



Franklin Delano Roosevelt Tennyson, Jr.

September 4, 1964 - July 4, 2016

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Franklin, known to many of those who loved him either as "Baybra" or "Frank," was born September 5, 1964, in Richmond, Virginia. He was the middle son of Franklin Delano Roosevelt and Shirley Ann Branch Tennyson's three boys. He attended Henrico County Public Schools and Longwood University.

Frank was perhaps one of the most recognizable faces in Richmond. He was known to many as the "King of VA," not because he had a very high opinion of himself, but because it was the truth. The number of people he welcomed into his world was vast and came from all walks of life, and he deeply cherished his relationships with each and every person. He committed himself completely to the betterment of those around him, whether as a trusted financial adviser, a coach, a friend., a son, or, most importantly, as a father.

Frank's dedication to sports began at an early age at the Boys & Girls Club. He continued his athletic achievements as a key player on the Highland Springs High School Boys Basketball team from 1979 to 1982. His talent led him to obtain a full scholarship to Longwood University, where he led the team in assists and steals.

While at Longwood, Frank served as the Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity, Inc. chapter president. His values which mirrored the organization were founded in leadership, brotherhood, and service - which he practiced in his daily life and he instilled into his sons.

Frank's commitment to fatherhood has yielded three accomplished young men. His first born son would become the Director of Rainbow Station in Shenzhen, China, in addition to countless accolades. Moreover, he shared his love for sports with his two younger sons as an A.A.U coach, where he developed the skills of two grand scholar student athletes - one earned a full scholarship as Wide Receiver for the Vanderbilt University football team; and the other has a promising future in academics and athletics.

Out of all the many roles at which Frank excelled, his crowning achievement was his three sons and the success which bore itself in their lives each and every day. Frank was as devoted a father as a person could be. He prided himself on being there for every practice, game, concert, or play. He understood intuitively who each of his sons was and knew how to tailor his parenting to fit their unique journeys into manhood.

Franklin is survived by his mother, Shirley Ann Branch; three sons, Franklin III, Donaven, and Dillion; and two brothers, Reginald (Charmaine), and Anthony; and his nieces and nephews - Ashley Mitchell {Darek}, Brittney, Ragine, Anthony, Jr.; and great niece, Emery Belle Mitchell. His father, Franklin Tennyson, Sr., precedes him, having passed in October of 2007.

"Love is the only way to educate the uneducated"

If you wish to contribute to the Frank D. Tennyson Scholarship Memorial Fund, please go to the [GoFundMe.com](https://www.gofundme.com) to make your contribution.

Cemetery Details

Washington Memorial Park

6217 Memorial Dr.
Sandston, VA 23150

Previous Events

viewing

JUL 8. 12:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

March Funeral Home-Laburnum Chapel
Richmond, VA 23222

Family Hour

JUL 8. 6:00 PM - 7:00 PM (ET)

March Funeral Home-Laburnum Chapel
Richmond, VA 23222

Service

JUL 9. 11:00 AM (ET)

Cedar Street Baptist Church of God
2301 Cedar Street
Richmond, VA 23223

Tribute Wall



“ *Franklin Delano Roosevelt Tennyson, Jr.*

October 13, 2022 at 08:33 AM



“ *Frank tennyson was my elementary school basketball coach. Not only did he teach me many things about basketball, he guided me to make the right decisions in life and I couldn't thank him enough for that. I was just know hearing of Frank's death more than a year later. My thoughts and prayers to friends and family of Frank.*

Rest In Peace

William Dubinsky

William Dubinsky - December 13, 2017 at 12:08 AM



“ *Tre, Donovan, & Dillon, sometimes words aren't just enough to say how sorry we are, your dad was a very special man, from childhood to adulthood, we were friends and he left an indelible hand-print on me and everyone that he came across. May you be comforted by the many warm thoughts of those who care for your dad, my thoughts and prayers are with you.*

Chris Brooks

Croacker's Spot

Chris Brooks - July 12, 2016 at 05:53 AM



“ *My heart goes out to the Tennyson family for your loss. I've known Frank for over 30 years through high school, college and beyond. He was a good man and I know how much he loved his children. He always had a kind word and was a genuine dude! May he rest in peace and with love. Our thoughts are with you!*

Willie

Willie Fobbs - July 08, 2016 at 10:44 PM

TE

“ To Frank's sons Tre, Donovan, & Dillon.. your Dad was also an artist & the World was his canvas. The people he met throughout his life & the way he touched them, were his works of art. We are his stories... Teri Cotman Bolden

Teri - July 08, 2016 at 08:44 AM

T.

“ My heartfelt condolence to the family. May the MOST HIGH GOD comfort and sustain you during this difficult time. (Psalms 55:22)

T.Parker - July 08, 2016 at 06:19 AM

NC

“ My condolences to the Tennyson family. I will truly miss Frank. I met this true gentleman almost 30 years ago. I was so impressed with him that I bought my first new car from him. I always admired his love and commitment to his 3 sons. Rest in peace, my friend!

Nathaniel (Nate) Childress - July 08, 2016 at 04:03 AM

KA

Reggie my thoughts are with you during this time. Praying for peace and comfort to you and the Tennyson family.
Kelvin Allen
Atlanta GA

Kelvin Allen - July 08, 2016 at 10:45 PM



“ Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Franklin Delano Roosevelt Tennyson, Jr..



July 07, 2016 at 09:20 PM

LO

“ Frank was a wonderful soul. I was introduced to him by a mutual friend and he always greeted me as though I knew him from days long gone by. Upbeat, positive, professional, and caring! He is the kind of person the world needs more of...he will be missed. My thoughts and prayers are with you at this difficult time.

Lawrence Olds - July 07, 2016 at 06:54 PM

KR

“ My condolences to the Tennyson family. Frank was a wonderful man, father, and friend!! I will truly miss him. Rest in paradise Bay Bro!

Sincerely,
Kim Walker-Richardson

Kim Richardson - July 07, 2016 at 05:51 PM

KP

“ I want to extend my heartfelt condolences to Reggie and all of the family of Frank Tennyson. I had so much respect for Ba Bro because he was the consummate gentleman and always had something sincere to say. A quality he has instilled in his 3 sons of whom he was infinitely proud. The loss could not be more greatly felt by his family and close friends, but being a classmate, I feel a branch is loss of tree that I enjoyed seeing and watch bloom over time. Frank(Ba bro) will be forever missed and always fondly remembered.

Sincerely
Kelli T. Price

Kelli Price - July 07, 2016 at 03:29 PM

MM

“ Love u baby bra rip

Michael Q. Mitchell - July 07, 2016 at 03:27 PM

LH

“ My Man Would always have a quote to keep you on your toes...." If it's broke Fix it, if it can't be fixed move on" gonna really miss seeing this guy out and about To share a smoke or get a word, just won't be the same Rip and keep his family and those boys in your prayers.

Lewis Hackett - July 07, 2016 at 02:11 PM



“ Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Franklin Delano Roosevelt Tennyson, Jr..



July 07, 2016 at 02:07 PM

JH

“ To the family,
We are sorry for your loss, keep your memories of him close to your heart, he will always be you!
Sincerely the Simmons family

Joanie Henderson - July 07, 2016 at 12:25 PM

MI

“ It has been a honor and pleasure to have known this man, to have him as a mentor as well to have taught him along with my other students. There is a gaping hole that will not be easily patched with the loss of Bro. Frank. You will be truly missed. My home and family, my company, and school collectively tip our hats and send condolences to the Tennyson Family in this time and know that we are here and on call for you.

Moses McClendon II - July 07, 2016 at 10:18 AM

DC

“ Sincere condolences to the Tennyson family.
Delicia (Lisa) Clements

Delicia (Lisa) Clements - July 07, 2016 at 10:14 AM

RS

“ To the family of Franklin, I send my heart felt condolences. he will truly be missed.

Renee Sapp - July 07, 2016 at 08:36 AM

AE

“ Sometimes just saying I'm here if you need me or a simple hug or holding a hand or saying I love you is all we need when a love one leaves us, I'm saying all of those things. We were honored to have known Frank, thank you for allowing us that privilege. God Bless.
Antoinette Essa



Antoinette Essa - July 07, 2016 at 08:29 AM

EL

“ My Condolences to the Tennyson Family .
Elnora Lightfoot

elnora lightfoot - July 07, 2016 at 08:07 AM

SC

“ Some people come into our lives and quickly go.but you came and stayed for a while and lefft foot prints on our hearts and we are never the same.We want to thank you for those prints and being in our lives . We love you our freind, our brother. May you RIP. Sharonda and Francine

sharonda cunningham - July 07, 2016 at 07:45 AM

GJ

“ MY condolences to the Tennyson family. Reggie May God give you the comfort during this distress time.

Glenn Jeffries - July 07, 2016 at 07:15 AM

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sharonda cunningham - July 07, 2016 at 07:01 AM

MJ

“ My condolences ... Frank was an awesome man inside and out ! You will be missed greatly ... Praying strength for his sons and his family.. 🙏 #HSHSFamily

Madeline Jaye Jones - July 07, 2016 at 06:29 AM

EE

“ My condolences go out to the family. Frank was so fond of his kids and was just a genuine guy. He will truly be missed and I will definitely miss my friend. May God continue to provide comfort to the family.

Eric English - July 07, 2016 at 06:23 AM

JW

“ My heartfelt condolence goes out to Frank's family, in his particular his sons and his core friends. My heart is heavy and I struggle to wrap my head around what feels like a very untimely passing. I pray for strength and courage for Frank's family. Frank played such an integral part in all things Richmond VA and the lives of so many! GOD calls the best home!

Jackie Walker - July 07, 2016 at 05:25 AM



My condolences to Frank's family. He was a terrific guy - much loved - when I knew him at Longwood.

Brenda Cross - July 07, 2016 at 08:08 AM

GE

*“ I can't believe I'm typing these words but I will forever miss you my friend! I will always love you my friend... May God give your family strength to get through this time and comfort your baby boys... You were such a great Father and friend...
Gertie Elam*

Gertie Elam - July 06, 2016 at 11:15 PM

CE

“ To the family, his son's especially he loved you with all his heart. I have been where you are. The hurt does not go away quickly, but the love will continue to live in you forever. I pray that our Lord will comfort you and continue blessing you. I pray that you will find comfort in his words and memories. Know that he wants you to be great! Love you. and I will continue to pray for you. He was a great man and friend.

cynthia evans - July 06, 2016 at 09:49 PM

SC

Our condolences go out to the family and his sons he loved so deeply . Wishing you peace,comfort, courage to face the days ahead and the loving memories to be held forever in your hearts. Sharonda,Fran,Carolyn and our families

sharonda cunningham - July 07, 2016 at 07:33 AM

 William Barnes

*“ R.I.P Good Nupe, will see each other again, ill light up my first stogie with you .. !
Phi Nu!!*

William Barnes - July 06, 2016 at 09:23 PM

AN

“ Praying that God's unchanging word will comfort all who loved Frank.

Angela - July 06, 2016 at 08:36 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 - July 06, 2016 at 05:36 PM

NW

Frank, Rest in peace my friend. I will miss you, what a class act. This a road that we all must travel. Much sympathy goes out to the boys and the rest of the family. We came into college together and graduated together. Until we meet again, my Greek brotha, RIP ~ Novey Wiley, Jr.

Novey Wiley - July 06, 2016 at 09:39 PM

JS

It was so sad to find out a great man such as Frank has left us but he went on to another world to continue his work To the family Frank was that person to know My condolences goes out to you and his sons He will be missed. Jerome Sanders aka Hotdogman

Jerome Sanders - July 09, 2016 at 12:48 AM