



Dwayne Lafayette Cuffee

February 17, 1957 - April 19, 2025

DWAYNE'S JOURNEY

Aviation Maintenance Technician 1 (AMT), Dwayne Lafayette Cuffee was born on February 17, 1957 in Hebron, Maryland to the late Raymond Alfred Cuffee, Sr. and Barbara Smith. Dwayne departed this life at the age of sixty-eight (68) on Saturday, April 19, 2025.

Dwayne started off his military career in the United States Air Force and retired from the United States Coast Guard on September 1, 2001 after serving 22 years and 9 months. He also worked for Inter- County Public Transportation Authority in Elizabeth City for 7 years.

Dwayne loved collecting, showcasing, and selling African-American slave artifacts and civil war memorabilia. His passion for educating others about our history and heritage brought such joy. Dwayne would light up when he talked about each artifact as though each piece was personal. His business, called African-American Memorabilia (AAM), traveled throughout North Carolina showcasing slavery artifacts and the civil war movement, bringing the realness of our past forward.

Dwayne is survived by: his wife of forty-four (44) years, Marietta Cuffee; daughter, Ta-Von Cuffee Becker and son, Troy M. Cuffee (Stephanie); seven

grandchildren, Keanna Perry, Ryanne Morris, Azariah Cuffee, Davian Cuffee, DaVon Cuffee, Davante Cuffee and Aniyah Cuffee; three great grandchildren, Arianna Somerville and twins, Amiyah and Amari Somerville; his brother, Edwin Cuffee; sisters Julia Giddens (Ronald), Joanne Short, Cherrie Jiles, BarbaraAnn Williams, Laverne Taylor, Alfreda Rodriguez (Aristides) and Cleo Hayes and a host of relatives, cousins, and friends.

SUBMITTED WITH LOVE ~ THE FAMILY

Previous Events

Visitation

MAY 9. 9:00 AM - 10:00 AM (ET)

Bennie Smith Life Celebration Center
901 West Isabella Street
Salisbury, MD 21801

Funeral Service

MAY 9. 10:00 AM (ET)

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Tribute Wall



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Bennie Smith Funeral Home - May 15, 2025 at 11:51 AM



“ *Sorry For Your Loss*



Thomas Widgeon - May 06, 2025 at 07:37 AM



“ *What can I say about my brother? I could write a book but it's hard with tears in your eyes. He was one of my heroes that never let me down. Rest well my brother and hug daddy, DJ, Coffee Duck And Buddy and too many more to name. The only comfort I could find is you ALL are in a much better place. I LOVE YOU 💔🙏*

Laverne Taylor - May 05, 2025 at 07:08 PM