



David Wendell Dawkins

October 16, 1944 - December 5, 2023

In Loving Memory of David Wendell Dawkins

David Wendell Dawkins, born October 16, 1944 in New York, New York to Lillian Addison. He transitioned from this life on December 5, 2023, leaving behind a legacy marked by love, resilience, and unwavering dedication to family.

The eldest of five boys, David was a natural leader and role model known for his strong will and courage. These characteristics ultimately led to David enlisting in the United States Army after graduating from high school. David's journey of service began on October 23, 1961 with the 82nd Airborne where he dutifully served his country for seven years receiving an Honorable Discharge on October 22, 1967. After his service concluded, David continued to be a role model and leader for his family and community by beginning a career with the United States Postal Service. David later decided to further support his community and home state by becoming a New York City Police Officer where he dedicated two decades to serving and protecting his community before retiring with honor.

David never married, but his heart belonged to his first love Ethel who alongside his daughter Denise assisted with his care when he relocated to Conyers, Ga. . He was known for his love of Pepsi's, pigs feet and NCIS. His

no nonsense attitude and caring nature endeared him to all who had the privilege of calling him family or friend. David's impact reached beyond his immediate family, leaving an indelible mark on the lives of everyone he encountered.

David is survived by his beloved daughters Denise Dawkins and Tamika Shears. Grand children: Kelsey Shears, Taj James, Nazir Paschal. Brothers: Wilford Adkins and Clyde Jarvis. Sisters-in-law: Ceil Adkins, Letha Jarvis, and Valerie Jarvis. Nieces and Nephews: Nikko Adkins, Latoya Jarvis-Klan, Jason Adkins, Charles Jarvis Jr., Dathan Jarvis, Jada Adkins, Simon Adkins, Najee Jarvis, Starshema Harris, Myliah Jarvis, Alexis Thomas and a host of extended family members and friends.

In remembrance, we honor those who preceded him in death: his mother, Lillian Addison, step-father Pate Jarvis, and brothers Charles Jarvis and Curtis Jarvis.

A man of duty, courage, and kindness, David's commitment to service extended beyond his professional life. His character, resilience, and unwavering dedication to his family and community will forever be remembered.

From my Brothers:

David Dawkins was our big brother. He was 7 years older than I. He was bigger than life to us. He served in the Army as a member of the 82nd airborne. When he returned from the Army he showed us pictures of him landing after parachuting out of an airplane. When he returned he went into the Police Academy, which at the time was being merged with the Housing Police. What we all knew was that everyone on 8th Ave., between 150th and 148th knew our brother and left us alone. Now there are only two of the five of

us left. Even though I had not seen my niece in several years, her and my deceased youngest brother were instrumental in getting David out of NY and relocated to Atlanta. That move ultimately saved his life. And I will conclude by saying Denise allowed David to extend his life and provide a quality of life, and for that we are eternally grateful for our niece who did the hard work, taking care of her Dad and my brother. For that, myself and my brother Clyde are thankful to her for all she did on David's behalf. And for that she will be forever in our prayers. Please forward to me the video access info for the funeral on the 16th of December.

Service can be viewed live at: www.scotward.com

David Wendell Dawkins rests in eternal peace, his legacy living on in the hearts of those who loved and admired him.

Funeral services will be held Saturday, December 16, 2023 at 12:00 PM at Scot Ward's Green Meadow Chapel with Pastor Joe Hughes officiating. The family will receive friends Saturday, December 16, 2023 from 10:00 AM to 12:00 PM at the funeral home. Condolences may be submitted on-line at www.scotward.com. Scot Ward Funeral Services, 699 American Legion Rd., Conyers, GA, 770-483-7216.

Previous Events

Visitation

DEC 16. 10:00 AM - 12:00 PM (ET)

Scot Ward Funeral Services at Green Meadow Memorial Gardens
699 American Legion Road
Conyers, GA 30012

Service

DEC 16. 12:00 PM (ET)

Scot Ward's Green Meadow Chapel
699 American Legion Road
Conyers, GA 30012

Tribute Wall



“ *Scot Ward Funeral Services created a Webcast in memory of David Wendell Dawkins*



Scot Ward Funeral Services - December 16, 2023 at 10:04 AM

KS

I love you David, you are a man amongst men. Thank you for your love and attention. 🙏💜

Katherine N Shears - December 16, 2023 at 11:55 AM

WA

Love you my brother! You are still my hero. My prayers go with you to eternity. Wil

Wilfred Adkins - December 16, 2023 at 12:03 PM

KH

My condolences to the family . Denise you did well and I'm sure your father was grateful for all that you have done .. May god comfort in this time ❤️ k hamilton

k h - December 16, 2023 at 12:22 PM

TO

I love you Uncle David. Rest well. To my cousins, you have my deepest sympathy.

Toya - December 16, 2023 at 12:40 PM

DJ

Rest in heavenly peace uncle David! Say hello to grandma and grandpa, and uncle Curtis and uncle Charles. Watch over us! We love you!

Dathan L Jarvis - December 16, 2023 at 12:45 PM

ZW

I love you Pops- Keshia Oaks -Conyers

Zackeshia Wilson - December 16, 2023 at 12:58 PM

SW

“ *Sophronia Williams lit a candle in memory of David Wendell Dawkins*



Sophronia Williams - December 16, 2023 at 12:49 PM

DI

“ *DIANE lit a candle in memory of David Wendell Dawkins*



DIANE - December 16, 2023 at 10:34 AM



“ 21 files added to the album *Life Tributes*



Scot Ward Funeral Services - December 14, 2023 at 12:51 PM