

DWAINE ROBERT PARKER



Dwaine Robert Parker, beloved husband, father, grandfather, and King family patriarch, passed away peacefully on December 29, 2024, surrounded by his loving family. He was born on December 26, 1943, in Pittsburgh, PA, to the late Robert "Buddy" Parker and Gertrude Elizabeth King.

Dwaine graduated from North Hills High School in 1962, where he excelled as a basketball player and co-captain of the football team. In 1966, he earned his Bachelor of Science degree in Business Administration from Tennessee State University.

Following his graduation, Dwaine served honorably in the United States military during the Vietnam War, earning the National Defense Service Medal. After his discharge in 1968, he embarked on a distinguished career, holding numerous leadership positions. These included serving as a Quality Damage Control Manager at Kaufman's Department Store, Security Manager at Allegheny General Hospital, and Vocational Director at Bidwell Training Center. He devoted 35 years to TWA/American Airlines before retiring in 2004.

A lifelong advocate for his community, Dwaine was a proud member of the NAACP and served on the boards of OIC and the Bellevue and Northside YMCAs.

Above all, Dwaine cherished his role as the family patriarch, a position he embraced with unwavering love, strength, and wisdom. He was a devoted husband to his wife of nearly 40 years, Livura "Libby" Parker, a proud father to his daughter, Dr. Ashleigh Parker, and an adoring grandfather to his "Yah Yah," Amiyah McCorvey.

Dwaine's zest for life was evident in the joy he brought to family gatherings, where laughter, storytelling, and love were always present. A man of diverse passions, he loved playing poker and spinning slot machines at the casino, listening to jazz, cheering on his beloved Pittsburgh Steelers, and dancing with his daughter, nieces, and granddaughter.

His warmth, humor, and resilience touched everyone who knew him. He lived a life filled with grace and dignity, leaving behind a legacy of kindness and compassion that will forever be remembered.

Dwaine is preceded in death by his parents, Gertrude King and Robert "Buddy" Parker, as well as a host of cherished aunts, uncles, cousins and a great-nephew.

He is survived by his devoted wife, Livura "Libby" Parker; his loving daughter, Dr. Ashleigh Parker; his adored granddaughter, Amiyah McCorvey; his older sister, Shirley Thomas (Robert, deceased); the matriarch of the King family, his Aunt Ann King (James, deceased); and his Goddaughter, Tora Gilmer Robinson.

He is also survived by his sisters-in-law: Cherry Ragsdale, Autry Jean Jones, and Renee Walker; brothers-in-law: Dwight Ragsdale, George Ragsdale, Jr. (Mounira), and Richard Raymond, Sr.; nieces: Terrie Nolen (Roland), Kimberly Ragsdale, Felicia Ragsdale, Dr. Susan Jones, Toni Raymond, Dr. Lisa Raymond, and Alexa Ragsdale; nephews: Richard Raymond, Jr. and George Ragsdale, III; great-nieces: Mallory Nolen (David), Dr. Rayna Nolen (Steven), Nicolette Nolen (Julian), Kristen Raymond, Myranda Raymond, Kiera Turman, and Journee Jarvis; great-nephews Deion Turman and Erich Raymond, and great-great-nephew, Stone Bailey.

Dwaine also leaves behind an extended family of many great-great-nieces, great-great-nephews, and an extremely large circle of cousins and friends.

The family wishes to thank everyone for their love and support during this difficult time. Details about services to celebrate Dwaine's remarkable life can be found below.

Thank you for keeping us in your thoughts and prayers as we honor his memory and navigate this profound loss.

Saturday, January 18, 2025

BEINHAUER FAMILY FUNERAL HOMES & CREMATION SERVICES

2828 Washington Rd.

McMurray, PA 15317

Private Family Viewing 9 AM-10 AM

Public Visitation 10 AM-11 AM

Funeral Service 11 AM-12 PM

Graveside Committal and Interment at Forest Lawn Gardens Cemetery

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