



Mr. X'antony Benoit Brookens

September 26, 1968 - January 27, 2021

On Thursday, September 26, 1968, X'antony Benoit Brookens Sr. was born to Theresa Brookens in Madison, WI. X'antony received his formal education at Emerson Preparatory College, in Washington D.C. Coming from a family who values education, X'antony, a lifelong learner, furthered his education at Harvard University and University of Wisconsin-Madison. Acceptance to both internationally ranked institutions are a testament to his intellect, tenacity, and determination.

X'antony accepted Christ as his Savior at a young age. Heeding his call, he walked in the steps Jesus laid out for him, attending various churches and mosques along his spiritual journey. In February of 2000, X'antony completed ordination requirements and was licensed to preach by Bishop William J. Strong of Greater New Bethel Full Gospel Baptist Church. At the time of his departure, he was an active member of Ascension Fellowship Church in Milwaukee, where he willfully and excitedly served in the roles of trustee, security, and audio-visual management. X'antony would always greet you with a smile; assist his "Mothers Board" to their favorite seats; and ensure the young men of the church maintained their assigned posts, while demonstrating self-discipline in God's house.

On March 10th of 2006, X'antony Brookens married "his soul mate" Latisha Spence- Brookens. To this union, blended a family of three girls and one boy, making X'antony a proud father of four.

X'antony lived an amazing life! He lived in Holland, within the Netherlands,

Washington D.C., Boston, MA, and Madison, WI-before solidifying roots in Milwaukee, WI. With a heart of service, he was committed to working in Workforce Development, to help others in his community improve their economic positioning and self-sufficiency. As an Apprenticeship Training Representative with the State of Wisconsin, X'antony focused his efforts on the inclusion of people within the trades. His passion and authenticity were felt by all blessed to experience him. "When you do what you love, it's not working," he would often say. With impeccable conduct, work ethic, resourcefulness, and transparency, he created a reputation within the city of being a "go to resource" when individuals needed assistance, career counseling, and/or guidance.

In his spare time, X'antony was an avid fisherman, searching out local watering holes and taking impromptu getaways; there he would find peace by the water with his pole and music. X'antony, a music buff, founded Blaqlizt Music Entertainment, giving young people the opportunity to develop and hone in on their musical and poetic talents in his home studio. He was also a fantastic cook who could knock the socks off of a culinary rival with his curry chicken, bean soup, or beef ribs. He was masterful in the kitchen, knowing what spices went together and quickly pointing out "recipes are for rookies!" To balance out all of his culinary magic, you might find him on the basketball court, early summer mornings, hacking his family and friends under the guise of defense. He was also an outspoken supporter of his people, intentionally seeking out minority owned businesses on his weekends to support and promote change through personal investment.

X'antony found peace in the arms of the Lord on the evening of January 27, 2021. He was preceded in death by his beloved grandparents, Benoit Otis and Ruthia Mae Brookens, and his uncle, Lloyd Brookens.

To forever cherish his memory, he leaves his wife, Latisha Spence-Brookens of Menomonee Falls, WI; his three daughters, Kierra Burton-Brookens of Gaithersburg, MD, Jamila O'Dea- Brookens of Stoughton, WI, and Zaria Brookens of Menomonee Falls, WI; one namesake son, X'antony Jr. of

Menomonee Falls, WI; one grandson, Xavion Ulysse of Gaithersburg, MD; his mother, Theresa Brookens of Milwaukee, WI; and his brother, Clinton King of Madison, WI; alongside a host of loving relatives, dear friends, and the Ascension Fellowship Church Family.

Cemetery Details

Graceland Cemetery

6401 N. 43rd St.
Milwaukee, WI

Previous Events

Visitation

FEB 8. 12:30 PM - 1:30 PM (CT)

Northwest Funeral Chapel
6630 W. Hampton Ave
Milwaukee, WI

Funeral Service

FEB 8. 1:30 PM - 2:30 PM (CT)

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Tribute Wall

DC

“ *Dion D. Chestnut lit a candle in memory of Mr. X'antony Benoit Brookens*



Dion D. Chestnut - August 29, 2022 at 09:20 PM

LH

“ *Lawanda Holt lit a candle in memory of Mr. X'antony Benoit Brookens*



Lawanda Holt - February 11, 2021 at 06:56 PM

SG

“ *Stephanie Gayle lit a candle in memory of Mr. X'antony Benoit Brookens*



Stephanie Gayle - February 09, 2021 at 12:43 PM

NA

“ *The Abbott family sends its condolences. I (Nick) will miss my Milwaukee County partner ATR.*

Nick Abbott - February 08, 2021 at 01:52 PM

BM

“ Ben and Holly McKenzie purchased the Serenity Prayer 30" Sonnet for the family of Mr. X'antony Benoit Brookens.



Ben and Holly McKenzie - February 08, 2021 at 01:40 PM



“ I am missing my cousin/brother so dearly. He was my guardian, advocate, bodyguard, counselor and most of all my friend. He kept me sane during some of my most trying times in my life by words of encouragement and laughter oh we would laugh until we were crying and we would both feel so much better. I will miss that the most. Rest In Heaven dear brother you are gone much too soon. I love you brother/cousin!

Nikki Palmer-Burger

Nikki Palmer-Burger - February 08, 2021 at 01:31 PM

BM

Sending my condolences to the family. X'anthony was an ex-coworker of mine at Rescare 🙏

Bobbie McCoy - February 08, 2021 at 01:57 PM



Sending my sincere condolences and prayers to the family.

Zandra Bailey - February 08, 2021 at 03:47 PM

SM

Sending love and deepest sympathies to your family and loved ones.

Susan McCarter - March 06, 2021 at 07:49 PM

KH

“ *The Huff and Smith family will truly miss the 'teaching moments' that X-Anthony exhibited whether within and/or outside of our church!*



Karen Huff - February 08, 2021 at 01:21 PM



“ *Serene Reflections Bouquet was purchased for the family of Mr. X'antony Benoit Brookens.*



February 08, 2021 at 12:51 AM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Mr. X'antony Benoit Brookens.*



February 07, 2021 at 09:31 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Mr. X'antony Benoit Brookens.*



February 05, 2021 at 03:12 PM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Mr. X'antony Benoit Brookens.



February 04, 2021 at 01:52 PM



“ X'Antony was a dear colleague and friend. He always had a kind word and listening ear. I miss him and his positive spirit, always caring for others. He loved his wife and kids dearly and would often speak of all of you. My thoughts are with his many loved ones and those whose lives he impacted.



Corey Popp - February 04, 2021 at 10:43 AM



“ Kimberly A Burns lit a candle in memory of Mr. X'antony Benoit Brookens



Kimberly A Burns - February 03, 2021 at 09:12 AM



My Sincere Condolences to your family. R.I.P

Kimberly A Burns - February 03, 2021 at 09:14 AM



I love you cousin, rest in heaven with the Father! Amen 🙏

Chantea Layson - February 03, 2021 at 04:38 PM



“ *Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Mr. X'antony Benoit Brookens.*



February 03, 2021 at 06:18 AM



“ *Lily and Rose Tribute Spray was purchased for the family of Mr. X'antony Benoit Brookens.*



February 02, 2021 at 08:18 PM



“ *Love Cousin Chantea, Matha and James(Bruh) purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Mr. X'antony Benoit Brookens.*



Love Cousin Chantea, Matha and James(Bruh) - February 02, 2021 at 08:12 PM



“ *Thank you for your help you and Latisha gave me last year. It meant a lot. Prayers and hugs sent to your family and friends. Rest well.*

Jennifer Brooks - February 02, 2021 at 08:09 PM

KR

“ *Latisha and family - sending healing thoughts and prayers! Please know I am thinking of you.*
Katie Roberts, WTCS office

Katie Wagner Roberts - February 02, 2021 at 04:23 PM

MS

“ *MPTC District Board & Staff purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Mr. X'antony Benoit Brookens.*



MPTC District Board & Staff - February 02, 2021 at 12:19 PM