



## Johnny W. "Hooker" Borders, Jr.

June 2, 1954 - December 12, 2020

BORDERS, Mr. Johnny Jr. "Hooker" – age 66, passed away, Saturday December 12, 2020 at his residence. Visitation Services Wednesday December 23, 2020 from the Chapel of Lawrence E. Moon Funeral Home, 268 North Perry Street. Mr. Borders will lie in state in the Chapel of Lawrence E. Moon Funeral Home, and may be viewed from 12Noon-6pm Wednesday.

Mr. Borders was an internationally recognized musician and played with Sunship, Orange Lake Drive, Groove Session Band, and countless others.

Mr. Borders leaves to cherish his memory: mother, Hazel Jean Jones, loving companion, Gail Brown; children, Keith (Lisa) Webb, Yarisha Green-Johnson, Kendra (George) Hathaway, Keywan (Amber) Clark, Sean Jones, Keilen Gardner, Johnny Javon Borders; brothers, Arlester (Cynthia) Johnson, Michael Ratcliff; grandchildren, Willie Williams, Keila (Kylan) Morris, Keith Webb Jr., Alex Mullen, Deniqua Tate, Jarod Jones, George Hathaway Jr., Mary Hathaway, Aminah Johnson, Amara Berry ,Zuri Berry, Michael Berry, Breanna Jones, Keywan Clark, Jr. and Sharid Clark; great-grandchildren, Kai'dynn Keels, Jhase Milton, Justice Milton, Josiah Milton, Payson Pierce, Turiq Culver; and a host of aunts; uncles, cousins and other numerous relatives and friends.

Mr. Borders was preceded in death by his father, Johnny W. Borders Sr. and

sister, Rhonda Jones.

# Previous Events

## Visitation

DEC **23**. 12:00 PM - 6:00 PM (ET)

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# Tribute Wall

LW

“ Laurita Washington sent a virtual gift in memory of Johnny W. "Hooker" Borders, Jr.



Laurita Washington - January 15, 2021 at 11:28 PM

DJ

“ David James lit a candle in memory of Johnny W. "Hooker" Borders, Jr.



David James - January 11, 2021 at 03:40 PM

JM

“ Rest In Peace UNK, you sure was one of a kind gonna miss you out here.  
Quita and family

Jacquita Myers - December 30, 2020 at 08:12 AM

DC

“ Man i Cant tell yall Friends and Family how you me and the unknown world is missing this Father Grandfather Uncle Teacher Mentor and lots of Preaching we had to hear from this Man of God we MISSING AS I Speak From The Drum Nation Hook Is Still Living In All Of Us.....

Donell Croskey - December 26, 2020 at 03:26 AM

TH

“ Tony Henderson-Bey lit a candle in memory of Johnny W. "Hooker" Borders, Jr.



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**Tony Henderson-Bey** - December 24, 2020 at 12:01 PM

LW

“ Daddy you'll truly be missed. That smile and laugh was so genuine. I am blessed to have had you call me daughter.  
Riko



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**L Mariko Webb** - December 23, 2020 at 07:17 PM

ER

“ Our deepest condolences. We were able to spend some time with Hooker last time we were in town. Always had a smile on his face. He Will be greatly missed ,always loved in our hearts. We understand that to be absent from the earthly body is to be present with the Lord.... keep playing your drums in heaven Mr. Hooker. Saying with love for my cousin, big brother KEITH BUBBY WEBB. God bless you and we will keep you and the family in our prayers.

Love , Jay and Lanie

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**Elaine Raigne** - December 23, 2020 at 09:39 AM

DJ

“ Our Deepest condolences to our nephew, Keith "Bubby" Webb, Ms. Jean, your brothers, sisters and family. We are still in shock and disbelief, such a talented and gifted drummer who didn't mine sharing his craft when ever he could. Let GOD'S Grace and Peace carry you all through this difficult time as HE is the only ONE that can. R.I.H., GOD Bless.



Darrell & Phyllis Johnson - December 22, 2020 at 09:12 PM



“ Rest well Hooker. You've been family for as long as I can remember. You always treated me as such and you are going to be missed.



Marsha Easley - December 22, 2020 at 12:36 PM

KP

“ Katrina Phelps lit a candle in memory of Johnny W. "Hooker" Borders, Jr.



Katrina Phelps - December 22, 2020 at 12:10 PM

BT

“ Bernice Thomas lit a candle in memory of Johnny W. "Hooker" Borders, Jr.



Bernice Thomas - December 22, 2020 at 12:40 AM

LG

“ Linda Grandberry lit a candle in memory of Johnny W. "Hooker" Borders, Jr.



linda grandberry - December 21, 2020 at 09:10 PM

CG

“ This what I posted in the obituary remarks.

*A brother-in-law (love) I knew so shortly, but the one thing I know is your brother LOVES you undescribably. Missed already, but never to be forgotten. Heaven has what earth can never replace. The drum beat to all of our hearts. RIH until we meet again. Cynthia George-Johnson & Family* 🤍🌈🤍🌈



Cynthia George-Johnson - December 21, 2020 at 08:49 PM



“ Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Johnny W. "Hooker" Borders, Jr..



December 21, 2020 at 06:22 PM

CC

“ Hooker you will be missed forever and always. The high school memories and the beautiful moments you shared with us will always speak of a great person that you were. Rest in peace my friend up in the heaven.

Cheryl Campbell - December 21, 2020 at 03:57 PM

SM

“ My thoughts and prayers for the family. Thank you "Hooker" for your many years of dedication to Friendship Missionary Baptist Church as the church drummer. You were a dedicated member of the church and the choir and was there even when you were the only sound of music we had. Thank you for all of your encouragement and sharing your talent with us. As they say the drummer is the heartbeat. The heartbeat has now been silenced and will forever be missed. You are now truly "Walking on Sunshine"

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**Sabrina Muscovalley-Roberts** - December 21, 2020 at 03:52 PM

RS

“ Robin Smiley lit a candle in memory of Johnny W. "Hooker" Borders, Jr.



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**Robin Smiley** - December 21, 2020 at 03:42 PM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Johnny W. "Hooker" Borders, Jr..



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December 21, 2020 at 12:09 PM

CC

“ Chwana Cooper lit a candle in memory of Johnny W. "Hooker" Borders, Jr.



Chwana Cooper - December 21, 2020 at 11:08 AM

TH

“ My deepest condolences and prayers are with you all at this time. May god grant you strength and peace.



Traciee C Hirsch - December 21, 2020 at 01:36 AM

KW

“ Sending my deepest condolences 🙏❤️



Kimberly Walker - December 20, 2020 at 11:26 PM

CW

“ My Prayers and Condolences to his family! Hooker was a wonderful Loving Person! Im so Glad i had the Pleasure to meet him! And Gail! R.I.P Hooker 😊



Charlene Weatherspoon - December 20, 2020 at 05:07 PM

CW

“ *Charlene Weatherspoon lit a candle in memory of Johnny W. "Hooker" Borders, Jr.*



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**Charlene Weatherspoon** - December 20, 2020 at 05:01 PM

PJ

“ *PATRICIA JENKINS lit a candle in memory of Johnny W. "Hooker" Borders, Jr.*



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**PATRICIA JENKINS** - December 20, 2020 at 03:52 PM

KD

“ *RIP Cousin with love*

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**Kristy Daniels** - December 20, 2020 at 10:28 AM

CA

“ *Charlene Amerson lit a candle in memory of Johnny W. "Hooker" Borders, Jr.*



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**Charlene Amerson** - December 20, 2020 at 12:04 AM

GL

“ Gary Ledsinger lit a candle in memory of Johnny W. "Hooker" Borders, Jr.



Gary Ledsinger - December 20, 2020 at 12:01 AM

GL

“ My condolences goes out to this family Hooker played for me at many events and Headline when i promoted Jazz West he was a true freind and greatist drummer in the world

Gary Ledsinger - December 19, 2020 at 11:59 PM

JH

Condolences to all, sincerely Juan J Hall (I)....💖

Juan J Hall - December 20, 2020 at 12:29 AM

DF

“ Shocked and Grieving of the Lost of a Dear Friend! Rest on My Friend, Rest on!



Dr Jeffery Q Friend - December 19, 2020 at 11:23 PM

RO

“ WE LAID PLENTY OF GROOVES TOGETHER THOUGH THE YEARS! YOU WILL TRUELY MISSED,BUT YOUR SPIRIT WILL LIVE ON!  
RONNIE'SPORTCOAT'OVERTON!!

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**RONNIE OVERTON** - December 19, 2020 at 10:27 PM

SP

“ *Sandra Peoples lit a candle in memory of Johnny W. "Hooker" Borders, Jr.*



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**Sandra Peoples** - December 19, 2020 at 08:00 PM

CM

“ *Charles & Shirley Mingo lit a candle in memory of Johnny W. "Hooker" Borders, Jr.*



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**Charles & Shirley Mingo** - December 19, 2020 at 02:18 PM

MW

“ *Much Heartfelt Condolences to Hookers immediate & extended family. Gods Eternal Strength & Comfort from the Warren Family (Paddock Family Gathering Friends).*



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**M S Warren** - December 19, 2020 at 01:40 PM

SS

“ Steve and Toni Schuetz purchased the Sweet Tranquility Basket for the family of Johnny W. "Hooker" Borders, Jr..



Steve and Toni Schuetz - December 19, 2020 at 01:29 PM

SS

“ From all of your friends in Orange Lake Drive. You will be greatly missed.



steve schuetz - December 19, 2020 at 01:18 PM

"R

“ "Hooker", it's been a while since I saw you last! I remember when I officially met you at Murdock's, when you was playing with Orange Lake Drive, then I would run into you off and on. At least you kept on playing 'til the last day, which is what I'm going to do! Rest in peace now, bro! 🙏

"Mike" Rowls - December 19, 2020 at 08:48 AM

YM

“ Yvette Meadows lit a candle in memory of Johnny W. "Hooker" Borders, Jr.



Yvette Meadows - December 18, 2020 at 08:42 PM

LA

“ *LaVenía Allums lit a candle in memory of Johnny W. "Hooker" Borders, Jr.*



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**LaVenía Allums** - December 18, 2020 at 02:22 PM

LA

*My condolences to the family. God bless you all during this time.*

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**LaVenía Allums** - December 18, 2020 at 02:28 PM

AH

“ *Praying for your family. I'm glad i had a chance to meet you....RIP*



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**Anta Hawkins** - December 17, 2020 at 06:26 PM

AJ

“ *Alicia Jones lit a candle in memory of Johnny W. "Hooker" Borders, Jr.*



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**Alicia Jones** - December 17, 2020 at 02:51 PM

BF

“ *Brenda White And White Family lit a candle in memory of Johnny W. "Hooker" Borders, Jr.*



**Brenda White and White family** - December 16, 2020 at 11:24 PM

RS

“ *Rev. Tony & Sylvia Simpson lit a candle in memory of Johnny W. "Hooker" Borders, Jr.*



**Rev. Tony & Sylvia Simpson** - December 16, 2020 at 07:21 PM



“ *My deepest condolences to the family Hooker was a great man. A True friend to my brother & sister the last John & Johnetta Rollins. Rest in Paradise With love from the Taylor & Rollins Family*



**Taylor Lisa** - December 16, 2020 at 04:31 PM

TA

“ *Rest in peace Big Brother you will truly be missed. Peace n love*

**Todd Allums** - December 15, 2020 at 10:23 PM

AD

*RIHP my dear friend Hook❤️Gail may God keep His arms wrapped around you❤️❤️*

**Arletta Dilworth** - December 16, 2020 at 07:40 PM

HM

“ *Peace and Blessings on your next assignment. Great Man .*

*Harvey McKnight*

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**Harvey McKnight** - December 15, 2020 at 09:36 PM

SM

“ *Shirley Mason-Cooper lit a candle in memory of Johnny W. "Hooker" Borders, Jr.*



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**Shirley Mason-Cooper** - December 15, 2020 at 09:12 PM

EW

*RIP my brotha  
Prayers and condolences to the family.*

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**Erma Washington** - December 16, 2020 at 07:39 AM

AM

“ *I'm gonna miss you my brother, Thank you for your inspiration in my musicianship through the years. Rest In Peace. Love you forever.*  
**CISCO**



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**Anthony & Shirley Mason-Cooper** - December 15, 2020 at 03:41 PM

AC

“ Anthony Cooper sent a virtual gift in memory of Johnny W. "Hooker" Borders, Jr.



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**Anthony Cooper** - December 15, 2020 at 03:36 PM

PL

“ Pastor And Sis Jerry Love lit a candle in memory of Johnny W. "Hooker" Borders, Jr.



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**Pastor and Sis Jerry Love** - December 15, 2020 at 02:21 PM

VM

“ Vista Milton lit a candle in memory of Johnny W. "Hooker" Borders, Jr.



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**Vista Milton** - December 15, 2020 at 01:02 PM

DL

“ Dayle & John Luke lit a candle in memory of Johnny W. "Hooker" Borders, Jr.



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**Dayle & John Luke** - December 15, 2020 at 12:54 PM

BM

“ *Bennie Madden lit a candle in memory of Johnny W. "Hooker" Borders, Jr.*



**Bennie Madden** - December 15, 2020 at 10:44 AM

BM

*The Family has my Deepest Sympathy and Condolence Hooker what im going to miss is them great shows that you and the band put on R.I.P*

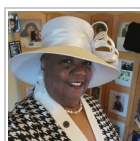
**Bennie Madden** - December 15, 2020 at 10:50 AM

MS

“ *Sending prayers and condolences to the family. Robert & Renee Smoot*



**Michele R Smoot** - December 15, 2020 at 06:26 AM



“ *Gonna miss you Hooker...the family has a hole in our hearts, this is hard for me, but I know God wouldn't put more on us than we can handle. God is too good to make a mistake. We loved you but He loved you best. So glad I told how much I loved before the Lord called you home, until we see other again, give momma, daddy, and Quan a hug from me. Rest in Paradise cousin.*



*Love Necie T*

**JDenisejustbecuz Tillman** - December 14, 2020 at 10:26 PM



“ 1 file added to the album Memories Album



JDenisejustbecuz Tillman - December 14, 2020 at 10:18 PM

LW

*Beautiful picture of the family. This picture is priceless*

Lauretta Webb-christy - December 19, 2020 at 09:18 AM

TO

“ Condolences from Reggie, Clarence and Toccara Ledsinger



Toccara - December 14, 2020 at 10:08 PM

TJ

“ Teresa Johnson lit a candle in memory of Johnny W. "Hooker" Borders, Jr.



Teresa Johnson - December 14, 2020 at 07:58 PM

DJ

“ *Deloyd Brown Jr lit a candle in memory of Johnny W. "Hooker" Borders, Jr.*



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**Deloyd Brown Jr** - December 14, 2020 at 07:06 PM

RH

“ *My condolences goes out to the Borders family. Hooker will be missed. He had a passion for the drums. He was always available to play the drums. Now he will play the drums in heaven like the angel that he was. RIP "Hooker"*



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**Regina Haynes** - December 14, 2020 at 05:58 PM

SC

“ *Sis. Cooper lit a candle in memory of Johnny W. "Hooker" Borders, Jr.*



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**Sis. Cooper** - December 14, 2020 at 04:31 PM

KP

“ *Katrina Phelps lit a candle in memory of Johnny W. "Hooker" Borders, Jr.*



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**Katrina Phelps** - December 14, 2020 at 03:51 PM

KP

“ *My deepest condolences to the family...Hooker was a great man and will be missed. Prayers to the family*

**Katrina Phelps** - December 14, 2020 at 03:50 PM



“ *Charlotte Emery lit a candle in memory of Johnny W. "Hooker" Borders, Jr.*



**Charlotte Emery** - December 14, 2020 at 03:43 PM

M(

“ *My deepest condolence to the family on the loss of Mr. Hooker!!! Rest in paradise*



**Martha Magee (Teaparty)** - December 14, 2020 at 03:29 PM

DT

“ *Diane Thompson lit a candle in memory of Johnny W. "Hooker" Borders, Jr.*



**Diane Thompson** - December 14, 2020 at 02:17 PM

KG

“ Kimberly Griffin lit a candle in memory of Johnny W. "Hooker" Borders, Jr.



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Kimberly Griffin - December 14, 2020 at 01:34 PM

"B

“ "BIG-GIRL" lit a candle in memory of Johnny W. "Hooker" Borders, Jr.



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"BIG-GIRL" - December 14, 2020 at 01:32 PM