



## Mr. Esau Cunningham, Sr.

March 31, 1968 - December 27, 2017

Mr. Esau Cunningham, Sr. of Durham, departed this life on December 27, 2017. Mr. Cunningham is survived by his wife, Patricia Whyte-Cunningham; two sons, Esau Cunningham, Jr. and Devon Fowler; a daughter, Shaylandis Warren; two brothers, Andre' Cunningham and Lee McCrea; three sisters, Florence Bass, Jean Boyd and Mary Cunningham; five grandchildren, Baylee Bryant, Aubree Hester, DaJon Fowler, Demi Fowler and Devon Lloyd-Fowler, and a host of relatives and friends.

Funeral services will take place on Sunday, January 7, 2018 at Southside Church of Christ, 800 Elmira Avenue, Durham, N.C. 27707 beginning at 2:00 p.m. A visitation with family and friends one hour prior to the service.

# Cemetery Details

## Markham Memorial Gardens

4826 Trenton Rd  
Chapel Hill, NC 27517  
(919) 489-9128

# Previous Events

## Service

JAN 7. 2:00 PM (ET)

Southside Church of Christ  
800 Elmira Avenue  
Durham, NC 27707  
service@sside.org  
<http://www.sside.org/>

## Visitation

JAN 7. 1:30 PM - 2:00 PM (ET)

Southside Church of Christ  
800 Elmira Avenue  
Durham, NC 27707  
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<http://www.sside.org/>

# Tribute Wall



“ *Mr. Esau Cunningham, Sr.*

October 05, 2023 at 11:31 AM



“ *KHADEDRA lit a candle in memory of Mr. Esau Cunningham, Sr.*



**KHADEDRA** - January 08, 2018 at 09:46 AM



“ *Viola Torain Woody lit a candle in memory of Mr. Esau Cunningham, Sr.*



**Viola Torain Woody** - January 07, 2018 at 08:10 PM



“ *Marnia McMillan lit a candle in memory of Mr. Esau Cunningham, Sr.*



**Marnia McMillan** - January 07, 2018 at 12:16 PM

CD

“ *Esau was a great man who was filled with lovingkindness and compassion. He was one of the best and will remain in our hearts forever. Rest in Heavenly Peace. Prayers for peace and comfort to the family.*

*Cassie Decatur*

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**Cassie Decatur** - January 07, 2018 at 08:43 AM



*To the family sorry for your loss my prayers and blessings to all*

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**Sallie Royster** - January 07, 2018 at 09:06 PM

SM

*ESAU WAS A BEAUTIFUL PERSON IT WAS DEFINTELY A SHOCK I STILL HAVENT CAME TO GRIPS gOD HAS TRULY GOTTEN A VERY GOOD ANGEL. HE MOVED ME HE IS JUST LIKE MY BROTHER. IF I EVER GET MARRIED AGAIN I WANT. MY SECOND HUSBAND. TO BE LIKE HIM MY PRAYERS GOES OUT TO HIS WIFE AND KIDS MY FAMILY WILL MISS YOU.I WILL REMEBERS THE GOOD TIMES OVER MY COULD BE SISTER JEAN HOUSE WHEN YOU LOOK AT EASU LOOK REAL GOOD AT A VERY MANNERBLE YOUNG MAN. THE LORD DONT MKE MISTAKES. YOU CAN HAVE ALL THE MATERIAL THAT DONT MEAN ANY THING. WHAT I AM SAYING BE THANKFUL. THAT WE HAD FOR AWHILE GOD BLESS YOU.WITH LOVE FROM YOUR COULD HAVE BEEN SISTER SHERRON bARBEE MCKOY FROM CHICO TINKLE MYFAMILY. IT WAS A JOY TO NO HIM I NO THE WHOLE FAMILY. PEACE. ESAU PICK ME A HUSBAND LIKE YOU AND YOUR bROTHERS.*

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**SHERRON MCKOY** - January 10, 2018 at 04:16 PM

EP

“ *An awesome spirit. Always pleasant to be in his company. Prayers go up for all levels of his family; as well as anyone that may have known him personally.*



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**Earl Parker** - January 07, 2018 at 04:31 AM

DB

“ *DaWanda Burrus lit a candle in memory of Mr. Esau Cunningham, Sr.*



DaWanda Burrus - January 07, 2018 at 12:15 AM

SH

“ *I send my condolences to the family. May God give you strength and peace in your time of grief. R.I.P. Esau.*



Shonda Haynie - January 06, 2018 at 01:09 PM

LR

“ *Remembering That Beautiful Smile, That Only God Could Have Blessed You With. You And Your Wonderful Smile Will Be Greatly Missed Throughout The Corridors And Hallways Of Duke. Rest In Heaven My Son And Our Friend. Lynda C. Riggsbee And Family*

Lynda c. Riggsbee - January 06, 2018 at 08:17 AM

KS

“ *My prayers to each of you. It's hard to say good-bye but God gives us the strength to let go. May God comfort you and grant you peace. Esau was always a special person to us, always respectful and also helpful. He loved my granddaughter and grandchildren. He will truly be missed. Ken and Audry Snipes*



Ken @ Audry Snipes - January 05, 2018 at 08:18 PM

LJ

“ *LaSheka Johnson lit a candle in memory of Mr. Esau Cunningham, Sr.*



LaSheka Johnson - January 05, 2018 at 06:01 PM

JB

“ *JULIA BOATWRIGHT-HOLDEN lit a candle in memory of Mr. Esau Cunningham, Sr.*



JULIA BOATWRIGHT-HOLDEN - January 05, 2018 at 12:41 PM

RF

“ *Rosa Maria Figueroa lit a candle in memory of Mr. Esau Cunningham, Sr.*



Rosa Maria Figueroa - January 05, 2018 at 11:42 AM

JW

“ *Jackie Williams lit a candle in memory of Mr. Esau Cunningham, Sr.*



Jackie Williams - January 05, 2018 at 10:11 AM

AS

“ *Alfreda Sumpter-Gibson lit a candle in memory of Mr. Esau Cunningham, Sr.*



Alfreda Sumpter-Gibson - January 05, 2018 at 10:07 AM



“ *Tyrique Reddick sent a virtual gift in memory of Mr. Esau Cunningham, Sr.*



Tyrique Reddick - January 05, 2018 at 02:50 AM



“ *Tyrique Reddick lit a candle in memory of Mr. Esau Cunningham, Sr.*



Tyrique Reddick - January 05, 2018 at 02:48 AM

CP

“ *Charlotte Parker lit a candle in memory of Mr. Esau Cunningham, Sr.*



Charlotte Parker - January 05, 2018 at 01:28 AM

VR

“ Vickie Rogers-Judd lit a candle in memory of Mr. Esau Cunningham, Sr.



Vickie Rogers-Judd - January 04, 2018 at 07:16 PM

BP

“ Bridgette Pharr lit a candle in memory of Mr. Esau Cunningham, Sr.



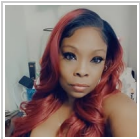
Bridgette Pharr - January 04, 2018 at 11:41 AM

SG

“ Sherri Garrett lit a candle in memory of Mr. Esau Cunningham, Sr.



Sherri Garrett - January 03, 2018 at 04:33 PM



“ Shaheerah Byrd lit a candle in memory of Mr. Esau Cunningham, Sr.



Shaheerah Byrd - January 03, 2018 at 03:01 PM

FC

“ *Fredericka Carver lit a candle in memory of Mr. Esau Cunningham, Sr.* ”



Fredericka Carver - January 03, 2018 at 02:37 PM

Tonya Singleton

“ *Tonya Singleton lit a candle in memory of Mr. Esau Cunningham, Sr.* ”



Tonya Singleton - January 03, 2018 at 02:13 PM

Tonya Singleton

“ *1 file added to the tribute wall* ”



Tonya Singleton - January 03, 2018 at 02:11 PM

Tonya Singleton

*Friends for Life!!! RIH..Esau Cunningham...you are truly missed!*

Tonya Singleton - January 03, 2018 at 02:13 PM

FC

*HHS Class of 1986 classmate will be missed ... RIH ....*

Fredericka Carver - January 03, 2018 at 02:40 PM

TR

“ *THELMA ROYAL lit a candle in memory of Mr. Esau Cunningham, Sr.*



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**THELMA ROYAL** - January 03, 2018 at 09:32 AM

BM

“ *My prayers are with the family at this time.*



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**Barbara W Minor** - January 02, 2018 at 10:41 PM

TJ

“ *Terri Jones lit a candle in memory of Mr. Esau Cunningham, Sr.*



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**Terri Jones** - January 02, 2018 at 05:13 PM

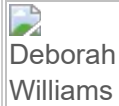
LP

“ *Lisa Peaks lit a candle in memory of Mr. Esau Cunningham, Sr.*



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**Lisa Peaks** - January 02, 2018 at 03:52 PM



Deborah Williams

“ *Deborah Williams lit a candle in memory of Mr. Esau Cunningham, Sr.*



Deborah Williams - January 02, 2018 at 02:12 PM

WG

“ *Wanda H Guitroz lit a candle in memory of Mr. Esau Cunningham, Sr.*



Wanda H Guitroz - January 02, 2018 at 01:40 PM

WG

“ *Sending prayers up for the family during this time of bereavement and the upcoming years. I knew Esau from high school, Duke hospital and our circle of friends. Rest in heaven my friend. You will be missed.*

*Wanda Hoggard Guitroz*

Wanda H Guitroz - January 02, 2018 at 01:39 PM

MI

“ *Dear Trish  
My prayers are truly with you and your family  
in these times  
love your sister michelle*



Michelle - January 02, 2018 at 01:22 PM

LH

“ *Linda Harris lit a candle in memory of Mr. Esau Cunningham, Sr.*



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**Linda Harris** - January 02, 2018 at 12:15 PM

KD

“ *Kim Daye lit a candle in memory of Mr. Esau Cunningham, Sr.*



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**Kim Daye** - January 02, 2018 at 06:25 AM

KM

“ *Kim Daye Moore lit a candle in memory of Mr. Esau Cunningham, Sr.*



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**Kim Daye Moore** - January 02, 2018 at 06:24 AM

MA

“ *MONICA ALLEN lit a candle in memory of Mr. Esau Cunningham, Sr.*



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**MONICA ALLEN** - January 02, 2018 at 02:49 AM

MA

“ *MONICA ALLEN*

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**MONICA ALLEN** - January 02, 2018 at 02:49 AM



“ *Esau and I graduated from Hillside High Class of "86"!!!! He was a dear family friend. I will truly miss him!!!!*



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**Alice'Bubbles' Lewis** - January 01, 2018 at 10:33 PM

LG

“ *Leaticia Graves lit a candle in memory of Mr. Esau Cunningham, Sr.*



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**Leaticia Graves** - January 01, 2018 at 08:12 PM

TA

“ *Tamika lit a candle in memory of Mr. Esau Cunningham, Sr.*



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**Tamika** - January 01, 2018 at 04:29 PM

TA

“ Tamika sent a virtual gift in memory of Mr. Esau Cunningham, Sr.



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**Tamika** - January 01, 2018 at 04:28 PM

AK

“ I've known Esau for many years. We worked together at Duke. He had the best smile and always had an uplifting word or greeting for anyone he came in contact with. Our patients loved him and always complimented how nice and he friendly he was. Esau and I had many conversations about life, our families, our jobs and such. But, mostly we joked with each other. Our goal was to see who could get the other to crack up first. Esau had the most gentle, kind, loving spirit. This old world is a little darker with him gone but I take comfort in the fact that he will suffer no more and now rests in the arms of our Savior. Love and prayers to his family and friends. May God comfort you all during your time of grieving

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**Amanda Kleine** - January 01, 2018 at 11:45 AM

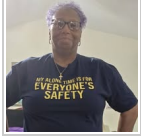


“ Shaunecey Johnson lit a candle in memory of Mr. Esau Cunningham, Sr.



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**Shaunecey Johnson** - December 31, 2017 at 07:51 PM

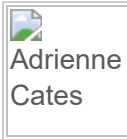


“ *Shaunecey Johnson sent a virtual gift in memory of Mr. Esau Cunningham, Sr.*



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**Shaunecey Johnson** - December 31, 2017 at 07:51 PM



“ *Adrienne Cates lit a candle in memory of Mr. Esau Cunningham, Sr.*



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**Adrienne Cates** - December 31, 2017 at 12:30 AM



“ *Esau had an infectious spirit, smile and personality. I send my deepest condolences to his family and all who have been touched by his presence.*



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**Alison Faison** - December 30, 2017 at 08:07 AM



“ *Charlene Burnette lit a candle in memory of Mr. Esau Cunningham, Sr.*



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**Charlene Burnette** - December 30, 2017 at 08:05 AM

AF

“ Alison Faison lit a candle in memory of Mr. Esau Cunningham, Sr.



Alison Faison - December 30, 2017 at 08:00 AM

KG

“ Kamillah Grant-Crawford lit a candle in memory of Mr. Esau Cunningham, Sr.



Kamillah Grant-Crawford - December 29, 2017 at 10:58 PM

JE

“ JOHNNETTE EDWARDS lit a candle in memory of Mr. Esau Cunningham, Sr.



JOHNNETTE EDWARDS - December 29, 2017 at 10:55 PM

VM

“ Vera Mills lit a candle in memory of Mr. Esau Cunningham, Sr.



Vera Mills - December 29, 2017 at 08:56 PM

MW

“ *Marilyn Womble lit a candle in memory of Mr. Esau Cunningham, Sr.*



Marilyn Womble - December 29, 2017 at 06:20 PM

SH

“ *Sandra Holland lit a candle in memory of Mr. Esau Cunningham, Sr.*



Sandra Holland - December 29, 2017 at 04:53 PM

SH

*My condolences to the family. Just know that I am praying for the family. Esau was a great man and I enjoyed working with him the few times I did. One thing that stood out about him was that he loved his children and didn't mind telling you that. He will surely be missed but is at peace with the Lord.*

Sandra Holland - December 29, 2017 at 04:59 PM

CP

“ *Chinita Parker lit a candle in memory of Mr. Esau Cunningham, Sr.*



Chinita Parker - December 29, 2017 at 04:18 PM

DC

“ *Esau will be missed by so many people...family, friends, co-workers, patients, and generally anyone he came in contact with. His big smile lit up a room, and made everyone feel special. He loved his family, friends, and his Duke Blue Devils...and chocolate. He would go out of his way to help everyone, even strangers. He was a kind soul, a true gentleman, a great cook for work pot lucks, and his dry wit would keep us in stitches. He was head-strong and proud, yet had a heart of gold and would do anything for anybody who needed help. He was a hard worker, and he was competitive, loved to see his name in print for being outstanding in his job and see the patients' glowing comments about him. He touched so many lives over his short lifetime, and I'm honored to have been one of them.*



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**Darryl Conner** - December 29, 2017 at 02:57 PM

JB

*My family thank you so much for those kind words and we will also miss him so very much the sisters and brothers*

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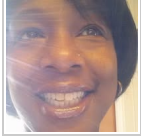
**jean boyd** - December 31, 2017 at 06:34 PM

RA

*Esau will truly be missed. We go along way back . A real true friend i got to know from school. Just a real good person that the world need more people to be like in this time of day. Will keep your family in prayer and RIP until we meet again..*

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**Rodney Atkins** - January 06, 2018 at 11:03 PM



“ *Praying for the family. Esau and I worked together at Village Lanes as well as Duke University. He was genuinely nice and had an infectious smile.*



Robin Johnson - December 29, 2017 at 02:21 PM



“ *Dede Woodard lit a candle in memory of Mr. Esau Cunningham, Sr.*



Dede Woodard - December 29, 2017 at 01:46 PM



“ *Mary Deerr-Boling lit a candle in memory of Mr. Esau Cunningham, Sr.*



Mary Deerr-Boling - December 29, 2017 at 12:57 PM



“ *Michelle Abram lit a candle in memory of Mr. Esau Cunningham, Sr.*



Michelle Abram - December 29, 2017 at 12:39 PM



“ *Meemee Holeman sent a virtual gift in memory of Mr. Esau Cunningham, Sr.*



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**Meemee Holeman** - December 29, 2017 at 12:33 PM



“ *Jackie Tate sent a virtual gift in memory of Mr. Esau Cunningham, Sr.*



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**Jackie Tate** - December 29, 2017 at 12:30 PM



“ *Christina Smith Lloyd lit a candle in memory of Mr. Esau Cunningham, Sr.*



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**Christina Smith Lloyd** - December 29, 2017 at 11:59 AM



“ *Lynn Celestin lit a candle in memory of Mr. Esau Cunningham, Sr.*



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**Lynn Celestin** - December 29, 2017 at 11:21 AM

VR

“ *Veronica Roberts*



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**veronica roberts** - December 29, 2017 at 10:38 AM

GO

“ *Gayle Odom-Holt lit a candle in memory of Mr. Esau Cunningham, Sr.*



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**Gayle Odom-Holt** - December 29, 2017 at 10:32 AM

MB

“ *Marlo Bates lit a candle in memory of Mr. Esau Cunningham, Sr.*



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**Marlo Bates** - December 29, 2017 at 10:09 AM

AG

“ *Apryl Gilmore lit a candle in memory of Mr. Esau Cunningham, Sr.*



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**Apryl Gilmore** - December 29, 2017 at 10:00 AM

NI

“ Nita lit a candle in memory of Mr. Esau Cunningham, Sr.



Nita - December 29, 2017 at 09:52 AM

NA

“ Natasha Adams lit a candle in memory of Mr. Esau Cunningham, Sr.



Natasha Adams - December 29, 2017 at 09:35 AM



“ Margaret Littlejohn lit a candle in memory of Mr. Esau Cunningham, Sr.



Margaret Littlejohn - December 29, 2017 at 09:28 AM

TW

“ Tiffany Weaver lit a candle in memory of Mr. Esau Cunningham, Sr.



Tiffany Weaver - December 29, 2017 at 09:20 AM

TW

*You will be truly missed Esau!!!! R.I.H*

**Tiffany Weaver** - December 29, 2017 at 09:21 AM

VP

“ *Valeria Peacock lit a candle in memory of Mr. Esau Cunningham, Sr.*



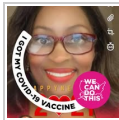
**Valeria Peacock** - December 29, 2017 at 09:10 AM

RG

“ *Robin Green lit a candle in memory of Mr. Esau Cunningham, Sr.*



**Robin Green** - December 29, 2017 at 08:29 AM



*Esau you will truly be missed. This is such a tragic situation, but you are in a better place. I will continue to keep your family lifted up in prayer. Until we meet again Rest in Peace. XOXOXO*

**Robin Green** - December 29, 2017 at 08:36 AM

KE

“ *Kim Evans lit a candle in memory of Mr. Esau Cunningham, Sr.*



**Kim Evans** - December 29, 2017 at 07:39 AM

CH

“ *Claudette Higgs lit a candle in memory of Mr. Esau Cunningham, Sr.*



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**Claudette Higgs** - December 29, 2017 at 06:37 AM

CH

*You will be missed. Keeping the family in my prayers and thoughts.*

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**Claudette Higgs** - December 29, 2017 at 06:38 AM

EE

“ *Enza Ellis lit a candle in memory of Mr. Esau Cunningham, Sr.*



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**Enza Ellis** - December 29, 2017 at 06:34 AM

EE

*You will be greatly missed. Our hearts are heavy but God knows best. Love you Esau!!*

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**Enza Ellis** - December 29, 2017 at 06:36 AM