



## Mr. Jerome David Lilly II

May 18, 1990 - January 8, 2025

Mr. Jerome David Lilly, II, affectionately known as David, passed away unexpectedly on Wednesday, January 8, 2025, at the age of 34.

David was born on May 18, 1990, in Bloomington, Illinois, he was the beloved son of Jerome D. Sr. and Kimberly (Currie) Lilly.

David was a complex and vibrant individual who lived life unapologetically on his own terms. As a child, he was full of energy, wit, and yes, even some mischief. He spent his early years honing his quick humor and candid personality, which often left a lasting impression on those around him. While he could be blunt and comically candid, he also had a remarkable ability to bring joy and levity to any room he entered.

David shared a special bond with his father, who tried to pour every ounce of wisdom, life lessons, and knowledge he could into David at a young age. Their relationship became a cornerstone of David's life. Together with his father and grandfather, Thomas Lilly, David attended Ward Chapel A.M.E. Church, where he learned the importance of community and service. Many Saturdays were spent volunteering alongside them to feed the homeless.

David was a proud student of Woodruff High school, Class of 2008. David was a dedicated athlete and proud member of the Woodruff High School football

team. He thrived on competition and camaraderie, but he was best known for keeping his teammates in stitches with his sharp wit and entertaining stories.

In adulthood, David's personality remained as dynamic as ever. He was a loyal employee of Graphic Packaging in Centralia, working hard to provide for his family. On Sundays, you could find him passionately watching football, chasing parlays with his brother, and dissecting the nuances of the game. He even made time for his furry friend, his sister's cat Potato. Though he could be opinionated and unfiltered at times, David was fiercely loyal to his friends and family, always willing to offer advice or lend a helping hand when it mattered most.

David was also a good cook and was no stranger to standing behind a grill. David was also a "foodie" with a discerning palate, often playfully critiquing his friends' BBQ. He cherished his role as a mentor to many, offering guidance and wisdom to those who sought it. For all his complexity, David had a softer side that shone through in his love for his children. His three sons, Jerome "JD" Lilly III, Kingston Lilly, and Kailon Strayhorn, were the light of his life, and he found immense pride and joy in being their father.

David leaves behind a family and community who will forever cherish his memory: his mother, Kimberly Lilly of Centralia; his children, Jerome "JD" Lilly III, Kingston Lilly, and Kailon Strayhorn; his siblings, Elton Mackey II (Malorie) of Peoria, and Lauren Melissa Obnetta Thomas of Peoria; his cherished nieces and nephews, Akira Henderson, Eliza Mackey, and Donovan Morris; and a host of aunts, uncles, cousins, and friends. He was preceded in death by his father, Jerome Lilly Sr.; his maternal grandparents, Rollins and Obnetta (Robinson) Currie; and his paternal grandparents, Thomas and Fannie (Young) Lilly.

Joy and Pain...is like sunshine and rain. While David undoubtedly faced

challenges, his life was also filled with moments of love, laughter, and resilience. He will be remembered for his humor, his loyalty, and the unmistakable energy he brought to every interaction. Though his time on earth was brief, David's impact on those who knew him will endure as a testament to his candid humor, caring heart and magnetic personality.

Friends and relatives are welcome to a visitation time from 4:00 p.m. until 6:00 p.m. Wednesday, January 22, 2025, at the Irvin Macz Funeral Home in Centralia, IL. Memorials may be made in David's honor to the family. Online condolences and memories of David may be shared with his family by visiting [maczfuneralhomes.com](http://maczfuneralhomes.com) and/or on the funeral home's Facebook page. Irvin Macz Funeral Home in Centralia, IL is privileged to be assisting the family of David Lilly with arrangements.

A celebration of life service will be held on Saturday, January 25, 2025, at 10:00 a.m. at Ward Chapel A.M.E. Church, Peoria, IL with a visitation beginning at 9:00 a.m. Pastor Cyrus Burns will officiate. Interment will follow at Lutheran Cemetery in Peoria where Simons Mortuary in Peoria is in charge of services. Online condolences may also be made at [SimonsMortuary.com](http://SimonsMortuary.com).

# Cemetery Details

## Lutheran Cemetery

914 S Pleasant St  
Peoria, IL 61604-5954

# Previous Events

## Funeral Service

JAN 22. 4:00 PM - 6:00 PM (CT)

Irvin Macz Funeral Home  
234 S Elm St.  
Centralia, IL 62801  
<http://maczfuneralhomes.com>

## Visitation

JAN 25. 9:00 AM - 10:00 AM (CT)

Ward Chapel A.M.E. Church  
511 N Richard Allen Dr.,  
Peoria, IL 61605  
<http://www.wardchapelame.com/>

## Funeral Service

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JAN 25. 10:00 AM - 11:15 AM (CT)

Ward Chapel A.M.E. Church  
511 N Richard Allen Dr.,  
Peoria, IL 61605  
<http://www.wardchapelame.com/>

# Tribute Wall



“ *Simons Mortuary created a Webcast in memory of Mr. Jerome David Lilly II*



**Simons Mortuary** - January 20, 2025 at 10:17 PM

MC

*Sending my condolences to the entire family God makes no mistakes he chose a wonderful man and the Angels are pleased prayers to the family 🙏 rest in Paradise*

**Maxine Clash** - January 22, 2025 at 01:20 AM

SW

*My condolences to the family*

**shelley williams** - January 25, 2025 at 11:55 AM

RM

*Sending our heartfelt condolences during this time of bereavement David goin be greatly missed Sleep Peacefully cousin 🙏🕊️💙☐*

**Roxanne McGhee** - January 30, 2025 at 12:05 AM

MB

“ *marilyn B. purchased a sympathy card for the family of Mr. Jerome David Lilly II.*



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**marilyn B.** - January 27, 2025 at 06:23 PM

RH

“ *Rena Webster Horton lit a candle in memory of Jerome Lilly*



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**Rena Webster Horton** - January 25, 2025 at 10:41 AM

BD

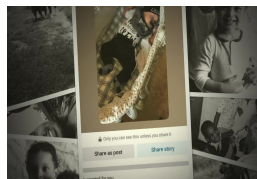
“ *Betty Dixon lit a candle in memory of Jerome Lilly*



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**Betty Dixon** - January 25, 2025 at 10:30 AM



“ *1 file added to the album Life Tribute Video*



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**Simons Mortuary** - January 24, 2025 at 11:20 AM

JJ

“ *Judi Curry Johnson lit a candle in memory of Jerome Lilly*



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**Judi Curry Johnson** - January 21, 2025 at 03:52 PM

KH

“ *Kim,*

*The Hosea family is praying for you and your family as we know this is a very difficult and sad time. So very sorry for your loss. 🙏❤️🙏*  
*Kim Hosea*

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**Kim Hosea** - January 20, 2025 at 11:32 PM



“ *Lydia Lilly lit a candle in memory of Jerome Lilly*



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**Lydia Lilly** - January 18, 2025 at 02:54 PM

MM

“ *My heart go out to you Kim thinking of your family I will be praying for you for your comfort and peace*

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**margaret murphy** - January 18, 2025 at 03:32 AM

AL

“ *Annette Lucy lit a candle in memory of Jerome Lilly*



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**Annette Lucy** - January 17, 2025 at 11:53 PM

EB

“ *EmelEmel Buckner lit a candle in memory of Mr. Jerome David Lilly II*



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**EmelEmel Buckner** - January 17, 2025 at 11:29 PM

DP

“ *Much love & condolences to the whole Lilly family. I have so much love for you all!!*

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**Darryl Pegues** - January 17, 2025 at 07:57 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Mr. Jerome David Lilly II.*



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January 17, 2025 at 07:28 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Mr. Jerome David Lilly II.

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January 17, 2025 at 07:28 PM