



Darnell K. Tatum

October 6, 1969 - April 20, 2018

Darnell Kevin Tatum (Sr.) was born on October 6, 1969 to Wayne and Celestine Tatum in Baltimore, Maryland.

Throughout Darnell's childhood, he attended Fulton Baptist Church in Baltimore, Maryland. He was baptized at the age of 8 years old, before becoming a junior usher. He met lifelong friends during his time at Fulton, and he enjoyed participating in plays, vacation bible schools, and the many programs within the Sunday-school. He was called upon to visit many churches to recite inspirational speeches from memory, for large audiences. Two of his most memorable portrayals were, "I Have a Dream," by Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. and "The Creation," by James Weldon Johnson. When Darnell was older, the family joined First St. Stephens Baptist Church in Baltimore, Maryland under the leadership of Pastor Aggie L. Brown, Jr. After attending with family, Darnell joined First St. Stephens and found comfort in hearing Pastor Brown deliver the word of God. Darnell continued to share his life-long understanding and love of God and he allowed God to use him, and his life, to encourage others. His favorite book was the Bible, which he quietly and diligently studied.

Darnell was a playful, joyful and friendly person. He developed a love for chess at an early age and it remained his favorite game throughout his life. He had a passion for life enjoyed the excitement of roller coasters and

amusement parks. His interest in sports also began early, as he played for the Northwood Baseball (Little) League. As an adult, he enjoyed bowling. Darnell loved writing poetry and lyrics. For a moment, he wanted to become a rapper. He continued throughout his life writing poems. He loved playing board and computer games, telling jokes and making others laugh. He especially enjoyed spending time with his grandmother, the late Bernice Thompson, who loved him dearly. Their bond remained strong as he helped her regularly throughout her incapacitation, and until she went home with The Lord.

Darnell was sharp and intelligent from a very early age, and he had a passion for learning. He was educated in Baltimore City Public Schools before attending BCCC (Baltimore City Community College) and Boyd School in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania. At Boyd School, he completed training for travel and tourism, before gaining employment for Adventure Tours as a travel agent. Darnell's expertise, however, was his skill in cooking and food service. Beyond his love of cooking at home, he found gainful employment with many caterers in the Baltimore metropolitan area. He was employed with Food Staff, but had a long-time passion to get a CDL license and to become a professional truck driver. He successfully completed the CDL program and received his CDL license on April 10, 2018. After completing the program, he would eagerly show his license, demonstrating pride in his achievement.

The Lord called Darnell home, unexpectedly, in the following week.

Darnell leaves to mourn: his mother, Celestine Tatum; father, Wayne Tatum; daughters, Melanie Tatum and Jazmyn Tatum; son, Darnell Tatum, Jr.; sisters, Robyn Terrell (brother-in-law Lester), Angela Tatum and Alicia Tatum; half-siblings, Monica Brooks, Wayne Downtin, and Ashley Tatum; grandsons, Jayden Newman, Kamari Cooper and King Vass; granddaughter, Ayanna Herbert; cousin, Maurice (Tanishia) Thompson; and a host of other close family members, relatives and friends.

Cemetery Details

Woodlawn Cemetery

2130 Woodlawn Drive
Baltimore, MD 21207

Previous Events

Visitation

APR 29. 10:00 AM - 6:00 PM (ET)

March Funeral Homes - West Baltimore
4300 Wabash Avenue
Baltimore, MD 21215
(410) 542-2400
info@marchfh.com

Family Hour

APR 29. 3:00 PM - 5:00 PM (ET)

March Funeral Homes - West Baltimore
4300 Wabash Avenue
Baltimore, MD 21215
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Wake

APR 30. 11:00 AM - 11:30 AM (ET)

1st St. Stephens Baptist Church
4663 Pimlico Road
Baltimore, MD

Service

APR 30. 11:30 AM (ET)

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Tribute Wall



“ *Darnell K. Tatum*

October 13, 2022 at 08:33 AM



“ *Dedra And Family lit a candle in memory of Darnell K. Tatum*



Dedra and Family - April 30, 2018 at 03:37 PM



“ *Cozette Davis lit a candle in memory of Darnell K. Tatum*



Cozette Davis - April 29, 2018 at 06:57 PM



“ *Darnell will surely be missed by family and friends. His smile would light up the world. Know that our hearts are heavy with you, Tatum Family. We are available to serve you any time. First St. Stephen's Baptist Church Missionaries. Minister Cozi Davis, Overseer.*

Cozette Davis - April 29, 2018 at 06:56 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.

March Funeral Homes - April 24, 2018 at 03:44 PM