



## Donald J Vines

September 21, 1953 - March 31, 2025

DONALD J. VINES, only child of the late Charles and Helen Vines was born in Baltimore, MD on September 21, 1953. He would later move to Farmville, North Carolina under the care of his late grandmother, Letha Hopkins, whereby he received his early education through the Farmville Public School System. He would later reconnect with his mother in Stamford, Connecticut where he continued his education graduating from his beloved Rippawam High School in 1971.

Donald and his mother relocated back to Baltimore in 1974 where he held several jobs before being employed with the University of Maryland, Baltimore in 1976 until his retirement in 2012. When first hired by the University, he worked in the Physical Plant (later to become known as Facilities Management) Shade Shop where he learned many handyman skills. There was pretty much nothing that he couldn't fix. As time went on, he wanted to be promoted within the department so he completed a two-year course at Rets Electronic School graduating in 1983. When an opening became available in the Electronics Shop, he was promoted to Electronics Technician responsible for a number of duties including fire alarm testing and silencing, key card access, cabling for computers and whatever else fell under the Electronics Shop. He was a conscientious employee, who could be depended upon no matter what hour of the night or early morning to show up to pair whatever the problem when he was on call.

Donald met the love of his life, Patricia Campbell and became bonus dad to daughter Crystal in 1980 dating until marriage in 1982. From this union, his daughter April was born.

As a young boy, Donald attended church religiously with his grandmother to include Sunday School, Sunday Service and Wednesday Bible Study. He made a profession of faith, was baptized and became a member of New Frontiers of Faith Baptist Church from 1982 through 1986. He genuinely accepted Christ as his Savior in 1988 on the way home from a Christian retreat after being witnessed to by one of the men in the ministry. During this period, he attended Genesis Bible Fellowship Church where he became a member that year to present day. As a member, the first ministry he served on was in Housekeeping later to serve on the Building Maintenance Ministry. Donald was an active member of the Men's Accountability Group which met the first Saturday of each month. He also attended the Men's Fellowship monthly meetings. Donald was in a weekly men's prayer group until his illness.

Donald was a compassionate and empathetic man who only wanted the best for those he loved; whether family, friends, or those he just met who had a story to share. He loved his wife, children, grandchildren, great grandchildren, relatives and friends deeply and was loved by many. Donald had many interests to include maintaining aquariums that included many exotic fish. He loved the challenge of doing maintenance on his vehicles when possible. He also loved traveling, socializing especially family and high school reunions; attending his 50th year high school reunion in 2021. Donald was also known for his dressing which he modeled from his uncles that he admired as he grew into a young man. He loved to travel from Connecticut by train to Harlem's 125th Street to buy all the latest fashions. A couple of his many nicknames was Dapper Don and Fly Guy.

Donald transitioned to his heavenly home on March 31, 2025 after a lengthy illness. He leaves behind to treasure his memory his loving and devoted wife of 43 years, Patricia; daughters, Crystal (Ray) and April; grandchildren, Kori (Curtis), Briel, McKenzie and Christian; great grandchildren, Charlie, Miyah and Landen; sisters-in-law, Maggie Harrison, Jackie Campbell; brothers-in-law, Johnny Campbell (Sophie), Robert Campbell (Tasha); aunt Kay Wardlaw (Al); and a host of nieces, nephews, cousins and friends.

# Previous Events

## Public Viewing

APR 14. 4:00 PM - 6:00 PM (ET)

March Funeral Home - West  
4300 Wabash Avenue  
Baltimore, MD 21215

## Wake

APR 15. 10:00 AM - 10:30 AM (ET)

Genesis Bible Fellowship Church  
6010 Reisterstown Road  
Baltimore, MD 21215

## Funeral Service

APR 15. 10:30 AM (ET)

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# Tribute Wall

CP

“ Just learned of your passing - sincerest condolences to Pat and your entire family. Thanks for the Rippowam memories.

Cynthia Dixon Peters - October 04, 2025 at 10:24 AM

KP

“ Prayers and condolences to the family

Katie Porter - April 18, 2025 at 10:58 AM

TB

“ Sincere prayers and condolences to Sis Pat and family from the Banks Family(GBF)



Tamarra Banks - April 15, 2025 at 01:43 PM

PM

“ Condolences to Pat and the Vine family. Bro. Donald always smiling RIP.  
Love and prayers from the Myers

Patsy Myers - April 08, 2025 at 08:58 AM

BU

“ Bull lit a candle in memory of Donald J Vines



bull - April 07, 2025 at 08:05 PM

DI

“ Donald will deeply missed! My condolences to Pat and the family! Diana



DianaKing - April 07, 2025 at 12:51 PM

WD

“ Our condolences to the family may God continue to bless you

William & Elaine Dupree - April 06, 2025 at 04:02 PM

VB

“ Sending condolences and prayers to the Vines family, when Donald lived in Farmviie, Nc as a child we were neighbors and friends and he would jump the ditch and come visit my brother's everyday and I can hear his grandmother calling his name Donald, oh Donald and he would jump back across the ditch and pretend he never left home, the good old days , sending love and prayers to his family from the Blount Family 🙏🙏❤️



Valerie Blount-Joyner - April 03, 2025 at 08:49 PM

DH

“ My Heartfelt Condolences on the passing for my dear friend & Brother-In-Christ. My Classmate, class of 1971 Rippowam Warriors.. Donald Vines.A Dear friend and brother. Praying for the family that God wraps his arms of comfort and healing at this time and days to come. Much Love to All.

doreen Harrison - April 03, 2025 at 04:07 PM

AI

“ Abraham & Casandra Irby sent a virtual gift in memory of Donald J Vines



Abraham & Casandra Irby - April 03, 2025 at 03:18 PM

WF

“ Wagstaff Family lit a candle in memory of Donald J Vines



Wagstaff Family - April 03, 2025 at 10:41 AM

AT

“ Allen Tyson lit a candle in memory of Donald J Vines



Allen Tyson - April 02, 2025 at 09:25 PM

DK

“ Diana King lit a candle in memory of Donald J Vines



Diana King - April 02, 2025 at 08:41 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 02, 2025 at 01:03 PM