



## Mr. Earsell Collier Jr.

December 7, 1963 - October 14, 2023

Earsell Collier, Jr. affectionately known to family, friends and associates as "JR" was born December 7, 1963 in Jackson, Mississippi to Mr. Earsell Sr. and the late Mrs. Carrie Austin Collier.

As a young child, JR accepted Jesus as his personal Savior and embraced the Baptist Faith in Gulfport, Mississippi. He believed in God and lived his life based upon Christian principles.

JR assumed the rank "middle sibling" in his family with much love and laughter. He always demonstrated genuine concern for his sisters, Winnell, Angela and Mary.

JR graduated from Harrison Central High School in 1981. He earned a Bachelors Degree in Business from Jackson State University in 1985. He was a proud member of the "Sonic Boom of the South" Marching Band of Jackson State University.

JR served as an active duty Army First Lieutenant (1990-1991) in Operation Desert Storm. JR was then promoted to Captain and served as an inactive reservist until his sudden demise.

He moved to Dallas, Texas in 1998 and was employed with Georgia-Pacific

for twenty-seven years, as a National Account Manager. He continued to pursue his education and received a Masters of Business Administration from the University of Phoenix in 2009. JR retired in July of 2022.

His interests included fine dining, watching football (Dallas Cowboys and JSU), traveling, shopping, and a lover of car shows. Although our hearts are heavy today, JR is rejoicing because he lived his life in such a manner that on October 14, 2023, he was able to answer the call from his Heavenly Father.

JR's caring, giving spirit and infectious smile will forever be cherished by his father, Earsell Collier Sr.; sisters Winnell (Earl) Lovette, Angela Collier and Mary Vaughn; nephew Mitchell Dawson; nieces Carrie Dawson and Hassen Dorsey; life partner Sameer Datar; a host of cousins, aunts, uncles, relatives and friends.

# Previous Events

## Visitation

OCT **20**. 4:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

Dean Memorial Funeral Home  
745 Highway 468  
Brandon, MS 39042  
(601) 825-3884  
<https://deanmemorialfuneralhome.com/>

## Family and Friends Hour

OCT **20**. 6:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

"Lovie" Dean Memorial Chapel  
745 Hwy 468  
Brandon, MS 39042

# Tribute Wall



“ *Dean Memorial Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Mr. Earsell Collier Jr.*



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**Dean Memorial Funeral Home** - October 19, 2023 at 11:27 AM

MD

“ *Earsell and are were crab brother trying to get into the band at Jackson State University in 1981. We were a tight nit group of talented musicians who were excited to have made it into the Sonic Boom of the South. Earcell and I also went through the JSU ROTC program together and were commissioned as 2nd Lieutenant together in 1985. After graduation Earcell wound up taking a job in my hometown of all places in Monroe Louisiana. I got a chance to hang out briefly before I was off to my officer's basic course. We stayed in contact over the years and did not find out about his passing until today, Jan, 28 2024 from another one of our ROTC classmates. I was hurt to hear about my long time friend. From looking at the pictures today I can tell he lived a full happy life. Many of us had to live through the horrors of war. Glad he did not have to endure that. Rest In Peace my friend. You are not alone up there. We have lost a lot of friends that will welcome you on the other side.*

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**Michael Dunnings** - January 28, 2024 at 04:29 PM

TJ

“ *Angela and Wynell and your father  
You have the my deepest sympathy, and of course my highest  
prayers to your family. Continue to keep and seek God is this most  
momen. With love  
Tamika Smith James  
Gulfport, Ms*

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**Tamika James** - October 22, 2023 at 10:29 AM

DH

“ *Earsell and I first met at JSU, and we immediately laughed and  
squabbled together like old friends. He gave me many rides to  
Gulfport from Jackson, and I probably still owe him some gas  
money. He was so generous, funny, and genuine that his light  
shone on all who knew him. Though we communicated infrequently  
over the last few years, he was always in my heart--so dear to me. I  
know he is now at the Father's right hand, and I pray for the faith  
and solace of his loved ones. Farewell, Tiger.*

*Dianna Wilson Hyde*

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**Dianna Hyde** - October 21, 2023 at 07:23 PM

AW

“ *Bruh you will truly be missed. Rest well my brother.*

❤️ *JSU Classmate  
Alvin Watson*

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**Alvin Watson** - October 21, 2023 at 05:21 PM

BB

“ *The smile you leave behind. But the laughter I will always remember.* 🙏❤️

Bobby 🗳️



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**Bobby Butler** - October 21, 2023 at 03:20 PM

PN

*Hello Bobby*

*I remember Earsell he was beyond on shadow of doubt a friend to the end.*

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**philip neyland** - October 27, 2023 at 11:56 PM

AB

“ *Extending Deepest Sympathies to the Collier family.*

*Earsell had been a lifelong friend since our days at Jackson State. He was a loyal friend and like a brother. His energy was magnetic when he was in the room, and boy could he craft a story.*

*I spoke with him the day after surgery, and he was so excited and said we would talk soon, once he got home. This news is heartbreaking, we will all miss him.*

*~ Grief, is love that has no place to go ~*

*Take the traditions, daily/weekly conversations, dinners, car shows, whatever your connection may have been and share that with another. Let's tell his stories, only the way he could tell, and keep him lifted in our hearts.*

*Mr. Collier, Winnie, Angela and Mary, Earsell was a great man, a great son, brother and uncle. I've probably met you at some point along the journey, and definitely heard about each of you. He loved you dearly, that I know.*

*Sending strength and love.*

*~ Anthony Brooks*

*JSU Alum*

*Dixon Hall*

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**Anthony Brooks** - October 21, 2023 at 02:36 PM

PN

*Hello Anthony  
I too remember Earsell, he never met a stranger; very kind-hearted man.*

*Philip Neyland*

philip neyland - October 27, 2023 at 11:55 PM

BA

“ *I am saddened to hear of your loss. Earsell and my son Anthony were friend at JSU and one of the nicest person I have ever met when I would come from Seattle to visit. Please know how very sorry my family fell* 🌹🌹🌹🌹🌹🌹

Brooks A.O. - October 20, 2023 at 08:15 PM

TG

“ *Tracy G. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Mr. Earsell Collier Jr..*

Tracy G. - October 20, 2023 at 06:43 PM

CW

“ *Carrie & James Whitfield purchased the Beautiful Dreams for the family of Mr. Earsell Collier Jr..*



Carrie & James Whitfield - October 20, 2023 at 02:13 PM

CW

“ *Carrie & James Whitfield planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Mr. Earsell Collier Jr..*

Carrie & James Whitfield - October 20, 2023 at 02:13 PM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Mr. Earsell Collier Jr..



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October 20, 2023 at 07:40 AM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Mr. Earsell Collier Jr..

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October 20, 2023 at 07:40 AM



“ My deepest condolences to Earsell's family and friends. He always had a story and smile for me each time I saw him. I was lucky enough to work with him for almost 18 years of his time at GP. The world lost a great person.

*Alicia McCabe*

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**Alicia MccCabe** - October 19, 2023 at 06:03 PM



Continued prayers for the Collier family! Earsell was a great person. He will always be fondly remembered by his North Gulfport friends!  
Gary Fredericks

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**Gary Fredericks** - October 20, 2023 at 03:37 PM



“ Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of Mr. Earsell Collier Jr..



October 19, 2023 at 12:09 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Mr. Earsell Collier Jr..

October 19, 2023 at 12:09 PM



“ 8 files added to the album Earsell Collier, Jr. Obituary



Dean Memorial Funeral Home - October 19, 2023 at 11:51 AM



From part of Ersell's Dallas family, I would like to assure those of his nuclear family that we received him here with great love and care. We will also continue to think of him fondly as he has now gone to rest. Be encouraged. SDavis

Stanley Davis - October 19, 2023 at 12:22 PM



“ *JR, they say when you love and laugh abundantly, you live a beautiful life. We saw how you laughed and loved Sameer and we are all better humans because of you.*



Stanley Dombrowski - October 19, 2023 at 11:46 AM



“ *With Deepest Sympathy... My heartfelt condolences to the family. May God comfort and keep you always.*

Michael Rodgers - October 19, 2023 at 09:20 AM



“ *Beautiful Heart Bouquet was purchased for the family of Mr. Earsell Collier Jr..*



October 18, 2023 at 06:46 PM



“ *A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Mr. Earsell Collier Jr..*

October 18, 2023 at 06:46 PM



“ *Days of Sunshine Bouquet was purchased for the family of Mr. Earsell Collier Jr..*



October 18, 2023 at 03:41 PM



“ *Enchanted Cottage was purchased for the family of Mr. Earsell Collier Jr..*



October 18, 2023 at 01:10 PM



“ *JR was such a special friend. We will miss him dearly. Our condolences to the family. David, Cathy and Riley Henigan*



**David Henigan** - October 18, 2023 at 10:46 AM



“ *Ashonda Collier sent a virtual gift in memory of Earsell Collier*



**Ashonda Collier** - October 18, 2023 at 08:44 AM

TJ

“ *Tyron Jones purchased the Ocean Breeze Spray for the family of Mr. Earsell Collier Jr..*



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**Tyron Jones** - October 17, 2023 at 07:12 PM

EA

“ *Eddie J Ainsworth lit a candle in memory of Earsell Collier*



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**Eddie J Ainsworth** - October 17, 2023 at 06:29 PM

LC

“ *Rest In Peace till the appointed time....Condolences to The Family*

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**Lloyd Collier** - October 17, 2023 at 05:37 PM

LC

“ *Lloyd Collier lit a candle in memory of Earsell Collier*



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**Lloyd Collier** - October 17, 2023 at 05:34 PM