



Stevyn J. Lee

April 24, 1984 - December 26, 2021

With gusto, in Port Huron, Michigan on April 24, 1984, Stevyn John Lee, claimed his place in the world. Precocious, witty, inquisitive, and the delight of his parents, Cheryl Bates-Lee and John W. Lee, Jr., "Boo Bear" as his mother lovingly called him, lived joyfully until illness dimmed his spirit. December 26, 2021, Stevyn left this earthly domain for permanent residency with Jesus.

Inquisitive about the intricacies and mysteries of technology, the culinary arts, and the social sciences, Stevyn valued reading and education. Conversations were frequently peppered with, "Did you know about . . . ?" as he effusively shared some obscure fact about a subject, he found particularly fascinating irrespective of whether the listener did. This curiosity led to him earning a Certificate in Culinary Arts Management from Tidewater Community College, Norfolk, Virginia. Additionally, he earned both an associates and baccalaureate degree culminating with a MBA from Claflin University, Orangeburg, South Carolina.

Stevyn's zest for life included an appreciation for gaming, cycling, jogging, baking, cooking, and traveling. Shrimp and grits, curry, gumbo, and bread pudding were just a few of his signature dishes. Travel enabled him to see and experience so much of God's wondrous world. Stevyn was conversational in Japanese, spoke Mandarin Chinese and used this skill while employed at Hubei University of Science and Technology, Hubei Province,

China to teach English as a Second Language.

Stevyn found comfort in the words of John 3:16 in the Gospel of John. He was confident in his love for Jesus, was assured that Jesus loved and saved him, and that as a result, he would be whole in the heavenly realm. This walk of faith led him to unite with the community of believers at First Baptist Church of Glenarden (FBCG) in Prince George County, Maryland.

Stevyn was preceded in death by his maternal grandfather, Louie F. Bates (Port Huron, Michigan). Momentarily left behind to miss his love, to miss his bright smile and wry sense of humor, to cherish his sweet memory, and to Praise God for his life are: his mother, Cheryl Bates-Lee; his father, John W. Lee, Jr. (Orangeburg, South Carolina); his maternal grandmother, Margrette L. Houston Bates (Pontiac, Michigan); his paternal grandmother, Earline (A.J.) Jones, (Jacksonville, Florida); a number of Aunts and Uncles; a gaggle of cousins; loving friends from all over the world; and seven (7) cuddly fur babies.

The joy of our heart has ceased; Our dance has turned into mourning.
Lamentations 5:15

Cremation was chosen.

Sincerely,

-Your friends at Burnam and Son

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Tribute Wall

AS

“ *Easter Bunny.....thinking of you on your birthday and remembering all of your uniqueness. What the hellllllllicopter.....* 🥰🥰🥰

Aunt Sharon - April 24 at 09:52 PM

AS

“ *Aunt Sharon lit a candle in memory of Stevyn J. Lee*



Aunt Sharon - April 24 at 09:46 PM

MO

“ *Happy Birthday my baby boy.*



Mom - April 24 at 09:01 PM

AL

“ *Aunt Lynne lit a candle in memory of Stevyn Lee*



Aunt Lynne - April 24 at 08:48 AM

MO

“ *I'm weary Boo! Miss you!*

Mom - December 22, 2025 at 07:46 PM

AL

“ *Aunt Lynne lit a candle in memory of Stevyn Lee*



Aunt Lynne - December 12, 2025 at 05:45 PM

JW

“ *Happy Birthday Stevyn! I miss you so much 🥰! I wish we could do your dance and eat all the bougie desserts together and drink martinis. There's a hole in my heart. You are truly loved and truly missed.*



Jayden Walker - April 24, 2025 at 07:47 PM

AS

“ *Thinking of you and remembering you on your birth date. Miss you much.*



Aunt Sharon - April 24, 2025 at 01:33 AM

JW

“ I miss you so much. 😭



Jayden Walker - April 16, 2025 at 08:28 PM

AS

“ I think of you often and love you more than that...you are missed nephew.



Aunt Sharon - December 18, 2024 at 12:31 PM

AL

“ Every time I read the children's story, "I'll Love You Forever," which is often these days, I think of you and smile. Love you, Babycakes.

Aunt Lynne - April 25, 2024 at 11:29 PM

SM

“ My son. Another year, celebrating your birthday without you. Happy day my love!



Stevyn's Mom - April 24, 2024 at 07:26 PM

AS

“ Remembering your birthday Easter Bunny.
Love you always. Aunt Sharon



Aunt Sharon - April 24, 2024 at 02:15 PM

MO

“ Merry Christmas Boo. Love you!

Mom - December 25, 2023 at 09:03 PM

MO

“ Mom sent a virtual gift in memory of Stevyn J.
Lee



Mom - December 25, 2023 at 09:02 PM

AS

“ Aunt Sharon lit a candle in memory of Stevyn
J. Lee



Aunt Sharon - December 22, 2023 at 11:38 PM

LH

“ *Lynne Holland lit a candle in memory of Stevyn J. Lee*



Lynne Holland - September 10, 2023 at 08:53 PM

MO

“ *I would have lost hope if I had not believed that I would see the goodness of the Lord in the land of the living. Boo, you continue to be loved, Happy Earthly Birthday!*

Mom - April 24, 2023 at 01:33 AM

SW

“ *Sharon Walker lit a candle in memory of Stevyn J. Lee*



Sharon Walker - April 14, 2023 at 09:02 AM

SW

“ *Nephew....you are thought of daily and missed even more. Thank you for the imprint you left on my heart and in my soul.*

Sharon Walker - December 16, 2022 at 12:15 PM

SW

“ Sharon Walker lit a candle in memory of Stevyn J. Lee



Sharon Walker - December 16, 2022 at 12:09 PM

MO

“ Mom lit a candle in memory of Stevyn J. Lee



Mom - September 23, 2022 at 06:48 PM

AL

“ Aunt Lynne lit a candle in memory of Stevyn J. Lee



Aunt Lynne - July 31, 2022 at 10:04 AM

AS

“ Aunt Sharon sent a virtual gift in memory of Stevyn J. Lee



Aunt Sharon - April 24, 2022 at 07:58 PM

CA

“ hey cousin! i just wanted to wish you a happy birthday. your presence is surely missed and i'm reminded of you often. one day, we'll all see you again.

Cameron - April 24, 2022 at 05:00 PM

MO

“ Mom sent a virtual gift in memory of Stevyn J. Lee



Mom - April 24, 2022 at 10:18 AM

MO

“ Happy Birthday my luv. Celebrating as a spirit a brand new day.

Mom - April 24, 2022 at 09:00 AM

MO

“ Mom sent a virtual gift in memory of Stevyn J. Lee



Mom - April 24, 2022 at 08:57 AM

AS

“ Aunt Sharon sent a virtual gift in memory of Stevyn J. Lee



Aunt Sharon - April 06, 2022 at 11:10 PM

MO

“ MOM sent a virtual gift in memory of Stevyn J. Lee



MOM - March 15, 2022 at 09:55 AM

MO

I'm broken luv💕

MOM - March 15, 2022 at 09:56 AM

AS

“ Aunt Sharon sent a virtual gift in memory of Stevyn J. Lee



Aunt Sharon - February 14, 2022 at 08:56 PM

SW

“ Sharon Walker sent a virtual gift in memory of Stevyn J. Lee



Sharon Walker - January 27, 2022 at 11:33 PM

SW

“ Dear Stevyn...you are loved, you are missed, and I am forever changed by your absence. Our world's have all shifted because you reminded us that life is short and we should all live intentionally. I'm forever proud of you and grateful that God placed you in this world as my nephew, apple juice baby, and Easter bunny 🥰

Dear Cheryl...those endless trips to taco bell while we were pregnant with Stevyn and Jayden was the foundation of a bond between cousins like I've never seen before. We are all richer because Stevyn John Lee came into this family. We all share such unique, deeply personal and permanent experiences with Stevyn. Thank you for teaching him to dream big and live large. Stevyn, the embodiment of savoir faire....like a captivating movie that ended much too soon. We will see him again Sis around God's throne singing "my hallelujah belongs to You...."

Rest easy Nephew....3 sips...

Sharon Walker - January 22, 2022 at 12:12 PM

CH

Thanks sis.

Cheryl - January 27, 2022 at 10:41 AM

SW

“ Sharon Walker lit a candle in memory of Stevyn J. Lee



Sharon Walker - January 21, 2022 at 07:25 PM

MO

“ Mom lit a candle in memory of Stevyn J. Lee



Mom - January 18, 2022 at 12:00 PM

JA

“ Jayden lit a candle in memory of Stevyn J. Lee



Jayden - January 16, 2022 at 10:17 PM

JA

“Stevyn.. the world is so empty without your physical presence. My heart is aching for you my cousin. You would always tell me “ Jayden, you have to take charge of your life “

“Girl you need to get rid of him” all the terrible useless boyfriends.. Remember we lit those fireworks in the valley at Western.. then turned around years later and used the leftover fireworks in South Carolina .. Remember the scooter at Walmart... I was doing donuts on the scooter drinking Heineken and we recorded it.. We were making tik tok dances before tik tok was a thing.. THE COMPUTER DANCE 🤔🤔🤔🤔🤔 ... we used to hit that computer dance in sadness and in happiness.. When you got elected for student body government and that girl took all the bracelets and you had to politely take them back as you snatched them out her hand and said thank you, thank you , thank you .. for ever bracelet you had to take back you said thank

You and she was mad but man we were cracking up.. because she didn't want to give them back.. we used to be on the line at koyo and look through the machines at each other and roll our eyes because we wanted to go home !! Done been there all damn day and what seemed like night too.. You were helping me learn how to drive and do a three point turn.. how something so simple turned into a laughing Catastrophe with me .. I didn't know about Torrid until you took me to the mall in Columbia SC.. IHOP late nights...we have dictionary full of our own slang and inside jokes.. I gave you that awful haircut.. I love you dearly my cousin.. “We be to rap to like key is to lock” .. That guy i used to like with dreads and that hat , until we seen him without that hat I said “ well would you look at the water head on him!” And we were laughing so hard we had to pull in the gas station. You ... helped me, hugged me, uplifted me, told me I was beautiful when I just hated everything about me. My twin ! “ Jayden, get you !” I hear it as clear today as I did the day you first told me to correct myself.. You are AMAZING ☐!!! Just as fine as you can be.. we would step out looking great smelling great.. you got on me about smoking in your truck and eating your snacks .. and we would argue and laugh at the same time!! I always took you very seriously.. you have massive achievements!! Your greatest

achievement was just being Stevyn and teaching me to just love myself. Every time we saw an ice machine, no matter what was going on we would crack up with laughter. You have a heart of diamonds .. we would hit the computer dance instantly , and somehow it took the pain away. You showed me how to live Unapologetically !! You even told me “ girl if you don’t stop apologizing for everything .” I love you my cousin.. December 19th will always be our day from now until forever and beyond. Remember when we were standing on the corner in my neighborhood.. and everyone from my block fell in love with you... they couldn’t understand why they couldn’t stop thinking about you .. but I knew why ! It’s because you are the truth!! You are simply just Stevyn and that alone is enough for anyone to fall in love with you. I can and will always go on and on about our adventures.. like when I put all of the bowling money in the offering plate at church and every time we went to church even as adults we would just look at each other and smile.. Nobody will ever understand our world .. but in our world everyone was a star, everyone was accepted just as they were , they same way you accepted me !!! I love you my cousin .. I love you !! ... you are always on my mind and in my heart.. I’m still gonna tell you all my business, because I have been for 38 years ... why stop now.. my heart is burning my cousin.. but I can hear you now.. “let’s go get some ice cream “ “ but I’m lactose “ and then you would say “ they have non dairy, get a popsicle, let’s just go” we were always Presidential even when we stepped off the elevator with our drinks and saw your mom but it was only Pepsi 😂😂😂 we stayed in trouble.. but it was good trouble because we saw the world as our own .. I love you my Cousin...

Jayden

Jayden - January 15, 2022 at 03:33 PM

MO

Don't forget that I paid you two to go out in Richmond. I just needed some peace and quiet. I guess that's all I'll have now.

Mom - January 22, 2022 at 12:22 AM

SW

“ Sharon Walker lit a candle in memory of Stevyn J. Lee



Sharon Walker - January 15, 2022 at 02:12 PM

CB

“ Love you son!

Cheryl Bates-Lee - January 15, 2022 at 11:07 AM

LC

“ Lisa Cook lit a candle in memory of Stevyn J. Lee



Lisa Cook - January 12, 2022 at 09:19 PM



“ Strength & Solace Spray was purchased for the family of Stevyn J. Lee.



January 12, 2022 at 01:13 PM

SW

“ Sharon Walker sent a virtual gift in memory of Stevyn J. Lee



Sharon Walker - January 12, 2022 at 11:20 AM

CB

“ Cheryl Bates-Lee sent a virtual gift in memory of Stevyn J. Lee



Cheryl Bates-Lee - January 11, 2022 at 01:01 PM

CB

“ Cheryl Bates-Lee sent a virtual gift in memory of Stevyn J. Lee



Cheryl Bates-Lee - January 11, 2022 at 12:59 PM



“ Beautiful Dreams was purchased for the family of Stevyn J. Lee.



January 08, 2022 at 04:47 PM

MO

“ Mom sent a virtual gift in memory of Stevyn J. Lee



Mom - January 08, 2022 at 03:32 PM



“ Strength & Solace Spray was purchased for the family of Stevyn J. Lee.



January 08, 2022 at 01:12 PM

MC

“ Mary Cole lit a candle in memory of Stevyn J. Lee



Mary Cole - January 07, 2022 at 12:16 PM

AK

“ My dear friend Stevyn I will miss you. Even through the years we would check on each other no matter the distance. I will always love you my brother.



Angela Kleckley - January 07, 2022 at 09:30 AM

SW

“ Sharon Walker lit a candle in memory of Stevyn J. Lee



Sharon Walker - January 06, 2022 at 02:18 PM

LH

“ Lynne Holland lit a candle in memory of Stevyn J. Lee



Lynne Holland - January 03, 2022 at 09:47 PM



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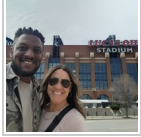


Kalin Holland - January 03, 2022 at 02:50 PM

CB

Good times.

Cheryl Bates-Lee - January 03, 2022 at 07:55 PM



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Kalin Holland - January 03, 2022 at 02:49 PM

KC

“ *Kenny. And Crisandra Coleman lit a candle in memory of Stevyn J. Lee*



Kenny. and Crisandra Coleman - January 03, 2022 at 09:28 AM

GB

“ *Grandma Bates*

Grandma Margrette I. Bates - January 02, 2022 at 02:27 PM



“ *Serene Retreat was purchased for the family of Stevyn J. Lee.*



January 02, 2022 at 01:44 PM

LH

“Dearest Cheryl, and the rest of the Family and Friends who loved Stevyn John Lee and were touched by his life, his love, his smile, his wit, his intelligence, his sarcasm, and even his pain: “Let not your heart be troubled” because “precious in the sight of the Lord is the death of [each] of his saints.” Consequently, our “Lord is near to the broken-hearted and saves the crushed spirit.” As a result, we can confidently sing “praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of compassion and the God of all comfort, who comforts us in all our troubles, so that we can comfort those in any trouble with the comfort we ourselves receive from God.” May you, fam and friends, be comforted today, tomorrow, and in the tomorrows to come in Jesus, the God of all comfort.

Babycakes, we loved you. I loved you—which was exactly what I was supposed to do—in all of my imperfections. Your death has crushed my spirit. But, I am comforted knowing that you are safe now, healed now, whole now, and in your forever mansion with Jesus. Love ya. XOXO, Aunt Lynne.

Lynne Holland - January 02, 2022 at 11:41 AM

GB

*Dear Stevyn, I was there when our Father in Heaven gave you entrance into His beautiful world. I cut your life cord separating you from your Mom. You entered this world in good fashion. Your Mom would lay you
Under my chin and you would sleep for hours. I saw you play ball, I saw you graduate from high school and university. The summer vacations in Port Huron with your cousins. Stevyn, I never thought You would leave before me. My grandson, If we could see beyond today as GOD can see, But GOD , in Love , a veil doth throw across our way. We do not know what lies before, and so we cling to HIM the more. My heart aches , I love you But Our LORD JESUS CHRIST LOVED YOU MORE. Good Night GrandSon. I will see you IN THE MORNING, JUST IN SIDE THE EASTERN GATE IN NEW JERUSALEM.*

*d university. Your smile was
Contagious and your personality was also. I can still hear you say (hi grandma, how are you)*

Grandma Margrette I. Bates - January 02, 2022 at 01:57 PM

TF

“ *The Holland Family purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Stevyn J. Lee.*



The Holland Family - January 02, 2022 at 10:18 AM

CB

“ *That real laugh, that smile! Come quick dear Jesus. Come quick.*



Cheryl Bates-Lee - January 02, 2022 at 08:03 AM



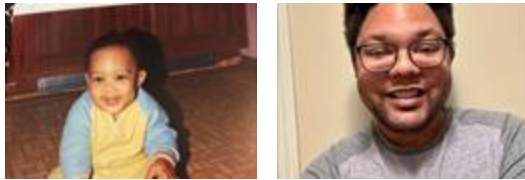
“ *Heavenly Light was purchased for the family of Stevyn J. Lee.*



January 01, 2022 at 11:19 PM



“ *2 files added to the tribute wall*



Cheryl Bates-Lee - January 01, 2022 at 11:11 PM



“ *1 file added to the tribute wall*



Cheryl Bates-Lee - January 01, 2022 at 10:42 PM

CP

“ My sweet friend im so sorry you had to go so soon. Thankyou for being an awesome friend to me while in college and out. I will forever remember our conversation we shared recently. I pray you have found peace. You were truly a sweet friend. I am still in disbelief as im writing this. To Stevyns family you are in my prayers and sorry for your loss. Goodbye my friend until we meet again.



ciara powell - January 01, 2022 at 09:40 PM

SJ

“ Stevyn, I've been trying to process the words and emotions since your mom shared the news with me. I've known you half my life. We were both fresh faced boys from Orangeburg County who ended up as roommates at CofC. Since then we've shared laughs, secrets, dreams and stories of life. I'll miss you friend. Your sense of humor is unmatched and your eclectic taste in music opened my ears. Rest In Power!!!

Shelton J James - January 01, 2022 at 07:23 PM



“ *Treasured Lilies Spray* was purchased for the family of Stevyn J. Lee.



January 01, 2022 at 04:38 PM

RO

“ *My sincerest condolences to the Lee family. He was a very kind young man and I was honored to call him a friend. He will be missed dearly...*

RastaRegg Overton - January 01, 2022 at 12:57 PM

EJ

“ *I will forever remember your sweet smile. You will always be in my heart!*

earline jones - January 01, 2022 at 11:27 AM

EJ

“ *Earline Jones lit a candle in memory of Stevyn J. Lee*



earline jones - January 01, 2022 at 09:23 AM

LU

“ *Lucretia lit a candle in memory of Stevyn J. Lee*



Lucretia - January 01, 2022 at 07:54 AM

SW

“ *Sharon Walker lit a candle in memory of Stevyn J. Lee*



Sharon Walker - January 01, 2022 at 12:00 AM

BM

“ *Brenda Maxwell lit a candle in memory of Stevyn J. Lee*



Brenda Maxwell - December 31, 2021 at 06:50 PM

CB

“ *Cheryl Bates-Lee lit a candle in memory of Stevyn J. Lee*



Cheryl Bates-Lee - December 31, 2021 at 04:03 PM

KW

“ *Kahni Walker lit a candle in memory of Stevyn J. Lee*



Kahni Walker - December 31, 2021 at 12:47 PM

WB

“ *Many prayers and condolences to the family*



Willa Blewett - December 31, 2021 at 12:39 PM

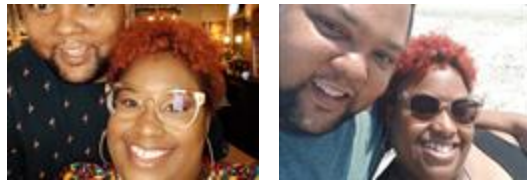
BM

“ *Nephew, this is a hard one. Who do I get to razz because you said the food didn't pass your standards and so you tossed it, before I got some? It's a puzzle because even in your illness, Stevyn showed through and now that earthly light is gone. See you on the other side.*

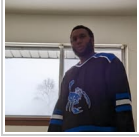
Brenda Maxwell - December 30, 2021 at 10:50 PM

MJ

“ *Words cannot begin to explain how I feel right now. Stevyn was beyond a friend to me. He was my Bestie Boo, Kindred Soul, and Brother Dearest. He was the true definition of a friend and soul mate. We never had an argument, and I have nothing but good memories of him. He will forever hold a special place in my heart. My deepest condolences go to his family and loved ones. I will continue to pray for strength and comfort for us all. He was truly a blessing, and I'm thankful he was placed in my life.*



Meray Johnson - December 30, 2021 at 09:16 PM



“ *John Cole lit a candle in memory of Stevyn J. Lee*



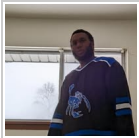
John Cole - December 30, 2021 at 09:12 PM



“ *Nathaniel Bernadine Martin lit a candle in memory of Stevyn J. Lee*



Nathaniel Bernadine Martin - December 30, 2021 at 09:11 PM



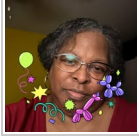
“ *I knew Stevyn for over 20 years. He was a great friend who was full of life and always kept in touch despite physical distance. I wish I had communicated more fully how much I appreciate that.. I'll miss him.*

John Cole - December 30, 2021 at 09:11 PM



“ *The “Stevyn Dance” will forever be a staple in our home and we will giggle and think of you every, single, time. We love you; we miss you; we will see you soon! Cousin Courtney*

Courtney Holland - December 30, 2021 at 07:21 PM



“ *May the love of God and the sweet memory of Stevyn give you comfort during your season of grieving. He has transition from this world to the loving arms of the Savior. He is at peace.*

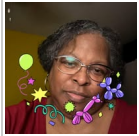
Love you and know I'm praying for you.

Victoria Maddox - December 30, 2021 at 07:01 PM

CB

Thank you Vicky.

Cheryl Bates-Lee - December 30, 2021 at 07:55 PM



“ *Victoria Maddox lit a candle in memory of Stevyn J. Lee*



Victoria Maddox - December 30, 2021 at 06:53 PM

CB

“ *This is my son. I loved him.*



Cheryl Bates-Lee - December 30, 2021 at 06:28 PM

SW

“ *My apple juice baby ... I love you. Aunt Sharon*



Sharon Walker - December 30, 2021 at 05:29 PM

CH

“ *Cheryl Hewitt lit a candle in memory of Stevyn J. Lee*



cheryl hewitt - December 30, 2021 at 05:02 PM



“ *Dear Lee Family,*

There are few things more difficult than dealing with the loss of a loved one. We, along with our staff, are honored and humbled that you have chosen our family to care for your family during this time. It is our hope that we have been able, in some small way, to lighten your burden and give proper reverence to a life lived. Please let us know if we can be of further service.



Respectfully,

*Carmen, Cedric, Claudia and Kelly
2nd Generation Owners*

Cedric Burnam - December 30, 2021 at 04:05 PM