



## Mr. David Edward Deville

February 20, 1950 - February 13, 2023

Mr. David Edward DeVille was born February 20, 1950 in Fort Wayne, Indiana. He spent his early years in Gary as the cherished only son of Edward and Frances Williams DeVille. He departed this life on Monday, February 13, 2023 at 9:40 a.m. His parents and twin sisters Sharon Wells and Sheila Jobe preceded him in death.

David graduated from Magnolia High School in Moss Point in 1968. He went on to earn a Bachelor of Science Degree in 1972 and a Master of Education degree in 1990 from the University of Southern Mississippi. After college, he moved to Denver, Colorado and worked with the Denver Manpower Administration and Denver Children's Home before returning home. David worked for the Jackson County Youth Court and the Mississippi Department of Corrections before beginning his teaching career in Moss Point in 1987. In 1994, he moved to Jackson, MS and worked Jackson Public Schools until 1996 then the Mississippi Department of Education.

David's love of teaching and coaching drove him back to the classroom in 2001 as a Secondary SPED Teacher and Varsity Head Basketball Coach for two years with Yazoo City High School, leading his team to the MS District III 4A Division III Championship. In 2003, David returned to the Jackson Public School District where he remained until his retirement in 2021. During that time, he worked at Murrah High School, Cardozo and Bailey APAC Middle

school as both a teacher and coach. He headed up the Cross-Country Relay Team and briefly as Murrah High School Varsity Head Basketball Coach. His final coaching stint at Bailey Middle School saw him lead his team to the District Championship playoff. David's love of the game displayed itself in both his coaching and work as a referee with the Mississippi High School Activities Association, Inc, holding memberships in both the Gulf Coast Officials Basketball Association and the Middle Mississippi Basketball Official Association.

Close to David's heart was his affiliation with the Omega Psi Phi Fraternity where he has been a member since 1983. David served as Past Basileus/State Officer for the Sigma Alpha Alpha Chapter, District II, Moss Point, MS, and upon relocating to Jackson, MS joined the Epsilon Kappa Kappa (EKK) Chapter in Canton, MS, where he served faithfully until his death.

In 1995, David met the woman he was destined to spend the rest of his life with, the former Shirley McShepard of DeKalb, Mississippi. David and Shirley were married in 1998 and have spent the past 25 years in the belief the God brought them together. After their marriage, they moved their membership from St. Mark United Methodist in DeKalb, MS to Anderson United Methodist Church where David served as a Sunday School Teacher until his health began to fail.

David is survived by his wife, Shirley of Jackson, MS; his daughter Renee' (Hunter II) Nelson of Oxford, MS., his step daughter, Lisa Phillips of Brandon, MS.; his step-mother, Gertrude DeVille of Lake Charles, LA; one brother, Elwar DeVille of Lake Charles, LA; four grandsons, Hunter Nelson III of Mobile, AL; Kyle Nelson of Boston, MA; Noah Nelson of Montgomery, AL; and Jake Charles Rugel of Brandon, MS; three granddaughters, Lauren & Olivia Nelson (Tulane University) Baton Rouge, LA, and Natella Rush of Dallas, TX;

one great-granddaughter, Lauren Davis of Dallas, TX: three special cousins, Wellington (Wilma) Webb, Joseph (Marilyn) Webb, and Ronnie Crowell of Denver, CO, four special Omega brothers • Kenneth Green, Chrs Appleberry, Fredrick Murray and Al Jackson of Jackson, MS; an honorary grandson Jarareon Roed of Jackson, MS; and a host of nieces, nephews, relatives and friends.

# Cemetery Details

## St. Paul United Methodist Church

3724 Davis Street  
Moss Point, MS 39563

# Previous Events

## Visitation

FEB 20. 9:00 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

Anderson United Methodist Church  
6205 Hanging Moss Road  
Jackson , MS 39206

## Service

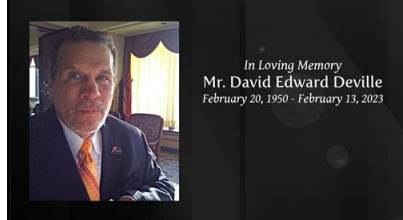
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# Tribute Wall



“ *Dean Memorial Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Mr. David Edward Deville*



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**Dean Memorial Funeral Home** - February 19, 2023 at 05:52 PM



“ *So sorry for your lost. May god give you a courage and strength. I know facing these tirals is never easy or gets easier, take things one day at a time and remember and embrace memories of your love ones their in peace. Part peace be within the family as these days are numbered.*

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**Latoya Johnson** - August 16, 2023 at 11:42 AM



“ *So very sorry to just now learn of David's passing! I remember him well when we were at USM.  
My deepest sympathy,  
Alice (Whitehead) Hawkins*

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**Alice Hawkins** - August 15, 2023 at 07:47 PM

MA

“ Coach DeVille was my cross country coach at Murrah High School. He was a very funny man and an even greater coach. He built a team that was full of love, good sportsmanship, and warmth. He always pushed us to excel and had us laughing in the meanwhile. I've been a part of many teams, but the MHS Cross Country team, to this day, has been my favorite team because of how he lead us.

Maya - February 22, 2023 at 08:24 AM

MJ

“ Mattie and Robert Jette purchased the Medium Dish Garden for the family of Mr. David Edward Deville.



Mattie and Robert Jette - February 17, 2023 at 05:09 AM

JE

“ John Evans lit a candle in memory of David Deville



John Linwood Evans - February 15, 2023 at 03:19 PM

RM

I well remembered Mr. David Deville during his time as a school programs' reviewer, with the reputation of a strict evaluator! We teachers feared our class being chosen; my classroom was one chosen. I found Mr. Deville to be very professional, calm, and fair. I like to think I became a better teacher as a result of Mr. Deville's superb assistance and support to the Kemper CO Public School.

Rev. Elder Selber M. McShepard - February 18, 2023 at 04:55 PM

SJ

“ I always called him “The CADILLAC of the Ques”! We shared many private jokes and he was very protective of those in his circle. I will truly miss my stubborn friend 💜💜💜  
Praying for Shirley’s comfort and strength during this time.

Sandra Jackson - February 15, 2023 at 02:41 PM

EA

“ Eddie Ainsworth lit a candle in memory of David Deville



Eddie Ainsworth - February 15, 2023 at 10:28 AM



“ A'smile Alexander lit a candle in memory of David Deville



A'smile Alexander - February 15, 2023 at 09:38 AM