



Mr. Rodney O`Neal Washington

November 30, 1966 - March 24, 2020

Rodney O'Neal Washington was born November 30, 1966. His father Benjamin and Shirley (Ford) Washington were beyond excited with the arrival of their 1st child

From day one Rodney was a precocious child. He enjoyed playing football for South York youth football league and forming lasting friendships with the CA crew, Buick Crew, and the Class of 84. In addition to his rap skills, Rodney was a standout football player for the mighty York High Bearcats. They say when 75 hit you everyone heard the "BOOM". Upon graduating from William Penn Senior High School (York High) in 1984, he attended Thaddeus Stevens College in Lancaster, PA. and later earn credentials as Heavy Equipment Operator. Rodney used his skills and talents to help the family business, Washington and Dowling Contractors continue to flourish.

His legacy as Coach is unparalleled and provided a new platform for him to talk trash, mentor young men, and help scholar athletes acquire their goals. He served as a father figure and coach for several talented teams: including but not limited to the York Raiders AAU, PA Elite, Spooky Nook Raiders AAU, and Boys Club of York. Rodney was such an inspiration and always made time for everyone. He enjoyed posting uplifting messages and cheering on his favorite team, Pittsburgh Steelers.

At fifty-three years of age, Rodney transitioned from this life into eternal life on Tuesday, March 24, 2020. Along with his parents, his legacy and love will be missed by his maternal grandmother, Lena Mae Sherman, Bamberg, SC; his

beloved children: Ashley (Tyree) Ruffin, Landsdale, PA, Barton Ruffin, Tequila Ruffin, and K'ron Washington; Yesaya Cisse, whom he helped raised as his son; grandchildren: Khaliq, Bryson, Tahjai, Te'Quari, Triniti, and Jordyn; siblings: Sherry Roland-Washington (Steve), Crissy Washington, and Stacy Washington (Ti'Waun); niece Nylah; nephews: Steven, Jeremiah, and Asher; and a host of Uncles, Aunts, Cousins, and Friends. Preceding him in his transition were his paternal grandparents: Nathaniel and Olive Washington and his maternal grandfather, James Ford, Sr.

Although, weeping may endure for a night, we know joy will come in the morning. We find comfort in knowing our ancestors welcomed you as you crossed the river to reside in your new home. From God we come and to God we must return. Ase' Ase' and Shalom. May God continue to grant you grace on the next phase of your journey.

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Family and friends are encouraged to click on the Share a Memory Tab to post videos, share memories, condolences, reflections or simply your name allowing the family of Mr. Rodney O'Neal Washington know you are thinking of them during this time of bereavement

Tribute Wall

WP

“ *WILLIAM J PILLGREEN*



william j pillgreen - April 02, 2020 at 12:06 PM

AD

“ *Rest In Peace. Though I only met him a few times his values were strong and I wish I knew him better*

A players Dad - March 30, 2020 at 09:11 PM

AW

“ *Sending my condolences to Rodney's family, Rodney will DEFINITELY be missed all over York, Pa. I met Rodney many years ago when i lived in York off of Queen street.. later would always see him at Bunkys Barbershop.. he was a Good guy, would always talk, give advice.. Thank you Rodney!.. you are Truly missed!.. your friend Aaron West*

Aaron m west - March 30, 2020 at 10:23 AM

BR

“ *You will truly be missed my friend*



Bob Roland - March 30, 2020 at 08:51 AM

KH

“ I wish to send my condolences to the Family of Rodney, I have known Rodney since Jackson school and have remained friends since. I will cherish his friendship and his sweet smile he would give you. May he be at peace and his memories help you and all he touched at this time.

Kim Hostetter Harman - March 29, 2020 at 12:22 PM

KS

“ My condolences to family & friends
One thing for sure at least the. Sidewalks in Heaven will be taken care of. RIP. My friend.
Kevin Sullivan



kevin sullivan - March 28, 2020 at 07:18 PM



Giovanni Spataro

“ I couldn't believe when I read this, me and my best friend Toomey played football with Rodney back in the high school days

He was something else and it was not good when you had to try to get past him

I will miss seeing him, hope everyone gets to say goodbye he will be missed.

God Bless him

Giovanni Spataro - March 28, 2020 at 07:11 PM

TB

“ *My sincere condolences to my friend Ben and the rest of the Washington family for the untimely loss of your child and sibling. May God grant all of you strength peace and comfort*

Tud Brown - March 28, 2020 at 10:02 AM

NR

“ *My condolences to the family.. I will never forget Rodney and our time at the original Friendship Baptist church.. always kind and kept us laughing.. I miss the 'sound advice 'from the crooked Rev.. RIP friend.*

Nadine Roland

Nadine Roland - March 27, 2020 at 10:14 PM

RJ

“ *Big time STEELERS fans my brother gave back to all he met in life. We owe him some love!*

Ralph Preston Jr. - March 27, 2020 at 09:59 PM



“ *Myself and the community of York City will miss Rodney. One of our good brothers gone but never forgotten. Praying for the family. From the Preston sisters Nina,Chris and Shelly*

Nina Dickey - March 27, 2020 at 09:32 PM

DF

“ Rest In Peace Coach Washington. God bless you and your family at this difficult time. In the years that I came to know you, one thing always came across to me. You were constantly working to advance the lives of young men in the York, Pa region so they would better themselves through education. You gave countless hours to so many. Your footprint shall last forever.

Don Friday - March 27, 2020 at 09:30 PM

JJ

“ RIP my black history classmate I will always remember the day the whole was sent to the office after you said to the sub teacher you had a breeze between your knees and no one would tell who said it. Rest easy my friend

judy Johnson - March 27, 2020 at 07:32 PM

DM

When I relayed 2 My Son (Snook) That Rodney Passed Away He reminisced About How Rodney . It Was Around 1986 Snook Was Graduating From The Hi & He left Out & Got Tore UP! I NEVER Knew Who He was with Or How He Got Home " All Knew That & SAID " SNOOK U BETTER NOT THROW - UP ON MY JUST WAX FLOOR " Back Then It Was On Ur Hands & Knees My Husband Put Snook In Tub Of Cold Water He Had A Big Time Hangover Fast foward Year's & Year's Passed By Snook Said It Was RODNEY Who Brought Him Home !! I Just want to express To The Family How Grateful I Am That U Instilled That Love & Respect For His Fellow Man!! May God Bless U Ben & Shirley Raising A Fine Giving Son !!

Deidre McDonald - March 28, 2020 at 06:41 PM

BG

“ Deepest heart felt condolences to the Washington family. You will be forever remembered.

Bonnie Garcia - March 27, 2020 at 04:14 PM

AH

So sorry for your loss praying for comfort for the family. John & Annette Hill Bamberg, SC

Annette S. Hill - March 27, 2020 at 04:40 PM

SJ

“ *RIP WASH 😭, You Were One The Realist O.G's I Knew Growing Up, I Can Remember Making Fish Sandwiches For You With Ex-Fish Lol 😭 So Homie You Rest Easy And You Surely Will Be Missed... You Were A Real One, RIP WASH*

Shot Jamison - March 27, 2020 at 02:17 PM

CS

“ *To be absent from the body is to be present with God. I know Rodney you was a man of faith, a good man who was loved by many. A man who was admired and respected in York city. This is a sad time for our city, I pray blessings for your family and friends that God will comfort the heart uplift her spirits and bring them to a place of peace as much as that time as this. You will be selling mess sleep in heavenly peace my brother. Cee Cee*

Cliffonda Stokes - March 27, 2020 at 12:31 PM

JH

*Rest.In.Paradise My Friend 🙏❤️
Jill*

Jill Johnson Henderson - March 27, 2020 at 07:21 PM

LJ

Me and wash first met at club Vinnys were I was doing the Beat Box and he said let's turn this place out, I said wash you can rap? he said yeah but alot of people don't know...and from that day we became friends , we would eventually meet up at at various spots like Rick J disco ,Princess St Center and old GrandDads... Rodney was a cool brother and will be missed but not forgotten, love you Homie

Leonard kinard jr - March 28, 2020 at 04:51 PM

DB

“ We thank God for the memory of Rodney, knowing his family and my family were in the cement contractor business for years. We relish the times of conversations and comradery through the years. My heart felt condolences to Ben and the family.
Shalom, Pastor Darnell Bowman

Darnell Bowman - March 27, 2020 at 12:29 PM

JP

“ " Wash was My Teammate, My Brother, and My Friend, We played For South York back in the day, I was the quarterback & Wash was my center always protecting me. Wash you will truly be missed by so many, A True Leader, Love you big guy rest easy.

James Perry - March 27, 2020 at 11:49 AM

ME

“ One of my coaching colleagues in AAU Basketball for many years. A true lover of helping kids become something other than a street thug. Rodney gave meaning to life by always making himself available for our youth. I'll also, never forget the compliment he gave me saying my son Evan was the best shooter Suburban has ever had. You were a good man and a great mentor. Rest easy now big guy. Now go get yourself a big piece of angel food cake...but leave me a piece please 😊

Mark Eberhardinger - March 27, 2020 at 11:46 AM

PB

“ My sincere condolences to the family of Mr Rodney aka " The Crooked Rev" Another 1984 classmate gone to soon. May the Lord's Blessing and Healing cover all of you now and in the days to come.
Patricia Banks



Patricia Banks - March 27, 2020 at 11:41 AM

RF

“ Rodney Wash as i always called him, Rest Easy My Friend your work here is done, go be with the Lord, God has work for you.. I will will always look over at those doors of College Ave Gym/ Grimes Gym and forever smile thinking of all the laughter you put on so many faces, Rest In Peace my young friend your going to truly be missed!! #NOTHING BUT LOVE AND RESPECT!!! 100 100

Raymong Ferguson - March 27, 2020 at 11:18 AM

MM

“ To the Big Bear Rodney I know in my heart you have your white rope n wings for your heart was huge you were one of a kind good n thoughtful for others needs You will be so missed RIP for you ran the race n ran it well we love you Rodney sad for us smiling for you for I know you wouldn't want to come back on this side for your at the better side till we meet again in heaven love you Big Bear



Margarita Mazyck - March 27, 2020 at 11:08 AM

FF

“ Ferguson Family lit a candle in memory of Mr. Rodney O`Neal Washington



Ferguson Family - March 27, 2020 at 11:03 AM

AM

“ He was my son’s basketball coach he was amazing coach wonderful mentor a person that gave his all to every young man he came in touch with he gave parents like myself hope that our son will never be apart of the streets he changed so many young men life we medina family r so grateful he came into our son life when he did he changed all of my son’s friends life to so for that thank you coach god is getting more the man he is getting true blessing of angel fly high coach Rodney we all love you n miss u

Angie medina - March 27, 2020 at 11:02 AM

AD

“ Sorry for your loss. I worked with Rodney years ago as his PennDot inspector on several projects. He was a good guy and always took care of me with day to day operations.
Tony Dodaro

Anthony Dodaro - March 27, 2020 at 10:22 AM

TB

“ Terri Banks lit a candle in memory of Mr. Rodney O`Neal Washington



Terri Banks - March 27, 2020 at 10:18 AM

VJ

“ To my friend and my classmate this place is not going to be the same without you football will not be the same without you Facebook will not be the same without you you made us laugh like never before I always look forward to waking up and see what crazy stuff you were up to always say take your phone and put it away but now I'm missing your messages your laugh your smile just one more post we make this all go away I miss you my friend fly high enjoy the life that God has for you rest in peace



Valletta Johnson - March 27, 2020 at 10:03 AM



“ Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Mr. Rodney O`Neal Washington.



March 27, 2020 at 09:44 AM

SP

“ York lost a great guy folks. Rodney Washington. I met RODNEY my 2nd. year at Stevens' Trade. As soon as you met Rodney, he had a lasting impression you. Jokes, Songs, bragging on York's hoopsters, He even used to tease the guys that would play against me in basketball. He would laugh and tell them "Ya'll let a dude with one arm bust ya'll down" Rodney commuted to Lancaster and he would drop me off in Columbia on Fridays. He would make fun of Columbia only having two blocks of black-folks. I didn't have to tell him where I lived, he had a general Idea, lol. The funniest day I had with Rodney was, when me, him, and VioletayDennis Hurd went to Dennis' house in Lititz. Dennis' was a hoop-star from Warwick who was also in our sheet-metal shop. You see Dennis' parents were divorced. His mom lived in Lancaster and his dad lived in Lititz along with the legendary Jack Hurd. Dennis invited us to ride along up to his dad's house in Lititz, He had to pick up some things. We get there and nobody was home. Dennis gets me and Rodney a beer and put the TV on. He goes upstairs to get his stuff etc. A few minutes later, Jack comes home early from school. Let's just say back then, that area wasn't a popular place us brothers. Jack comes in the house, sees two black-dudes sitting in his living-room, drinking beer and watching TV, Rodney just looked at him and said "what's up" (hey" We couldn't tell but Jack was terrified. Dennis finally comes downstairs, to the relief of Jack. Dennis tells us that we just scared the shit out of Jack. Take it easy Rodney Washington, Steeler-Nation won't be the same.

Stan Patton - March 27, 2020 at 09:38 AM

KH

Mr. Ben and Mrs. Shirley, you and your family have my sincere condolences. Rodney was the Facebook comedian which made everyone laugh. Thank you for allowing us to meet and enjoy your blessing from God. We will always remember Rodney. I will continue to pray you, his siblings and children that God will blessed, strengthen and keep you through this hard time and days to come.

Kim Hibner - March 27, 2020 at 11:02 AM

RV

“ There truly are not enough words to describe Rodney, however he always knew how to bring a smile without even trying. I have and will continue to miss his humor with real messages in each one to keep our days bearable. The rapport that Rodney had with the youth in this community is legendary, genuine love for each one of them, his heart of gold can never be replaced. It is my prayer that his legend becomes contagious and others become unselfish and concerned about our future.



Heaven has gained a special angel that Earth will truly miss. My prayers are with his entire family, blood or not, for God's peace, comfort, strength and desire to carry Rodney's legacy onward.

Rochenda Varnes - March 27, 2020 at 09:30 AM

 Jim Sheets

“ Rodney, I cherish so many childhood memories of times with this great man. He was always friendly, funny, and happy. My wife and I were blessed enough to spend some time with him in October (Class of 84 reunion) and we will forever cherish that time and the time we spent growing up together in York. God bless you Rod and his entire family. The Sheets'

Jim Sheets - March 27, 2020 at 09:20 AM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Mr. Rodney O`Neal Washington.



March 27, 2020 at 09:07 AM

GC

“ Man I played sports young meeting all you guys . Then hanging out oh my the laughs. I ll always love them times. My condolences to the family. Gregg CNOTE Clark.

Gregg Cnote Clark - March 27, 2020 at 08:51 AM

NA

“ My prayers and condolences are with all the family at this difficult time. I will always remember Coach Rodney Washington he always smile and make me laugh but his love for helping youth athletes in football 🏈, basketball 🏀 I will never forget. He we always be in my heart ❤️ and I will not forget him. It's time to celebrate his life as he's a Angel of God and has enter through those gates of heaven and will always be watching over all of you!

Coach Nate #86

Nathaniel - March 27, 2020 at 08:47 AM

JB

“ I remember meeting for the first time like 15 years ago during the football season I was rocking my Denver Broncos gear and you obviously was rocking your pittsburgh steelers gear and you walked up to me and said young fella you know your team is trash right. Had me smiling and laughing from that moment on. He was a genuine tell you like it is man and even tho he was only 7 years older then me I always looked up to him as a one of the Old heads of this community. He always had sound advice for everyone he came in contact with crooked rev was loved and respected by all. RiH we will always miss you and love you.

Jermaine Bailey - March 27, 2020 at 08:45 AM

SW

“ My fondest memories of Rodney are when we were in high school. We would talk every day when he would visit me in the office where I was a student worker. He was my prom date and we had such a great time at the prom! I will miss seeing him at our class reunions and his funny “Crooked Rev” posts on FB. Condolences to the family, we are lifting you all up in prayer as you go through this difficult time.

Shunda Liggins Wright - March 27, 2020 at 08:33 AM

MF

“ Sending condolences and prayers to the Washington family. RIP Rodney

Michele Fickling - March 27, 2020 at 08:30 AM

SR

“ There are so many memories with Rodney that I can't just think of one. But my favorite memories are the times when we were children. We often talked about those days and it always brought smiles and laughter..gonna miss you Cuz. Love you Steph

Stephanie Roland - March 27, 2020 at 06:49 AM

GC

My favorite memory of Rodney was when we were at a cookout one day and he started belting his tunes. Rodney had a voice! I said go ahead Rev! Our Washington and Dowling days had us cracking up, and most of all how he mentored my son!! Stood in his corner!! His Facebook comedy show kept me laughing....his life touched many. Shirley, Ben, his siblings. children and entire family, my heart aches for you all. Be comforted in knowing Rodney left a smile on the face of many, many people.

Gwendolyn Carter - March 27, 2020 at 08:05 AM

DD

Memories... attending family reunions... Rodney would always put a smile on my face..so genuine. Love You, and you will remain in my heart...Donnie 🍷💕

Donielle Dowling-Taylor - March 27, 2020 at 08:35 AM

TH

“ *Cousin/Big Brother Rodney was everyone’s favorite because he loved and had a passion for people. He was the only person who called me by my middle name - named after our beloved grandmother. And every time one of us called, Rodney came through. Such a beautiful soul and a life well lived. The community will miss you and will NEVER be the same without you. Fly high cousin, you’ve earned it.*

- Love Cousin Tina “Olivia”

Tina Hubbard - March 27, 2020 at 06:30 AM

DC

“ *My memories of Rodney goes back to when he was just a baby I was his baby sitter 😊 he was a cute and happy child , as he grew up over the years he was unselfish, always willing to lend a hand when asked. Helping young boys in the community was his passion. He loved his family 🍷💕, the awesome - special family dinner gatherings! Rodney , auntie will miss you dearly 😭 you fought a good fight now take your rest, we truly loved you but Abba loved you more! Auntie Dorothy & Uncle David*

Dorothy Carroll - March 27, 2020 at 06:12 AM