

Interment

**Pinecrest Memorial Gardens
2391 Nashville Hwy
Columbia, TN 38401**

Repast

**Carmack Blvd Church of Christ
2111 Carmack Blvd
Columbia, TN 38401**

Pallbearers

**Curtis Henderson James Henderson
Otis Jernagin Emmanuel Shockley
Dominique Ballard Deondre Jernagin**

Honorary Pallbearers

**Martin Thomas III Dante Jernagin Jr
Sharod Thomas Coby Cooper
Isaiah Thomas Jayden McCloud**

Flower Bearers

First Cousins

Acknowledgement of Appreciation

We, the family of Dante Jernagin, would like to express our heartfelt gratitude for the love and support shown during this difficult time. Your kind words and prayers have brought us comfort as we celebrate his remarkable life. A special thank you to his kidney doctor, Dr. Mundra, and his entire team.

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Forever In Our Hearts



Dante Lamont

**SUNRISE
10-19-1977**

“FLUFFY”

Jernagin

**SUNSET
10-25-2024**

**November 9, 2024 11:00 A.M.
Carmack Blvd Church of Christ
2111 Carmack Blvd
Columbia, TN 38401**

In Loving Memory of Dante Lamont Jernagin

Dante Lamont Jernagin, born October 19, 1977, in Pontiac, Michigan, left this world on October 25, 2024, in Spring Hill, Tennessee. Dante was the cherished son of Malvina McCathern and Willie Moore. Growing up in Pontiac, he was surrounded by family and friends until 1995, when his mother moved the family to Columbia, Tennessee. He graduated from Columbia Central High School in 1996 and later attended Southwestern Christian College in Terrell, Texas.

Dante's faith was central to his life. He obeyed the gospel of Jesus Christ at Eastside Church of Christ in Pontiac, Michigan. After moving to Columbia, he joined Carmack Blvd Church of Christ, where he was an active member, especially with the youth group and as part of the Harmonizers singing group. Dante loved singing and sharing his faith with those around him, bringing joy and comfort to many.

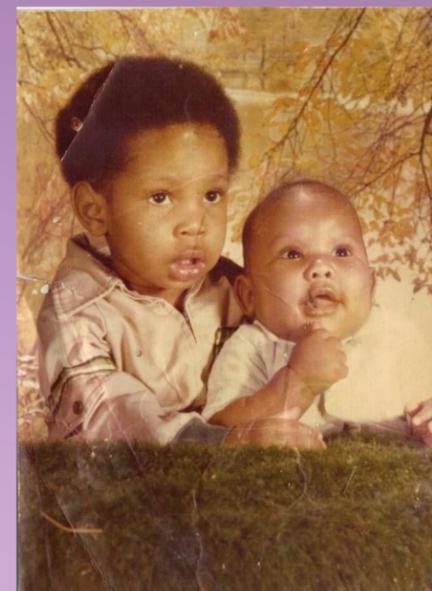
Family was Dante's heart and soul. His children, Dante Jr., Destiny, and Alexis, were his pride and joy—his "heartbeat." When he faced the challenges of kidney failure, his mother Malvina stepped in with unwavering support and care, showing everyone what a mother's love truly looks like. Dante was eternally grateful to her for that.

In 2022, Dante found his way back to an old college friend, Victoria Ward, who became the love of his life. Victoria brought joy and purpose back into his life. She stood by him through every step of his health journey, from dialysis to transplant, and was with him until his final moments. In her, Dante found love, companionship, and a reason to dream again. On February 20, 2024, Dante promised Victoria a future together as his wife. With her, he gained not only a life partner but also a granddaughter, affectionately calling him "Pinky", a daughter, Olivia, and three wonderful sons, Martin, Sharod, and Isaiah.

Dante was preceded in death by his maternal grandparents, Othel and Ella Jernagin; paternal grandparents, Ezell and Earnestine Moore; and his stepfather, Michael McCathern.

He leaves behind his beloved wife, Victoria Ward (Jernagin); his children, Dante Jr., Destiny, Alexis, Olivia, Martin, Sharod, and Isaiah; grandchildren, Charlie and Jordan; parents, Malvina McCathern of Spring Hill, TN and Willie Moore of Pontiac, MI; siblings, Anthony (Octavia) Jernagin of Athens, AL, Meshawn McCathern of Clarksville, TN; Renetrice Rhymes and Sean Moore of Pontiac, MI and William Earl (Marilynn) Rose of Alabama; an uncle who became his best friend, James Holt; a special cousin (sister), Jasmine Jernagin of Columbia, TN; and many loving aunts, uncles, nieces, nephews, cousins, and friends.

Dante will be remembered for his big heart, his devotion to family, and his deep faith. His love, humor, and strength left a mark on everyone who knew him. He'll be deeply missed, but his memory and spirit will live on in all of us.



Dad..

To be heard, without saying a word,
To be hugged when I'm feeling blue,
To be understood, when I'm confused,
So rare was a Dad like you.
Your loving smile, and gentle laugh,
Made all the difference in my day.
Your endless wisdom, and timeless advice
Always helped me find my way.
In you there was no equal,
You were in a class all your own.
And because of all, the love you gave me,
I'll never be alone.
It's an honor to have known you,
To have shared stories and dreams.
I'll always think of you smiling,
No matter how tough life seems.
You're still special beyond compare,
Your heart so kind and true,
I wish that everyone on earth,
Could have such a Dad like you!
Love, Your Children



Pinky..

We love you!

Love, Your Grandchildren
I miss you Pinky - "Miss Charlie"

Brother..

Sleep, My Brother
By T. Hutchinson

I wish you sweet sleep, my brother dear.
Although there's so much that you've left bare
I hate that you had to endure such pain
On my mind, your saddened eyes have left a stain.
I want to know what crossed your mind
Unspoken words you've left behind
Undone things we'll never do
No sharing thoughts you never knew.
A peace has fallen upon your head
A taste of sorrow we have been fed
It really is like a hole in our lives
One swiftly dug but carved out by knives.
But I have hope that those sleeping will rise
The Bible says that God will open their eyes.
No suffering, sickness, yes not even pain,
Those who did good, eternal life they'll gain.
So... sleep on my brother, sleep tight
For now with you the sky is night.
But after night will come daybreak
Therefore I will wait hoping to see you awake





Son..

AS I SIT HERE TRYING TO UNDERSTAND WHY YOU WERE CALLED HOME, I KNOW THAT GOD DOESN'T MAKE MISTAKES. IT'S HARD KNOWING THAT I WON'T SEE YOU ANYMORE. ❤️ YOU MADE ME A PROUD MOTHER. YOU CARE ABOUT PEOPLE AND YOU MADE ME FEEL BETTER EVERY TIME I CAME AND TALKED TO YOU ABOUT DIFFERENT THINGS THAT MADE ME UP SET. YOU WOULD SAY DON'T LET IT BOTHER YOU. I JUST KNOW I'M GOING TO MISS YOU SO MUCH. I LOVE YOU ❤️ AND I THANK GOD FOR THE 47 YEARS HE GAVE YOU TO ME.

Babe..

What started as a friendship, blossomed into a beautiful love story. One particular conversation that has always stuck out, is when you shared your health story with me. Afterwards, you asked, "Are you sure you still want to be my friend?" I said, "Absolutely! This makes me want to be your friend even more, and love you even harder!" I cried and vowed to always be your friend and love you forever. Babe, I did exactly what I said and more. I'm thankful for OUR friendship! I'm thankful for OUR love! Thank you for loving me! I didn't get to spend the rest of my life with you, but you spent the rest of your life with me! You will forever live on through me.

I love you! I love US!

Love You Forever, Mrs. Vic Jernagin

#JernaginsForALifetime ∞



Celebration of Life

Officiant, Minister Demetrius Nelson
Minister Carmack Blvd Church of Christ

Processional - Jonathan Knight
Leaning on the Everlasting Arms

Prayer - Minister Gerry Binford

Scripture - Old and New Testament
Minister Fitzgerald Bailey
Burns Springs Church of Christ

Song - Coby Cooper

Remarks - First Cousins

Solo - Laila Cooper

Remarks - Nieces and Nephews

Acknowledgements - Beverly Hobson

Celebration of Life Slideshow

Song - Kendrick Kimble

Remarks - Aunts and Uncles

Solo - Victoria Ward (Jernagin)

Eulogy - Minister Anthony Jernagin

Recessional



First
Worship
Service
Together
2022

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SPECIAL EDITION
Our Engagement News
 OCTOBER 19, 2023 Columbia, Tennessee
SAVE OUR DATE!
 DANTE PROPOSED, VICTORIA SAID YES
 On a date night, to celebrate Victoria's birthday, Dante popped the question!
 Now we can't wait to celebrate the big day with you!
 Get the latest on us by visiting thelove.com/engagement

White
Bears
bread
in the parkway

The
Jambalaya
Fish
sandwiches
the dogs

