



D'Wayne Antonio Morris

November 26, 1980 - August 8, 2024

D'Wayne was born on November 26, 1980, in Black River, St. Elizabeth, Jamaica, to parents Angie Akpan and O'Brian Morris. His upbringing was deeply influenced by the love and wisdom of his grandmother, Vera Dennis, whose nurturing spirit helped shape the kind and caring person he became.

At the age of 10, D'Wayne moved to America with his mother, Angie, and began to call South Minneapolis home. He began his educational journey at Bancroft elementary, where he affectionately received his lifelong nickname "Muggs" after NBA player Muggsy Bogues. His bright smile and ability to bring joy to those around him stayed with him through Fowell Middle School and Roosevelt High School, where he formed lasting friendships.

After graduating high school, D'Wayne ventured to West Virginia to attend Marshall University, where he played college basketball. After a year, he returned to Minnesota where he completed his education at Southwest State University in Marshall, earning a bachelor's degree in Business Management & Finance, followed by an MBA in Business Management. D'Wayne made a difference in everyone's life he touched. His deep involvement with his community was

marked by his genuine care and dedication. He served on the Board of Directors for Southside Community Health Services, advocating for essential care. He spent time as a business advisor and finance director at a local community-based organization in North Minneapolis and owned real estate investment properties. D'Wayne also taught business at Southwest High School, where he didn't just teach lessons from a book-he shared wisdom and experience that his students could carry with them for life. As a coach at Roosevelt High School, his alma mater, and later at Southwest High School, he guided young athletes both on and off the court, continuing to support the team and show up long after stepping away from coaching.

In recent years, D'Wayne embraced entrepreneurship, focusing on family businesses where he applied his education and passion. With his beloved partner, Tamatha, he owned a local laundromat, founded Blue Waters Consulting, and was on the brink of opening their first franchise restaurant, Urban Wok. He also partnered with lifelong friends on several business ventures, including Soul Community Development. He was passionate about sharing and collaborating, especially in helping business owners scale into real estate development or expansion.

D'Wayne was more than just a coach, teacher, board member, and business owner-he was a person who showed up. Whether it was a community event, a friend's milestone, or simply a gathering where his presence could make a difference, D'Wayne was there unwavering in his support and encouragement. His big commitment to others made him special.

D'Wayne resided in Edina with his beloved Tamatha, where they were entering a new phase of life with all their children off and exploring as young adults. He was most proud of his daughter, Valencia, who is attending Michigan State University and heading into her third year. It was Valencia who grounded him and motivated him to become the man he evolved into.

D'Wayne also deeply loved and guided Tamatha's children, Titus, Tatziana and Tavia, as his own, nurturing them into young adulthood with the same care and dedication he gave to all aspects of his life. A family man at heart, he cherished home-cooked dinners at the table, often delighting in the surprise of favorite childhood dishes lovingly prepared by his mother. He had a deep affection for his animals and shared a passion for travel with Tamatha. They often sought out international destinations where they could bask in warm climates and explore the water. Among all the places they visited, Croatia won their hearts, and they eagerly planned to return next July for their third visit.

D'Wayne's legacy lives on through the values he embodied- generosity, perseverance, and personal growth - values that continue to guide and inspire the lives of those he touched. His spirit will live on in the community and family he cherished, reflected in every act of kindness and every moment of support shared by those who knew and loved him.

With a genuine and infectious spirit, D'Wayne formed deep connections with people from all walks of life. He was a cheerleader to everyone he surrounded himself with, ensuring those he cared about felt seen, heard, and supported. He leaves behind a legacy of being there for others- a true mentor, leader, and genuinely good person. He will be remembered and deeply missed by all who had the privilege of knowing him.

We are deeply saddened by his sudden passing on August 8th, 2024. In honoring his memory, we ask that you remember D'Wayne for the profound impact he had on those he touched and the boundless love he shared with everyone he encountered. His spirit lives on in the community he loved so deeply and in the hearts of his family, who will continue to carry forward his legacy in all they do.

D'Wayne is preceded in death by his grandparents, Vera Dennis, Ida Morris and George Morris, as well as by his additional son, Titus McKnight-Richman. He is survived by his immediate family, including his father, O'Brian Morris; mother, Angie Akpan; beloved partner, Tamatha Richman; daughter Valencia Morris; and additional daughters, Tatziana and Tavia McKnight.

His extended family also survives him: sisters, Jodi-Ann Morris, Avordawn "Ava" Morris, Tion Morris, and Tiona Morris; brothers, K'Ann Morris, Mickoyan Morris, Christian Morris, and Jaheim Morris; uncles, Rockerick Morris and Dalton Morris; aunts, Marcia Tolliferreo (Chase Burks) and Donna Dixon (Aljae Dixon); stepfather, James Akpan; and stepsiblings, Angela Akpan, Akpan Akpan, and Kufre Akpan, many special cousins, nephews and nieces.

Previous Events

Visitation

AUG 28. 12:00 PM - 2:00 PM (CT)

Edina Chapel
5000 West 50th & Highway 100
Edina, MN 55436

Funeral Service

AUG 28. 2:00 PM - 3:00 PM (CT)

Edina Chapel
5000 West 50th & Highway 100
Edina, MN 55436

Reception

AUG 28. 3:00 PM - 5:00 PM (CT)

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Tribute Wall



“ Washburn-McReavy Funeral Chapels created a Funeral Service for D'Wayne Antonio Morris in memory of D'Wayne Antonio Morris



Washburn-McReavy - August 23, 2024 at 11:36 AM

CS

I met D'Wayne & Angie shortly after they arrived in Minneapolis. He was a sweet, loving & respectful boy. His character, kindness & thoughtfulness for others can be greatly attributed to his mother Angie. Over the years, I would receive updates of D'Wayne's accomplishments. Several times he would check in to see how my life was progressing while he was creating his own successful future. D'Wayne was a special person who will be missed. There is now a void in the world. Continue with your good deeds D'Wayne. I am sure you are already making a difference. My deepest sympathy to the family.
Charles Sticha

Charles Sticha - August 24, 2024 at 01:41 AM

SA

“ My deepest condolences to D'wayne's entire family.

Shevawn Adams - September 03, 2024 at 01:07 PM

JO

“ We pray for the repose of the soul of D’Wayne, as well as for the comfort and peace of Angie and the family as they mourn his loss. Our deepest condolences to the family.

Jamaica Minnesota Organization

Jamaica Minnesota Organization - September 01, 2024 at 11:04 PM

EE

“ Earle E. planted a grove of 3 [Memorial Trees](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of D'Wayne Antonio Morris.

Earle E. - September 01, 2024 at 10:56 PM

MC

“ Unwavering, unconditional and enduring. That is the essence of love that a Mother has for her child. I was fortunate enough to witness the Mother and Son relationship between Angie and Dwayne for more than 2 decades, and what a treasure to behold.

Angie, if ever there was a doubt, if ever this soul wrenching time of unimaginable grief has presented itself to be beyond comprehension. If the folly you have experienced around you has been more than you could ever bare, understand that those things that have presented themselves as pure, pale in comparison to the unwavering, unconditional, and enduring endless love YOU his Mother will carry with you till eternity.

Be still my beautiful Sister, and let God take care of you his beloved Mother.

And when he went to glory, he kneeled on bended knee to hear the words of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. “well done my good and faithful servant Dwayne, my son you may enter in to heaven”

Love you,
Margie Curtis

Margie Curtis - August 28, 2024 at 04:29 PM

PM

“ Muggs I’m going to miss you, I’m gonna miss your encouragement, your positivity, the calls, the laughs...you will always be family.

Portia Mazone - August 28, 2024 at 04:04 PM

RM

“ Rachel M. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of D'Wayne Antonio Morris.

Rachel M. - August 28, 2024 at 04:04 PM

RG

“ Renisha G. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of D'Wayne Antonio Morris.

Renisha G. - August 28, 2024 at 04:12 AM

CO

“ Christine O. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of D'Wayne Antonio Morris.

Christine O. - August 26, 2024 at 08:15 AM

DM

“ We begin to remember not just that you died, but that you lived a life that gave us all memories too beautiful to forget. Rest in Peace my awesome and darling nephew.

Al, Aljae, Tewaun & Auntie Donna

Donna Dixon Mitchell - August 25, 2024 at 07:37 PM

FF

“ From your Wells Fargo family purchased the Medium Dish Garden for the family of D'Wayne Antonio Morris.



From your Wells Fargo family - August 24, 2024 at 01:47 PM

CS

“ There's a fine line between the darkness and the dawn. They say in the darkest night, there's a light beyond. Have no doubt, that D'Waynes light continues to shine on! If you were blessed by D'Waynes gift of light, pass it along to others as you journey through your life.

Charles Sticha - August 24, 2024 at 09:43 AM

JR

“ Muggs, your spirit lives on. We know what we were. Love is Love. You definitely Lived.Life.Long. 🌸



Jonté Riley - August 23, 2024 at 05:05 PM



“ Blue Caribbean Bouquet was purchased for the family of D'Wayne Antonio Morris.



August 23, 2024 at 02:50 PM

JA

“ Jim A. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of D'Wayne Antonio Morris.

Jim A. - August 23, 2024 at 01:14 PM