The Forte family offers our condolences, love and support during
your time of bereavement. May God bless, comfort and keep you
all.

Marie Forte-Troupe - November 12, 2019 at 09:15 AM

ET

“ Ernelle Taylor lit a candle in memory of
Johnny Leland Dantzler



Ernelle Taylor - November 11, 2019 at 08:58 AM

DR

“ Deborah Relerford lit a candle in memory of
Johnny Leland Dantzler



Deborah Relerford - November 09, 2019 at 08:47 AM

JR

“ *Jerome- Deborah Relerford sent a virtual gift in memory of Johnny Leland Dantzler*



Jerome- Deborah Relerford - November 09, 2019 at 08:46 AM

CG

“ *Our condolences and prayers goes out to the Dantzler Family. Johnny was a great neighbor to us. May he rest in peace!*

From The Gustilo Family

Cesar A Gustilo - November 08, 2019 at 08:39 PM

MD

“ *Mary Dantzler-Grace lit a candle in memory of Johnny Leland Dantzler*



Mary Dantzler-Grace - November 08, 2019 at 08:07 PM

MD

“ *Mary Dantzler-Grace lit a candle in memory of Johnny Leland Dantzler*



Mary Dantzler-Grace - November 08, 2019 at 08:05 PM

GJ

Sending my condolences to the Dantzler family. Johnny was my cousin on my mother's side, Mrs. Fannie Mae Clark. I didn't know Johnny growing up, until our family moved to Flint and cousin Riley Parks introduced us to the Dantzler's. They were always so kind and loving to everyone. Gloria Clark Jackson

Gloria Clark Jackson - November 17, 2019 at 04:37 PM