



James A. Graves

October 11, 1969 - March 31, 2025

JAMES ANTHONY GRAVES JR., known as Tony, Tone-Tone, or Tone, was born on October 11th, 1969, to Laverne Jones and James Anthony Graves Sr. in Baltimore, MD. He received his education at #139 Elementary, St. Patrick, Dunbar, and Lake Clifton High School.

He was the eldest of 10 siblings. He was big brother to Michael Graves (Mike), Malcolm Graves (Odai), Tonya Jones, Tracey Jones, Kevin Jones (John), KaTrena Jones, LaTasha Jones, Jeffrey Johnson Jr, and James Johnson (Thomas). Tony became a young dad at the age of 17 to daughter, Ashley Shell. The following year, he had his son, James A. Graves III. He's granddad to Kalia Ellerbe, James Anthony Graves IV, and Semaj Graves.

At the age of 25, he began his career as a bus operator for MTA in Baltimore, MD and was still an MTA employee when he passed. Tony loved his career, and he made many friends that he loved dearly. Tony learned his pool skill from his mother at 15 years old and it became his lifelong passion. As time went on, he was competing nationally in tournaments and reached semi-pro status. Not only was he competing in tournaments but he also taught numerous people how to shoot pool.

Tony met the love of his life, Grace, in the summer of 2018. They bonded over

their honesty, vulnerability and deep connection and got married. Tony was never afraid to try new things. If he set his mind on it, he pursued it diligently until he got it. His most recent pursuit was to have his own top grade professional pool table in his own home so that he could play pool on his off days, and of course he got it!

Tone also leaves to cherish his memory: four aunts, Barbara, Brenda, Beverly, and Rachel; and a host of nieces, nephews, cousins, extended family, friends, and co-workers

Cemetery Details

Private

Baltimore, MD

Previous Events

Public Viewing

APR 16. 4:00 PM - 6:00 PM (ET)

March Funeral Home - East
1101 E. North Avenue
Baltimore, MD 21202

Tribute Wall

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“ *Tasha, KaTrena and the Jones/Graves family - may fond memories of your beloved brother bring you peace during this difficult time ~
Regan (JARC)*

Regan - April 15, 2025 at 01:17 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 10, 2025 at 02:27 PM