



## Mr. Bruce Cockfield Jr.

February 28, 1981 - December 22, 2023

Bruce Cockfield Jr, 42, affectionately known as B.J, beloved son, brother, and friend departed this life on December 22, 2023.

Born to Gigi M. and Bruce Cockfield Sr, Bruce entered this world on February 28, 1981, in Peoria, IL.

In reflecting on his life's journey, Bruce was baptized at the age of ten years old at Tabernacle Baptist Church in Peoria, Illinois by Pastor Joseph Duncan Sr.

Bruce was a proud graduate of Peoria Manual High School, where he assumed his father's role as a standout football player. He enjoyed spending time with his family and friends, researching his family lineage, studying Black History, and volunteering at Clipped Wing Global Initiative and Rising Sun Christian Church.

Bruce earned his OSHA Forklift Certification and was employed at Caterpillar Inc.

Bruce is celebrated by his father: Bruce Cockfield Sr.; mother and stepfather: Gigi M. Hamilton (Rev. John L.) Gibson; one brother: Andrie A. Cockfield of Peoria, IL; five sisters: Natasha R. Cockfield of Minnesota, Nicole (DeMarcus) McNeil of Arizona, China D. Hughes, Annecia (Demarko) Miles and Nytisha Todd all of Peoria; maternal grandmother: Mother Lou E. Hamilton, of Tennessee; and a host of nieces and nephews who loved him dearly.

He was preceded in death by: his maternal grandfather: Eddie Hamilton Sr.; paternal grandparents: Abel Cockfield, Bettie & Howard Johnson.

A Celebration of Life and his wonderful spirit will take place on Saturday December 30, 2023 at Rising Sun Christian Church, 4310 W. Charter Oak Rd. (10:00 visitation, 11:00 celebration.) Rev. & Sister Gibson will present the Eulogy.

# Cemetery Details

**Private**

## Previous Events

### Visitation

DEC 30. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

Rising Sun Christian Church  
4310 W Charter Oak Rd  
Peoria, IL 61615-3213  
(309) 692-2786

### Homegoing Service

DEC 30. 11:00 AM - 1:00 PM (CT)

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# Tribute Wall

LS

“ *Loretta Simpson lit a candle in memory of Mr. Bruce Cockfield Jr.*



Loretta Simpson - January 04, 2024 at 09:18 PM

JB

“ *My thoughts and prayers to the entire Cockfield and Hamilton Families. Rest in the arms of Jesus Bruce 4EVER*



Joanie Brown - January 02, 2024 at 07:56 PM

MG

“ *Gigi and Pastor Gibson and to the Cockfield family I am sorry for your loss. May God comfort you all and give you peace. The Giles family.*

Marilyn Giles - January 01, 2024 at 06:15 PM

MG

“ *Gigi, I am so sorry for your loss. You are in my prayers.*



Mattie Graves - December 30, 2023 at 04:05 PM

DW

“ *Blessings and prayers for the family! God is still in control. I know you may miss him. 🙏💕🙏*



Danny & Yolanda Wallace - December 30, 2023 at 03:07 AM

EJ

“ I'm going to miss you little cousin 🥺💔



Erika Gordon Jackson - December 28, 2023 at 07:16 PM

RH

“ My sincere condolences and prayers for the our Cockfield family. May the Heavenly Father pour out His loving grace and mercy upon you at this sorrowful time. I haven't seen BJ in a long while. However, the last time I saw him in Peoria, he didn't recognize me but I knew him. My mother is Kathryn Harrington. His grandad Abel and my mom were so close. BJ will be missed. I pray that his legacy of loving family continues on with every memory.



ROCHELLE B HARRIS-BROWN - December 28, 2023 at 04:08 PM

NT

“ I'm going to MISS u brother of mine.....



Nytisha Todd - December 27, 2023 at 11:02 AM

MF

“ I Know Bruce Cockfield Sr. And His Brothers and Sister. Condolences from My Entire Family...Sorry for Your Loss!

Max Faulkner - December 27, 2023 at 08:03 AM

BS

“ Belinda Spencer-Little sent a virtual gift in memory of Mr. Bruce Cockfield Jr.



Belinda Spencer-Little - December 27, 2023 at 06:22 AM

VP

“ If I could say just one word about my nephew, BJ, it would be “family.” He was a quiet spirit with a big heart of love and kindness that will forever be etched in our hearts.

*Love Forever*  
*Aunt Vickie*

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**Vickie Hamilton Pugh** - December 27, 2023 at 12:01 AM

KC

“ Kathy Collins lit a candle in memory of Mr. Bruce Cockfield Jr.



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**Kathy Collins** - December 26, 2023 at 11:24 PM

RH

“ Rena Webster Hortlon lit a candle in memory of Mr. Bruce Cockfield Jr.



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**Rena Webster Hortlon** - December 26, 2023 at 11:15 PM



“ Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Mr. Bruce Cockfield Jr..



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December 26, 2023 at 10:46 PM

CC

“ This is the saddest news a family has to hear before Christmas...BJ was a huge part of my life and my children's lives too..he will always be their brother in heart and soul....he will always be my bonus son for life. Even though we hadn't been in touch recently as I moved to North Carolina 6 years ago...he was always in my heart and prayers. My sincerest condolences go out to his Mother Gigi, his Father Bruce, his brother and sisters, Aunts, Uncles and cousins too. He loved to call me Ms. Cynthia....so to honor him today....I just want to say.... BJ you will be immensely missed by so many....I just wish I could be there today...but you know that you will be forever loved....Ms. Cynthia



Cynthia Crawley  
Sanford, North Carolina

Cynthia Crawley - December 26, 2023 at 07:51 PM

GH

Thank you for your kind words Ms. Cynthia. BJ loved and spoke highly of you.

Gigi M. Hamilton-Gibson - December 26, 2023 at 09:26 PM

VS

“ BJ was one of kindest, loyal and family oriented young male that I have ever known. I will miss you and love ❤️ you always. Aunt Vanessa.

Vanessa Stapleton - December 26, 2023 at 06:57 PM

GH

Thank you sister; well said. He loved and respected you dearly. "Family for life"

Gigi M. Hamilton-Gibson - December 26, 2023 at 09:28 PM

VS

Love for family ❤️

Vanessa Stapleton - December 26, 2023 at 10:51 PM

VE

“ You lighten my day up when I was in the dark you had a funny personality, any time you'll tell me something you'll tell me truth. And I'm hurt to hear that you are an angel of God now. 😞☐ Rest up brucee

Verlexus - December 26, 2023 at 12:34 AM

RM

“ 1 file added to the album R&B



Robin Morgan - December 25, 2023 at 07:31 PM

RM

*Our first Valentines Day 2021*

Robin Morgan - December 26, 2023 at 12:32 AM

GH

*Beautiful, thanks for sharing Robin!*

Gigi M. Hamilton-Gibson - December 26, 2023 at 09:30 PM



“ Merry Christmas Bruce you will be missed! ❤️🕊️

V - December 25, 2023 at 05:08 PM

KE

“ Hadn't seen lil bro in quite a while. You never expect that when you see someone, it may be the last time you ever see them. Condolences to GiGi, Dre, Tash & Nikki, and to all his Family and loved ones.



King Eric - December 25, 2023 at 01:46 PM

GH

*Thank you King Eric, sending love and prayers your way.*

Gigi M. Hamilton-Gibson - December 26, 2023 at 09:31 PM

RM

“ Robin Morgan sent a virtual gift in memory of Mr. Bruce Cockfield Jr.



Robin Morgan - December 24, 2023 at 04:37 PM

RM

“ Robin M. purchased the Ocean Breeze Spray for the family of Mr. Bruce Cockfield Jr..



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Robin M. - December 24, 2023 at 04:02 PM

RM

“ Robin M. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Mr. Bruce Cockfield Jr..

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Robin M. - December 24, 2023 at 04:02 PM