



## Elder Theodore Albert Durham

March 23, 1951 - November 21, 2018

Elder Theodore Albert Durham, 67 of Virginia Beach, VA passed away November 21, 2018. He was born on March 23, 1951 in Washington DC. He attended Smithdeal Massey Business College and earned an Associate Degree in Accounting (1971-1973). At the age of 17, he began attending the National GMWA Conventions and later served as a Chapter Representative of the Richmond Chapter. His career path, working for Cavaliers Men's Store, lead him to relocate to Richmond Virginia, and later to the Tidewater area. Theo loved his job and possessed a keen sense of fashion, style and charisma! Being the loudest salesman in the store, he was sure to win your attention and sale!

The next chapter in his life lead him to further his education, where he earned a bachelor's degree in Interdisciplinary Studies (1997-2004) and a Master's in Urban Education Community Counseling (2005-2010). Obviously, time was not an issue, it was going to be Theodore's way!

Some of his affiliations include: GMWA National Back Stage Committee, National & Local Professional Alliance, Tidewater GMWA Chapter member, Musical Soul Food Festival, Afran' Fest, BMI, Song Writer, Promotor, Gospel Quartet Liaison, (Norfolk State University: Planning & Budget Staff, Music Staff, Athletics Tutor, Douglas Wilder Center Lead Usher, Administrative Assistant for New Student Orientation), (The Mount: Unity Choir, worked in

Keys Bookstore operated by K.W. Brown Ministries), Minister of the gospel, Chesapeake Public Schools Substitute Teacher, Music Workshop Clinician, Event Planner and much more.

Theodore leaves to cherish his precious memories his godmother, Shirley MK Berkeley of Upper Marlboro, Maryland; sister, Carolyn Owens; brothers, Sylvester K. Starkes, Isaiah "Ike" Owens, Jonathan Walker, Earl Bynum, Patrick Riddick; a special friend and caregiver, Linda Smith and a host of friends and acquaintances

# Cemetery Details

## Woodlawn Memorial Gardens

6309 E. Virginia Beach Blvd  
Virginia Beach, VA

# Previous Events

## Visitation

DEC 1. 9:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

The Mount  
215 Las Gaviotas Blvd  
Chesapeake , VA 23320

## Service

DEC 1. 11:00 AM (ET)

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# Tribute Wall



“ Premier Funeral Services created a Tribute Video in memory of Elder Theodore Albert Durham



Premier Funeral Services - November 28, 2018 at 02:30 PM

CA

Love you my friend see on that GREAT getting up morning.

Chief Apostle A.M.Lee - November 28, 2018 at 04:00 PM

DS

Song on video was written by Theodore Durham and recorded by Dr. Sylvester K. Starkes's Voices of Expression Gospel Choir of Bayside High School!

Dr. Sylvester K. Starkes - November 28, 2018 at 04:58 PM

RH

Thank you for such a warm and friendly person. Songwriters create melodies that transcend life's barriers. Your encouragement shall always be cherished and remembered. Rest, then write the songs that the angels will sing.

Rev. Linda Holley - November 29, 2018 at 12:20 PM



Loletha Smith

Theodore introduced me to the National Mass Choir music division of GMWA. I am forever grateful. Much love Theodore rest in the Lord.

Loletha Smith - November 29, 2018 at 01:12 PM

CJ

*Blessings to the Family and Friends of Theodore Durham from the Richmond, Va. Chapter of GMWA*

**Carrie Jackson** - November 29, 2018 at 05:15 PM

PC

*Love the video. Truly be missed.*

**philando cooks** - December 02, 2018 at 01:52 AM

CW

*Elder! You are truly missed. Every conversation rings in my ear in remembrance of you. I will see you later. Much love*

**Cecilia Staton Williams** - November 22, 2019 at 08:38 AM

CR

*Rip Theodore Keep The family of Theodore on you're prayers*

**Cameron Williams Rowe** - November 22, 2019 at 07:44 PM

KM

*Rest in Peace Elder Theo. Man you were the best! I could count on you at every gospel concert or function in the Hampton Roads area.*

**Keith McEachin** - March 24, 2020 at 02:26 AM



“ 7 files added to the album Life Tributes



**Premier Funeral Services** - December 08, 2018 at 04:00 PM

SD

“ Our sincere condolences to the family and friends of Elder Theodore Albert Durham. He was truly a man of grace and courage. Heaven has gained an angel! He will truly be missed. Simon and Schronda Daniels

Schronda Daniels - December 01, 2018 at 11:53 AM



“ Florist Choice Bouquet was purchased for the family of Elder Theodore Albert Durham.



November 30, 2018 at 12:33 PM



“ Lavender Reflections Spray was purchased for the family of Elder Theodore Albert Durham.



November 30, 2018 at 12:27 PM

SW

“ Theodore was a no nense type of a man. He was a sticker for details and for accuracy and order. But he was also fun loving and crazy. He loved people and Norfolk State, but he loved his Lord and Savior even more.

May God bless his family and friends during this time and afterwards.

Shirley A. Whitaket - November 29, 2018 at 06:05 PM

CJ

“ Carrie J. purchased a sympathy card for the family of Elder Theodore Albert Durham.



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**Carrie J.** - November 29, 2018 at 05:13 PM

 Rita Mason

“ Take your rest my friend!! See you on the other side. ❤️❤️❤️  
Ray and Rita Mason

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**Rita Mason** - November 29, 2018 at 11:09 AM

RE

“ Theo I'm going to miss you. Thanks for your contributions to the musical and ministry community in 757. A worker and supporter who was always the same.

*As yes Charisse killed at Wilder center. Didn't know that would be the last time I'd see you. Glad to have shown you mad love.*

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**REG** - November 28, 2018 at 09:34 PM

JE

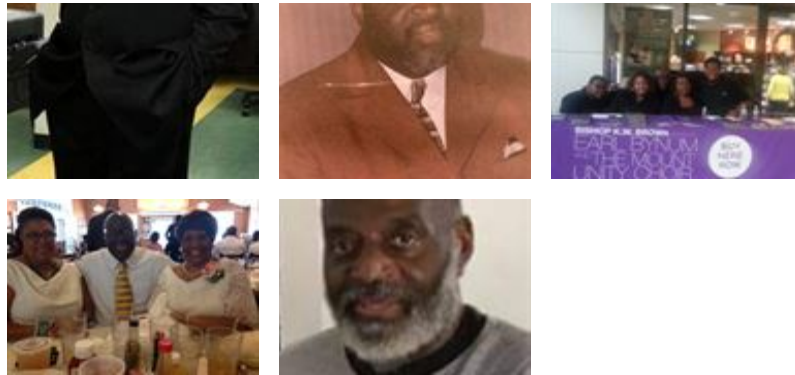
“ From my Family to the Family and Friends of Theodore, our sincere condolences, and prayers for comfort.

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**Jake Everett** - November 28, 2018 at 06:17 PM



“ 37 files added to the album LifeTributes



Premier Funeral Services - November 28, 2018 at 01:24 PM

GC

“ Miss you in the K.W.BROWN CAFE discussing issues about NSU and attending concerts at Douglas Wilder performing arts center and you were always my special usher 😊 glorine cousin

Glorine Cousin - November 28, 2018 at 01:08 PM

RA

“ Elder Durham I am going to miss you.  
Rev. Darlene Abney

Rev. Darlene Abney - November 27, 2018 at 09:54 AM

BS

“ I will always remember cutting up and singing with you and Earl along with The Mount Unity Choir. Oh you kept me in stitches laughing so hard..... " living in a Honda" oh wow heaven has gained another Angel. RIH #BEHOLD Blessings and prayers to your family and friends from Mom and I. Love you to Life and Beyond! Bunny Scoggins- San Antonio Texas

Bunny Scoggins - November 27, 2018 at 03:41 AM

CM

“ I remember spotting Ted singing in Earl Bynum’s Mt Unity Choir. What an honor!  
<https://youtu.be/Qvybs84Gnn4>  
Courtesy of Earl Bynum/YouTube.

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**Carolyn Monroe** - November 25, 2018 at 06:41 PM

CM

“ Greetings from one of the members of Ted’s extended family. From VA to DE to WV, now adults, but as children, we were raised with him and loved him like family. He truly loved us and though far away, he always kept in touch. We are devastated to hear of his passing, albeit rejoicing that now he is gloriously resting in the arms of Jesus! Our thoughts and prayers are forever with him, family and friends. Rest peacefully. Love you Teddy! ❤️❤️🙏🙏

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**Carolyn Monroe** - November 25, 2018 at 05:04 PM

DS

“ To my brother and sometimes son, rest in the arms of Jesus. I thank God for your life, the laughter and moments of joy, moments of tears, days we prayed to quickly pass. I remember the times you were there to encourage me, and the times I was there to encourage you! You may have beat me running this time, but, you can’t crown Him until I get there! Love,  
Daddy/Brother Starkes ❤️

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**Dr Sylvester K Starkes** - November 25, 2018 at 06:48 AM