



## Damon Elliott Dreher

October 10, 1950 - March 12, 2019

DAMON ELLIOTT DREHER, departed this life on March 12, 2019. He was born on October 10, 1950 in Columbia, South Carolina to the late Edward and Eliza Ryal Dreher. Damon was the youngest of 12 children.

As a youth, he was baptized and attended St John's Baptist Church in Columbia, South Carolina. He graduated from C. A. Johnson High School in the Class of 1969 where he was a star athlete that played football, basketball and ran track. At Virginia Union University (VUU), he was the Middle Linebacker #63 (Big Daddy) for the Panthers and would always affectionately say to anyone that was not a Panther "It's so hard to be a Panther." After VUU, he was blessed with the opportunity to try out for the Dallas Cowboys in 1974. An experience that he always says that he will never forget. Damon was later inducted into the VUU Hall of Fame. His favorite football teams were Varina, VUU Panthers, Pittsburgh Steelers and later became a Norfolk State Spartan fan.

While attending Virginia Union University from 1971 to 1974, he met his loving wife and best friend, Deborah Ann Hunter of East Orange, NJ and celebrated 43 years of life together. From this union, they had two children, Lamar Bernard and Dana LaRhonda.

Damon and his family has been a member of Antioch Baptist Church for many years. His spiritual blessing was being a member of the Antioch Men's

Chorus, Men's Ministry, and the Security Ministry which he loved being a part of. He attended church every Sunday until his health declined.

Damon retired from Kaiser Aluminum after thirty-seven years of service and became a full time gardener working in the yard which he loved doing from sunrise to sunset.

Damon loved to laugh, making others laugh and did not mind being the center of attention. Damon had a lovable personality which drew others to him with his big heart and willingness to help others. He will be missed by all who knew him.

He leaves to cherish his memories devoted wife, Deborah Dreher, children Lamar Dreher (Sissy), Dana Dreher-Rodwell (Craig, Sr.); seven grandchildren, Craig, Jr., Branden, Jordan, Jaden, Marcus, Zariah and Trevis; great-granddaughter, Madison; adored mother-in-law, Sylvia Hunter; two brothers, Jody Dreher and Hamp Dreher (Connie); four sisters, Inez Yarborough, Ethel Thomas, Annie Bailey (Cornell) and Sara Canty, three sisters-in-law, Marilyn Dreher, Gwen Adams, and Donna Hunter; two brothers-in-law, Kevin Hunter and Keith Hunter (Annette); host of nephews, nieces, cousins and friends.

# Cemetery Details

## Washington Memorial Park

6217 Memorial Dr.  
Sandston, VA 23150

# Previous Events

## Public Viewing

MAR 15. 9:00 AM - 8:00 PM (ET)

March Funeral Home -Laburnum Chapel  
2110 E. Laburnum Ave.  
Richmond, VA 23222

## Celebration of Life

MAR 16. 11:00 AM (ET)

Antioch Baptist Church  
1384 New Market Road  
Henrico, VA 23231

# Tribute Wall



“ *Damon Elliott Dreher*

October 13, 2022 at 08:33 AM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Damon Elliott Dreher.*



March 15, 2019 at 02:39 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Damon Elliott Dreher.*



March 15, 2019 at 10:12 AM



“ *Marilyn Williams-Lee lit a candle in memory of Damon Elliott Dreher*



**Marilyn Williams-Lee** - March 15, 2019 at 12:32 AM

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“ Vivian J. purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Damon Elliott Dreher.



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**Vivian J.** - March 14, 2019 at 09:41 PM

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“ my deepest sympathy to the family, my god continue to strength the family. lester'shag' Patterson.riverdale,ga.

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**lester shag patterson** - March 14, 2019 at 10:50 AM

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“ At times it seems so unfair that death has the power to take away our love ones,whom we won't be able to talk to,laugh with or even hug...but the hearer of our prayers says he'll give us power beyond what is normal so we can deal with these kinds of situations..May God grant you Immeasurable comfort and peace,as you keep the memories you've made with your love one forever in your hearts ..Sorry for your loss.

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**B.Smith** - March 13, 2019 at 03:31 PM



“ 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.

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**March Funeral Homes** - March 12, 2019 at 04:52 PM