



Rodney D. Austin Sr

January 10, 1960 - December 27, 2025

Rodney Darryl Austin Sr. was born on January 10, 1960, at University Hospital in Baltimore City, Maryland, to the late Eugene Austin Jr. and Jeanette Austin. A lifelong Baltimorean, his life was rooted in family, hard work, and strength that left a lasting impression on all who knew him.

Rodney received his early education in Baltimore City Public Schools, and attended Woodlawn High School in Baltimore County. He went on to obtain his GED and complete a Plumbing Assistant Apprenticeship. Throughout his working life, Rodney earned multiple certifications, including Plumbing Certification, Sprinkler Maintenance Certification, Forklift Operator Certification, and a CDL for long-haul driving. He had a long career as a CDL long-haul truck driver and also worked as a certified forklift operator for The Sun newspaper. No matter the role, Rodney took pride in his work and carried himself with professionalism.

He met the love of his life, Margaret, and they were married in 1982. From their union, they had two daughters, Danelle and Crystal. During a speech at her 60th birthday celebration, he shared, "I am honored to be her husband, and even through our stuff, we were in love, and we are still in love." A man of strong faith, he was baptized in 1996 alongside Danelle by Rev. Dr. Zollie D. Bagby Sr., then Pastor of The Village Baptist Church in Edmondson Village.

He enjoyed good food, pork being his favorite, R&B and Hip-Hop music, and playing the guitar. In his youth he was known as an all around athlete and would try any sport, throughout his life he enjoyed reading, playing chess, and driving. He often said that being on the road felt like watching a movie, a reflection of how he found peace and reflection behind the wheel. Rodney also enjoyed his Knotty Head Seagram's Gin, vodka and cigarettes.

Rodney was a quiet soul, who enjoyed a good party. He loved to dress well and showed up fully for the people he loved. If there was a wedding, Rodney was there. If someone was sick or hospitalized, he would show up, regardless of the hospital rules or visitation hours. His presence was steady and comforting. Family meant everything to Rodney, especially his grandchildren and great-grandchildren. His legacy lives on through his family, his work ethic, and the countless lives he touched simply by showing up.

Rodney was preceded in death by his father, Eugene Austin Jr., Brother Eugene "Chucky" Austin III, and a host of other beloved family and friends.

Rodney leaves to cherish his memory his devoted wife of over 44 years, Margaret Austin; his children: Danelle Pinder (Jerome Pinder), Crystal Bullock (Christopher Bullock Sr.), and Rodney Darryl Austin Jr. (Gelaine Austin). As well as his mother, Jeanette Austin, siblings Micheal Austin (Wanda Austin), and Cheryl Fulton; Sister in Law Eunice Harris (Kevin Harris Sr.)

He is also lovingly remembered by his grandchildren, in order by age: Yamaudi Pinder, Jada Pinder, Justice Pinder, Zakiyah Bullock, Jenelle Miller, Christopher Bullock Jr., Cai Bullock, Amira Austin, Imani Austin, Ahmund Austin, and Iyanna Austin; and his great-grandchildren, Tyren Johnson and Tymier Johnson; and a host of nephews and nieces cousins family and friends.

Previous Events

Wake

JAN 16. 5:00 PM - 5:30 PM (ET)

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

Memorial Service

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Tribute Wall



“ *March Funeral Homes created a Webcast in memory of Rodney D. Austin Sr*



March Funeral Homes - January 16 at 10:50 AM

LA

“ *Cousin Rodney,
You will truly be missed 😞. That contagious smile and cool demeanor.
Rest well! Til we meet again.
Lashay*

Lashay - January 16 at 10:21 PM

JP

“ *Jacqueline Phillips purchased the Arrive in Style for the family of Rodney D. Austin Sr.*



Jacqueline Phillips - January 16 at 01:03 PM

JP

“ Jacqueline Phillips planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Rodney D. Austin Sr.

Jacqueline Phillips - January 16 at 01:03 PM

EA

“ Eileen A. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Rodney D. Austin Sr.

Eileen A. - January 15 at 01:19 AM

SP

“ Uncle Rodney, it hurts so bad cause like my dad, we didn't get to say goodbye. But you're with him now and I can just envision that embrace. I'm going to miss your "hey baby" greeting...you and Aunt Margaret dancing at our family events...your beautiful smile and warm hugs. We will miss you, but we know this pain will someday subside and we can rejoice in that God has gained an angel. Until we meet again, rest in heaven.
Love You,
Sparkle

Sparkle - January 15 at 01:17 AM



“ Happy birthday!

Crystal Bullock - January 10 at 02:13 PM

RO

“ You taught me comic books, Music, and Video games. I wouldn't be half of i am without you thats why this year is already hard without you. But I celebrate the life you lived and the love you gave . Tomorrow is your birthday 1/10



Rodney - January 09 at 11:04 AM

DA

“ Unc This Heavy D , I'm glad we took this picture. It shows how bright your smile is . Rest well we get man take it from here



Darnell - January 08 at 09:01 PM

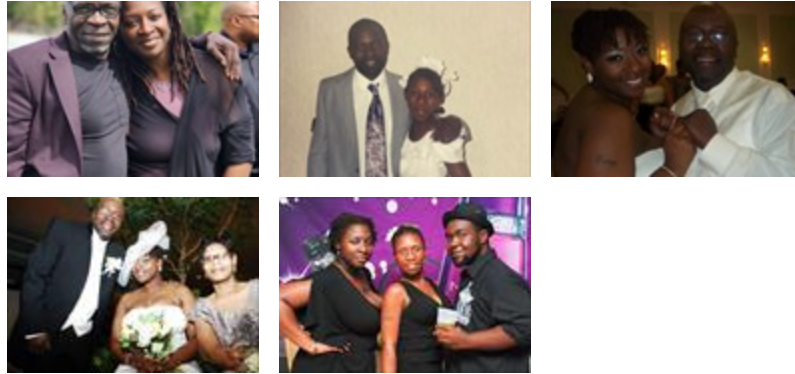


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Crystal Bullock - January 10 at 02:14 PM



“ My daddy, so much like my boys... I hope they take all the best parts of you and reach all of heights of your potential. I love you. Thanks for all the melanin and the face. “What a beautiful chocolate man” □



Crystal Bullock - January 08 at 08:59 PM



“ Rest in Paradise to the man who loved me the most. Every graduation I had, my grandfather made it a point to be apart of it. He actually walked my high school graduation with me lol telling me how proud he was and how beautiful I am, not caring that he wasn't listening to security lol. Truly a day I will never forget. I'm going to miss you so much Poppy. Thank you for being such a great grandad to me, my sisters, my brothers (CJ & Cai), and my cousins. Idk what the rest of life is going to look like without you but I know you're still guiding me throughout. I love you forever my heart, I hope you're having fun with my Pop Pop at the Prince concert □



Yamaudi Pinder - January 08 at 03:51 PM

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Elisha C G Austin 1 - January 08 at 03:57 PM



He definitely walked on that floor taking pictures with his flip phone ☐

Crystal Bullock - January 08 at 04:44 PM

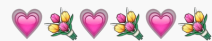
MA

“ I will miss you my friend, my Buddy and Life time Companion. Rest in Peace my Love 🤔❤️🌺🌺🌺🌺🌺🌺



Margaret Austin - January 08 at 03:17 PM

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Elisha C G Austin 1 - January 08 at 03:56 PM



Look at yall, your boo! ☐

Crystal Bullock - January 08 at 06:56 PM

MA

“ On this day we laughed about his big Bozo the clown slipper that he got from his baby girl Crystal



Margaret Austin - January 08 at 02:48 PM



😂😂 he loved those slippers

Crystal Bullock - January 08 at 03:19 PM

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Elisha C G Austin 1 - January 08 at 03:56 PM

MW

“ 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 Home West - January 06 at 10:29 AM



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March Funeral Homes - January 05 at 01:38 PM