



Vondell Cocennie Taylor

January 12, 1969 - February 20, 2020

Vondell Cocennie Taylor departed this life February 20, 2020. He was preceded in death by his parents, Meril and Audrey Taylor, and twin brother, Wondell W. Taylor. Vondell was affectionately called Redd, Big Redd, Fat Dog, "V", and Burgandy by loved ones, friends and colleagues.

Vondell or "Redd" as many knew him, matriculated through Richmond Public Schools graduating from Thomas Jefferson High School. He played on defense for both Jefferson Huguenot Wythe (JHW) & Thomas Jefferson (TJ). He loved both theater and acting and had multiple engagements over the years at elementary schools and churches to do a reenactment of the "I HAVE A DREAM" speech. Upon completion of high school in 1987 he enlisted in the US Navy. After completing Sea School in Great Lakes, IL he was stationed at Norfolk Naval Base. Redd attained the rank of Petty Officer 1st class as a Missile Technician. He also served as on scene fire patrol and was deployed on two 6 month major deployments and numerous minor deployments. In 1994, Vondell was selected to go to recruiting school to become a recruiter where he was number 1 in his class however due to unforeseen circumstances was not allowed to graduate. Thus, was sent back to the fleet. He finally was discharged September 2001.

Vondell was baptized at St. James Baptist Church in Varina. Later in life Redd moved on to worship at other Richmond churches such as most recently The

Cedar Street Memorial Baptist Church of God where he served as an Armor bearer. Prior to Cedar Street for many years he attended St. Paul's Baptist Church where he was a member of the Men's Chorus and Big Brother/Mentor amongst other things. He loved gospel music unapologetically and could be heard at any time praising through song and if you told him he could not sing he would tell you "I bet you can't beat me trying."

Redd had always been a technical and logical person thus had a true passion for performing his job as Operations Manager at Walmart. He was also known for being an entertainer while having massive Football watch parties especially if his team, the Pittsburgh Steelers, were playing. Redd loved to cook as well as play Bid Wist and Dominoes; where you would often hear him use his favorite sayings, "Something in the milk ain't clean", and "Not Audrey Taylor's son/ Not this man."

Vondell is survived by wife, Robin Jackson; son, Quinton Taylor; stepsons, Brandon McVeigh, Kyle Jackson (Collisha); sister, Andrea Taylor; brother, Charles Cosby; niece, Ashlee Miller (Brandon); nephew, Robert Cosby; great niece, Audrey Miller; aunts, Mayola Pleasants, Betty Pleasants, Clarice P. Wright, Pearl Burrell; uncle, Roger Pleasants (Juanita), a host of cousins and relatives.

Cemetery Details

Oakwood Cemetery

3101 Nine Mile Road
Richmond, VA 23223

Previous Events

Visitation

FEB 28. 9:00 AM - 8:00 PM (ET)

March Funeral Home-Laburnum Ave.
2110 E. Laburnum Ave.
Richmond, VA 23222

Family Hour

FEB 28. 6:00 PM - 7:00 PM (ET)

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Celebration of Life

FEB 29. 12:00 PM (ET)

St. Paul's Baptist Church
4247 Creighton Road
Richmond, VA 23223

Tribute Wall



“ *Vondell Cocennie Taylor*

October 13, 2022 at 08:33 AM



“ *Vondell was a friend and coworker who will be greatly missed by every one who knew him. My thoughts and prayers are with his family.*

Mary Thomas - February 28, 2020 at 07:06 PM



“ *To the family of Vondell Taylor aka Redd, I'm truly sorry to hear about the passing of a school mate. Please accept my prayers and condolences. RIP buddy too hard to believe that you have gained your wings.*



*The Coley's Family
Sonya, Madie, and James*

Sonya Pitchford - February 28, 2020 at 03:47 PM



“ *We were extremely saddened to hear of Redd's passing. Our deepest condolences and prayers are extended to the Taylor family. We have very fond memories of Redd; may he rest in peace.*

Edwards Family

Edwards Family - February 28, 2020 at 11:58 AM

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“ This was so hard for me to express my grief. Redd was a great Uncle-in-law to me over the years I knew him. He took me and my family in as our house was being built and we built family bonding traditions that brought our family together every Sunday. I’m going to miss our game nights, karaoke, and dinners every Sunday. There will never be another joyful family oriented man like him. May he rest in power. - Brandon Miller

Brandon Miller - February 27, 2020 at 12:39 PM

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“ Vondell is my BMF. I will miss him dearly. I will cherish the stories of Vietnam, horses, and Scattergories with terms of endearment from the urban dictionary. I will think of you on New Year's when Dillards opens. A man will be satisfied with the fruit of his words...”
(Proverbs 12:14, AMP). You always paid forward...you will be missed.



Dana Cosby - February 26, 2020 at 05:24 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 - February 26, 2020 at 04:01 PM