



## Jarvis Lorenzo Odom

December 12, 1967 - September 2, 2021

### A Glimpse at the Life of a Gentle Friend

Jarvis Lorenzo Odom was born on Tuesday, December 12, 1967 in Albany, Georgia to the late Mr. Arthur James Odom and Mrs. Pearl Odom. At the age of 53 years young Jarvis L. Odom transitioned peacefully on Thursday, September 2, 2021.

Jarvis accepted Christ in his life as his personal Savior. Jarvis learned from a very young age to be a loving helper. Jarvis was the middle child of two siblings. He had a younger brother (Brian) and an older sister (Free). Jarvis supported his mom greatly and was known to take the absolute best care of his little brother. When you see Jarvis you would also see Brian by his side. Jarvis was most loved by this mother. They're relationship was a beloved mother/son relationship. Jarvis made it a priority to serve his mom however & whenever requested. His mother planted a seed of love & respect in Jarvis that produced good fruit. Jarvis continuously displayed love, support, and compassion to all.

Jarvis better known as "Ricky" was educated in the DeKalb County School System. He attended Leslie J. Steel Elementary School. Ricky graduated from Briarcliff High School in the class of 1985. Ricky went on to attend college at South Georgia College located in Douglas Georgia. Ricky's years at South

Georgia not only prepared him for his future careers but it was a pivotal time in his life. The friendships he formed were so cherished by him. He often spoke of the unforgettable & remarkable relationships formed during those times. Ricky loved sharing many of the fond memories & valuable lessons with his children Chris & Katelin. Those honored friendships from elementary school to college still thrive today.

Prior to Jarvis sudden illness he was employed with Gwinnett County Public Schools as a Bus Manager. Jarvis began his employment in June 2019 and was employed there approximately two years. Jarvis came on board with Gwinnett County with over 20 plus years of commercial truck driving locally & regionally. Jarvis had so much fun & joy during his employment. We looked forward to hearing the funny stories of a day in the life of a school bus driver with elementary, middle & high school students. He spoke joyfully about the students he transported. Another talent given to Jarvis from God was the ability to naturally connect with people. His

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gentle but straight forward conversation along with his smile demanded your attention. If things got challenging on the bus – we believe his height, size and heart never meet a bus scenario he couldn't defuse. Jarvis was well pleased with the blessings in his employment, partnership & support he received from his colleagues and supervisors at Gwinnett County. Jarvis also worked for DeKalb County Sanitation – Processing & Disposal Division. Jarvis began his employment as a driver and retired as a Plant Manager. In the later years of his tenure Jarvis supervised a group of employees that respected & trusted him. He believed in leading by example and working extremely hard. Jarvis was blessed to retire with his wife from DeKalb County Government in September 2018 both at the age of 50.

Everyone knows that Jarvis is a lover of traveling & fishing. It didn't matter if it was bait fishing, bait casting, deep sea fishing or simply off the bank fishing; as long as it involved beautiful blue waters and/or fishing he was in his peaceful happy place. Jarvis was even more passionate about the needs of his mother, children, family, friends and acquaintances. Jarvis realized that God gave him many talents & he used them to be a blessing to those in need of assistance & guidance.

Please note: First Baptist Church is now called Church on Main

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Lawrenceville, GA; 770.338.5558

# Cemetery Details

## Gwinnett Memorial Park

925 US HWY 29 S  
LAWRENCEVILLLE, Ga

# Previous Events

## Visitation

SEP 10. 12:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

Gregory B. Levett and Sons - Gwinnett Chapel  
914 Scenic Hwy  
Lawrenceville, GA 30045

## Celebration of Life

SEP 11. 3:00 PM (ET)

First Baptist Church  
2400 Main Street East  
Snellville, GA 30078

## Burial

SEP 11 (ET)

Gwinnett Memorial Park  
925 US HWY 29 S  
LAWRENCEVILLLE, Ga



# Tribute Wall

T.

“ Rest in peace my Gator friend. Chomp! Chomp !Condolences for the family His gentle soul will be missed



T.Smith - December 02, 2021 at 09:35 AM

JF

“ I had the pleasure of having the Odom's for neighbors for a couple of years. I remember Jarvis as always being polite and having kind words, for all of us. I will always remember his kindness towards my family, and his generous spirit. It was a Blessing being his neighbor, he is and will be greatly missed.

Jo Belmar and family - September 15, 2021 at 09:46 AM

EF

“ Our thoughts and prayers are with the family. Continue to rely on God and know that he hears your prayers, because he cares for you. Truly sorry for your loss.

Evans family - September 15, 2021 at 05:37 AM

 Reggie  
Borders

“ *Imma miss you unc. Life crazy one minute we at the Baby shower talking bout how all of us need a vacation, planning a fishing trip. Next minute this happened. I’m lost for words. You watched me Grow up, practically was my father figure because I was always around Chris. Molded me into the man I am right now and still becoming. All the memories keep playing in my head from when I was little we had that fishing trip to the night y’all brought Katelin home all the way up to now. Whenever I was steering left in life you put me right back on track when nobody else wanted to. It’s Gone be hard to say Good bye to you unc but ik you’ll be watching up above with everyone else up there. Keep extra eyes on Rae and my family unc* ❤️🕊️



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**Reggie Borders** - September 11, 2021 at 07:46 AM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Jarvis Lorenzo Odom.*



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September 10, 2021 at 11:59 PM



“ Just wanted to say ima miss you dad and all the fun memories that we have and fishing trips things will not ever be the same with out you you raised me to be a man but I still wish that I could talk to you one more one and tell you about my dad and the kids smh I love you dad heartbroken



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**Chris Odom** - September 09, 2021 at 01:27 PM



“ Sweet Tenderness was purchased for the family of Jarvis Lorenzo Odom.



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September 09, 2021 at 11:11 AM



“ My sincere condolences to Cassandra, Katelin, Chris, and to the entire Odom family. Jarvis was an exceptional member of our DeKalb County family. He was an outstanding leader and plant supervisor because he was able to balance his work load and still manage to make time to listen to the concerns of his team members in addition to solving any problems that arose. Jarvis would not hesitate to jump in to help whenever he saw the need. Lastly, Jarvis was an absolute joy to be around, as his laughter brightened the day of everyone around him. Jarvis was a dear co-worker and a true friend and will be missed dearly. God Blessings.

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**Leslie Darby** - September 08, 2021 at 08:39 PM

CF

“ *As a young child when we said Free we said Ricky and verse. My heart was sadden to here of the lost. Prayers going out to the family.*



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**Carolyn Ford** - September 07, 2021 at 05:30 PM



“ *My condolences to you and the family. May God help to heal your heart from sorrow.*

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**Tangie Hill** - September 06, 2021 at 02:11 PM

AN

“ *My deepest & sincere condolences to you & your family My God's peace & love comfort you during this difficult time.*



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**Antilla** - September 05, 2021 at 10:25 PM

MR

“ *Ma4garet Renfroe lit a candle in memory of Jarvis Lorenzo Odom*



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**Ma4garet Renfroe** - September 05, 2021 at 06:34 PM

TH

“ *My heartfelt sympathy and prayers go out to you Cassandra and Kaitlyn. I'm praying that the Lord's love comfort and keep you.*

T. Ann Harris - September 05, 2021 at 03:20 PM

DM

“ *Donna And Ken Mitchell lit a candle in memory of Jarvis Lorenzo Odom*



donna and ken mitchell - September 05, 2021 at 09:13 AM

AR

“ *Cassandra my heart goes out to you and Katlyn. Jarvis was a very kind hearted person. God will continue to keep his loving arm around you and ur family*

Angie Rice - September 04, 2021 at 04:16 PM

NS

“ *Our hearts grieve with you and family Cassandra. Jarvis, you will be missed! Your big infectious smile and gentle demeanor too soon gone. Our hearts ache for you my brother. Wished we could have gone fishing one more time!*



Neville Sterling - September 04, 2021 at 03:20 PM

PA

*I'm sorry for the loss of Ricky , as we have all ways call him I will miss you I love you RIP cousin my ❤️ is hurting I just can't believe you are gone home.*

**Pamela** - September 04, 2021 at 09:43 PM

SR

“ *Cassandra and Katelin, my heart goes out to you and all of your family. One thing I know for sure — Jesus shined through Jarvis! He eagerly and lovingly served others, and I encountered this both personally where he helped with my own family as well as at church. I am sure he has heard, “Well done, my faithful servant” from our Lord Jesus Christ! I will truly miss his smile, his gentle nature and the love he showed for his family and all those he knew and called friends. Having the opportunity to work with him in the Preschool Ministry will always be a cherished memory of him. Praying for peace, comfort and strength as you go through these difficult days. I am always here for you, and only a street or two away! Love you all very much!*

**Sheila Ridgeway** - September 04, 2021 at 11:57 AM

RD

“ *May God be with you during this most difficult time. Robert Dues Zone 061.*

**Robert Dues** - September 04, 2021 at 11:32 AM

RD

“ *May God be with you during this most difficult time. Bus Manager Robert Dues Zone 061*

**Robert Dues** - September 04, 2021 at 11:31 AM

SF

“ My husband and I send our deepest condolences to you, Katelin, Chris and the entire Odom family. Jarvis was always a kind and thoughtful person as well as a loving husband and father. He was the anchor to the Odom Family and his presence will be missed. It was a blessing for both you and he to be able to retire in 2018 to enjoy precious family time. I have had the joy of witnessing the love of your marriage grow over the years as well as your relationship with the Lord. Cassandra although this is the end of your earthly love story, you can rejoice knowing that you will see him again for your heavenly love story. Cassandra, Katelin and Chris hold tight to memories for comfort, lean on friends and family for strength and always know how much your loved.

Saunders Family - September 04, 2021 at 10:37 AM

SF

“ Saunders Family lit a candle in memory of Jarvis Lorenzo Odom



Saunders Family - September 04, 2021 at 10:16 AM

LS

“ My prayers are with you and your family. This is heart breaking. Jarvis was my big brother when we were at South GA College. He always looked out for me. A Genuinely good spirited person. God be with you guys. ❤️

Lakey Shy - September 04, 2021 at 08:15 AM

VR

“ *Cassandra and Kaetlin, Our prayers are with you. Asking God to give you comfort, strength and courage. We all loved Ricky. His wonderful smile and spirit will always be with us.*



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**Vikki mayo randolph** - September 04, 2021 at 07:59 AM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Jarvis Lorenzo Odom.*



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September 04, 2021 at 07:50 AM

DF

“ *Dearest Cassandra and family,  
Please know we are praying for all of you during this time of heartache. Jarvis will be missed ... his big smile brightened so many lives.*

*We give thanks that one day, we will all meet at the feet of our Lord and Savior....rejoicing in His presence...together again. We love you...*

*Keith & Debbie Futrell*

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**Debbie Futrell** - September 04, 2021 at 07:24 AM

MM

“ Cassandra & Katelin, my prayers and thoughts are with the both of you. I pray fir God’s comfort, strength, love and peace, today. Praying that the sweet love and precious memories of Jarvis forever reside within your hearts. I love you!

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**Menifee Michelle** - September 04, 2021 at 07:01 AM

MM

“For”

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**Menifee Michelle** - September 04, 2021 at 07:04 AM

TS

“ My heart breaks for you Cassandra. Your marriage was an example of joy, love and friendship, evident to all who encountered you. I remember him being a loving, attentive and doting father during the time our daughters were in church and Girl Scouts together. My condolences to all who are grieving. 🙏

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**TaTanisha Shumpert** - September 04, 2021 at 04:16 AM