



Donald Ray Colson Sr.

October 18, 1967 - January 28, 2022

Donald Ray Colson was born October 18th, 1967, in Davidson, NC to William James Colson Sr. and Dorothy Colson. He was called home on January 28th, 2022, after an extended illness.

Donald attended Charlotte Mecklenburg schools and graduated from North Mecklenburg High School in 1986, where he was a standout athlete in football and track. He also graduated from UNC Chapel Hill with a Bachelor of Arts Degree in 1990. It was here he met his wife of 27 years, Melanie.

Donald had a love of sports which was one of the many things he loved to share with his father. He was awarded the “Gridiron Great” recognition for his standout abilities in football in 1986 and received many other recognitions in track and field in high school and college. He was an diehard Redskins and Tarheel fan.

After graduating from UNC, he worked for AAA Cooper, where he taught himself to drive a tractor trailer. He eventually became the Human Resource manager there. His entrepreneurial spirit led him to start his own logistic transportation company, VIP Courier Express, with his sister Tamela in 2000, which has grown to include several satellite branches and over 150 employees and contractors.

Donald was a member of Greater Providence Baptist Church. He also belonged to the Heart to Heart 597 Masonic Lodge in Charlotte and was a member of Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity, Inc.

Donald had a caring and generous spirit and always helped people in need everywhere, often without being asked.

He was preceded in death by his father, William Colson, Sr.

Those left to cherish his memory are his wife, Melanie, two sons, Donald Jr. and Chase, one daughter, Taylor, James Bennett, who was like a son, one grand-daughter London, his mother, Dorothy Colson, two brothers, Tyrone and William, Jr, six sisters, Priscilla (Butler), Johnsie (Bryant), Marie, Odessa, Melissa, Tamela (Tommy), mother-in-law Betty Saunders, a host of aunts, uncles, nieces, nephews, and extended family members as well as many friends.

Previous Events

Visitation

FEB **12**. 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM (ET)

St. Paul Baptist Church
1401 N. Allen Street
Charlotte, NC

Celebration of Life Service

FEB **12**. 12:00 PM (ET)

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Charlotte, NC

Tribute Wall

PD

“ I feel so heart broken that we have lost such a wonderful person as Donald. I'll never forget his beautiful smile and how he had the grace to use his God given talent to encourage others. I pray for the Lord's peace and comfort to his family.

Phil Dishman - February 25, 2022 at 10:19 PM

ND

“ Nursing Faculty, Staff, Assoc. Dean purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Donald Ray Colson Sr..



Nursing Faculty, Staff, Assoc. Dean - February 12, 2022 at 02:03 PM

JC

“ My Condolences to the Colson Family. May God continue to strengthen your family in the days to come. May Donald Rest In Peace. Grace, Blessings, and Peace. Always Jacqueline V Carr

Jacqueline V Carr - February 12, 2022 at 01:26 PM

JS

“ Jeff Mills Sr lit a candle in memory of Donald Ray Colson Sr.



Jeff Mills Sr - February 12, 2022 at 12:28 PM



“ Donald was a good man. He will truly be missed by all who loved and knew him. Melanie, we wish you and your family peace. Tamela prayers to you and yours.



Constance Talford - February 12, 2022 at 12:05 PM



“ I was really surprised by the loss of Donald Ray. We had so many battles on the gridiron and on the track. I loved his competitive nature.

Alvin Blakney - February 12, 2022 at 07:50 AM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Donald Ray Colson Sr..



February 11, 2022 at 09:56 AM



“ Serene Retreat was purchased for the family of Donald Ray Colson Sr..



February 11, 2022 at 09:04 AM

DB

“ Darrell Barber lit a candle in memory of Donald Ray Colson Sr.



Darrell Barber - February 10, 2022 at 11:09 PM

DB

“ I went to school with Mr.Ray north Mecklenburg, in his passing only confirmed for me, that death is on the move, and it will be back, so watch as well pray. To this family just Keep holding on to God's unchanging hands.



Darrell Barber - February 10, 2022 at 11:05 PM

SC

RIP, you was loved n will always be in our hearts.

Sharon Caldwell - February 11, 2022 at 01:08 PM

RH

I have cherish memories of Donald as one of Davidson, NC finest sons. I had Donald in my Day Care class as well as some of his other brothers and sisters. I have fond memories of his positive attitude and skills to be the best in life at an early age of 4 years old. Blessing to his family and I trust God to have a special place in heaven for him.

Ruby Houston - February 13, 2022 at 10:49 PM

Angelia Brown

I am so hurt to hear this , and I just found this out. He was an awesome man, and I truly was blessed to have known him and his family.

Angelia Brown - April 29, 2022 at 06:24 PM

AM

Donald was my Line Brother (KAY) and I couldn't have asked for a better person to share such a memorable experience. He was the joy lifter and the brother who never hesitate to assist in any way. A GOOD BROTHER he was and he will truly be missed! REST ON GOOD BROTHER!

Alton J Murray - October 09, 2023 at 03:52 AM