



Dr. Arthur Leon Bynum

November 24, 1952 - February 4, 2015

Reflections of Life

Dr. Arthur Leon “Big House” Bynum, 62, of Henrico, departed this life February 4, 2015. Born in Harrisburg, PA, he was preceded in death by his parents, Martha Purnell Dent and Arthur Lee Bynum; and brother, Michael James Bynum.

Leon graduated from I. C. Norcom High School in Portsmouth, VA and went on to receive a bachelor’s degree in sociology from St. Paul’s College in Lawrenceville, VA.

He attended Regent University where he received his Master’s degree. He defended his doctoral degree at Argosy University.

Dr. Bynum, a former Richmond Juvenile Detention Home counselor, touched many lives as an educator, mentor, basketball and football coach in the school systems of Charles City, Newport News, Henrico County, as well as Richmond City Public Schools where he taught at Martin Luther King, Jr. Middle School for the last ten years; more recently, he served as a faculty member at his alma mater, St. Paul’s College in Lawrenceville, VA. In addition, Dr. Bynum was a faithful member of his church, Sharon Baptist, where his proudest moments were serving as a deacon and being a member of Sunday school.

Leon was a wonderful husband, dedicated father, supportive brother and faithful friend. His favorite pastimes were watching his favorite football team, the Washington Redskins, sharing jokes, and sending morning scriptures to a number of his friends. Staying physically fit was a way of life for him; in addition to working out daily, he frequently shared fitness tips with many in the community.

He leaves to cherish his memory a loving and devoted wife of 37 years, Sandra White Bynum; twin daughters, Lennika J. and LaNice J. Bynum; two sons, Leon J. (Damian) and LeVonté J. Bynum; two sisters, Barbara Stephenson (Clyde) and Vanessa Bynum; two brothers, Steven (Lanise) and Howard (Yvonne) Bynum; two sisters-in-law, Bertha Aiken and Celestine Brown; one brother-in-law, Robert L. White (Cynthia); family friends, Robert and Charlotte Harris, and William Robinson; beloved canine companion, "Tori"; and a host of nieces, nephews, other relatives, and friends.

Expressions from the Family

Dad,

Of all the many gifts you gave me, sacrifices you made for me, lessons you taught me, skills you modeled for me, I always will be most grateful that you allowed me to be the person I am while showing me how to be the man you wanted me to be. I only hope that I will continue to make you proud. I love you so much, and I will continue to thank God every day for you.

- Leon

The greatest gift I ever had came from God; I call him Dad, how I love, love, love my father!

- LeVonté

Daddy,
You were my strength when I was weak
You were my voice when I couldn't speak
You were my eyes when I couldn't see
You saw the best there was in me
Lifted me up when I couldn't reach
You gave me faith because you believed
I'm everything I am because you loved me.

A father's love is the greatest gift a girl could ask for; I would never ever ask God why you were taken from us because it was in His time and will. I appreciate the life you were given, and I am forever grateful to you for all you've done for me and your family. I love you so much and I will see you again. I love you daddy, I will smile because you smiled, I will laugh because you laughed, and I will love with all my heart because you did.

- Your baby girl, LaNice

Dad,
Did you ever know that you're my hero, and everything I would like to be? I can fly higher than an eagle for you are the wind beneath my wings...

Thank you God for giving me an amazing, loving, and selfless father. All I can do is give God all the glory, honor, and praise for allowing me to have my father with me for 25 years. Dad, you were and will always be my hero. I can only pray that I continue to make you proud. I love you and can't wait to see you again.

- Lennika

"Really Gonna Miss You"

It's really gonna be different without you
Time came when you had to go
For the rest of my life
Gonna be thinking about you... (Yes, I am)
I'll miss you my buddy – I'll miss you my friend
I promise my love for you will never end
In your finest hour, I was there with you
And without you things won't be the same
But there's a higher power that we answer to
And you heard Him calling your name
Really gonna miss you – Everything about you,
your smiling face
I know you want us all to be strong
Really gonna miss you
I know you're going to that magic place
Singing you a brand new song
I promise my love for you will never end.
Smokey Robinson

Cemetery Details

Washington Memorial Park

6217 Memorial Dr.
Sandston, VA 23150

Previous Events

viewing

FEB **9**. 12:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

March Funeral Home-Laburnum Chapel
Richmond, VA 23222

Family Hour

FEB **9**. 6:00 PM - 7:00 PM (ET)

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Service

FEB **10**. 11:00 AM (ET)

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Tribute Wall



“ *Dr. Arthur Leon Bynum*

October 13, 2022 at 08:33 AM



“ *Dr bynum I love and miss you so much thank you for the imprint you made on my life and all the support you gave me and confidence i hope you are resting peacefully*

terisharria - March 28, 2017 at 08:30 PM



“ *DR. Bynum wasn't my teacher But I used to see him in the halls And He would always Crack A joke or two. He was A Cool Teacher It was to soon for him to Leave us Rest In Peace*

Jordan Rowe - February 10, 2015 at 07:35 PM



“ *he always scratched me and told me it was a tattoo. I love and miss you*

terisharria dixon - February 10, 2015 at 11:24 AM



“ *DR.BYNUM YOU WAS THE BEST TEACHER EVER IT WAS TO EARLY FOR LEAVEN BUT GOD SAID IT WAS YOUR TIME TO GO . BUT WENT THEY SAID YOU DIE I CRY HARD I CAN BELIVER IT*



TASHAYAJOHNSON - February 10, 2015 at 10:46 AM

SO

“ To the beautiful Bynum family, a second family to me. I send my sincerest condolences at this time. I loved Dr.Bynum and was amazed how he was a biological father to four but a mentor and surrogate father to every young person he met. His weaving of love and positive influences continue to move through every soul he ever met and his memories will continue to live on. Our father God has him
Home now to watch over your family.

Sade Ogunmokun - February 10, 2015 at 08:27 AM

VC

“ Sandra, I am sending you and your family my sincere condolences, knowing there are no words to express what you all are feeling. I can rejoice and thank God that "House", has truly left his mark in the world with his wit and caring ways. I still remember the way he laughed about my sweet pound cake until he tasted it to realize it was pretty good and telling my daughter "you never leave home without your weapon"(her tennis racket)...lol! Yes, "House" will be missed, but his legacy & love will always live in all of you. Allow God's love to be your strength and comfort. .Love Vonda Fields Colson

Vonda Fields Colson - February 10, 2015 at 05:12 AM

SM

“ I'm going to miss you Dr. Bynum. You are a great, funny, and encouraging teacher at MLK and I pray your family will be save knowing you are watching them with God.



Stacie McCloud - February 09, 2015 at 08:43 PM

TJ

“ I'M GO TO MISS YOU RIP DR.BYNUM IT WAS TO EARLY FOR YOU GO BUT YOU SAID IT IT WAS GO TO BE THE LAST TIME YOU WILL SEE MARIN LUTER KING MIDDLE SCHOOL BASKETBALL GAME



TASHAYA JOHNSON - February 09, 2015 at 10:06 AM

KK

“ Praying that you allow the Peace if God to comfort you and loving memories flood your heart and mind . I am so sorry for your loss.



Katrenia Kier - February 09, 2015 at 01:47 AM



“ I want to give my wishes to Mr. Dr. Bynum's family Dr.Bynum was a very great man was so much Power and his words I want to say you will never be forgotten Mr. Dr. Bynum. I remember in the classroom used to always tell me Ms. Brown sit down grab a seat pullout your history book or step out my class if you ain't ready to learn today lol you pushing me and made me think about a lot of things that I am capable of doing but even though I ran around the classroom always sat down when you came in I miss u for all them yell and all the talk we had R.I.p

Shaquana Brown - February 08, 2015 at 05:34 PM

LB

“ Leon B. purchased the Divine Peace Bouquet for the family of Dr. Arthur Leon Bynum.



Leon B. - February 08, 2015 at 05:16 PM

AF

“ Our deepest sympathy to your family. May you find comfort from the Father of tender mercies which the Bible relates at 2Cor. 1:3,4. We hope his word will always sustain your family especially at this time.

Armstrong Family - February 08, 2015 at 11:07 AM

BS

“ There are lots of memories I could share. Our freshman year at Saint Paul's College in Mr. Whitten's math class 1971 was when you lost the bully in you. Some one was passing my newspaper to me and Leon intercepted it. everyone looked, got up and took it from you(dead silence in the room). Leon sat down and we became the "best of friends.

In the late 80's when Leon used to take his son(Leon) to school at John Rolfe Middle. I'd meet him and sometimes he almost ran head on into me.

To the Bynum family my sincere condolences to you. He will be missed.

Brendolyn Logan Snyder

Brendolyn Snyder - February 06, 2015 at 08:05 PM

VW

“ To the Bynum family, you have my deepest sympathy. Cherish the memories. The Lord has him. He is now at rest and peace.



Viesta Washington - February 06, 2015 at 07:10 PM

Latoya Robinson

“ U will truley be miss Dr Bynum R.I.P Gone but never forgotten



Latoya Robinson - February 06, 2015 at 07:04 PM

AL

“ In memory of Dr Bynum I will miss you walking in the cafeteria making me laugh at ur jokes it's kind of hard to see you not at M.L.K no more I will always miss your jokes that made me laugh love Aresha Lane

Aresha Lane - February 06, 2015 at 06:58 PM

VW

“ Viesta Washington lit a candle in memory of Dr. Arthur Leon Bynum



Viesta Washington - February 06, 2015 at 05:51 PM

VW

To the Bynum family, you have my deepest sympathy. Cherish the memories. The Lord has him. He is now at rest and peace.

Viesta Washington - February 06, 2015 at 05:53 PM



“ *Purple Rose with Carnations and Lilies (Silk Cemetery Flowers) was purchased for the family of Dr. Arthur Leon Bynum.*



February 06, 2015 at 05:48 PM

Jacob
Heinrich

“ *"Live every day as if it were to be your last, learn as if you were to live forever" ~Mahatma Ghandi
I respected and admired you. You were inspiring to me.*

Jacob Heinrich - February 06, 2015 at 05:20 PM

EB

“ *Elisa Bynum lit a candle in memory of Dr. Arthur Leon Bynum*



Elisa Bynum - February 06, 2015 at 04:15 PM

SB

“ Dr. Bynum, I will miss you very much. No words or actions of any kind can express how much we love and miss you. I remember the first time you called me wee-wee. And ever since it stuck with me. When you left to go home, I felt Like I was the only one on this earth. You even said it yourself " You will NEVER find another teacher like Me. We miss and love you very much Dr. Bynum and we are doing things in YOUR honor.

#doitfordoc

#wemissyou

Shakiyah Bolden-Jones - February 06, 2015 at 01:31 PM

TH

“ You will never be forgotten Doc, I miss you. #DOIT4DOC.

TaeJuan Harris - February 06, 2015 at 01:23 PM

TD

“ R.I.P Dr.B oved and missed

Terrisharia Dioxin - February 06, 2015 at 01:21 PM

SP

“ Dr. Bynum you are gone but never forgotten you will be truly missed . You meant so much to me and I looked up to you. It doesn't feel right knowing that you are not here . Love you Dr. B and miss you ay you rest in peace.

#doitfordoc #pikney

#imgoing2missyou

Sharletta Pinkney - February 06, 2015 at 01:17 PM

SM

“ Dr. Bynum I will miss you. gone but NEVER forgotten. it doesn't feel right in this class not seeing you here everyday. I love you Dr. Bynum !!!
#doitfordoc

sharnay moore - February 06, 2015 at 01:11 PM

TB

“ Dr. Bynum i'm gonna miss you it feels like i known you forever i couldn't believe it when they said you were gone you made everyone laugh and smile you told us what was real and was not i remember so many funny moments that's its not even funny without you remembering it with me YOU GONE BUT NEVER FORGOTTEN!!

#DoltForDoc

Tar'Quasia Bell - February 06, 2015 at 01:06 PM

EB

I send my deepest sympathy to my aunt and cousins I know you all are sadden by the lost of a husband, father and best friend. I just want you all to know that the Bynum family love you all and we are praying for you. Just remember that Dr. Leon Bynum is heaven telling those same crazy stories and jokes that we all will miss Rest in peace Uncle House
Love
Elisa Bynum

Elisa Bynum - February 06, 2015 at 04:12 PM

IC

“ You taught us about how the real world works, and honestly many few teachers do that, on top of that you made the funniest jokes and kept discipline within the classroom, I will always look up to Dr.B and thanks.

Ian Cook - February 06, 2015 at 12:47 PM

TM

“ *Dr. Bynum made an imprint on us #doit4doc*

tiana mitchell - February 06, 2015 at 12:44 PM

MA

“ *yes he was the best and he was known in my class for telling me to set all my 44 tons down*

mario allen - February 06, 2015 at 12:40 PM

BM

“ *Please accept my deepest sympathies. Grief can be so hard, but our special memories help us cope.
" Jesus said to her; " I am the resurrection and life. The one who exercises faith in me, even though he dies, will come to life." (John 11:25)*

bess murphy - February 06, 2015 at 09:26 AM

AR

“ *On behalf of the staff at Washington Memorial Park and Dignity Memorial, we express our sincere condolences on the passing of your loved one. We know that the passing of Dr. Bynum is such a great loss. Hold on to the beautiful thoughts and memories shared by friends and loved ones to help ease the sorrow and to comfort you during this most difficult time. Our thoughts and prayers are with you.*

*Ayo Robinson
Family Service Counselor
Washington Memorial Park*

Ayo Robinson - February 06, 2015 at 08:33 AM

CB

“ *Crystal Bynum purchased the Lily and Rose Tribute Spray for the family of Dr. Arthur Leon Bynum.*



Crystal Bynum - February 06, 2015 at 08:22 AM



“ *We the March Family and Staff wish to extend our deepest and heartfelt sympathy in the passing of your loved one. Our prayers go out to you and your family in your time of loss. We know and understand that you have received many expressions of love and we will continue to lift you up in prayer. May the memories you cherish of brighter and happier days help to ease your sorrow and comfort you always.*

March Funeral Homes - February 05, 2015 at 02:52 PM

LW

My son was a student of Dr. Bynum and I just realized that I attended our Dear Alma Mater SPC when he was there. However he was 2 years ahead of me and then he was a member of the Football Team as well as a teacher at my Native Home Charles City Virginia. I kept asking my son about him but he told me he was an online instructor and he had'nt seen him very much. Thanks to all he did to help my son before the college's demise. I wish the Bynum Family God's Blessings. May you hold his memories very close to your heart. Linda Charity Washington SPC Class of 77.

Linda Charity Washington - February 16, 2015 at 05:12 PM