



John "Fitz" Best (DOWNTOWN)

January 19, 1964 - March 1, 2026

John "Fitz" Best, 62, passed away Sunday, March 1, 2026.

He was a member of St. Stephen Church.

He is survived by his siblings, Patricia Harper (Robert), Eugene Best, Gloria Jean Bell, Janice "Faye" Williams and Rev. Bruce Shaw (Monica) nephews, Da' Juan Best, Shawn Davis, Robert Harper, III (Shelise), Ronald Harper (Lashelle), Howard Ray Best, Jr., and Micah Best; nieces, Sherry Michelle (Deon), Shonetta Burks, Cara Best, Nicolet Henderson, Tenesha Bell, Ida Best, Diamond Williams and Bria Shaw, sister in law, Linda Best; brother in law, Michael Morgan, host of family and friends.

Visitation: 10am-12pm Saturday, March 21, 2026 at St. Stephen Church, 1018 S. 15th St., funeral service to follow at 12pm, burial in Green Meadows Cemetery.

Arrangements entrusted to A. D. Porter & Sons Funeral Home, 1300 W. Chestnut St.

Cemetery Details

Green Meadows Cemetery

3800 Shanks Lane
Louisville, KY 40216

Previous Events

Visitation

MAR 21. 10:00 AM - 12:00 PM (ET)

St. Stephen Church
1018 So. 15th St.
Louisville, KY 40210

Service

MAR 21. 12:00 PM (ET)

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1018 S 15th St
Louisville, ky 40210
(502) 583-6798

Tribute Wall

AH

“ Praying for the family during this difficult time! No more suffering John! Rest in Peace! Job well done!

Antwan House - March 21 at 09:01 AM

YB

“ Heartfelt condolences to the Best family and Harper family.

Yvonne Bridges

Yvonne Bridges - March 19 at 05:50 PM

BG

“ I went to Shawnee Elementary with John. We called him John John. I hate to hear of his passing. My prayers to his family and friends.

Becky a gilbert - March 19 at 12:16 PM

ML

“ My Condolences and Prayers for The Best Family and Friends

Marva L.Valentine - March 05 at 08:38 PM

PL

“ *Loving Memory of John*

With heartfelt love and sympathy, we extend our deepest condolences to the Best Family during this season of loss and brokenness. Our hearts truly ache with you as you navigate this difficult time.

John will forever be remembered for his unique spirit and remarkable creativity. His love for bowties and his extraordinary designs were a reflection of the talent and passion he carried within him. And of course, his admiration for Janet Jackson always brought a smile and showed the joy he found in music and culture.

Though our connection began through Facebook, the friendship we shared was genuine and meaningful. I will always treasure those interactions and the kindness he consistently showed.

The Word of God reminds us in The Bible:

“The Lord is close to the brokenhearted and saves those who are crushed in spirit.” — Psalm 34:18

May God’s peace, comfort, and loving presence surround the Best Family during this time of grief. John’s kindness, creativity, and warm spirit will truly be missed, but his memory will live on in the hearts of those who knew and loved him.

*With love and prayers,
Donald & Patricia Lamb*

Patricia Flowers Lamb - March 05 at 06:45 PM

BR

“ *John...get your rest my friend. Praying for the entire family*

Bryan - March 04 at 11:22 PM

BR

“ 1 file added to the album Friends



Bryan - March 04 at 11:21 PM

RD

“ I am struggling to recall a man more kind, creative, stylish, driven, determined, independent and compassionate. John was inquisitive and needed to have all of the facts before making a decision. Easy to talk with and quick to laugh, I am sure going to miss having the opportunity to just chill and share a home cooked meal. John, thank you for stopping through this universe, if but for a short while. You made the time so much more pleasant.

Rick Dulin - March 03 at 05:24 PM

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When I opened my Facebook page on Sunday, 3/1/26, the first message was from my PRP page that John had passed. I still can't believe. God had gained a very special angel. Get your rest. Prayers for family and friends 💔🙏

Antoinette Marshall - March 05 at 11:15 AM