



Cicero Dowdell

June 17, 1955 - July 25, 2022

Cicero Dowdell, the eighth of nine children to the late Tommie Lee Dowdell Sr. and the late Susie Mae Gibson-Dowdell, was born Friday, June 17, 1955, in DeSoto, GA.

He graduated from Union High School in Leslie, GA, in 1973. After graduation from high school, he enlisted in the U.S. Navy in 1975 and was honorably discharged in 1981.

Upon his discharge, he moved to San Jose, CA, where he eventually started working for Pacific Bell Phone Company. Also, on the side he picked up an interest in going to garage sales with his brother and brother-in-law specializing in buying jewelry, old furniture and refurbishing for resale at the flea market in Santa Cruz, CA. Watching football was a ritual in the Dowdell household especially watching the San Francisco 49ers. He had the pleasure of working the Super Bowl XIX in 1985 at Stanford Stadium between the 49ers and the Miami Dolphins providing technical support for the phone company. He eventually made the move back to the east coast with a stay in Harrisburg, PA, and then moving to Ft. Washington, MD.

After a seven-month stay in the hospital in Washington, DC, Cicero succumbed to his illness on July 25, 2022. He was preceded in death by siblings, Dorothy, Rhunette and Tommy.

He leaves to cherish his life four beautiful children: Cerdenjo Williams (LaSharen), Tamara P. Coley, Sadie A. and Jessica L. Dowdell; granddaughter, Amber Prince; grandsons, Kristian, Justin and Jakob Dowdell; former wife, Essie McLurkin-Dowdell; his siblings, Isabel (Willie), John, Lee (Carol), Rosa, Vann; sister-in-law, Ernestine; brother-in-law, Bobby Sr.; and a host of nieces, nephews, other relatives and friends.

FAMILY AND FRIENDS ARE ENCOURAGED TO CLICK ON THE SHARE A MEMORY TAB TO POST VIDEOS, SHARE MEMORIES, CONDOLENCES, REFLECTIONS OR SIMPLY LEAVE YOUR NAME.

Previous Events

Flower Delivery

NOV **18**. 8:30 AM (ET)

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Memorial Service

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Tribute Wall



“ Wallace Funeral Directors created a Webcast in memory of Cicero Dowdell



Wallace Funeral Directors - November 17, 2022 at 05:48 PM

DD

“ Rest in peace Uncle Cicero, I'll always remember the fun times we had as family especially during the holidays.

Delores Dowdell - November 21, 2022 at 09:25 AM

DP

“ To the Dowdell family, please accept my sincerest condolences for your loss. I will always cherish the memories of our friendship days at Union High School. And may his special memories be a source of comfort to each of you. Tam, Ced, Sadie, and Jessica, I know that losing your father was not easy, but what can stay with you is to keep the loving memories you shared with him alive in your heart. May Almighty God bless and strengthen you all.

DeLois Prince-Wilson

DeLois Prince-Wilson - November 18, 2022 at 12:02 PM

AS

“ We offer each of you, the Dowdell Family, our most deep and sincere condolences for the transition of your lived one. Treasured memories of us growing up attending Sunday school and church services at Zion Hill, Southeast Elementary, and Union High are still quite vivid, as if it all happened just a few years past. He seemed to have always worn a smile, along with a tooth pick poking out (LOL and SMH). May he rest in peace.

Alvin B. (& Yvonne) Lowe, Sr. and the Lowe Family

Alvin B. Lowe, Sr - November 18, 2022 at 10:01 AM

MW

Mr Dowdell, was a very nice man. I would watch him walked the dog. sometimes we would talk about work or the girls, that was his favorite subject to talk about. He loved his family. He will be missed. Rest my friend.

Maxielee williams - November 18, 2022 at 10:08 AM

ER

“ *Dowdell Family*
Those we love can never be more than a thought away.
For as long as there's a memory they live in our hearts to stay.

Ernestine - November 18, 2022 at 02:40 AM

JS

“ *Very thankful I got to visit with you unc last year. It was a blessing.*

Jaclyn Simmons - November 17, 2022 at 08:56 PM

VA

“ *Late evening at the house talking late into the night*



Vann - November 17, 2022 at 07:17 PM

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“ *I can tell you we were debating or telling life stories.*



Vann - November 17, 2022 at 07:03 PM

RS

“ *Rosa. . Whenever I visited my family in San Jose, I saw my brother Cicero and he was always my lil bro with a amazing smile and made me laugh alot when I was around him!! Will always miss and love him forever and remember his awesome smile!! ❤️*

Rosa Sutton-Porter - November 17, 2022 at 05:59 PM

JD

“ *We last got together when you and my two other brothers visit me in Georgia. It was a celebration as always, reminiscing of family events and reminding each other of journeys and happy memories. Cicero your journey with us is completed a new and better journey for you begins. Will miss you baby brother. John D*

john dowdell - November 17, 2022 at 12:12 PM

AW

“ *Alfreda Willis, your cousin, loves you and will miss you dearly.*

Alfreda Willis - November 17, 2022 at 07:25 AM

VD

“ *I just remember how we would travel deep in the Georgia woods during the summer exploring but always looking for berries & plums pretending we were exploring and hunting. We never got lost !! On it was a game of how far can go and those trips were exciting; heart pumping fun . ❤️*

vann Dowdell - November 17, 2022 at 02:34 AM

AW

“ *Annetta Williams and The Watts family deepest sympathy Desoto, Georgia*

Annetta Williams - November 16, 2022 at 06:18 PM