



Dennis E. Shaw

June 18, 1939 - May 11, 2024

Dennis Eugene Shaw was born to Julius Taylor Shaw and Lillie Mae Shaw on June 18, 1939, in Aurora, Illinois. He was the loving brother of Elmer, Sidney, and Cecil Shaw, who affectionately knew him as “Denny”, and each of whom he now joins in glory.

He accepted Jesus as savior and was baptized in December of 1952 at the Main Street Baptist Church in Aurora. He served there and at many churches over the course of his life, most recently as an active member of The People’s Community Baptist Church. There, he was a faithful 2nd tenor in the Men’s Choir for more than 25 years, and most recently worked in the garden ministry.

Dennis graduated from the East High School of Aurora in 1957, where he served as the president of the Boys’ club and was a standout athlete who participated in football, basketball, and baseball. He also enjoyed singing as a young man and sang with several local doo-wop groups performing both in auditoriums and on the street corners of Aurora. Following high school, he graduated from Southern Illinois University with a degree in sociology. It was there that he met the love of his life, the former Donna Porter, whom he married in September of 1963. To this union was born one son Todd (deceased) and three daughters (Traci, Monica, and Terren).

Dennis enjoyed a successful business career in sales and marketing at Caterpillar, Masonite, and Watkins-Johnson. He and his brothers worked together to help support the family business, The Modern Maintenance

Company, and Dennis enjoyed taking his daughters along to help out with small tasks. It was at Masonite where he received a promotion to become the regional manager for Washington, DC. This brought him and his family to Silver Spring in 1975, where they have been at the same house for nearly 50 years. After retiring, he enjoyed a second career as a substitute teacher at the Roscoe Nix Elementary School. The children there grew to love him, and he soon became an integrated member of the school's staff and community. He also enjoyed working with youth as an elementary and middle school coach for the Montgomery County Recreation Department. With his life-long friend, Carl Caldwell, he coached the "Tarheels" to several successful seasons and championships, training players who would go on to compete at the high school, college, and even professional levels. Later in life, he was proud to coach his grandsons for the "Celtics" of the Greenbelt Recreational Basketball League. He was a staunch supporter of his grandchildren's' basketball and soccer games, rarely missing an event.

Dennis was a renaissance man of incredibly varied interests and hobbies, who seemed to know a little something about every subject. He was an excellent cook, famous for the homemade pizzas he made for his girls' birthday parties, barbecue ribs from the backyard grill, and homemade donuts. He loved to spend time caring for his beautiful flowers and backyard garden and spent the summer of 2023 tending his plot in the TPCBC garden, delighted by the giant zucchini and squash he was able to grow.

He loved music, and it was a constant presence in his life. He introduced his daughters to all varieties, from classical to soul to jazz. For years the radio station in his kitchen stayed tuned to WPFW, whose jazz offerings he treasured. He spent countless evenings dancing with his wife and daughters in their family room, creating precious memories as they listened to his favorite soul artists such as the Delfonics, Spinners, O'Jays, Ray Goodman & Brown, Marvin Gaye, Barry White, and Stevie Wonder. He continued this tradition with his granddaughter as they strutted to "their song", Ease on Down the Road, in that same spot.

Other favorite past times included fishing, which he loved to do with his friend Gary, his son-in-law Tony (to whom Dennis was “Big D”), or even just by himself. One of his fondest memories was of a fishing trip with his three brothers to celebrate his 70th birthday. He was an avid sports fan, following everything from boxing to formula one auto racing. He had a passion for fantasy football, spending Sunday afternoons in front of his laptop tracking one of his three teams. His family knew not to interrupt between 7 and 8pm as he watched Wheel of Fortune and Jeopardy. He followed politics closely and loved tracking the latest developments on CNN.

Dennis leaves to celebrate his life his loving wife, Donna, and their three daughters – Traci Horne (Tony), Monica Callender (Joe), and Terren Shaw. He was the proud “Pepa” of three grandchildren – Tiara Horne, Caleb Callender, and Zachary Callender. He was uncle to a host of nieces and nephews located across the country and enjoyed strong and enduring friendships, which are too many to list here. His influence was immeasurable and remains with us always.

Previous Events

Visitation

MAY 31. 10:00 AM (ET)

The People's Community Baptist Church
31 Norwood Rd
Silver Spring, MD 20905

Funeral Service

MAY 31. 11:00 AM (ET)

The People's Community Baptist Church
31 Norwood Rd
Silver Spring, MD 20905

Burial Service

JUN 1. 9:30 AM (ET)

King Memorial Park Cemetery - Grand Heritage Chapel & Mausoleum
8710 Dogwood Rd.
Baltimore, MD 21244
(410) 944-8300
info@kingmemorialpark.com
<https://www.KingMemorialPark.com>

Tribute Wall



“ *March Life Tribute Centers - Laurel created a Webcast in memory of Dennis E. Shaw*



March Life Tribute Centers - Laurel - May 31, 2024 at 12:16 PM

FS

“ *Floyd and Dannah Salley-Deloney planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Dennis E. Shaw.*

Floyd and Dannah Salley-Deloney - May 31, 2024 at 06:45 AM

FS

“ *Floyd and Dannah Salley-Deloney purchased the Strength & Solace Spray for the family of Dennis E. Shaw.*



Floyd and Dannah Salley-Deloney - May 31, 2024 at 06:45 AM

AC

“ *Arianne, Kathleen, Ealena, Fern & Clive planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Dennis E. Shaw.*

Arianne, Kathleen, Ealena, Fern & Clive - May 29, 2024 at 04:35 PM



“ *Divine Light* was purchased for the family of *Dennis E. Shaw*.



May 29, 2024 at 04:35 PM



“ *The Lawson Family* purchased the *Beautiful in Blue* for the family of *Dennis E. Shaw*.



The Lawson Family - May 29, 2024 at 02:58 PM



“ *Greater Baltimore Urban League* purchased the *Strength & Solace Spray* for the family of *Dennis E. Shaw*.



Greater Baltimore Urban League - May 29, 2024 at 08:51 AM



“ *Sonja Luster-Munis* purchased the *Peaceful White Lilies Basket* for the family of *Dennis E. Shaw*.



Sonja Luster-Munis - May 29, 2024 at 08:39 AM

SL

“ Sonja Luster-Munis planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Dennis E. Shaw.

Sonja Luster-Munis - May 29, 2024 at 08:39 AM

LF

“ Love, Scott Prentice & Family purchased the Full Of Love Bouquet for the family of Dennis E. Shaw.



Love, Scott Prentice & Family - May 29, 2024 at 01:21 AM

NS

“ Nephew Rick & Darlene Shaw purchased the Lily and Rose Tribute Spray for the family of Dennis E. Shaw.



Nephew Rick & Darlene Shaw - May 28, 2024 at 11:15 AM

AF

“ Anthony, Vashti, and the family purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Dennis E. Shaw.



Anthony, Vashti, and the family - May 26, 2024 at 11:58 PM

DB

“ Dr. Frank Lance, NaTasha Horton, Wanda B planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Dennis E. Shaw.

Dr. Frank Lance, NaTasha Horton, Wanda B - May 26, 2024 at 05:23 PM

DB

“ Dr. Frank Lance, NaTasha Horton, Wanda B purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Dennis E. Shaw.



Dr. Frank Lance, NaTasha Horton, Wanda B - May 26, 2024 at 05:23 PM