

A
CELEBRATION
OF THE LIFE
OF



Mario KENJUAN
TUFTS DAVISON, SR.

ENTRANCE DEPARTURE
SEPTEMBER 19, 1974 | SEPTEMBER 17, 2026

SATURDAY – SEPTEMBER 26, 2026

VISITATION: 11:00 AM
SERVICE: 12:00 PM

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1148 WALKER LAKE ROAD
MANSFIELD, OH 44906
PASTOR AARON WILLIAMS

Obituary

Mario Kenjuan Tufts-Davison Sr., age 51, passed away unexpectedly on Thursday, September 17, 2026, following a car accident in Columbus, Ohio. He was born on September 19, 1974, in Mansfield, Ohio, to LaMonte Davison Sr. and the late Dorothy Jane Tufts. A lifelong resident of Mansfield, Mario was a beloved son, father, brother, grandfather, coach, mentor, and friend whose presence touched countless lives.

Affectionately known as “Flip” or “Flipper” by his family and close friends, Mario was a graduate of Mansfield Senior High School, Class of 1993. He went on to earn a Bachelor of Science degree in Electrical Engineering with a minor in Computer Science from the University of Cincinnati in Cincinnati, Ohio.

Mario was a man who wore many hats throughout his life. Most recently, working with school-age children through A Beautiful Mind. While his career was important to him, Mario’s greatest passion was working with young people and helping them discover their potential.

Mario was also an entrepreneur and devoted much of his time to mentoring and coaching young athletes. He encouraged the youth he worked with to push themselves, believe in themselves, and strive to be the best they could be. To many of the young people whose lives he touched, he was simply known as “Coach Mario”—a title he was incredibly proud to carry.

His love for sports was evident throughout his life. Mario refereed multiple sports and was supporting sports programs throughout Mansfield and Columbus. Whether he was on the court, on the field, behind the scenes, or cheering from the sidelines, Mario was always involved. He could walk into a gym anywhere in the area and be greeted by everyone.

Sports were also a cherished part of his family life. Football and basketball were a regular part of the household, and Mario took great pride in watching his sons participate and excel in athletics. He loved sports, but even more than the games themselves, he loved the relationships, lessons, and opportunities they created for young people.

Mario’s greatest legacy will not only be found in his accomplishments, but in the people, he encouraged, mentored, coached, and loved. His impact on the youth he worked with will continue through the lessons he taught and the lives he helped shape.

Mario was preceded in death by his grandparents: Emma Tufts, Alton and Queen Davison; his aunts: Pat Linzy and Sonya Taylor-Wren; his uncles: Alton “Boot” Davison, Adrian Davison, Jesse, Eddie “Duke,” and Grady Tufts; and other beloved family members who will forever remain in his memory.

Mario leaves to cherish his memory his parents: LaMonte and Cathy; his children: Nyla, Mario Jr. (Madison), and LaCario; his grandchildren: Nevaeh, Jasmine, and Gabriel; his siblings: Jazmyn, LaCario (Tameshia), and LaMonte II “Andre”; his nieces and nephews: Dorothy, Keialey, Ankailo, Jaylen, Kyree, Nikara(Cora), Solomon, Lamonte, Jaquae, and Queen; his grandmother, Dorothy; his aunts: Mary “Frog” (Mark), Gloria (Edward), and Tammy (Ralph); his uncles: Keith (Michelle) and Eddie (Ora Jean); his special cousin, Shannon (Chris), who was raised alongside him as a sister; and numerous cousins, extended family members. He also leaves behind Jillian, the mother of his daughter Nyla, and NJ, Nyla’s brother, who will forever cherish his memory.

Among those who will deeply miss Mario are his special friends: Shawn Colvin, Shawn Vickers, Larry Strong, Chris Hout and the countless young people, families, athletes, coworkers, and friends whose lives he touched throughout his journey.

Mario will be remembered for his generous heart, his love of family, his passion for sports, his entrepreneurial spirit, and most of all, the time and energy he devoted to helping young people. His memory will live on through his children, grandchildren, family, friends, and the many lives he influenced as Coach Mario.

Order Of Service

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MUSICAL PRELUDE

PARTING VIEW.....Immediate Family

SCRIPTURE READING.....Clergy

Old Testament:

New Testament:

PRAYER OF COMFORT.....Clergy

SELECTION

ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS/CONDOLENCES

REMARKS.....Family and Friends
Two Minutes Please

READING OF OBITUARY.....Read Silently

SELECTION

THE EULOGY

BENEDICTION.....Clergy

RECESSIONAL.....Clergy, Family and Friends

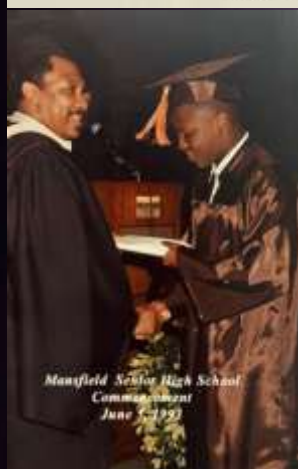
"GONE YET NOT FORGOTTEN, ALTHOUGH WE ARE APART, YOUR SPIRIT LIVES
WITHIN US, FOREVER IN OUR HEARTS"



The guys G.Q. it up for the camera.



Best Dressed — Becky Medina and Mario Davison



Mansfield Senior High School
Commencement
June 5, 1999



"YOUR MEMORY IS A KEEPSAKE FROM WHICH WE'LL NEVER PART,
GOD HAS YOU IN HIS KEEPING, WE HAVE YOU IN OUR HEART"



"THE WORLD MAY NEVER NOTICE, BUT WE WILL ALWAYS REMEMBER"



Remember Me

To the living, I am gone,
To the sorrowful, I will never return,
To the angry, I was cheated,
But to the happy, I am at peace,
And to the faithful, I have never left.

I cannot speak, but I can listen.
I cannot be seen, but I can be heard.
So as you stand upon a shore
gazing at a beautiful sea,
As you look upon a flower
and admire its simplicity,
Remember me.

Remember me in your heart:
Your thoughts, and your memories,
Of the times we loved,
The times we cried,
The times we fought,
The times we laughed.
For if you always think of me,
I will never have gone.

Until We Meet Again

Unknown

We think about you always,
We talk about you still,
You have never been forgotten,
and you never will.

We hold you close within our hearts,
and there you will remain,
to walk and guide us through our lives, until we meet again.



Psalm 23

The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not want.
He maketh me to lie down in green pastures: he leadeth me beside the still waters.
He restoreth my soul: he leadeth me in the paths of righteousness for his name's sake.
Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death,
I will fear no evil: for thou art with me; thy rod and thy staff they comfort me.
Thou preparest a table before me in the presence of mine enemies:
thou anointest my head with oil; my cup runneth over.
Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life:
and I will dwell in the house of the Lord for ever

Interment

Mansfield Memorial Park
2507 Park Avenue West | Mansfield, OH 44906

Pallbearers

Family and Friends

Flower Bearers

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Acknowledgements

The Family of Mario Kenjuan Tufts-Davison, Sr. is very grateful and thankful to all of YOU.
We are sincerely appreciative of all your support during our time
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