



Wilfred Dennis Jr

April 25, 2018

Professional School Photographer, Wilfred Dennis, Jr. was the owner of Dennis PhotoFinish, Ltd. and creator of the legendary “7th Ward Chocolate Santa of New Orleans” climbed the stairway to Heaven on Wednesday April 25, 2018. This native New Orleanean was the oldest of 3 siblings, Craig “Kevin” Dennis (Tika) and Dwan D. Haydel (Theophile) born to Wilfred and Irma Jones Dennis, Sr. A product of the 9th Ward who attended St. Phillip the Apostle, George Washington Carver Jr. & Sr. High, SUNO, Industrial Photography in Minneapolis as well as specialized training from National School Studios. Affectionately called “Mann”, “Pauchie”, “Grandpa Honey” and “Front Page”. His 1st marriage was fleeting to his high school sweetheart but to this union was born a beautiful daughter named Twainya Monette D. (Ronald) Parker. Later, he married Kim Nylett Gayle in 1977 until her demise. Once again he was blessed to find love for 25 years in marriage with his present wife Gail (nee’ Martin). Additional survivors include two great-aunts: Beulah St. Junior, Elaine Hayes ; brother-in-law of Bonnie Angela & Willie L. Hall, Jr. of Marietta , Ga, Cassandra & Anthony Martin of Wash, D. C.; grandchildren : Jazlyn Rose , Calyssa E’Lon Parker of Cibola, TX ; niece and nephews: Irving C. Gayle, Jada , Jalen Haydel, Juan Redman, Kayla , Malcolm Hall, Milan Martin; God-father of Trenia Sluch, Lisa Oubre Harrison, Nycole , NyColus Cayette; and a host of loving relatives. Members of the Dennis PhotoFinish, Ltd. family; Orleans, St. John & St. James Parish Schools, NOMTOC and Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, along with

devoted friends Brian Epstein, Joyce Foster, Glenn Fleming, and Jessie James Lepree and all other family & friends are invited to attend a Viewing only at D.W. Rhodes Funeral Home, 3933 Washington Ave. on Friday, May 4, 2017 from 5:00 pm to 7:00 pm. A Funeral Service will be held at Pleasant Zion Missionary B. C., 3317 Toledano Street on Saturday, May 5, 2017 at 9:30 am with Rev. Dr. Kenneth E. Thompson, Pastor, officiant. Visitation will be held from 8:00 am to 9:30 am. Interment: St. Louis #3 Cemetery on Esplanade Ave. Arrangements by D.W. Rhodes Funeral Home, 3933 Washington Ave. Please visit www.rhodesfuneral.com to sign the guestbook.

Cemetery Details

St. Louis #3 Cemetery

3421 Esplanade Ave
New Orleans, LA 70119

Previous Events

Visitation

MAY 5. 8:00 AM - 9:30 AM (CT)

Pleasant Zion Baptist Church
3317 Toledano St.
New Orleans, LA 70125

Service

MAY 5. 9:30 AM (CT)

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Tribute Wall

ZD

“ Gail my prayers are with you and the family.

Zanda Dandy - May 16, 2018 at 08:01 PM



“ Sweetest Sunrise Bouquet was purchased for the family of Wilfred Dennis Jr.



May 03, 2018 at 01:53 PM

RP

“ Rachel & Jeffery Polk lit a candle in memory of Wilfred Dennis Jr



Rachel & Jeffery Polk - May 03, 2018 at 08:09 AM

TS

“ Trenia Sluch lit a candle in memory of Wilfred Dennis Jr



Trenia Sluch - May 02, 2018 at 02:12 PM

JS

“ *Jishanna Smothers-Powell lit a candle in memory of Wilfred Dennis Jr*



Jishanna Smothers-Powell - May 02, 2018 at 12:46 PM

 Jay Stringer

“ *Jay Stringer lit a candle in memory of Wilfred Dennis Jr*



Jay Stringer - May 02, 2018 at 12:35 PM

SJ

“ *He going to be missed. He been in family for years. My children and grandchildren took pictures with him. Rest on Mr. Dennis.*



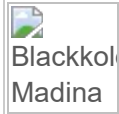
Sheila Jones - May 02, 2018 at 10:25 AM

 Brittany Brown

“ *Brittany Brown lit a candle in memory of Wilfred Dennis Jr*



Brittany Brown - May 01, 2018 at 10:47 PM



Oh my God His Beloved DAUGHTER ALETHIA SIMMS was not mentioned in this beautiful magnificent man OBITUARIE May the LORD REST HIS SOLE.

Blackkold Madina - May 02, 2018 at 05:53 PM



Rest in heaven Mr.D

Blackkold Madina - May 02, 2018 at 05:55 PM



“ My condolences to the Dennis Family. I pray that God comforts you during this time. Twainya, you are in my thoughts and prayers. I know your Dad was your all. Keep remembering the good times that you all had together.

Tamoria Blond - May 01, 2018 at 10:12 PM



“ DENNIS FAMILY Y'ALL IN MY PRAYERS! MR WILFRED(CHOCOLATE SANTA)DENNIS JR YOU'LL BE MISSED BY MANY OF US....

Zina Bonney - May 01, 2018 at 10:00 PM



“ Tandra Rivers-Turner lit a candle in memory of Wilfred Dennis Jr



Tandra Rivers-Turner - May 01, 2018 at 09:41 PM

VE

“ *Vanessa Ellzey lit a candle in memory of
Wilfred Dennis Jr*



Vanessa Ellzey - May 01, 2018 at 08:13 PM