



## Blake Jar'Rod Wise

December 10, 1988 - April 26, 2026

Blake Jar'Rod Wise born December 10, 1988 a gifted barber, artist, and mentor, passed away on April 26, 2026, in Dallas, Texas. A 2007 Lufkin High School graduate, Blake was known professionally for his precision behind the chair and creatively as the musician Starr Beatz.

Throughout his career, whether owning his own shop or working alongside others, Blake's chair remained a consistent space for community. It was a safe place where people didn't just come for a service, but to talk, laugh, and congregate in the true tradition of the barbershop. A natural leader, he earned a leadership award at Job Corps in 2008 and served as a vital mentor to aspiring barbers and young men. Above all, Blake was defined by a quiet kindness; friends as far back as junior high continue to speak of the lasting impression he made just by being a genuinely good man.

As the only son of his late mother, Felicia, Blake was the family's steadfast anchor. He took immense pride in being a protector for his sisters and a vital figure in the lives of his nieces and nephews. Whether celebrating a major milestone or showing up for the quiet moments in between, Blake was a constant, protective presence who was always there for his family.

Beyond his professional life, Blake's heart belonged to his music and the family he built. For twelve years, he shared his life with Maria Lee and took immense pride in raising and mentoring Kemyleon Lee. Blake loved Kemyleon as his own, and he found some of his greatest joy in being a devoted grandfather to his two grandchildren.

He is preceded in death by his parents, Felicia Ann Wise and Glenn Edward Wise, and his sister, Shasatie Wise.

His legacy lives on through his sisters: Tabitha Curl (Marcus), Miriam McCauley (Antoinette), Terra Maxie, and Oliyha Wise; his love, Maria Lee; Kemyleon Lee, whom he loved as a son; and his two grandchildren. He is also survived by his brothers, Glenn Wise Jr. and Dorian Wise; and his sister, Dahlya Wise. Blake's heart was most evident as an uncle; he will be forever cherished by Kierra Huitt, China Pope, Osyriss Pope, Maurice Curl, Bosten Curl, Milan Curl, and Zyleer King. He will be deeply missed by his aunts, uncles, cousins, lifelong friends, and the entire community that loved him.

#### Service Information

Saturday, May 9, 2026 | 12:00 PM

Oakley-Metcalf Funeral Home, Lufkin, Texas

# Tribute Wall

CJ

“ Carolyn Jackson lit a candle in memory of Blake Jar’Rod Wise



Carolyn Jackson - May 08 at 11:48 PM

MA

“ Blake was definitely loved in Nacogdoches, he took the biggest part of my son Graduating High School with his Barber License, he was a great friend/ mentor to me and my son💔👤🙏

Maria - May 06 at 12:21 PM

VH

“ Vickie Hafford lit a candle in memory of Blake Jar’Rod Wise



Vickie Hafford - May 03 at 10:03 PM