



Mr. Donald Van Wilder

November 13, 1984 - March 15, 2025

On November 13, 1984, Donald Van Wilder (Mama Sunshine), who she asked for was born to the union of Evangelyn and Donald Jeffery Wilder, in Detroit, MI. Donald Van was truly one of a kind. You could tell by the unique spelling of his name. It was derived from the conjunction of his father and mother's name, Donald and Van.

Donald Van had a personality that would brighten any room he walked in. With his calm demeanor and his silly sense of humor, he was sure to put a smile on your face. He never met a stranger. To know him was to love him. He was full of life and loved to laugh.

Growing up Donald Van could be very shy, but he grew into his confidence when he began singing and rapping in G Phi alongside his sister Jairus. They created the group S.O.S. (Sold Out Soliders) lol.

Donald Van graduated from high school, then later became an independent contractor driving his own semi truck for over 10 years. He was inspired as a young boy, seeing his grandfather Elree Brown (who preceded him in death), coming by the house in his own semi truck.

Donald Van loved traveling from state to state but missing his children, he decided to only make local runs.

Donald Van made the decision to receive Jesus Christ as his personal Lord and Savior at a young age but also chose to rededicate his life back to Christ just a few days before his passing.

He leaves to cherish his memory: his parents, Donald and Evangelyn Wilder;

his children, Caiton, Donovan and Carmen Wilder; one brother, Jeffery Wilder; three sisters Chantale Robinson (Noble), Tomeka Legardy (Johnny) and Jairus; ten nephews, Matthew Sr., Jeff, Robert, Jestin, Emil, Chase, Channon Jr., Christopher, Ryan Jr., and Loyal Poré; one niece, Reagan; two great-nephews, Matthew II, Malikah and one great-niece, Cyncere Wilder. His uncle Shawn, grandmother Shirley, grandmother Earthy, cousin Malik, uncle Benson and uncle Gaylord all preceded him in death.

Previous Events

Visitation

Friday, Mar. **28**. 3:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

O. H. Pye, III Funeral Home
17600 Plymouth Road
Detroit, MI 48227
(313) 838-9770
info@pyefuneralhome.com

Family Hour

Saturday, Mar. **29**. 10:00 AM - 10:30 AM (ET)

Covenant Baptist Church
5800 West Maple
West Bloomfield, MI 48322

Funeral Service

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Tribute Wall

AD

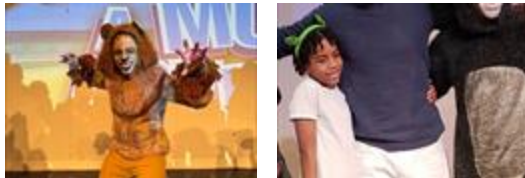
“ Wow time is flying. Ur daughter graduated from high school yesterday and a pic of u n kids popped up 4yrs ago to the day we were all celebrating her graduating middle school. Miss u happy sunday she carried a picture of u around her neck when walking across stage.



Amanda Dewberry - June 08, 2025 at 08:32 AM

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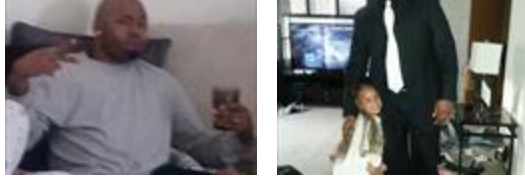
“ Hey hey happy Monday your oldest son has done it again. With a wonderful performance of alex in madagascar of course u were there in spirit and saw the show. Memory popped up of last years show when he was the donkey in Shrek. Miss you but felt your presence love u don



Amanda Dewberry - April 08, 2025 at 12:51 PM

AD

“ Happy wait what day is it.. 🤔happy Friday. Faces of April came up as memories on photos...you made the cut. U and cup at 1of the daddy daughter dances and the other pic just us hanging out. Sure do miss u. Love u don.



Amanda Dewberry - April 04, 2025 at 03:28 PM

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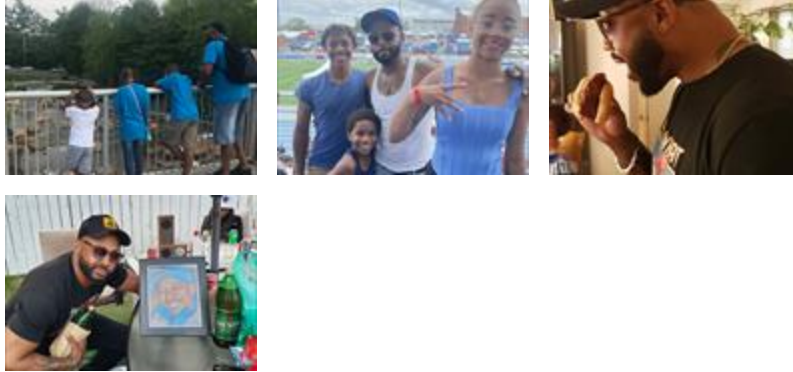
“ Hey hey happy Wednesday. Came across some port toney pics. Definitely have alot of fun memories miss u much. Love ya



Amanda Dewberry - April 02, 2025 at 04:31 PM

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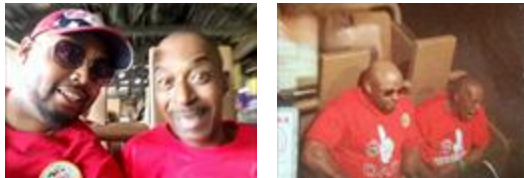
“ Happy Tuesday. Thinkn about u and came across some pics of u n your kids in Tennessee and in Iowa I wanted to share with the world and caught you eating r famous big d burgers. Miss you 🥺 we all love you



Amanda Dewberry - April 01, 2025 at 05:18 PM

AD

“ Look at those muscles popping out in your arms lol....it's just a Rollercoaster. Well I'd send it to u but this is the only way that I know how to send u stuff... Happy Monday lv u



Amanda Dewberry - March 31, 2025 at 03:44 PM

AD

“ Happy Sunday!! This pic popped up on the day we said our final see ya later. Miss you love you.



Amanda Dewberry - March 30, 2025 at 10:28 AM

JB

“ One of my most memorable moments we shared was when he talked me into getting on my 1st and last roller coaster! 😂 He was so happy and so was I because I was with him! That was one the best days ever and I'm truly saddened of his passing and pray for Gods Grace, mercy and strength to The Wilder family 🙏



Jana Bernard - March 25, 2025 at 07:46 PM

MA

“ Deepest Heartfelt Condolences To The Family of Donald: Your Dad will be in your Hearts Forever. He will be Remembered and Deeply Missed by all family and friends who knew and loved him. May the God of all Comfort be with your family at this Difficult time: 2Cor 1:3,4 and Rev 21:4

Maria A - March 25, 2025 at 01:09 PM

TA

“ My condolences and prayers go out to the family of Donaldvan Wilder family. Donaldvan was one of the kindest young men I ever. Always will to help and assist others growing up, wise beyond his years and grew up to be a fine young man. His absence “his spirit “ will be truly missed amongst his boys and his family and all who loved him. ❤️🙏🏻🙏🏻🙏🏻

TocQuien Allen - March 25, 2025 at 06:31 AM

AD

“ I'm still heartbroken that you are not physically here its just unbelievable. You know how much you meant to us. Your dad n I. Thank u for being such a great father to our grandbabies. Wonderful son to us. Always proud to call you our son, even though you were married into the family u are our family and always will be. Going to miss you so much. Your with your dad now give him a big hug for me please after you get your hugs in from missing him.. i have so many memories and pics and videos. We will rally and hold the kids up they're strong like you... u keep watch over us til we see each other again you hear me? We all love you don and will miss you deeply. Miss your jokes, happy whatever day it is when we would talk, your wisdom n insight on certain topics of conversation, things that make you go hmmm, and I think your photo bombs lol I might miss the most. Love you don.



Amanda Dewberry - March 24, 2025 at 01:52 PM

JD

“ Jeffrey Davis sent a virtual gift in memory of
Donaldvan Wilder



Jeffrey Davis - March 22, 2025 at 05:06 PM