



OCTOBER 24, 1966

JUNE 10, 2025

IN LOVING MEMORY

of

Darryl Laurence Curtis Sr.

• Saturday ~ July 12, 2025 •

11:00 am

**First Charity Baptist Church
5601 Bowleys Ln. Baltimore, MD 21206**

Order of
SERVICE

WELCOME ~ TIFFANIE BROWN

MUSICAL SELECTION ~ I WON'T COMPLAIN

OPENING PRAYER ~ ASANDRA WILLIS

SCRIPTURE READING

PRESENTATION OF GIFTS ~ DENISE CURTIS WHITENER

ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

REMARKS ~ FAMILY AND FRIENDS

MUSICAL SELECTION ~ I SHALL WEAR A CROWN

OBITUARY ~ RAYMARLYN CURTIS

EULOGY ~ PASTOR REGINALD WILLIS

BENEDICTION

DOVE RELEASE

REPASS

*Darryl Sr., we are already missing you..
You will be forever in our hearts..*

OBITUARY

Darryl Lawrence Curtis Sr., born on October 24, 1966 in Mobile, AL to the union of Maurice Curtis, who preceded him in death, and Willie Mae Curtis. Darryl transitioned into the sunset on June 10, 2025 in Columbia, MD.

As a child, Darryl grew up in Brooklyn, New York where he lived in a loving home enjoying the happiness and company of his parents and 12 siblings. Darryl was child number 10. He was close to his parents; his mother used to call him her quiet child. He had many good times playing with his siblings closest to him in age as the older siblings watched over them. Darryl spent time making music and singing in the backyard with their pretend family band. Darryl and his siblings spent hours enjoying each other laughing and joking. They even gave him a funny family nickname, Daffy Duck, making fun of his lips. Darryl relished his childhood memories, they always brought a smile to his face.

As a teenager, his parents moved to Baltimore and he earned his diploma from Northwestern High School. It was in high school where his love for basketball flourished. After graduating in 1985, Darryl attended Morgan State University on a basketball scholarship. He enjoyed playing basketball and hanging out with his teammates. It was during his college years that he earned a new nickname "Sheik". In 1992, Darryl would earn his Bachelor of Science Degree in Accounting.

During Darryl's last years of college, his roommate introduced him to his first wife Raymarlyn. After marrying in 1996, the twins were born in February 1998. They were excited to welcome Darryl Jr. and Raven into the world. He took great care of the twins; he loved giving them bubble baths, fixing them pancakes, and playing with them on their swing set. After their marriage ended, he continued to play a major role in the twins' lives, they always loved spending time with their dad.

Darryl began his career in healthcare as an enrollment specialist, signing participants up for Medicaid through Prudential and later Amerigroup. He was the top enrollment specialist more often than not. He would later transfer to the Amerigroup marketing mobile unit where he would distribute marketing materials on health insurance to citizens across Maryland. Darryl Sr. wanted to do something different, so he studied to become a medical coder. He went to work at MedStar as a medical coder and remained there until his illness would no longer allow him to work. He was sad to stop working, having been one of the top coders during his tenure. He also had a second job at Travel Centers of America, he had many funny stories about the customers that came through. When Darryl Sr. was not working, he enjoyed traveling, watching sports, playing video games and watching the Marvel movies.

Last summer he was diagnosed with a terminal illness. As he shared the news with his children and siblings, he also asked Raymarlyn to help him along this journey. Darryl Sr. kept his illness private. He said, "*I had a great life and I have two great children. I don't want to leave the earth this soon, but if God says this is my fate, I will not complain.*" When Raven learned of his illness, she was there to help him with anything he needed, even moving in with him near the end. Darryl Jr., while living in Las Vegas, called his dad frequently, returning home to spend the holidays with him. His siblings called to check on him; his sister Denise would come and tidy up his home and his brother Dennis would come to spend time with him. Raymarlyn and Darryl Jr. were there to hold his hand and pray over him as he took his last breath. Darryl Sr. was loved by all and a favorite sibling to many. Sadly, his journey here on earth came to an end much too soon. Darryl Sr., you will be missed.

Darryl Sr. leaves to mourn his twins, Darryl Jr. and Raven Curtis; his mother, Willie Mae Curtis; his siblings, Geraldine, Ernestine, Francine, Maurice Jr. (Pat), Mary, Carol (Jerry), Wesley, Denise (Horace), Dennis, and Eric; his friend, Raymarlyn; and a host of other relatives and friends.

FROM OUR HEARTS

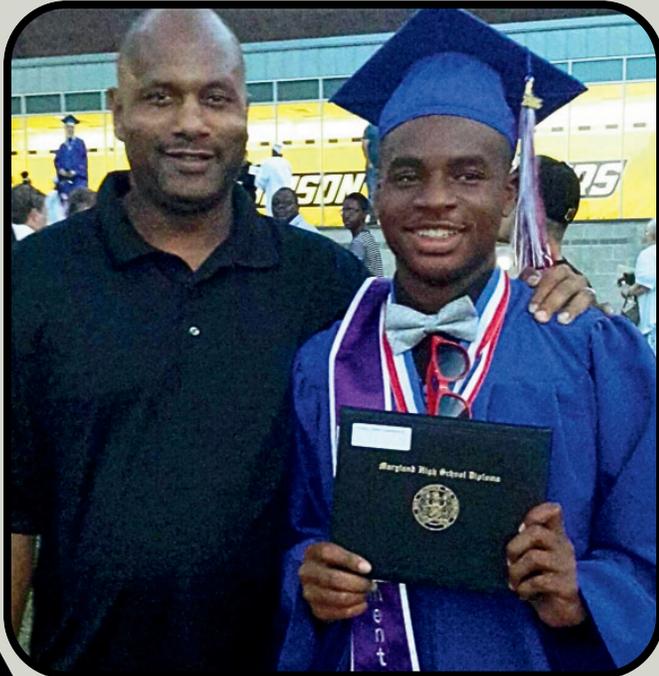
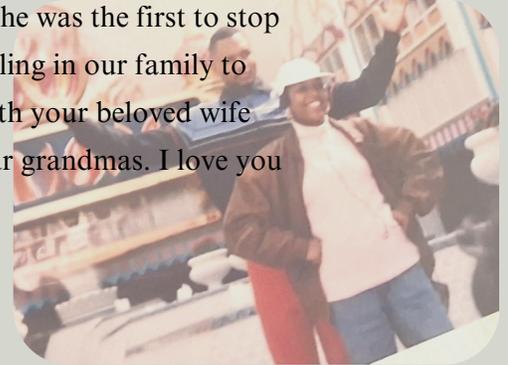
Dear Brother “D”

Over the last few months, you were looking like our mother and being strong like our father when he was battling cancer. I saw the same look in his eyes when I looked in yours so many times. When I would leave in the early morning to go to work I sat in my car asked God, “Why are you taking another one of my brothers?” The one who protected me growing up. The one who was the last out of the five little rascals to get caught when our mother sent the next to the oldest brother Maurice Jr. to bring us in the house. He had the hardest time trying to catch my brother Darryl. When we all five got whipped and sat in a circle crying, he was the first to stop crying and started making us laugh. We were so proud of the first sibling in our family to graduate college. I ask again, lord why? I hope you are celebrating with your beloved wife Barbara, our father, our older brother Stanley, our sister Sharon and our grandmas. I love you

big bother Darryl, aka “Big D”

Your little sister Denise aka “Flygirl”

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To My 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 will never be alone.

It's an honor to have known you,
To have shared our 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 always, your son Darryl Jr.

FROM OUR HEARTS

Dear Daddy

There are so many things I want to say to you, but I simply can't find enough words to express how much you meant to me and the effect your passing has had on me. I am so grateful for all the time we had together, but 27 years just wasn't enough.

There is still so much life ahead of me, and it pains me to think of all the moments you won't be present for; the memories you won't be a part of. I wish I could tell you how gray my life looks without you in it. There was so much more for us to do and talk about together.

As much as I prepared for this day, it still feels like I didn't have enough time. I am so glad you were able to smile through your illness and be strong for your family. I'm even happier that your spirit is free to be in God's kingdom, where I'm certain you were reunited with Mrs. Barbara.

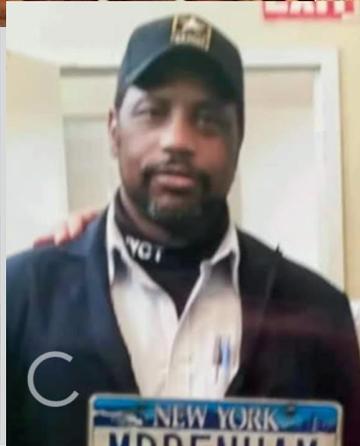
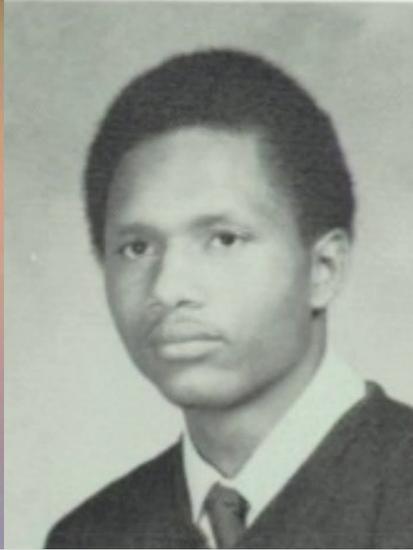
I'm blessed to have spent this year with you, I feel I finally had the bond I've wanted with you since I was child. You once told me you didn't want to be a burden, but taking care of you has been nothing but a pleasure. I would do this over and over.

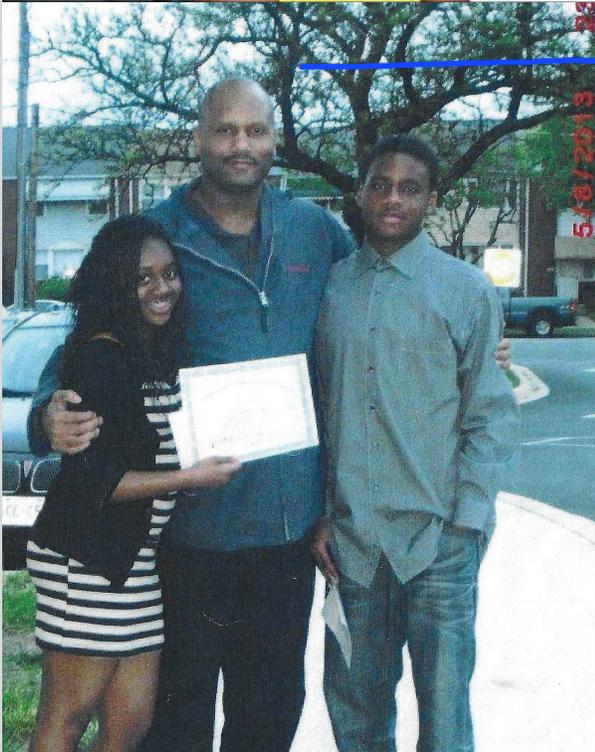
Traveling to and from New York won't be the same without you. Do you know what I would give to hear you say "Hey, Sweetheart" again and to hug you? Every picture and memory I have will be held dearly in my heart. My eyes are filled with tears even as I write. Enjoy paradise; I hope it's even more than what you expected.

Love always..your daughter Raven



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The family thanks you for your kind expression of sympathy and thoughtfulness. It is deeply appreciated and will always be remembered.