



Mr. Booker T. Washington

May 27, 1951 - January 13, 2026

Booker Talliaferro Washington, affectionally known as Booker T. was born on May 27, 1951, to late George D. Washington and Lorean Collins-Washington. He was the second born of eleven children.

Booker T. graduated from McLaurin High School and earned a baseball scholarship to Jackson State University. He began his career at the Florence Battery Plant, and later worked for Mississippi Valley Gas, where he retired after many years of service.

Booker T. married Alice Thomas, and from this union were one Daughter and three sons: Sheretha, Booker T. Washington Jr., Marcus and Norman.

Booker T. was sports enthusiast, Booker T. loved baseball, football, basketball and bowling, but baseball was his true passion. He played summer baseball with the Morning Star Team and was known for his skill, and joyful spirit on the field. He also had the opportunity to play baseball in Oakland California. His favorite teams were New Orleans Saints and Jackson State Tigers.

Booker T. also loved fishing and traveling and he had recently traveled to San Fransico where he experienced the city by car, boat and open double-decker bus, and crossing the Golden Gate Bridge, this trip was the most cherished and rememberable. He would never forget.

Booker T. was known for being a natural jokester, and his infectious hissing laugh left lasting memories with all who knew him. His favorite drink was Coca-Cola, which he fondly called " the real thing, right under god."

Booker Taliaferro Washington departed this life on Tuesday, January 13, 2026, while in the care of his son, Marcus. He was preceded in death by his parents, his son, Booker T. Washington Jr., his sister Jeanette Eloise Washington and brothers Milton Washinton, Wyatt Dennis Washington and George "Fred" Washington.

He leaves to cherish his memory his children, Sheretha, Marcus and Norman, Nine grandchildren, three great grandchildren, his loving friend Faye, all of Jackson MS, four sisters Mildred of Dallas TX. Annette of Florence Ms. Lue Rean (Grant) of Manteca Ca. Cythia (Keith) of Florence Ms. George Jr of Florence Ms. and Donald (Shesheko) of Grand Prairie Tx. and a host of nieces, nephews, cousins and friends.

Cemetery Details

Brown Hill MB Church Cemetery

120 Brown Hill Road
Florence, MS 39073

Previous Events

Visitation

JAN **23**. 4:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

Dean Memorial Funeral Home
745 Highway 468
Brandon, MS 39042
(601) 825-3884
<https://deanmemorialfuneralhome.com/>

Homegoing Service

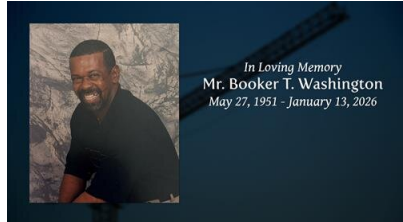
JAN **24**. 1:00 PM (CT)

Brown Hill MB Church
120 Brown Hill Road
Florence, MS 39073

Tribute Wall



“ *Dean Memorial Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Mr. Booker T. Washington*



Dean Memorial Funeral Home - January 22 at 04:14 PM

PJ

“ *Pam Jackson sent a virtual gift in memory of Booker Washington*



Pam Jackson - January 24 at 09:30 AM

TF

Thank you Pam for thinking of Booker T. God Bless

The Washington Family - January 29 at 09:22 AM

DW

“ *My deepest condolences to the family.*



Daisy Ward - January 23 at 07:17 PM

TF

Daisy we appreciate your thoughtfulness; Thank you

The Washington Family - January 29 at 09:23 AM

CH

“ *Camellia L. Hobbs planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Mr. Booker T. Washington.*

Camellia L. Hobbs - January 23 at 06:28 PM

KR

“ *Katherine Robinson lit a candle in memory of Booker Washington*



Katherine Robinson - January 23 at 06:21 PM

TF

Katherine Robinson; this means so much. Thank you

The Washington Family - January 29 at 09:24 AM

TF

Camillia Hobbs; We thank you kindly

The Washington Family - January 29 at 09:26 AM

DL

“ *Debbie Love-Merchant lit a candle in memory of Booker Washington*



Debbie Love-Merchant - January 23 at 04:34 PM

TF

Thank you Debbie Love Merchant for thinking of Booker. God bless.

The Washington Family - January 29 at 09:27 AM

ST

“ *Shorei, Reijah, Tariq, Terreon, Teraji purchased the Beautiful Dreams for the family of Mr. Booker T. Washington.*



Shorei, Reijah, Tariq, Terreon, Teraji - January 23 at 12:27 PM

MH

“ *MICHAEL HAYES lit a candle in memory of Booker Washington*



MICHAEL HAYES - January 23 at 09:31 AM

TF

Shorei Reijah Tariq Teraji and Terreon; Blessings to you all for being a loving family; Thank you for the flowers and thinking of your Uncle

The Washington Family - January 29 at 09:30 AM

PF

“ *P. Farmer lit a candle in memory of Booker Washington*



P. Farmer - January 22 at 10:27 PM

TF

Paulette Farmer Thank you for thinking of our brother. God bless.

The Washington Family - January 29 at 09:33 AM

PS

“ *Patricia Smith sent a virtual gift in memory of Booker Washington*



Patricia Smith - January 22 at 06:51 PM

TF

Patricia Smith; Family like you are cherished. Thank you

The Washington Family - January 29 at 09:34 AM

LS

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When I was a little boy Booker T. was already an adult in my eyes. I remember watching and listening to him during summer visits to Mississippi and other returns to home and He was always funny. That was the very first thing My wife “Jane” said to me when I told her of his passing. We had just seen him recently and in her shock she said “He was so funny.”

I'll always remember Booker T. as half uncle half cousin, half man in the eyes of a young boy 50 some odd years ago. With certainty he will be missed and with certainty he won't be forgotten.

Not long after I received the news I still felt a pain in my heart but I found that I couldn't stop smiling all the same.

Since then the pain in my heart has died down a bit knowing that we were never meant to be here forever. Everyone must go home someday

So I smile and I've come to believe that I'll always smile when I think of Booker T. laughing in my favorite aunts yard, at her dinner table. “And no I didn't make a mistake. Some called her Cousin Lorraine and she herself corrected me a thousand times. She was my cousin by relation, but she was beloved beyond comparison and transcendent to me. Only my mother held a title and s place higher in my eyes than my Aunt Lorraine. When in Mississippi, it was her apron that I pulled on in the kitchen for a slice of sweet potato while her boys, most of them much older than I played or talked in her yard.

Booker T. was always in the yard with men with cars and it was loud and for the most part everyone laughed best as I could tell and Booker T. was at center. I was a little boy who washed up in the washtub and loved the cedar chest in my aunts living room and

shucked corn or tried to help her peel green beans or eat watermelon while listening to Booker T. and the other big boys and men play.

There was a spirit about him. About us all as a family and I guess Booker T. truly was one of our cornerstones. I don't know enough to talk about him but I know enough about him to say that I loved him. Booker T. will always be a part of me.

In truth I guess it really wasn't how funny he was as much as it was the joy that always seemed to fill him. I guess somethings never change. I'm forever grateful that my cousin passed my way and to know that joy awaits him on the otherside in a bigger yard and at a greater dinner table.

I'm so grateful for the chance as brief as it was to reunite.

Lynn

Lynn & Jane Singleton - January 22 at 02:57 PM

TF

Lynn and Jane Singleton; what a beautiful memory. When we were all together at the grad party everyone had such a great time especially Booker. He was surrounded by cousins he was never around much and new friends. He had a smile on his face which radiated his joy. He was grateful as well for this time. May God continue to bless the both of you. Love always

The Washington Family - January 29 at 09:37 AM

KB

“*Heartfelt Condolences and Prayers to the Washington Family for your loss.*

"Behold God is mine helper: the Lord is with them that uphold my soul". Psalm

54:4

As I look back down memory lane, I am reminded of a great Athlete, ("Booker

T. Washington"); an amazing FootBall Running Back and an equally amazing Baseball Catcher. Not only was he a great Athlete, but he was friendly, wore a smile and was well respected.

His brother George, (my classmate) and I had the privilege of driving Booker T's "nice Pontiac GTO" down to Piney Wood School Campus back in the early 70's...it was an experience we will never forget! He will truly be missed.

Booker T. Washington's Family, be encouraged, for the Lord is with you.

Love,

Kenneth Brown

Kenny Brown - January 22 at 02:34 PM

TF

Kenny Brown; Memories last always and reading yours made us smile. It's the little details such as his to; the positions he played in baseball that fills the gaps. We appreciate you for reminding us. The family send their love and hugs to everyone. God bless you.

The Washington Family - January 29 at 09:41 AM

KB

“Heartfelt Condolences and Prayers to the Washington Family for your loss.

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*Love,
Kenneth Brown*

Kenneth Brown - January 22 at 12:45 PM

HF

“Hayes, Cousin and Wells Family❤️➕❤️



Hayes Cousin Wells Family - January 22 at 12:50 AM

TF

Hayes Cousin Wells Family; we appreciate Your Love and support. God bless.

The Washington Family - January 29 at 09:44 AM



“ So grateful to have spent time with Booker and Family this past Summer! He will be greatly missed. Holding many pics and fond memories. Grant Van de Streek

Grant Vandestreek - January 21 at 05:03 PM

TF

Grant as his brother in law; you held a special place in his heart as he mentioned you quite often. The family appreciates your kindness. God bless.

The Washington Family - January 29 at 09:46 AM

LC

“ Deepest condolences to the Washington Family. During this time of Sorrow of their Beloved Brother. May God continue to keep his Arms wrapped around the Whole Family During this Time ❤️🙏🙏❤️



Lisa McLin Chambers - January 21 at 08:02 AM

TF

Lisa McLin Chambers Thank you for thinking of our brother. It means a lot. God bless.

The Washington Family - January 29 at 09:48 AM

DA

“ Dexter Ainsworth



Dexter Ainsworth - January 20 at 05:41 AM

TF

Dexter Ainsworth; Thank you for your friendship to Booker and for thinking of him.

The Washington Family - January 29 at 09:50 AM

DJ

“ *Debbie L. Jenkins lit a candle in memory of Booker Washington*



Debbie L. Jenkins - January 19 at 09:02 PM

PR

“ *Phyllis Rankin lit a candle in memory of Booker Washington*



Phyllis Rankin - January 19 at 08:35 PM

TF

Phyllis Rankin; your act of kindness is appreciated. Thank you. God bless.

The Washington Family - January 29 at 09:52 AM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Mr. Booker T. Washington.*



January 19 at 07:59 PM

FF

“ Fred Hurst & Family purchased the Blue Caribbe an Bouquet for the family of Mr. Booker T. Washington.



Fred Hurst & Family - January 19 at 07:26 PM

FF

“ Fred Hurst & Family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Mr. Booker T. Washington.

Fred Hurst & Family - January 19 at 07:26 PM

DH

“ Debra H. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Mr. Booker T. Washington.

Debra H. - January 19 at 12:43 PM

LF

“ Lottie Fields lit a candle in memory of Booker Washington



Lottie Fields - January 19 at 12:41 PM

TF

Anonymous Thank you for the Beautiful Flowers. God bless.

The Washington Family - January 29 at 09:54 AM

TF

Fred Hurst and Family; Thank you for your beautiful sentiments and flowers. It touched our hearts. Booker enjoyed spending time with you when he visited California. We will never forget. God bless you always.

The Washington Family - January 29 at 09:56 AM

TF

Debra Hasan; thank you cousin for your thoughtfulness. May God bless you always. Love

The Washington Family - January 29 at 09:57 AM

TF

Lottie Fields; Thankyou for thinking of Booker. Know that you will always be our SIL. God bless.

The Washington Family - January 29 at 09:58 AM

FH

“ *Our deepest condolences on the loss of Booker T. Your love for him will never waiver and he will always be remembered through your journeys! The Hurst Family*

Fred Hurst - January 19 at 11:54 AM

LG

“ *James and Latecia Gregory*



Latecia Gregory - January 18 at 11:49 PM

TF

Latisha Gregory; as cousins we have been thru a lot but we are a Godfearing Family and we stand together. We Know God makes no mistakes. God bless you cousin for thinking of Booker T.

The Washington Family - January 29 at 10:01 AM

DG

“ *Condolences to The Washington Families...
"The LORD is near to the brokenhearted and
saves those who are crushed in spirit". Psalm
34:18*



Dixie Hampton Grant - January 18 at 09:15 PM

TF

*Dixie Hampton Grant; Thank you for your condolences and acts of
kindness. God bless.*

The Washington Family - January 29 at 10:02 AM

VM

“ *Vicki Milton lit a candle in memory of Booker
Washington*



Vicki Milton - January 18 at 12:55 AM

TF

*Vickie Milton; God places people in other people's lives even it's only
for a minute. Booker enjoyed meeting you and we enjoyed seeing him
be himself with you. Thank you and God bless you always.*

The Washington Family - January 29 at 10:05 AM

JT

“ *Josephine Wansley Toines lit a candle in
memory of Booker Washington*



Josephine Wansley Toines - January 17 at 05:29 PM

TF

Josephine ; Thank you for always bringing a great friend.

The Washington Family - January 29 at 09:20 AM

TF

Josephine Wansley Toines; a great friend to Booker. Thank you for your condolences. We will never forget. God bless.

The Washington Family - January 29 at 10:06 AM

ST

“ *My heart aches for us all during this difficult time. I'm so sorry for our shared loss ❤️☐
Prayers for strength, peace, & hope as God's unconditional love lifts us all up 🙏*



Stafani - January 17 at 01:28 PM

MD

Wanted you to know that we're so sorry for the loss of Booker T . It was a blessing to meet him last year at Reijah graduation party. Sending our love and prayers to you and the rest of the family. God bless. Linda & Michael Davis

Michael Davis - January 17 at 08:15 PM

TF

Michael and Linda Thank you for your kind words; Booker enjoyed his time with you as well. Love always

The Washington Family - January 29 at 09:17 AM

TF

Stafani your kind words eases our sorrow. Thank you; God Bless.

The Washington Family - January 29 at 09:19 AM

LS

“ *Luerean Washington Van de Streek lit a candle in memory of Booker Washington*



Luerean Washington Van de Streek - January 17 at 04:23 AM

LS

“ *Booker T; my brother and friend. You may not be here in the flesh but you will always be with us in spirit. We will never forget your hissing laugh and how you were never a stranger to anyone. You cared for others including family. I will miss your phone calls on holidays and birthdays as you never forgot. I will miss our conversations about sports; Saints and Tigers. But mostly I will miss your face and your smile. Another void in our family but we know you are now with our loved ones in your new heavenly home. Our earthly loss is Heavens gain. So Rest well Brother til we meet again. Love you always and 4 ever. Your sister Rean*

Luerean Washington Van de Streek - January 17 at 04:19 AM

AA

“ *My condolences to The Washington Family. I'm very sorry for your loss.*



Ashlei R. Ainsworth - January 16 at 11:32 PM

SH

“ Sending sincere condolences to the entire Washington Family. We will keep all of you in our thoughts and prayers.

Michael and Shirley Porter Harper



Shirley Porter Harper - January 16 at 10:13 PM

TF

Shirley Porter Harper; We thank you for your kind words. May God bless you always

The Washington Family - January 29 at 10:10 AM

AM

“ My condolences to the Washington family for your loss. It was really good seeing Booker T. last summer after so many years. As always, fond memories. He will be missed.

-The Mathis Clan

Anson Mathis - January 16 at 10:07 PM

TF

The Mathis Clan; May God richly bless you for your kindness. You all are dear to our family.

The Washington Family - January 29 at 10:11 AM

KC

“ My condolences to The Washington Family. I'm very sorry for your loss.



Kimberly Coleman - January 16 at 09:59 PM

TF

Kimberly Coleman Thank you for your condolences. God bless

The Washington Family - January 29 at 10:12 AM

AB

“ *Alexis Bilbro lit a candle in memory of Booker Washington*



Alexis Bilbro - January 16 at 07:16 PM

LD

It was a pleasure meeting you cousin Booker T.Washington. I Linda,Michael & Stafani enjoyed the time spent together with you & loved ones. You will surely be missed.RIP love you. 🙏❤️😭

Linda Davis - January 17 at 02:17 PM

TF

Linda Davis; the pleasure was all Bookers as his smile showed how excited he was to meet and spend time with you! Thank you for your kindness. Love you cousin. God bless.

The Washington Family - January 29 at 10:14 AM