



Dwight Gorum

April 14, 2026

Dwight (Big D) August Gorum was born August 13, 1948, and was the son of the late John and Odile Moreau Gorum. Dwight passed away on April 14, 2026, leaving behind a legacy of love strength and cherish memories. His passing comes as a shock to those who knew and loved him, and he will be deeply missed. Dwight is survived by his wife, Judith Gorum and his sons Dwight Jr. and Justin Gorum. He also leaves behind to mourn his grandchildren Dramani, Kyja Love, Jhy, Kash, Kiing, and Maverick, as well as one great granddaughter, Sarai. He is also survived by host of nieces, nephews and other relatives and friends. Dwight was educated in the New Orleans School System. He was preceded in death by his sister Pamela Gorum Wagner, his brothers Gregory Gorum, Conrad Gorum, and Keith Gorum. During his teenage years, Dwight worked as a lifeguard for NORD and he also played basketball and baseball. He was a veteran in the United States Army and served in Korean. Dwight worked as a truck driver for CRC Global Solutions for many years dedicating himself to his work with pride and commitment. He was respected and loved by his coworkers who will remember him for his reliability and friendships he built along the way. He also worked for many years at Kaiser Aluminum Company where he was also known for his hard work and dedication. At one point, Dwight moved to Los Angeles, California where he lived for a time. However, his heart remained in New Orleans, and he eventually returned home where he truly belonged. Family meant everything to Dwight, and he took great pride in the bond they

shared he was known for his love of cooking often, inviting family and friends over to enjoy his meals and a good time. He also loved sports and was a devoted fan of the New Orleans Saints, spending many Sundays watching football all day.

He had a special love for his grandchildren, even though they lived out of state he made it a priority to travel to Los Angeles and Las Vegas throughout the year to spend time with them. They were the pride and joy of his life, the apple of his eye and he spoke about them often whether calling them on FaceTime or visiting them face-to-face, and taking them out on outings, he always made time for the grandchildren. He was the godfather to Theron Mercadel, John Christian and Gretchen Chase. He was father to Tyrone Potter of Los Angeles, Djuana Gorum Williams and his lifelong friend Vaughn Fauria. He will be remembered for his laughter, his generosity in the many memories he created with those closest to him. He would always make a joke out of something. Though his passing brings sorrow, his memory will continue to live on in the hearts of his family and friends. The love he gave will not be forgotten.

Goodbye Dwight, we will miss you.

Cemetery Details

Private

Previous Events

Visitation

APR 25. 1:00 PM - 2:00 PM (CT)

Rhodes Funeral Home - Washington Avenue
3933 Washington Avenue
New Orleans, LA 70125
(504) 822-7162
<https://www.rhodesfuneral.com>

Funeral Service

APR 25. 2:00 PM (CT)

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Tribute Wall

TN

“ *The Jones family and Data News purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Dwight Gorum.*



The Jones family and Data News - April 25 at 11:24 AM

BB

“ *Condolences from the Brooks and Curtis families your friendship over the years will be missed you were always considered family and never missed an opportunity to let us know you cared may you rest in peace friend our condolences to your family*

BRENDA S BROOKS - April 25 at 09:24 AM

Catrina
Simmons-
Steib

“ He was more than just a friend—he was like family to both me and my husband, Ernest. Their bond was something truly special. Ernest spoke with him every single day, sometimes more than once, and those conversations meant the world to him. They shared laughter, advice, and the kind of connection that’s hard to put into words. The loss is deeply felt by both of us, but I know Ernest will miss him in a way that runs especially deep. He didn’t just lose a friend—he lost someone who was a constant in his life, someone who brought him comfort, joy, and understanding every single day. That kind of presence leaves a space that can never really be filled. We will always carry those memories with us, and he will always hold a special place in our hearts.



Catrina Simmons-Steib - April 24 at 10:56 PM

KW

“ Kenneth Wade lit a candle in memory of Dwight Gorum



Kenneth Wade - April 21 at 04:16 AM

LE

“ Dear Gorum Family,
We are sending our heartfelt prayers for comfort and peace to your entire family during this difficult time.

Our home will not be the same on Sunday mornings without Dwight's visits. We know he will be greatly missed at Dorignac's as well; he frequently purchased their chocolate eclairs for Saint and brought donuts for all of us to enjoy with Albert's special brewed coffee. He was a wonderful presence in our lives.

Dwight's kindness, love and the many cherished memories he leaves behind will be remembered fondly.

*With deepest sympathy,
Albert, Lynn and Family*



Lynn Evans - April 20 at 07:50 PM

JC

“ JESUS WILL WIPE AWAY EVERY TEAR FROM THEIR EYES Rev 21:4 /// "For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten SON, that whosoever believes in him will have everlasting life eternal John 3:16



James Clark - April 20 at 05:51 PM

RU

“ I was deeply saddened to hear about the passing of your beloved family member. Please accept my heartfelt condolences during this incredibly difficult time. It was an honor to have worked alongside him—he will be remembered for their kindness and the positive impact they had on those around him.



My thoughts and prayers are with the family. May you find strength, comfort, and peace in the love and support surrounding you.

Ruth M.

ruth - April 20 at 11:46 AM