



On August 28, 1950 a very unique and extraordinary individual was born. The name of this man would be an inspirational legacy that would tread a pathway in the history and future of the city of Lebanon and county of Wilson's sports integration, cultural tolerance, and the "American Dream". He was one of the founders of the CIVIC LEAGUE and a member of Tennessee State community club. He also played for Coach Peck and Coach Tribble at MTSU.

When spoken, his name alone is a great conversation starter. Our elders' would often tell us; " You just don't know who your father really was! "This would often stir up fond memories and never-ending stories that would take your imagination on a journey to a time and place you only saw on theater screens or in made for television movies.

One of the most memorable stories about our father was of a childhood baseball game on Market Street that ended abruptly when it was his turn at bat. They say, He hit the ball so hard, so high, and so far that it never came down. "It must have disappeared into the sun". The youths, that are now our elders today would search the whole neighborhood for this ball, to never find it again. In the times of the "Greeks" they would have called this man Hercules.

As a father he was all that you imagined him to be and more. He always showed up for his children and supported us. He allowed us to walk our own paths. He was also a coach and father figure to more children than his own. We shared our home with many that did not have the father we had. He would often purchase cleats, sneakers, and equipment for those in need. He always felt that a student athlete should worry about nothing but their grades and not the basic necessities to play the sport. He was a great guy!

He hung the moon and danced among the stars for most of us. He was an exceptional athlete. Even though, we know how this part of the movie ends, and yet, some of the best movies end in tears. The greatest stories ever told to us about him as his children and on up into adulthood were always about him, his strong character, and how he lived. How he played the game of football, basketball, and any other sport you thought he knew nothing about. He would always excel and surpass your expectations of what you perceived a "Black Man" to be. He was more than that. He always showed up ready to give his best. How he represented himself and his community with a regal amount of pride and dignity. He was a man who commanded the room with his presence and brought an abundance of joy and laughter along with him. He loved to make you laugh and he would often build you up.

MEMORIAL SERVICE:
SATURDAY · SEPTEMBER 25 · 2 PM

LEBANON HIGH SCHOOL
500 Blue Devil Drive · Lebanon, TN

"Love" is good right, because if it is, then I had all the love from my granddad. My granddad was the best man on earth and I'm pretty sure that I was his favorite; but it does not matter, because I loved him either way.

The point is, I loved him very much.

~Jahonna Maxine and Jane Davis~



LOBO...A HOMETOWN HERO



Lobo was our hometown hero. He was the pride of the community for the times. In the year of 1966 he would step into the Lion's Den for an opportunity denied his older brother. In doing this he would make a name for himself in our hearts and literally in the history of this small city of Lebanon in Wilson County on the map. He would go on to be inducted into the Hall of Fame. He was a celebrity all his own. Yes, as children and adults, we often witnessed him signing autographs. All of his glory and accomplishment made him shine a little brighter than the sun at times. On September 4, 2021, his lights on earth would dim and send him on his second and final journey to be gathered to his people. He is loved and will be missed by all the lives he touched. His name is one that will be commemorated in years to come.

STATS OF A HOMETOWN HERO

PRECEDED IN DEATH

Unwavering and dedicated wife of 42 years

Mary Jane (Patton) Stevenson

Father- **Paul Aubrey Stevenson**

Mother- **Elizabeth (Gilliam) Stevenson**

Brothers- **Billy Edward Stevenson**

James Aubrey Stevenson

Sister- **Kathy Belinda Stevenson**

Son- **Oriental James Stevenson**

SURVIVED BY CHILDREN

DAUGHTERS

Schuronda Stevenson (Lebanon, TN)

Vattica (Deadrick) Miller (Murfreesboro, TN)

Jennifer (Jorge) Celda (Nashville, TN)

SONS

Billy (Rachel) Stevenson (Lebanon, TN)

Eugene Stevenson (Lebanon, TN)

SURVIVED BY GRANDSONS

Michael Alexander Stevenson (Nashville, TN)

DeAnte Lamont Miller (Murfreesboro, TN)

Triton Shawn Stevenson (Lebanon, TN)

Aiden Vega Stevenson (Hartville, TN)

Devonte Stevenson (Nashville, TN)

DeAndre DeJuan Miller (Murfreesboro, TN)

Deadrick Miller Jr. (Murfreesboro, TN)

Bailey Nevins Stevenson (Paducah, KY)

Deion Lamont Miller (Murfreesboro, TN)

DeMaurian Lamont Miller (Murfreesboro, TN)

Shelumiel Jorge Celda (Nashville, TN)

SURVIVED BY WIDOW · EVANSVILLE, IN

Widow- **Evelyn J. (Bryson) Stevenson**

Stepdaughter- **DeShawn L. Murray**

Stepson- **Karl V. Williams**

9 step grandchildren and 2 great step grandsons

SURVIVED BY GRANDDAUGHTERS

Deadreicka Marithia Miller (Nashville, TN)

Mikayla Stevenson (Nashville, TN)

Persephone Marie Stevenson (Lebanon, TN)

Isis Dawn Stevenson (Lebanon, TN)

Arabella Tegan Stevenson (Paducah, KY)

Devonyae Maryonna Jane Miller (Murfreesboro, TN)

Jahonna Maxine Jane Davis (Lebanon, TN)

Athena Stevenson (Lebanon, TN)

Aubreyonna Jane Skye Davis (Lebanon, TN)

Janty Mary Jane Stevenson (Lebanon, TN)

SURVIVED BY SISTER

Sister- **Patricia Stevenson** (Lebanon, TN)

SURVIVED BY GREAT GRANDSON

Dakyng Syncere Miller (Nashville, TN)

SURVIVED BY AUNT

Thelma Gilliam Seay

OTHER RELATIVES

Blessed with a host of nieces, nephews and cousins in Chicago, California, Texas, Tennessee, Atlanta and Minnesota.

Special thanks to Geoffrey Gilliam, Regina Gilliam and the Gilliam family



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