



## Mr. Larry Donnell Thompson

October 27, 1958 - September 17, 2024

With heavy hearts we announce the passing of Larry Donnell Thompson, who passed away on Tuesday, September 17, 2024, at the age of 65, at his home.

He was loved and cherished by many people, including his wife, Deborah Carr Thompson; son, Larry Donnell Thompson, II; daughters, Nashica Thompson McRath, Akua Carraway (Mitch), and Apri Gassaway (Jermaine); mother, Berthel Thompson; brothers, William Knox Thompson and Richard Thompson; and seven grandchildren.

A service to celebrate the life and legacy will be held on Saturday, September 21, 2024, at 2:30 p.m., at St. Joseph AME Church, 2521 Fayetteville Street, Durham, North Carolina 27707.

Interment will take place in Meadowbrook Cemetery, Lumberton, North Carolina.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests donations be made to the University of North Carolina Football program.

# Cemetery Details

## Meadowbrook Cemetery

Lumberton, NC

# Previous Events

## Celebration of Life

SEP 21. 2:30 PM (ET)

St. Joseph AME Church  
2521 Fayetteville St  
Durham, NC 27707  
(919) 683-1379

## Memorial Service

SEP 21. 2:30 PM (ET)

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2521 Fayetteville St  
Durham, NC 27707-4125  
(919) 683-1379

# Tribute Wall

GH

“ *Deborah: Deepest sympathy and condolences for your loss. May God give you and the family comfort at this time. Continued prayers.* ”



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**Gloria Hester** - October 01, 2024 at 04:10 PM

JA

“ *May Donnell's memory forever be a blessing to all.. My condolences to the family.* ”

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**Judith Anderson** - September 24, 2024 at 11:23 AM

FL

“ *Our deepest sympathy and condolences to Deborah and her family during this very sad moment. We are praying for your comfort and healing as you journey through this grief process.* ”



*We met Donnell and Deborah several times during their new home building in our Downs Neighborhood. We are sorry that we won't be able to get to know Donnell better. He sounds like a great person who often put other's needs before his own. Rest in peace Mr. Donnell Thompson. Neighbors at 8109 Kennebec Dr.*

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**Fred and Christine Lockley** - September 21, 2024 at 05:22 PM

KA

“ *RIP D" the 77 Brothers*



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**Kenneth Addison** - September 21, 2024 at 03:40 PM

AV

“ *Andre D. Vann lit a candle in memory of Mr. Larry Donnell Thompson*



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**Andre D. Vann** - September 21, 2024 at 12:36 PM

SL

*RIP DONNELL*

*I can't believe you're gone*

*What a great friend you were to me and many others.*

*I will never forget you*

*I will miss you until we meet again one day*

*Love you brother*

*Steve LaPlanche*

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**Steve LaPlanche** - September 22, 2024 at 08:23 AM

RF

“ *Rebecca Genus & Family lit a candle in memory of Mr. Larry Donnell Thompson*



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**Rebecca Genus & family** - September 21, 2024 at 10:58 AM

TA

“ Terry & Deborah Alston-Barr lit a candle in memory of Mr. Larry Donnell Thompson



Terry & Deborah Alston-Barr - September 21, 2024 at 10:50 AM

BM

“ Billie Ann McRae lit a candle in memory of Mr. Larry Donnell Thompson



Billie Ann McRae - September 21, 2024 at 10:24 AM

FA

“ Prayers to the Donnell Thompson family... I work with Donnell and was his franchise business coach at Dennys restaurants in the Atlanta and Spartanburg areas.. I worked with his son and also his brother Knox. My thoughts and prayers go out to the entire family during this time.

Frank Atkinson - September 20, 2024 at 10:56 PM

PB

“ PRAYING FOR THE FAMILY SORRY FOR YOUR LOSS HE WILL BE MISSED REST IN HEAVEN

Panzie Baldwin - September 20, 2024 at 08:29 PM



“ Marie Burris Howard



Marie Howard - September 20, 2024 at 01:44 PM



*Lit a candle in memory of Donnell Thompson*

Marie Howard - September 20, 2024 at 01:45 PM



“ Donnell and I went to elementary school, middle school, junior high school and high school together. We were teammates for the junior high school in high school team. His competitive nature was unmatched. He loved to win and loved to compete and it was an honor to play football with him. All levels of football whether it was pony league in the recreation center where kids were about 13 years old or high school when the best players were hoping to earn scholarships to play in college, Donnell , was simply bigger and better than anybody else. He was the ultimate teammate and gave encouragement as team captain starting players, as well as players on the bench, encouraging them to give their best when they got a chance to play. God bless him

mark c pisano - September 20, 2024 at 12:10 PM



*Go with God Brother Thompson. William Holly Armstrong*

William Armstrong - September 21, 2024 at 02:30 PM

OM

“ My husband Akin and I met Mr. Thompson and his wife Deborah during Covid through a mutual friend Akin and Tolu Ademosun. One thing that stood out for us is Mr. Thompson’s dedication to his wife and family. He is a honest and upright man of stature. His football career and later foray into business is a sterling example of doggedness and sheer can do spirit. Mr. Thompson will be missed in our Nigerian community in Atlanta where he was viewed as an adopted big brother. Mr. Thompson will surely be missed. I still can’t believe he is gone. Our condolences go to his loving wife Deborah and family. I pray the good Lord give them all the fortitude to bear this sudden loss.

**Omotola Morakinyo** - September 20, 2024 at 10:10 AM

DA

*Fervently praying for his entire family.  
Chaplain Deborah Alston-Barr  
Nashville, Tennessee*

**Deborah Alston-Barr** - September 20, 2024 at 09:14 PM

GP

“ Gwendolyn Roberts Payne lit a candle in memory of Mr. Larry Donnell Thompson



**Gwendolyn Roberts Payne** - September 19, 2024 at 11:03 PM

GP

*Condolences and prayers to The Thompson Family! Our parents were friends and Donnell and I were classmates at J.P.Moore school. We remained friends until we both attended college. He was always a gentle giant and nice guy. Kept up with his successes for his mom through the years. Rest in Peace my childhood friend!*

**Gwendolyn Roberts Payne** - September 19, 2024 at 11:07 PM

SK

“ I met Donnell Thompson in Atlantic Beach, SC after retiring from 23 years of active duty in the United States Army. He was a great American and a great man! We forged a bond greater than any war time battle buddy I ever had. We spoke over the phone on average twice a month about everything from family to politics, and routinely agreed to disagree on about half of the subjects we touched on. Yet, we remained close friends until his passing. He was a gentle giant among men who treated me as his equal. I will truly miss our lengthy conversations and his keen insight. Rest In Power my friend, and I look forward to our continued conversations on the other side!

Skill - September 19, 2024 at 07:42 PM

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Skill - September 19, 2024 at 07:38 PM

CJ

“ Met him thru family. He was very nice. Johnnie jr and I send our heartfelt condolences and prayers during this time.

Carol James - September 19, 2024 at 07:26 PM

PD

“ *Donnell and my husband, Deryle, were friends and football fans during the time that they attended UNC-CH. Our children attended Chapel Hill Schools together as well. Praying for him and his family as he rests in the arms of JESUS for eternity.* ”

Phyllis Greene Daniels - September 19, 2024 at 06:35 PM

AT

“ *Donell was on the Lumberton High School football team with me. We stayed in the same neighborhood and were raised up together. Sorry to learn of his passing. You have my deepest condolences and prayers.* ”



*Alfred Thompson*

Alfred Thompson - September 19, 2024 at 12:13 PM

LS

“ *My sincere condolences to the family. Mr. Thompson was a very thoughtful and kind person. He was very thoughtful and kind to my son even when he went away to college. He had a special heart when it came to the youth of the church. He will be truly missed.* ”

L Simms - September 19, 2024 at 11:33 AM

JM

“ *Joe Murphy here from Trotting Trl. Please let me know if you need anything. I live next door and met Donnell just once and he was very welcoming and shook my hand, but otherwise, I wanted to give him privacy until if/when he asked anything of me for our property line for landscaping. I can help with any unfinished work, but I know your priority is to grieve at this time.* ”

Joe Murphy - September 19, 2024 at 09:09 AM

MC

“ My deepest condolences to the family. 🙏💙🙏

Maggie Cooks - September 19, 2024 at 07:19 AM

NA

“ My deepest condolences to the family. Praying for strength and healing.

Natasha - September 19, 2024 at 05:56 AM

RB

*My prayers are with you during this time of bereavement. God will sustain and comfort you at this time of loss and in the days ahead.  
Rev. Dr. Deborah Long Burroughs*

Rev. Deborah Long Burroughs - September 19, 2024 at 12:26 PM

JH

*Our prayers and heartfelt sympathy to Carr and the entire family on the loss of Mr. Thompson. He was so kind and considerate, and a wonderful advocate for the community. We will all miss him. May God comfort and sustain you as you mourn his passing.*

*Joe and Cheri Harrell*

Joe and Cheri Harrell - September 19, 2024 at 01:19 PM

CL

*To Carr and the Thompson family, our prayers and sympathy are with you during your time of bereavement and healing. As we all mourn the loss of Donnell whom I met on a personal basis some years ago, I found him to be a very wise and prudent businessman as he navigated the pathways of the business world. I feel very fortunate to have had the opportunity to meet him and, on many occasions, as we conversed, he shared so much wisdom with me. He was a man of big stature who was always very kind, considerate and respectful of others.*

*Clarence & Vivian Lewis*

Clarence Lewis - September 19, 2024 at 06:04 PM

JK

*My dude since childhood in Lumberton. Went to school together , played ball together, kept in touch after college and until now. Only regret is I couldn't make all conference because he made all the tackles . He was that talented on every level. First round pick in the NFL. I guess God needed a defensive lineman. Well he got the best! RIP my brother*

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**john kennedy** - September 19, 2024 at 07:14 PM

RJ

*Our prayers and sincere condolences are lifted for the family. We will always be thankful for Donnell's and Deborah's friendship and fellowship.*

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**Rev. & Mrs. Charles Davis Jr.** - September 20, 2024 at 10:29 AM

RM

*Sorry to hear about the lost of your beloved son and brother Robert and delane fluff adams and family*

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**robert and delane adams md** - September 21, 2024 at 04:21 PM