

Acknowledgments

We are grateful for the richness of his life, the Love, forgiving heart, the devoted husband and father, the loyal son and brother, the influencer, the visionary, and of course, the myth, the great man, and now the Legend!!

Thank you for the loving concern, friendly smiles, comforting touch, and prayers.

We will forever remember and appreciate the love. May the Lord bless you. To God be the Glory.

The Family of Dana L. G. Vann

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MARLAN GARY FUNERAL HOMES

Celebration of Life

Dana Lavelle Geovanni Vann



Sunrise

OCTOBER 29, 1989

Sunset

JULY 5, 2025

Saturday, July 26, 2025

1 PM VIEWING | 2 PM CELEBRATION

**MARLAN GARY FUNERAL HOME, CHAPEL OF PEACE
5456 E LIVINGSTON AVE, COLUMBUS, OH 43232**

OFFICIATING: OVERSEER COLLEEN KELLY

Obituary

Dana Lavelle Geovanni Vann, son of Dana Allen and Stacy Vann, was born on October 29, 1989, in Cleveland, Ohio. He departed this life unexpectedly on July 5, 2025.

In his early years, he was educated in the Cleveland Public School System. After his family moved to Columbus, Ohio, Dana attended the Columbus Public School System. He received his G.E.D. in 2011. Dana was seeking to improve himself and his family, enrolling in the American School of Technology, where he graduated with a diploma in HVAC. After graduation, Dana was employed by Edward's Properties from 2018 to 2020 as a Management Supervisor. Dana started his own company in 2020, "Sticky Bud Bandits." Dana studied Cannabis Horticulture, becoming a certified professional grower, traveling, and attending various conferences and events.

Dana met Amanda Piwinski, his wife, in 2009. She was the love of his life, his helpmate, his soul mate. They married in 2019. To this union was born one son, Nathan. The couple raised Dana's other children Nevaeh and Dana Jr, affectionately known as Jr. Dana was a loyal and devoted husband and father.

He was preceded in death by his father, Dana Allen, his paternal grandmother Christine Allen, his maternal grandmother Phyllis Vann.

He leaves to cherish his memories a devoted and loving wife, Amanda, a best friend and loving mother Stacy Vann, his children, Naveah, Dana Jr, and Nathan, his siblings Tyreese (William), Phylicia (Augustine), Bennie (Juwanna), Payton Allen, Olivia Allen and a host of uncles, aunts, cousins and friends. He will forever be remembered for his confidence, kindness, forgiving heart, and beautiful smile.

WITH LOVE

Memories are timeless treasures of the heart. Memories made and moments captured. In loving memory of precious moments.



Memories & Tributes



I have lost my best friend and the love of my life. I feel like I lost a piece of my soul. I will never hear him say I love you or call me babe anymore. I will never feel him hold my hand or wrap his arms around me again. Yesterday, I kept seeing his picture everywhere, and I would just break down. I hope he knew how much he was loved by everyone around him. I could not bring myself to post anything yesterday because I couldn't keep myself together enough. I can't believe he's gone. I don't know what I'm going to do without him. He was my rock. The first person I wanted to talk to when something happened. He always had my back no matter what. He was also the person who told me when I was being stupid. Dana Vann I love you so much and miss you. My soul hurts knowing that I will never get to see you again. But when I go, I will keep my promise and make sure I torture you in the afterlife for leaving me. We will be together again, whether it be in the afterlife or another life. You can't keep one soul apart forever.

Amanda Vann



My fondest memory of me and my big brother is when he stepped up and took me to a father-daughter dance because our father had passed not long before. He gave the best advice and always helped when I needed it. He meant so much to me and I love him so much.

Love your sister,
Olivia Allen

Order of Service

Musical Prelude

Take Me to the King by Tamela Mann

Processional

Family & Friends

Selection

Unity Christian Fellowship Church

Scripture

Old & New Testament

Psalms 23

1 Corinthians 15:54-58

Prayer

Unity Christian Fellowship Church

Acknowledgements & Cards

Author Ciara James

Solo

Unity Christian Fellowship Church

Obituary

Read Silently

Two Minute Memories

Vacecezil Allen

Jessie Simpson

Rose Mary Ellis

Special Tributes

Letter to Dana

Evangelist Kimberly Williams

Great Man

Dana Vann Jr.

Stacy Vann

Eulogy

Family and Friends

I Will Always Love You

Recessional

REPASS IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING SERVICE

UNITY CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP CHURCH
3833 WESTERVILLE RD, COLUMBUS, OH 43224
BISHOP CHRIS CRUMP SENIOR PASTOR

Memories & Tributes

A Tribute to My Little Brother

Being the oldest never meant anything to you. You were always my protector, my first best friend, and the one who showed up when no one else did. I can't remember life without you. Today feels unreal because no matter what, my brother was always here.

You were a warrior, a fearless leader, and the truth-teller I needed. The uncle who checked those kids when they got outta line, and a strong, resilient father and husband. I'll never say goodbye—only see you later. From the womb to the tomb, you're forever my little brother.

I'll always love you. When I think of a man, your face is the first that comes to mind. Your strength, courage, and authenticity were everything. You gave me superpowers because if you could face it all, so could I. I'm so proud of you and I'll carry your laugh and our memories with me forever.

Rest easy, Big Worm. I love you always.

-Tyreese

The bond that my brother and I shared has been broken but will never fade. You are in my heart and mind forever. I'm ever so grateful for the time we shared.

Love your brother,
Payton Allen

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Dana,

I don't even know how to begin saying goodbye. The truth is, I don't want to. You've always been my protector, best friend, and constant in this ever-changing world. When life got heavy, when things fell apart, you were the first person I called. Even if there was nothing you could do about it, just hearing your voice made it all feel a little less impossible. We shared dreams, plans, and so many things we still wanted to do together. It breaks my heart knowing we won't get to make those memories side by side. But I promise you this: I'm still going to make it happen for both of us.

I want you to know I've got Manda and the kids. Don't worry. I'll take care of them the way you would've taken care of August and Joseph if anything had ever happened to me. You can rest easy, knowing your family is my family—always.

I miss you so much it hurts. I keep catching myself reaching for the phone to tell you something or send a video, then I remember you're no longer here. I love you. I love you with everything I have, and I always will.

Thank you for being my big brother.
Thank you for loving me the way you did.
I hope you knew just how much I loved you too.

Rest easy. I've got it from here.

-Cat