



## Norman Lawson

May 30, 1944 - June 22, 2022

NORMAN 'BUTCHIE' LAWSON

AKA: 'P.N.N.' 'STORMIN NORMAN'

### HIS Story

Born in Detroit, MI on Memorial Day, May 30, 1944, Norman Lawson was the second eldest son of Rudolph (Sr.) and Rebecca Lawson. The Lawson family included his loving parents as well as seven sons and six daughters. Norman, however, was preceded in death by his parents, brothers (Harold, Jerome and Rudolph Jr.), sisters (Juanita Hollins, Arlene Willis and Intisar Abdulghani).

Being raised in Detroit, Norman had that MOTOWN pride and swagger. He was educated in the Detroit Public Schools but he was also streetwise and inventive. As a young man Norman begin his employment with the Ford Motor Car Company. Norman was an active member of the UAW. He fought for workers rights and educating younger workers of their rights and benefits. After many years Norman retired from Ford Motor Company and was able to enjoy the fruits of his labor.

On May 17, 1967 Norman married Clara Campbell. He became an instant dad to their eldest daughter Zina. Soon the union was blessed with two more

beautiful daughters, Kristina (Kris) Dorothea and Nicole Rebecca (Becky). Norman was a loving father, provider and counselor. He also played the role of sage advisor to his grandson and many nephews. Norman always mixed advice with humor to make it easier to accept.

Later, Norman was joined in matrimony with Ruby Ford. This union increased his family outreach and support.

Norman's residence in Detroit came to an end in 2006. He and Ruby moved to the Atlanta area being drawn by there by the fact his daughters chose to make Georgia their home (and the thought of much less snow). But Detroit was home and never far from his mind. He made numerous trips to Detroit to show his sincere concerns for his wife and siblings. He also travelled to Indiana and Louisiana to show his deep concern for family members there.

Norman had the desire to continue making these trips even though family and doctors advised against him travelling by car alone. On Wednesday, June 22, 2022, Norman having earlier received God's saving grace and forgiveness, surrounded by family peacefully took his last journey 'home'. Norman leaves to cherish his memory, his wife, Ruby, daughters Zina (Major) Ziglar, Kristina (Julius) Ledbetter, Nicole (Roderick) Heard, their mother, Clara Campbell Lawson, stepdaughter Afrika Ford, sisters; Marilyn Stokes, Barbara (Ronald) Riddle, Sandra Lawson, Joyce Banks, brothers; Asmar Nuriddin, Louis (Christine) Lawson, Kevin Lawson, grandchildren; Alia Ford, Antorio Norman, Dabron, and Chrishaye Lawson, Shiyamah, Sabrie and Sylah McCarrall, Julius Ledbetter, Jr, 7 great grandchildren, many nieces, nephews and friends.

"Don't cry because I died. SMILE BECAUSE I LIVED."

I'm free, thank God I'm free.

No more chains holding me.

My soul is resting, it's a blessing.

I thank God, I'm free.

Norman Lawson's service will be recorded and streamed live. In the event the service is interrupted at any time due to technical issues, the entire service will be uploaded and available to view by the next business day. Please copy and paste the link to share, or simply click on the link to view the service.

<https://vimeo.com/event/2155950>

# Cemetery Details

## **Broadlawn Memorial Gardens**

5979 New Bethany Road  
Buford, GA 30518

# Previous Events

## **Visitation (Mask Required)**

JUL 8. 12:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

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

## **Celebration of Life (Mask Required)**

JUL 9. 1:00 PM (ET)

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# Tribute Wall



“ Gregory B. Levett & Sons Funeral Homes & Crematory created a Webcast in memory of Norman Lawson



Gregory B. Levett & Sons Funeral Homes & Crematory, Inc. - July 06, 2022 at 09:40 AM

DF

*My condolences to the family. It was a pleasure knowing the man who my son Dejaun Lun called "Granddad". I'll never forget how he always showed my son love as if he was one of his biological grandkids. I'm sure he is in heaven doing what he did best and that's by being the coolest granddad ever.*

Deborah Hilliard- Lun (family friend) - July 06, 2022 at 02:47 PM

FT

“ My uncle took me to Edgewater park the state fair n auto show every year he also was driving me n the brakes went out he say I'm never gone let nothing happen to u u my FeeFee n he always made sure I was ok n I'm going to miss us sending gifts in the mail I love you uncle get your rest your neice FeeFee ❤️ 😊

Felicia Tyson - July 11, 2022 at 06:07 PM

FT

*I love u forever PNN*

Felicia Tyson - July 11, 2022 at 06:08 PM

RS

“ Uncle Norman PNN was like no other. He had a stern but gentle way of providing guidance and wisdom that you knew were sincere like the time you came to remind me that the streets of Detroit weren't big enough for both of us that was your way of telling me to get myself together. You were a master builder for sure you imparted words of wisdom to us all . Those words of wisdom will always live on in my heart . Rest up PNN until we meet again! I pray you don't have to walk to far. To the family my sincere condolences my prayers of strength and comfort are with you during this difficult time.

*Min. Robert Stokes and Family*

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**Robert Stokes** - July 09, 2022 at 02:04 PM

DG

“ Delphine Gidron lit a candle in memory of Norman Lawson



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**Delphine Gidron** - July 08, 2022 at 09:24 AM

KP

“ Kaye Penn lit a candle in memory of Norman Lawson



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**Kaye Penn** - July 08, 2022 at 03:09 AM

BH

“ Daddy,

*I still can't believe this is real. This is hard. I am going to miss our talks. Who am I going to discuss politics, sports and current events with? Who's going to tell me to stop being mean. I wasn't ready for you to leave, but GOD had other plans. It's all in HIS timing and you have prepared us for this moment. The answer to the question you often asked is YES you were a good Daddy! I told you that while you were here in the flesh and I'll say it again a million times over. I am truly blessed to have had you as my father. I will see you again. I love you. Your baby girl, Becky Boo*

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**Becky Heard** - July 07, 2022 at 12:55 PM

JB

“ My condolence to the entire family near and far. Continued prayers for everyone strength during this difficult time. 🙏🙏🙏 Rest peacefully Mr.Lawson💙💙💙💙

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**Juanita Barrett** - July 06, 2022 at 10:59 PM

KR

“ 2 files added to the tribute wall



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**kris** - July 06, 2022 at 03:20 PM

KR

“Daddy, this is gonna be rough!! Life without you, I never knew!! You were always there, showing me, teaching me, leading me, supporting me, etc. You left the most precious thing though “A Legend”that’s what I’ll stand on!! I gone miss your Pop ups, your phone calls”heyyyyyy, what’s happening😞”Christmas Day, you wanted to see how much them kids got😭just so many memories I will adore forever!!! Daddy, I’m gone miss you, like I said, you were always there, always had my back, and I know you still are!! I love you P.N.N, your Baby Girl, Krissy Poo

kris - July 06, 2022 at 02:58 PM

SH

“My memory of GRANDDADDY is him always popping up my whole life lol !! He was always there , he checked on us all the time and made sure we was good ! He got me my first phone,taught us how to look both ways before crossing the street , he always had gum, always popped in at the salon when i worked ,went on road trips. Just over all was there !! Not too many can say that about there grandfathers or fathers in general. I appreciate everything he’s done and I’ll Never forget him!! Love you GRANDDADDY !!

shiymah - July 06, 2022 at 12:35 PM

HF

“His brothers. Sisters and families purchased the Sentiments of Serenity Spray for the family of Norman Lawson.



His brothers. Sisters and families - July 06, 2022 at 08:30 AM

KH

“ My condolences Fam. This guy right here. Imitated by many, duplicated by none! Norm had his on vibe and way of communicating like no other. Growing up, Unk was the E.F. Hutton of our family. In particular to the younger black male generation. When he talked, we listened, took notes and ran back what he said in our own way. I told him back in the day when he came to visit. Do you realize how much your nephews and grandsons respect, admire and look up to you damn near like a legend. He just shrugged it off pulled out a cigarettes and lighter and said I gotta go. Just like a Legend and drove off into the sunset. Norm. You are definitely a Legend in my eyes. And everytime someone imitates you, I'm sure I will see a reflection of you in them. It's been an Honor Mr. Lawson! RIP 🙏

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**Khary Hollins** - July 05, 2022 at 09:32 PM

CL

“ Uncle Norman was larger than life. My memories of him always include laughter and him being the sharpest person in the room. My condolences to everyone may God provide comfort and strength.

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**Carolyn Lawson** - July 05, 2022 at 06:49 PM

CB

“ Sincere Condolences to the entire Family.

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**Corinne Burnett** - July 05, 2022 at 05:54 PM



“ *The Arch Operations Team purchased the Sweet Solace Spray for the family of Norman Lawson.* ”



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**The Arch Operations Team** - July 05, 2022 at 05:14 PM