



## Anthony Cochran

May 26, 1957 - June 1, 2026

Mr. Anthony Wayne Cochran, affectionately known as "Wayne," departed this life on June 1, 2026, in Munford, Alabama. Born on May 26, 1957, in Talladega, Alabama, Wayne was the beloved son of Cecil and Geneva Cameron Cochran. He was a symbol of resilience and joy, affectionately labeled as the "Gentle Giant" by all who had the privilege of knowing him.

From an early age, Wayne embraced his faith, joining Lane Chapel C.M.E. Church, and often attending the Shady Grove Missionary Baptist Church. His spirit shone brightly as he participated in The Burton Center, now known as The ARC, where he formed lasting connections and enjoyed the solidarity of friends.

Wayne, also known as "Big John" had a zest for life that transcended his challenges. He found immense joy in wrestling matches, passionately cheered for the Alabama Roll Tide, and was never without his trusty police scanner, always curious about the happenings in his community. With a calm demeanor punctuated by his infectious laughter, he brought light to every gathering, especially when interacting with his nieces. Known for his gentle spirit and a keen sense of humor, Wayne's wise words, "It's not what you say, but how you say it," resonate with those who were fortunate enough to hear him.

On Monday morning, Wayne the loving "Gentle Giant" made his peaceful

transition to his heavenly home, reuniting with his beloved parents, two cherished brothers, Edward and David, and a dear sister, Luevornia Denson. While he leaves this world, he carries with him the love of many and memories that will forever warm our hearts.

Wayne is survived by his four devoted brothers, Walter R. (Gwen) Cochran, Jerry (Judith) Cochran, Harold G. (Mary) Cochran, and Terrison Threatt; a sister, Charlene Cochran (Walter) Canady; and his respected aunt, Winnie B. Cameron. He is also lovingly remembered by a multitude of nieces, nephews, cousins, extended family, and friends whose lives he graciously touched.

As we come together to honor and reminisce, let us remember Wayne not with sorrow, but with joy-celebrating the light he brought into our lives and the countless memories we hold dear. His heart of gold will live on in each of us, a reminder of the beauty of love, laughter, and the strength found in community.

# Cemetery Details

Lane Chapel CME Church Cemetery

## Previous Events

### Public Viewing

JUN 6. 3:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

S.M. Goodson Funeral Home  
217 Coosa St. East  
Talladega, AL 35160

### Celebration of Life

JUN 7. 3:00 PM - 4:00 PM (CT)

Shady Grove Baptist Church  
801 Jennifer Road  
Munford, AL 36268

# Tribute Wall

SJ

“ *Shenetha Jones sent a virtual gift in memory of Anthony Cochran* ”



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**Shenetha Jones** - June 04 at 10:22 PM

LA

“ *I'm really gonna miss you my best friend until we meet again praying for the family* ”

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**Larry Armbrester** - June 04 at 08:52 PM

SC

“ *Im gonna miss you Uncle Wayne!* ”



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**Sharnae Curry** - June 04 at 11:01 AM

WS

“ *I'm really gonna miss you my best friend* ”



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**Walter Scott** - June 03 at 09:24 PM

WF

“ *Walter Scott, Going To Miss My Friend. lit a candle in memory of Anthony Cochran*



Walter Scott, going to miss my friend. - June 03 at 09:23 PM

WF

“ *Walter Scott, Im Going To Miss My Best F lit a candle in memory of Anthony Cochran*



Walter Scott, Im going to miss my best f - June 03 at 09:15 PM

SE

“ *Shamera English lit a candle in memory of Anthony Cochran*



Shamera English - June 03 at 09:11 PM

LA

“ *Larry Armbrester lit a candle in memory of Anthony Cochran*



Larry Armbrester - June 02 at 08:15 PM



“ *Condolences to my family. Wayne, you'll truly be missed. I'll never forget when we(a few rowdy family members) visited you, I know you were glad when we left but a time was had. Take your rest. It's not goodbye but I'll see you later. #CameronStrong*



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**Marsha Cameron** - June 02 at 04:06 PM

GW

“ *Gloria Wilson lit a candle in memory of Anthony Cochran*



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**Gloria Wilson** - June 02 at 01:06 PM

GW

*My cousin was a sweet person*

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**Gloria Wilson** - June 02 at 01:07 PM

JS

“ *Jessie Sims lit a candle in memory of Anthony Cochran*



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**Jessie Sims** - June 02 at 09:38 AM

JH

“ Jackie W Hall lit a candle in memory of Anthony Cochran



Jackie W Hall - June 02 at 04:40 AM

SW

“ Stanley Earl Williams lit a candle in memory of Anthony Cochran



Stanley Earl Williams - June 02 at 04:18 AM



“ Bee Curry lit a candle in memory of Anthony Cochran



Bee Curry - June 01 at 08:24 PM



RIP Uncle Wayne. ❤️🕊️

Bee Curry - June 02 at 08:52 PM