



## Donald Matthews

February 14, 1959 - April 2, 2026

Donald Kavon Matthews II, born on February 14, 1959, in Baltimore, Maryland, was called home to eternal rest on April 2, 2026, after an extended illness.

Affectionately known as Donny, "White Owl," and "Coot" to his family and friends, he was a shining light in the lives of all who had the privilege of knowing him. His journey on this earth was marked by love, compassion, and an unwavering faith in God. His passing leaves a profound void in the hearts of his family, friends, and the many lives he touched. Donny will be remembered for the deep and lasting impact he made on everyone he encountered

Donny was the beloved son of Donald and Valerie Matthews of Baltimore, Maryland, and the brother of Monique Matthews and Jeri Gbangbalasa, all of whom preceded him in death. He leaves to cherish his memory four children from his union with Thelma "Kandee" Matthews: Donnielle Kavona Matthews, Dennis Kevin Matthews, Dorian Kendall Matthews, and Demitria Kay Matthews.

He was also a proud grandfather to his two cherished grandsons, Desmond Kavon Matthews and Kaedin Demetrius Gardner.

He is survived by his brothers, Darien (Lakeah) Matthews and Damian (Kate)

Matthews. Donny also leaves behind five aunts, two uncles, and a host of nieces, nephews, cousins, and dear friends who delighted in his joyful spirit. He shared a special bond with Angela Brown, who was like a sister to him, and with whom he enjoyed many restaurant visits and shopping outings.

Donny grew up in Walbrook Junction and was educated in the Baltimore City Public School System, attending Walbrook High School and Westside Skills Center. He had a lifelong passion for cars, often working on vehicles throughout his neighborhood and for family and friends. He found joy in building engines and discovering the "why" behind mechanical issues. His love for automobiles was especially evident in his treasured 1964 Ford Mustang, which he proudly owned for many years.

Donny retired from the Maryland Transit Administration (MTA) as a diesel mechanic after 20 years of dedicated service

A man of deep faith, Donny faithfully served in ministry at Greater Faith Hope. Tabernacle, UHC, under the leadership of Bishop Millard Cox. He was also a talented singer who found joy in all genres of music.

Donny's love for his children was immeasurable. He created lasting memories through family vacations and many shared adventures. He was a gifted cook who took pride in preparing special recipes, often grilling and happily sharing his meals with his children and their many friends.

Those who knew Donny will forever remember his infectious smile, his talkative spirit, his booming laughter, his steadfast faith in Jesus Christ, and his unwavering commitment to spreading love and kindness. He possessed a rare gift for lifting others' spirits, leaving an unforgettable impression on all who crossed his path.

Though his physical presence is no longer with us, Donny's spirit will continue

to inspire and uplift.

May his memory be a blessing, and may we honor his legacy by carrying forward his love, compassion, and faith in all that we do.

# Previous Events

## Wake Service

APR 18. 10:30 AM (ET)

Greater Faith Hope Church  
1900 E. 30th Street  
Baltimore, MD

## funeral

APR 18. 11:00 AM (ET)

Greater Faith Hope Church  
1900 E. 30th Street  
Baltimore, MD

# Tribute Wall

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“ God gave you sweet rest. Your love lives on amongst all. Gone from the world but never from the heart. Thank God for the time we shared Heaven gained someone truly special, and you will be missed. Mariea - former Clerk of Kirk Bus Maintenance Division

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**Mariea** - April 14 at 03:17 PM

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“ Donnie fulfilled many special roles in our family and for many others: son, brother, cousin, father (dad), uncle, nephew, friend, and spouse. To add to his roles he was a hard working mechanic, a believer in the Lord Jesus Christ, a joyful singer, hilarious jokster, cook, fun, considerate, light hearted, and most important a gentleman. Each time we saw each other as children and as adults he always greeted me with a smile and comical dry humor. To me he is and will always be a treasured family member, with a kind heart, and fun loving spirit. We love you Donnie. Thanks for the great memories. Cousin Donna B. B.

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**Donna Blackwell-Brown** - April 14 at 01:22 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** - April 08 at 10:14 AM