

GERALD LEVERT
A CELEBRATION OF LIFE
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GERALD LEVERT

was born on July 13, 1966 in Canton, Ohio as the firstborn child of Martha and Ed Willis Levert. Growing up in Shaker Heights, Ohio, Gerald was raised in a Christian household as one of Jehovah's Witnesses. He and his brother Sean spent countless hours imitating their dad and the mighty, mighty O'Jays. Growing up listening to his father, the seeds of a career that would put him in the same company as Sam Cooke, Marvin Gaye and Luther Vandross were planted as he watched his father's career continue to grow. Always reading himself for the passage of the proverbial torch, Gerald realized and appreciated the blessing of the gift of song and his talent as a singer while still yet a teenager. Gifted with a powerful, yet soothing voice and the ability to speak to a multitude of listeners' needs and emotions, Gerald was destined for greatness and fame at the onset of his career as a professional singer, songwriter and producer.

Gerald's ascent into stardom was first experienced in 1986 as a member of the R&B trio Levert, which included his brother, Sean, and childhood friend Marc Gordon. The group made their mark in the music industry with hits such as "(Pop, Pop, Pop, Pop) Goes My Mind," "Casanova," and "Baby I'm Ready." The four time platinum selling group set the stage for Gerald to embark on a solo career. His first solo album, *Private Line*, was released in 1991. Joining forces with his dad, in 1995 he went on to record *Father & Son* rendering the hit song "Baby Hold on to Me."

As a singer and songwriter, Gerald was blessed with the fortune of turning out hits for nearly 20 years. From singing, writing and producing as a solo artist to writing and producing hits for others, his career has been consistently revered by fervent fans and admiring colleagues. As a singer and songwriter, Gerald spoke of love, family, politics, societal injustices and challenged us all to think about society and our place in the world. In 2005, he even enlisted the help of noted social commentators Dr. Cornell West and Tavis Smiley for a dialogue about the state of mankind, as well as his father Eddie Levert and other family members to chime in on the song about changing family values on the album *Do I Speak for the World?*

From being a part of the 1996 trio LSG with R&B chart-toppers Keith Sweat and Johnny Gill to producing seven self-titled albums and a host of songs for other artists such as Barry White, Pam Labelle, Anita Baker, this Ohio native son, with his soulful lyrics, became a timeless favorite of young and old alike. Offstage, all who knew him experienced first-hand Gerald's infectious personality, love of laughter, fierce loyalty and dedication to family. The warm and loving personality of Gerald Levert has been appropriately embodied by his signature "teddy bear," the souvenir of a lifetime for many a woman who ever attended a Gerald Levert concert.

The untimely death of Gerald Levert at the young age of 40 leaves a barren place in his family and the music industry. Gerald is survived by his mother and father - Martha and Eddie Levert, his children, Lemicah, Callysia and Camryn, his brothers Eddie, Jr., and Sean (Angela), his sisters Kandice (Leonard Brooks), Asha, Eary and Ryan, and a host of nieces, nephews, aunts, uncles and cousins.

Friends of Gerald will always be touched by and will miss the big "teddy bear" but his loving memory will continue to live forever



VOICES OF THE CHILDREN



My dad was a great man who was my hero, my role model and my best friend. He taught me right from wrong and not only how to be a good man but a good person. Due to this tragic loss of my father, I now understand the meaning when someone says "their heart is filled with pain." I am no longer afraid of death because I now have someone waiting for me on the other side...my pops, my pal and my best friend.

Love Always - Lomicah Edward Levert



Daddy, I love you, so much! You're one of the best people in the world. You're my hero. You may not be here physically but you will always be here in heart, mind and soul. All my life I thanked God for sending me the best Dad! Father in the whole entire world. I am so proud of what you accomplished. I will definitely keep your legacy alive. I cherish all the moments we spent together. I will see you in heaven! I love you again and know that you will be missed.

Love - Carlquis...your little princess!



Dear Daddy, I want to thank you for loving me, coming to my school, my doll and being there for me. You are the greatest dad a little girl could ever have! I will miss you.

P.S. See you in my dreams

Love - Camryn

GERALD LEVERT CAREER HIGHLIGHTS

TITLE		YEAR
Solo:		
1.	Private Line	1991
2.	Groove On	1995
3.	Love & Consequences	1998
4.	G	1999
5.	Gerald World	2001
6.	The G Spot	2002
7.	A Stroke of Genius	2003
8.	Do I Speak for the World	2004
9.	Voices	2005
With LeVert:		
1.	Bloodline	1986
2.	The Big Throwdown	1987
3.	Just Coolin	1988
4.	Rope a Dope Style	1990
5.	For Real Tho	1993
With Eddie Levert:		
1.	Father & Son	1995
With LSG:		
1.	Levert, Sweat, Gill	1997
2.	LSG-2	2003
Greatest Solo Hits on Billboard's R&B Chart:		
1.	Private Line	1991
2.	Baby Hold on to Me	1992
3.	Can You Handle It	1992
4.	I'd Give Anything	1994
5.	Already Missing You	1995
6.	Thinkin 'Bout It	1998
7.	Taking Everything	1999



VOICES OF THE FAMILY

We Thought

We thought we'd have plenty of time to spend together

We thought we'd see your beautiful smile forever

We thought we'd always hear your wonderful laugh

But you're gone so we're dealing with the aftermath

We never thought we would say goodbye so soon

We'll miss how your presence just lit up a room

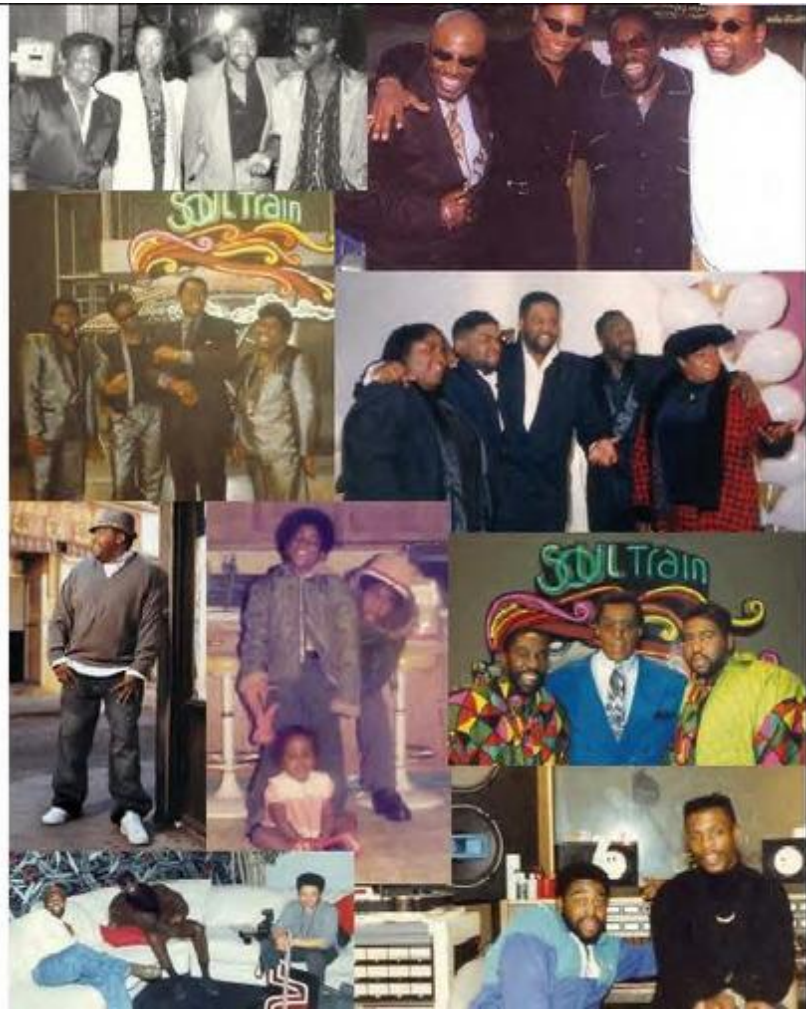
We thought we'd hear your sensational voice for a while longer

You'd be happy to know the comfort of your fans and friends are making us stronger

Remarkable, sensational, kind and caring you are

Know that your legacy will live on both near and far

- Katrice Austin, on behalf of the entire family of Gerald Levert



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Gerald Levert lived and breathed life as a rhythm and blues singer. In lieu of flowers, the family respectfully requests that all donations be made to the Rhythm & Blues Foundation. Checks should be made payable to the foundation and forwarded to Treyel Productions, 13316 Cedar Road, University Heights, Ohio 44118 to establish an endowment fund in the name of Gerald Levert.

