



Major Cain Sr

November 18, 1945 - May 5, 2024

Major Cain Sr. age 79 of Loves Park, Illinois departed this earth to be with his Savior and Lord, Jesus Christ on Sunday, May 5, 2024, peacefully in his home surrounded by his loved ones. Major was born on November 18, 1945, in West, Mississippi to Ethel Rene Cain and Benjamin Cain Sr. Upon moving to Chicago, Illinois his mother met and married George (Papa) Edwards where Major lived until 1970 when he moved to Beloit, WI.

Major Cain led a remarkable life filled with diverse experiences and deep connections with his family, community, and faith. From his various professions to his hobbies and passions, he seemed to embody a zest for life and a genuine love for people.

But perhaps Major's most defining trait was his kindness and willingness to help others. He was a people person through and through, always ready to lend a hand to those in need. His devotion to his faith, evident in his acceptance of Christ-as his Savior and Lord in 1975, gave him a sense of peace and assurance of his afterlife.

Starting with his work history, Major's career spanned different fields, from his time at the Beloit Corporation and the City of Beloit to his ventures in music (Major's Music) and transportation with (M. Cain Transport- Trucking company). His love for driving was evident through his employment at Jelco Bus Company, the City of Beloit and Cooks Logistics.

Major's dedication to excellence, instilled by his mother Ethel Edwards, shone through in all his endeavors. His commitment to doing things wholeheartedly

reflected in his approach to work, family, and hobbies. His love for gardening and farming demonstrated his hands-on approach to life, nurturing his own produce and enjoying the fruits of his labor.

Among Major's interests were basketball, fishing, and hunting, which he pursued with enthusiasm. His athleticism on the basketball court was showcased during his time at Stout University, the Harlem Globetrotters farm team and various city leagues. His appreciation for nature extended to his love for the outdoors, where he found solace and beauty in God's creation during his travels across the United States.

Major's marriage to Maxine, who he affectionately called "the love of his life" was the cornerstone of his life, spanning over 50 years of love and companionship. Together, they shared (6) children Roshawnda D. Johnson, Shinette M. Johnson, Tommie Harrell, Leslie, Major Cain Jr., and Nathaniel E. Cain. They also opened their home to foster children, embodying the values of love, generosity, and family.

While Major faced his share of loss, including the passing of his parents, daughters, and grandson, his legacy lives on through the memories shared by his loved ones and the impact he made on those around him. His life serves as a testament to the power of love, faith, and perseverance in overcoming life's challenges and embracing its joys.

Major is survived by his Wife Maxine Cain. Children: Leslie M. (Harold) Luther Sr. of Loves Park, Illinois, Tommie (Theresa) Harrell of Beloit, Wisconsin, Major Cain Jr. (Carrie Howard) of Janesville, Wisconsin, Nathaniel E. Cain (Stephanine Drost) of Beloit Wisconsin. Siblings: Sarah (Julius) Henry of Newnan, Georgia, Benjamin (Harriett) Cain Jr. of Chicago, Illinois, Earlie M. (James) Hodges of Grayson, Georgia, Leon Cain of Denver Colorado, Lemon (Janice) Lawry of Oakland, Tennessee and Tony Turner of Milwaukee, WI who has been as close as a brother. (18) grandchildren, (11) great grandchildren along with a host of nieces, nephews, cousins, and friends.

Major was preceded in death by his parents, grandparents, (2) daughters; Roshawnda D. Johnson, Shinette M. Johnson and one grandson, Buda

Johnson.

Major Cain Sr. will be greatly missed, but his memory, love, laughter, and life lessons taught to others will live on and continue to positively impact all who were fortunate to know and love him.

Memorial Celebration

Date: Saturday, May 18, 2024

Time: 11:00 AM

Place: Windsor Baptist Church

1113 Windsor Rd

Loves Park, Illinois 61111

Flowers may be sent directly to the Church – Address above.

Tribute Wall

DJ

“ When I think of Brother Major Cain, the first word that come to my mind is encourager. He was a constant source of encouragement to me as a young man. Just last summer (2023), during Jimmy Ruffs funeral service, I inexplicably forgot to mention his name amongst the names of the men of The Beloit Gospel Hall, who served as father figures in my life. Even then after accepting my deepest apology, he still continued to encourage me. This is just who this man was. Always an encourager. Bro Major and Sis Maxine even offered to pay for my meal, at the repast, at Cracker Barrel right after this huge oversight. Nothing but love for brother Major and Sister Maxine and family.

Derrick L James - May 18, 2024 at 09:35 AM

CB

“ So very sorry for your loss. 🙏 praying for and with you at this difficult time. Love, Cherie Brownlee and family



Cherie Brownlee - May 17, 2024 at 07:28 PM

DP

“ Debra Prusinski lit a candle in memory of Major Cain Sr



Debra Prusinski - May 17, 2024 at 05:08 PM

MS

“ *Maxine, you are in our prays. Our sincerest condolences to the Cain family.*

Malcolm & Lisa Seward

Malcolm Seward - May 17, 2024 at 12:58 PM

WD

“ *Willie, Jan, Ethel, Betty, Dawn purchased the Arrive in Style for the family of Major Cain Sr.*



Willie, Jan, Ethel, Betty, Dawn - May 17, 2024 at 11:23 AM

FG

“ *Family of Nolan & Cheryl Garcia purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Major Cain Sr.*



Family of Nolan & Cheryl Garcia - May 17, 2024 at 10:50 AM

JW

“ To My Dear Family,

I was saddened to learn of Cousin Major's passing. What a remarkable life he lived and all he accomplished!

I have so many beautiful memories of Major. Everything from the countless family picnics & reunions to watching him officiate from the stands Turner basketball games to he and Cousin Maxine chauffeuring Nate and I (and our lovely dates) to high school homecomings and proms! And I would be remiss if I did not mention that no one else could call me Doctor the way he did...in his cool, melodic, smooth voice, "Doctahhh" :)

May the love of family and friends surround all of you and may the many cherished memories help to bring comfort.

With heartfelt condolences,

Jerell Williams

Jerell Williams - May 16, 2024 at 11:22 PM



“ Enduring Grace was purchased for the family of Major Cain Sr.



May 16, 2024 at 04:25 PM

EC

“ Sincerest condolences to the Cain family.
Keeping you all in my thoughts and prayers.



Eddie Caldwell - May 15, 2024 at 03:09 PM

PA

“ Our dear Brother in the Lord will truly be missed. Major was the most selfless and thoughtful man I knew other than Jesus. He always greeted you with a smile, a hug, and ready to lend a hand. I love and miss you, Brotha!
Sis. Cookie & Family



PAULA ANDERSON - May 15, 2024 at 12:24 PM



“ Be My Love Bouquet with Red Roses was purchased for the family of Major Cain Sr.



May 14, 2024 at 10:27 PM

LW

“ Rest in peace dear cousin sorry to hear of his passing ,we love you until we meet again.



Lyneisha Whitehead - May 14, 2024 at 10:25 PM

EC

“ We are so very sorry to learn of Major's passing away, and send our deepest and most heartfelt condolences.

Eris & Henriette Cain - May 14, 2024 at 12:53 PM

EC

“ Eris & Henriette Cain lit a candle in memory of Major Cain Sr



Eris & Henriette Cain - May 14, 2024 at 12:52 PM

RA

“ Rhonda Greer, family and members of Alph planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Major Cain Sr.

Rhonda Greer, family and members of Alph - May 14, 2024 at 12:18 PM

RA

“ Rhonda Greer, family and members of Alph purchased the Blue Caribbean Bouquet for the family of Major Cain Sr.



Rhonda Greer, family and members of Alph - May 14, 2024 at 12:18 PM

LR

“ Lakeside Fire and Rescue purchased the Country Basket Blooms for the family of Major Cain Sr.



Lakeside Fire and Rescue - May 14, 2024 at 11:36 AM



“ Dearest Maxine and Family,
We will surely miss Major's check-in calls to the office from time to time, as he can always bring a smile to your face! Please know we carry you all in our hearts and prayers. We feel truly blessed to have had him as a part of our Cook Logistics family.



Jacki Amber - May 13, 2024 at 10:10 PM

LH

“ Love, Joe and Kristin Hamblock purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Major Cain Sr.



Love, Joe and Kristin Hamblock - May 13, 2024 at 06:35 PM

SG

“ So sorry to hear about Major. We were blessed to have known him. Our deepest sympathy sent to Maxine, Major jr, and Nate. Love and hugs. Steve and Roxanne Griffin

Steve and Roxanne Griffin - May 13, 2024 at 04:57 PM

SG

“ Steve & Roxanne Griffin lit a candle in memory of Major Cain Sr



Steve & Roxanne Griffin - May 13, 2024 at 04:51 PM

TM

“ My prayers to the family for their loss.

Tina Metzger - May 12, 2024 at 07:18 AM

JE

“ I will miss Major so much, he was my friend, and my nephew by marriage. I know he loved me, because he shown it every time we seen each other. R.I.H.P nephew, until we meet again. Gone from the present, but not from my heart.

Johnnie M Elliott-Vance - May 11, 2024 at 10:28 PM

PB

“ Dear Maxine & Family:
My Mom, Arleen Hermance, has only been neighbors with you guys a short time, however She has appreciated & enjoyed the friendship you have shown to Her. We didn't know Major well, however always enjoyed his waves & smiles whenever we drove past your house! Major will be missed..
Our Love, Hugs & Prayers are with you Maxine & your entire Family..
Arleen & Polly

Polly Bach - May 11, 2024 at 10:22 AM

PM

“ *Paul & Lillian Morrow lit a candle in memory of Major Cain Sr*



Paul & Lillian Morrow - May 11, 2024 at 09:05 AM

NB

“ *I remember Major Cain from when I was but teen visiting my dad (Ervin Hauri better known as Howie the bus dispatcher) iat the Jelco Bus company, always had a big smile!
Peace be with you All!
Nancy (Hauri) Broker*

Nancy Hsuri Buroket - May 10, 2024 at 11:13 PM

EC

“ *Sincerest condolences to the family and friends. Great memories of times past, will forever cherish knowing Major.*

Eddie Caldwell - May 10, 2024 at 08:29 PM