



Maurice P. Culbreath

March 5, 1956 - October 25, 2024

Maurice Parago Culbreath, affectionately known as “Reese” or “Butch” was the youngest son of the late Gwendolyn M. Culbreath and William R. Culbreath. He was born March 5th, 1956 in Baltimore, MD. He gained his wings on Friday, October 25th, 2024 after battling lung cancer for almost ten years. Despite the pain, Maurice brought sunshine to people's lives, always encouraging people to be strong, and “keep their head to the sky” until the end of his journey.

Maurice grew up in West Baltimore, MD where he attended Baltimore City Public Schools. After graduating from Forest Park High School in 1975, he furthered his education at Wilberforce University the first HBCU operated by African Americans on an academic scholarship. While at Wilberforce University, he was a residential assistant and photographer for the basketball team. Maurice graduated with honors receiving a Bachelor of Science in Business Administration and Management. After Maurice graduated from Wilbrofce University he started working for his beloved job at Federal Express where he served as a carrier for 28 years. Throughout his career at Federal Express, he created a second family and friends he truly loved.

Maurice was a Renaissance man with numerous interests. In his youth, he was Junior Oriole and played various sports such as lacrosse, tennis, bowling, baseball, and his favorite sport basketball. He starred in several leagues as a

member of Winter Forest Park Foresters Varsity Boys Basketball in high school, Ellicott City Recreational Basketball Team, and many other recreational basketball teams. He enjoyed hosting his famous artscape cookouts, playing cards with family and friends, movie nights with his daughter, helping clean up the park that is dedicated to his late grandfather Edward Wilson Parago Sr., playing music in his backyard, and his favorite channel ESPN. Maurice was also a collector of many things such as cars and music. Maurice shared so much love for his community and neighbors, all of who quickly became friends.

Maurice always had a smile, joke, a nickname for everyone, or beer for those he encountered and treated everyone he met with dignity and respect. He never made an enemy and regarded everyone as a friend. He gave his love, wisdom, and even money to those he saw in need. God created a true angel who always wanted to help and love his family. Maurice leaves his cherished memories, to his better half who he shares 34 years of love with, Vanessa Pinkney (Shorty), his loving Daughter, Emerald Culbreath (Boober), his son Ronnie Baker (Scrub), two grandsons, his brother Leslie Culbreath (Les), mother-in-law Diana Harden-Pinkney (Moms), godchildren Carl Brown (Quick), Kevin Brown (Air), Lindsey Freeman (L4), Lia Freeman (Mama), Chananli Sweeper (wonder), Raven Fields, and a host of other relatives and friends. He is now laid to rest with his beloved mother Gwendolyn M. Culbreath at Aburtes Memorial Park.

Cemetery Details

Arbutus Memorial Park Cemetery

1101 Sulphur Spring Road
Baltimore, MD 21227

Previous Events

Public Viewing

NOV 9. 2:00 PM - 4:30 PM (ET)

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

Wake

NOV 11. 10:00 AM - 10:30 AM (ET)

Morning Star Baptist Church
1512 Woodlawn Drive
Woodlawn, MD 21207

Funeral Service

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Tribute Wall

SW

“ Reese was my straight ‘cut buddy’. We balled together, hung out and even trolled females together. I remember once on the court Reese was on the baseline, caught a pass, spun around and shot a gapped legged jumper that switched in. It was the craziest shot I’d ever seen

Samuel Washington - November 18, 2024 at 05:07 PM

YM

“ To the family I would like to extend my deepest condolences to you all. To know Reese was to love him and to love him was to know him. Reese and I met at Wilberforce University in 1979 when I arrived there. Being that we both are from B-more a bond was formed. We both were affectionally known as home girl and boy. I spent every summer on the yard playing softball as a Baby Hannigan coached by him. Dawn Dance every year was lit due to the love and fun had by all when he was there. May DaForce be with you as you rest in paradise. You will be missed homie. Vonnie



Yavonda Myrick - November 11, 2024 at 07:19 AM

VS

“ I met Reece at Wilberforce University in the 80’s, Reece was a kind, funny and generous person. I couldn’t wait for Dawn Dance to come around because I knew he and his crew were coming on the yard and the fun was about to be on. To his family you have my deepest condolences and prayers, he will truly be missed. 🙏💛💚

Valerie Smith - November 10, 2024 at 08:11 PM

BL

OMG I am just hearing about this on the day of his services! 🥺😞 My condolences to his family and Wilberforce family and friends he will be missed! 🙏💛💚

Black - November 11, 2024 at 10:35 AM

WL

“ So long my friend. I'll miss reuniting with you during Dawn Dance Weekend at The Force. A lot of good memories over the many years. Condolences to your family.

Wade Lacey - November 10, 2024 at 08:05 PM

RW

“ Reese (Maurice), my friend you are a true ICON and I will miss seeing you on the yard, rest in in peace. We are all blessed to have known your spirit and heart. Rodney (Squidley) Wellington

Rodney M Wellington - November 08, 2024 at 08:51 AM

AG

“ From: Al, Mike, Tommy, and George planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Maurice P. Culbreath.

Al, Mike, Tommy, and George - November 08, 2024 at 03:51 AM

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“ Al, Mike, Tommy, and George purchased the Lavender Reflections Spray for the family of Maurice P. Culbreath.



Al, Mike, Tommy, and George - November 08, 2024 at 03:51 AM

FW

“ Fred & Dettra Walker purchased the Fairest of All for the family of Maurice P. Culbreath.



Fred & Dettra Walker - November 04, 2024 at 07:20 PM

FW

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Fred & Dettra Walker - November 04, 2024 at 07:20 PM

GB

“ Meeting Maurice P. Culbreath, III in 1978 at Wilberforce University, changed my life forever. Therefore, please accept my deepest condolences to the family and many prayers. ❤️🙏

Gwendolyn Baker - November 02, 2024 at 05:51 AM

KD

Reece u where a wonderfull person a great worker and part of our Fedex family ,Reece u will not ever be forgotten We shared alot of memories and if the day seemed a bit blue here you came screaming the nickname that you gave me DMaster Dmaster how can any forget that pitch coming from you ..Man Reece its sad to hear this news You my friend will always be apart of me and my family Rest well my friend Kenny D ,D Master

Ken Dunaja - November 03, 2024 at 06:43 PM



“ *Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Maurice P. Culbreath.*



November 01, 2024 at 10:03 PM



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“ *So sorry to hear that Maurice passed. His mom was my brother's Ronald Godmother. I well never forget seeing you in The Rotunda Mall at Christmas time wrapping your gifts back in the day or seeing you at Giants.
Rest in peace keeping the family in prayer.
Gail Wilson*

Gail Wilson - October 31, 2024 at 02:48 PM



Prayers to the family for your peace & comfort. His spirit is free

Wanda Moses - November 05, 2024 at 09:42 AM

RB

“ I met you in September 1976 and a friendship was formed at Wilberforce. Many memories were developed and stories were told along the journey. Many Dawn Dance trips, Alumni conference trips, and working Co-op jobs in the District. Many days discussing the Ravens and Steelers during football season and your love for the game of basketball. I will miss the discussions and seeing you with your warm greetings to all you encountered. I pray for your family and friends as they mourn your loss and may our Heavenly Father keep your family in his loving care. Ronald Blake

Ronald Blake - October 31, 2024 at 02:25 PM

JM

I met Reece in 1977 on the Yard at Wilberforce U. He was a great funny brother who wore the coolest loafers. He always went out of his way to greet you and often followed up with a joke or funny story. So blessed to have known Reece and share good times with him. Rest in peace, my brother. Jesse W Magruder, Charlottesville, VA

Jesse W Magruder - October 31, 2024 at 02:34 PM

JP

“ Each time I see a rose I'll think of you. There has not been a birthday, Mother's Day you brought me roses or sent them. I remember the times you drove Mr. P as his health declined. These acts of kindness show the person you were. I will miss you. The family will support each other as we have lost another limb from the family tree. Rest in peace. Momma J



Joan Jeffries Pinkney - October 31, 2024 at 10:57 AM



“ 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 - October 28, 2024 at 01:19 PM