



## Vorise Joseph Lightell

December 5, 1979 - August 10, 2020

Vorise Joseph Lightell "Big Daddy" was born December 5, 1979 in New Orleans Louisiana to Arthur Thomas Lightell Sr and Joyce Anne Chartin. He passed away Monday August 10, 2020 in Tulsa Oklahoma. He was 40.

He was a member of the Chitimacha Tribe of Louisiana and an artist in the National Museum of Native American Art at the Smithsonian Institute. He was also a poet, lyricist, musician and self taught on guitar, mandolin and harmonica.

He was an author of Children's stories. He also represented the Chitimacha Tribe at Earth Ambassadors and was a Medicine Man and Healer.

Vorise was preceded in death by his father Arthur Thomas Lightell and Grandmother Elizabeth Teresa Vilcan both of New Orleans, Louisiana.

He is survived by his wife Laura Stricklin Lightell of Tulsa Oklahoma; his mother Joyce Anne Chartin of New Orleans Louisiana; brothers Ronnie Cox of Covington Louisiana, Jeff Ronsennet of St Bernard Louisiana and Arthur Lightell Jr of Charenton Louisiana; sister Melissa Cox of New Orleans Louisiana; children with Roxanne Gibbs: Mercedes Lightell and fianc💎 Ray Kuhlenschmidt of Tulsa Oklahoma and Sierra Gibbs of Tulsa Oklahoma. Children with Laura Lightell: sons, Ethan Stricklin of Tulsa Oklahoma, Thomas

Dougless and spouse Emily Hixon of Tulsa Oklahoma and Vorise Nada Sooxt Dsaat Qakun Lightell II of Tulsa, Oklahoma, and daughter: Madison Lightell. Grandchildren Sebastian Grey Dougless and Roman Knox Dougless of Thomas and Emily and Zane Jasper Lightell of Mercedes and Ray; aunt Robin Chartin and uncle Robert Lingard, and a host of other beloved family.

Services are pending

# Tribute Wall

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“ You are missed more and more everyday but I know you are finally at peace I just wish you could have found peace on earth you are very deeply loved my man ya good soul gone too soon! I love you Uncle Vorise 🍷

Avery Magee - August 18, 2020 at 12:43 AM

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My keyboard messed up I mean you are very deeply loved by many a good soul gone too soon!

Avery Magee - August 18, 2020 at 12:45 AM

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“ Me and Vorise were more like brother and sister then we were aunt and nephew... once me him and another nephew decided to go to the store and Shop lift Vorise waited outside and watch as we both got busted he ran home and hid under the bed and no matter what he didn't rat us out to Mom and tell her where we were or that we got in trouble

Angel moyer - August 15, 2020 at 06:33 PM

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“ The first time I saw you I fell for you instantly. I walked into the neighbors house and this tall drink of water unfolded standing up to introduce himself to me. You said in that southern drawl im Vorise Lighttell from Lafayette and that was it you had me hook line and sinker. I wish we could have made it to our 15yr anniversary but I understand daddy you were tired and had to go on home without me. I'll be there as soon as I'm done here. Remember we promised...find me sooner this next time. 5 more hours daddy. 5 more hours. Love you your wife

Laura lighttell - August 15, 2020 at 02:53 AM