



## Donnell Pitts

December 6, 1983 - July 9, 2025

Donnell Anthony Pitts was born on December 6, 1983, in Baltimore, Maryland. He was the cherished son of Rena Elizabeth Pitts and Lamont Purcell Powell. Donnell's journey of life was one marked by compassion, dedication, and an unwavering love for his family and friends.

Donnell accepted Christ at an early age, becoming a beloved member of the New Psalmist Baptist Church, where his faith blossomed and flourished. A distinguished graduate of Southwestern High School in 2001, he pursued further education at Community College of Baltimore County (CCBC). An epitome of dedication and versatility, Donnell embarked on a diverse career path, displaying his work ethic at United Parcel Service (UPS) and Johns Hopkins University in food and transport services. For the past 13 years, he served at Mercy Medical Center, where he began in food services and rose to the esteemed role of Operating Room Equipment Technician. These years of dedicated service were filled with meaningful connections, lifelong friendships, and the profound impact he made on colleagues, physicians, nurses, and patients alike.

Donnell was many things—a devoted son, a cherished brother, and a steadfast friend. To his parents and siblings, he was their personal protector, loving them with his whole heart and soul. To his entire family he brought unmeasurable pride and joy. His spirit was indomitable, and his heart was as vast as the universe itself. If one had the privilege of earning Donnell's friendship, they discovered a companion for life, someone who never met a

stranger. His kindness and generosity were traits that defined him, leaving an indelible mark on all who knew him. His laughter resonated through family gatherings, and his loving nature created bonds that were felt deep within the hearts of those close to him. Donnell's many passions encompassed cooking, dancing, and a love for travel and the Spanish culture. His lively spirit made every moment memorable, whether it was at Otakon or simply enjoying the company of loved ones.

A gentle giant, Donnell was known for his immense heart and boundless love for those around him. His kindness and warmth resonated deeply, especially within the hearts of his family and friends. He relished in joyful fishing trips with his grandfather, Richard "Pop," and engaged in lively debates with his late grandmother, "Janie Pill," which brought a spark of laughter into their lives. His relationship with his father, Lamont, evolved beautifully over time, reflecting deep love and understanding. He and his sister, Deirra, shared a bond filled with memories of art, music, and an unspoken language that only they understood—a true partnership for life. Donnell was always a steadfast support for his dear mother, Rena, ready with a reassuring touch and his familiar words, "Come on, momma, I gotchu."

Donnell transitioned from this life to a peaceful rest at the tender age of forty-one on the morning of July 9, 2025 in the comfort of his sister's home while vacationing with his mom, a true testament to the love he had for his family. He is now reunited with all his loved ones who have reached the heavenly realm.

Donnell leaves behind a loving legacy, which will forever be cherished by his loving and devoted mother, Rena Elizabeth Pitts; father, Lamont Purcell (Carolyn) Powell; brother, Terrence (Nicole) Powell; sisters, Deirra Pitts, Cierra Powell, and Tenaia (Larry) Powell; grandfather, Richard (Carolyn) Pitts; grandmothers, Peggy Powell and Mary Mallory; aunts, Robin (James) Nelson, Joycelyn Evans, and Eugena Pitts; uncles, Larry Hamilton, Darryl (Sundra) Mallory, and Reginald Garrett; great-aunts, Bernice Threatt and Louise

Hamilton; great-great aunt, Catherine Davis; great-uncles, Charles (Eloise) Hamilton and Paul Hamilton; and a host of nieces, nephews, cousins, coworkers, other relatives, and friends each carrying the essence of Donnell's spirit in their hearts.

Donnell's footprints may no longer grace this earth, but the love he imparted and the lives he touched will continue to shine brightly long after his departure. As we reflect on the beautiful memories we created with him, let us celebrate the life of a truly remarkable man who has now been reunited with loved ones in the heavenly realm. Rest in peace, dear Donnell. Your legacy will be forever etched in our hearts.

# Cemetery Details

## Bakers Grove Baptist Church Cemetery

County Road 85  
Vincent, AL 35178

# Previous Events

## Public Viewing

JUL 18. 3:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

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

## Celebration of Life

JUL 19. 3:00 PM - 4:00 PM (CT)

Liberty Christian Church  
100 Ranch Road  
Harpersville, AL 35078

# Tribute Wall

LG

“ *Oh how I miss you & our conversations!* ”



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**Larie Garrett** - August 25, 2025 at 11:51 AM

ZM

“ *ZENOPIA MCINTYRE lit a candle in memory of Donnell Pitts* ”



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**ZENOPIA MCINTYRE** - July 31, 2025 at 08:48 AM

ZM

“ *I have to smile when I think of Donnell because when ever he saw me he would pick me up and swing me around and hug me. That was his way of saying hello when he was younger and tell me you're so light. And I would say boy if you don't put me down and then we would both start laughing. I will truly miss him.* 🥹🥹🥹 ”

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**ZENOPIA MCINTYRE** - July 31, 2025 at 08:46 AM

MB

“ *Michele Pitts- Bouie lit a candle in memory of Donnell Pitts* ”



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**Michele Pitts- Bouie** - July 24, 2025 at 09:32 PM

CP

“ Rena, I am so sorry about Donnell. I still remember him as a baby and young man when I would come around culver street. I am asking God to comfort you hear and mind and give you peace for your spirit! He will give you the strength to continue on. I will miss you cousin. Rest in Power 🙏



Chello E. Pitts - July 19, 2025 at 04:12 PM

CP

*Blessed are those who mourn, For they shall be comforted. Matthew 5:4 Hold onto this Rena and Deirra!*

Chello E. Pitts - July 19, 2025 at 04:29 PM

EP

*YOU WILL BE TRULY MISSED BY ME AND ALL FAMILY YOU WERE A WALKING BLESSING*

eLAINE POPE - August 12, 2025 at 12:48 PM

SP

“ Shonna Pitts lit a candle in memory of Donnell Pitts



Shonna Pitts - July 19, 2025 at 09:24 AM

CP

“ Cullen Pitts lit a candle in memory of Donnell Pitts



Cullen Pitts - July 19, 2025 at 09:01 AM

CP

“ *Chris Pitts lit a candle in memory of Donnell Pitts*



Chris Pitts - July 19, 2025 at 09:00 AM

JA

“ *Jennifer Anderson lit a candle in memory of Donnell Pitts*



Jennifer Anderson - July 19, 2025 at 08:49 AM

SS

“ *Stacy Shamburger Smith lit a candle in memory of Donnell Pitts*



Stacy Shamburger Smith - July 19, 2025 at 08:41 AM

SS

“ *Sandra Shamburger lit a candle in memory of Donnell Pitts*



Sandra Shamburger - July 19, 2025 at 07:39 AM

SS

*Donnell, your Aunt San's heart is broken into a million pieces. Your infectious smile and playing around will truly be missed (but it will forever be held in our hearts).*

*No words can fully capture the depth of our sorrow, Donnell. We will forever cherish the time we had together and carry your memory with us always. We had good times younger, eating all the Captain Crunch and Janie Pill chew gum, as Derria would say. Wow, what memories. We find comfort in the legacy left by Donnell, knowing that his memory will forever be engraved in our hearts.*

*Donnell's smile was radiant, and his laughter contagious. He would brighten up any room he walked in. As time goes on, we will strive to keep his spirit alive.*

*"Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted." Matthew 5:4*

*"The Lord is close to the brokenhearted and saves those who are crushed in Spirit." Psalm 34:18*

*Rest in Peace, my Big Nephew(Donnell Anthony Pitts)*

*Love You, Aunt San*

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**Sandra Shamburger** - July 19, 2025 at 08:37 AM

SS

*Good night our gentle gaint. You are forever etched in our hearts. We got Rena, Derria and pop pop. Love you Aunt San*

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**Sandra Shamburger** - July 19, 2025 at 02:25 PM

PR

“ *The pic in the middle is the last Pic Donnie sent me this selfie on July 7th, I wanted to make sure his mom sister dad and other family members have this pic of him. He said he had just finished cleaning the family headstones at cemetery. Miss you so much Donnie!!!❤️*



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**Pamela E Rodgers** - July 17, 2025 at 05:32 PM

XW

“ Xoxo, Wanetta White purchased the Medium Dish Garden for the family of Donnell Pitts.



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**Xoxo, Wanetta White** - July 17, 2025 at 01:47 PM

CG

“ Cousin Chris & Family, Rome GA purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Donnell Pitts.



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**Cousin Chris & Family, Rome GA** - July 17, 2025 at 10:22 AM

CC

“ Ciara Chapman purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Donnell Pitts.



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**Ciara Chapman** - July 16, 2025 at 07:26 PM

PR

“ YOU WILL TRULY BE MISSED DONNIE. LOVE YOU ALWAYS & FOEVER MY FRIEND. TO HIS FAMILY MY HEARTFELT COMDOLENCES TO YOU ALL.

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**Pamela E Rodgers** - July 15, 2025 at 10:42 PM

DM

“ Duanelle McDuffie purchased the *Enduring Grace* for the family of Donnell Pitts.



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Duanelle McDuffie - July 15, 2025 at 05:03 PM

DM

“ Duanelle McDuffie planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Donnell Pitts.

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Duanelle McDuffie - July 15, 2025 at 05:03 PM

AC

“ Aunt B, Debbie, Dante & Chuckie purchased the *Pure Heart* for the family of Donnell Pitts.



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Aunt B, Debbie, Dante & Chuckie - July 15, 2025 at 04:36 PM

TD

“ Tina Dickerson lit a candle in memory of Donnell Pitts



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Tina Dickerson - July 12, 2025 at 10:15 PM

JN

*Rest easy nephew, we stand the watch.*

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James/Robin Nelson - July 15, 2025 at 10:47 AM