



DaVon L. Grey

November 9, 1958 - June 22, 2022

DaVon Lazane Grey, a native of Mobile, Alabama, peacefully transitioned from this life on Wednesday, June 22, 2022, at Methodist Hospice Residence in Memphis, TN.

DaVon was born on November 9, 1958, to his loving parents Clyde L. and Frances Penn-Grey in Mobile, AL. He confessed his life to Christ at an early age at Yorktown Missionary Baptist Church in Plateau, AL. DaVon married Renee Slone-Grey on April 8, 1989, and from their union, they have two incredible daughters, Sterling (Jordan) Grey-Simmons and Remington Grey. Sterling blessed his life even further with his three wonderful grandchildren Cayman, Canyon, and Chase Simmons. DaVon has one loving sister Yoki (Michael) Billingslea, a sister-in-law Lisa (Mose) King, two brothers-in-law Richard (Genevieve) Slone, and David Slone, and a loving mother-in-law, Nellie G. Slone. He has two living aunts, Ida Cunningham and Arnedra Penn, four nephews, Richard and Joseph Slone, Xavier and Kauhliil King, and four nieces Shareta and Kelly Lynch, Hailey (Kris) Scruggs, and Chloe Billingslea. DaVon loved every one of his many cousins. His devoted friends, Oria Keeby, Rev. Ben Lang, Dwight Cunningham, Tony King, James Hudson, and Eric Terry prayed with him, took him to his appointments in Newnan, Georgia, called daily, and traveled several hours just to visit. He had a loving god-brother in Frederick Hardy. DaVon also loved all his classmates from the magnificent Toulminville High School Class of '76 and his fraternity brothers of

Kappa Alpha Psi, the West Memphis-Marion Alumni, and the Mobile Alumni Chapter who lifted his spirits during his battle with cancer. DaVon was preceded in death by his grandparents, James and Annie Mary Penn, Elijah and Ethelrine Grey, and his father Clyde Grey.

He was publically educated through the Mobile County School system and after graduating from high school, he continued his upper education at Talledega College and received his Bachelor of Science Degree from the University of Mobile. DaVon had an extensive career in the law-enforcement arena. He started his career in Mobile a correctional officer, transferred to Mobile Police Department (MPD), and was elevated to the Public Information Officer (PIO) for the MPD. He loved going to schools, community activities, and conducting speaking engagements. Put simply, he loved to talk, display his extensive vocabulary, wear a suit, and of course sport a self-tied bow-tie. He left Alabama and relocated to Vicksburg, MS, where he was PIO for the Vicksburg Police Department. He joined the County government and was named Director of Security for the Juvenile Detention Center and quickly promoted to Warden of the Warren County Jail and supervised the custody of inmates and uniformed staff. Another career opportunity required him to return to Alabama, DaVon became the first African American to run for Mobile County Sheriff and won a Countywide Primary Election in 2006. DaVon served as a Magistrate for the City of Montgomery. He was heavily recruited by the City of Birmingham, where he served as the Magistrate Supervisor. A final relocation took him to Memphis, Tennessee. He secured employment with the Tennessee Department of Corrections and was rapidly elevated to Supervisor of Parole/Probation Officers, where he worked until he was diagnosed with stage four prostate cancer.

In 1985, DaVon was nominated to serve as King Elexis I for the Mobile Area Mardi Gras Association, an honor he cherished. If you knew DaVon, you knew he did not miss a Mardi Gras. He was an avid roller skater, sports enthusiast,

music lover, table tennis pro, cane-twirling master, lecturer, suit fanatic, and a walking thesaurus.

The Grey family would like to thank all his former coworkers, friends, neighbors, church members, and fraternity brothers for all the prayers, calls, texts, visits, gifts, and Bundt cakes

Previous Events

Visitation

JUN **30**. 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM (cst)

Oak Grove Missionary Baptist Church
7289 Stage Rd.
Memphis , TN 38133

Tribute Wall

PD

“ DaVon was always, always so nice! He treated me and Felicia like little sisters. He would stop by the jail where I worked in Memphis whenever he was near the building. I will miss him. God bless his wife and family. Know that you were loved. ❤️

Phyllis Dickinson-Branch, DDS - July 06, 2022 at 01:18 PM

AL

“ Brother DaVon & I started off pledging K A Ψ together in 1978. To say that time was interesting is truly an understatement. Love you NUPE

Alphonzo Lawrence - July 06, 2022 at 10:39 AM

PG

“ My condolences to the family! DaVon was a great guy! He will truly be missed. Dega Class of 76!

Pearl Gadson - July 06, 2022 at 01:53 AM

BT

“ I share in the loss of your husband, father, grandfather, son, brother, uncle, and my friend. DaVon's laughter was contagious. His sense of humor unlike anything I ever witnessed. He was unique but he loved with a deep love for his family and friends.
Rest in Heaven my friend.
Barbara Tolliver
Vicksburg, MS

Barbara Tolliver - June 27, 2022 at 06:52 PM

MM

Our sincere condolences and prayers are for Renee and the family in the transitioned of their love one. May you seek the Lord and his word for comfort. Pastor Mincer and Rhonda Minor

Mincer and Rhonda Minor - June 27, 2022 at 10:33 PM

MM

I am sadden to hear of DaVon's passing. The Lord is taking care of him now. DaVon and I go waay back - back to the early days of Jack & Jill (Mobile chapter). My prayers are with DeVon's entire family. I know he will be missed. DeVon brought joy and happiness to everyone he met. He made you feel like he had known you forever and treated you as if you were his best friend. Rest in peace my friend, you fought a tough fight, the battle is over. I know you are leading a "second line" with the angels in heaven :) MAMGA Monarchs 1985 King DeVon Grey !! ALL Hail to King DeVon !!

*Marisa Butler-Marion
LaPlace, LA*

Marisa Marion - June 29, 2022 at 11:43 AM

MC

Renee you and your family are in my prayers and thoughts during this very difficult time. I pray that our God will comfort you and shower you with His peace.

*Marla Caver
Billingsley, AL*

Marla Caver - June 29, 2022 at 09:55 PM