



Mr. Dwayne Prentiss Cannon

March 7, 1964 - April 20, 2022

When Elizabeth heard Mary's greeting, the baby leapt in her womb, and Elizabeth was filled with the Holy Spirit. And she cried out with a loud voice and said, "Blessed are you among women, and blessed is the fruit of your womb, (Luke 1:41. 42 NAS)

Our mother, Dorothy Branch Cannon, said she felt Dwayne leap in her womb, and believed it was a sign that he would be called to preach. Unlike Elizabeth's son, John the Baptist, Dwayne never said he was called, but he started preaching when he was a little boy. Instead of playing House, we played Church. And Dewayne always wanted to be the preacher. When he started high-way preaching, he would stop to see if we were shouting; and if we weren't shouting just right, he would demonstrate for us before starting right back in on his sermon. As he grew up, he took texts, and preached and sang while he cut the grass or worked in the yard. You could hear him all over the neighborhood.

Dwayne was a man for all seasons. He came from a family of farmers, educators, bootleggers, doctors, lawyers, cooks, entrepreneurs, cleaning ladies, railroad men, community leaders and, of course, magnificent storytellers. He was a proud family man and loved his family dearly, both immediate and extended - developing a unique relationship with each member.

Dwayne was an anchor. A tree planted by the water that would not be moved. He was a man of principal and integrity, and he said what he meant and meant what he said. He knew everybody and would talk to anybody. He valued everybody. He was the glue, the go-to-guy, the problem solver, the big picture thinker and the rascal, who loved to tease people and laugh - whether on the church ground or in the barbershop.

But most importantly, Dwayne was a man of phenomenal faith, which he walked by daily. He was a man of God and lived his Christianity. Dwayne joined Rock Star Missionary Baptist Church when he was seven because he had been prodded to sit on the mourner's bench and take The Lord's hand during a revival, but when it came time to be baplized he fled the sanctuary - white sheet and towel flying behind him. The next baptism, he tried it again, and this time, our then pastor, Reverend R. L. Lockett, successfully submerged him.

But his baptism did not stop him from being the most mischievous witle-bey. He tortured chickens and tried to drown frogs. He loved to ear hustle on grown folks business. He also like to knock running cars out of gear—- Just to see what would happen. Fortunately, the cars always rolled slowly,. Giving our parents a chance to catch us before we rolled into the road. Instead of punishing him, our father set him on his lap and taught him to drive. By the time he was seven, he was driving a standard shift, He also tried his luck in the kitchen. When he caught my mother not looking, he tried to cook a cheese grill sandwich. He was so short, he couldn't even see the top of the stove and was about to pull the hot skillet into his face. Our mother shut the little wanna be chef right down.

Although Dwayne officially began first grade at what was then called Stevens Elementary and now Brandon Elementary, he had already done one year of first grade sitting in our mother's first grade classroom at Carter High School

for "Colored" students - where he got into everything he could. He charmed and teased and challenged his teachers throughout his academic career. He took his studying seriously --- and made honor roll grades. He loved sports and played football during his sophomore year. But he was a much better fit as manager, where he could keep up the team's morale, help the coaches run things and pump up the crowd. He was part of a clique of friends that hung tight throughout their high school years. They gave him the nickname "Ace" and still call him that to this day. He graduated from Brandon High School in 1982. He attended Jackson State University, where he majored in accounting and could use his knack for numbers and analytical skills. He graduated from JSU in 1986.

Dwayne was a hustler from jump. He sold Now and Laters in grade school at a 50% to 100% mark-up. That prepared him to become one of few men selling Avon. He sold the products for years throughout central Mississippi until he got into the timber business. Buying and selling timber allowed him to move around the state, meeting and talking to people. He regaled us with stories about the challenging, sometimes dangerous process of getting trees out of the woods to the mills.

Dwayne knew everybody, and would talk to anybody. He loved to tease people and laugh - whether on the church ground or in the barbershop. And he loved listening and weaving together information. Dwayne was the family and community historian. He knew how everybody's families were connected, sometimes when they didn't know. He had a mind like a computer where he stored birthdates, anniversaries, and family lineage. If you couldn't lay your hands on your old Family Bible, you could always call Dwayne.

Dwayne's priority was serving God. He Loved Church. He loved good

preaching and traveled far and wide to hear good preachers. He used his sharp inquisitive mind to dissect sermons and delighted in excavating the meaning of the Word - seeking knowledge about Christianity, faith and the church constantly. His library included books like, *The Black Church*, *The Best Black Preachers of the Century*, *Preaching with Power*, and many books by Howard Thurman and Tony Evans. Dwayne didn't just attend church, he immersed himself in it. He sang in the Sunbeam Choir, the Youth Choir, the Inspirational Choir, the Combined Choir and the Male Chorus. He had a rich baritone voice and he like to sing songs in his own unique style. He was a Church Trustee and a Sunday School Teacher. He served on the Pulpit Selection Committee, the Constitution Committee and was a member of the Brotherhood. He was a popular Program Guide and a sought-after speaker. When he visited churches outside Rankin County, ushers often tried to escort him to the pulpit, thinking he was a preacher.

Dwayne believed everyone should practice their civic duties. As we grew up, our parents were involved in voter registration and supporting candidates. Dwayne was a poll manager for years, running a tight ship at the Johns precinct. He showed up at community meetines, rallies and believed in holding elected officials accountable around issues that aligned with his philosophy and moral compass. His legacy was his commitment to the success of Black people. He steeped himself in Black History and encouraged others to do the same. He supported our youth, encouraged us to build businesses and championed our causes.

Preceding Dwayne in death were his beloved parents, Mr. Serphine Prentiss Cannon and Mrs. Dorothy Louise Branch Cannon. Dwayne leaves to mourn three loving sisters: Dr. Gerri Cannon-Smith (Ken), of Brandon, MS; Carole Cannon, of Brandon, MS; Regina Cannon, of Atlanta,GA; one beloved brother, Patrick Cannon (Jackie) and a friend, Bobby Taylor, who was like a

brother. Special joys in his life were his nieces: Ayana Smith of Brandon, MS; Ayesha Smith of Washington; DC; Sheriden Cannon and McKenzie Cannon, both of Brandon, MS. He also leaves a community of friends, relatives and colleagues.

Cemetery Details

Rock Star M. B. Church Cemetery

West Sunset Drive
Brandon, MS

Previous Events

Service

APR 30. 11:00 AM (CT)

TrueVine M. B. Church
124 Vine Drive
Brandon, MS 39042

Tribute Wall



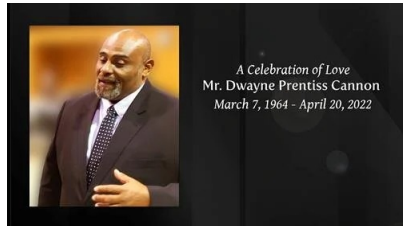
“ *Dean Memorial Funeral Home created a Webcast in memory of Mr. Dwayne Prentiss Cannon*



Dean Memorial Funeral Home - April 30, 2022 at 05:27 PM



“ *Dean Memorial Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Mr. Dwayne Prentiss Cannon*



Dean Memorial Funeral Home - April 28, 2022 at 03:17 PM

ET

My heartfelt condolences to this wonderful family. I love you all like my own. Dwayne was such an outstanding young man, a philosopher, a teacher, a friend, a humorist, but most importantly, he was a child of God that exhibited his faith in his everyday living.

Evelyn Tillis - April 29, 2022 at 04:39 PM

PJ

“ Patricia Jones lit a candle in memory of Mr. Dwayne Prentiss Cannon



Patricia Jones - May 04, 2022 at 02:04 PM

PJ

“ Patricia Hobson Jones lit a candle in memory of Mr. Dwayne Prentiss Cannon



Patricia Hobson Jones - May 04, 2022 at 12:14 PM

DC

“ Dora Cannon lit a candle in memory of Mr. Dwayne Prentiss Cannon



Dora Cannon - April 30, 2022 at 04:47 PM

DT

“ Delois Trigg lit a candle in memory of Mr. Dwayne Prentiss Cannon



Delois Trigg - April 30, 2022 at 10:43 AM

KM

“ *Mr. Dwayne, as I called him. A well-respected and a very well-spoken guy. We will miss his smile and his unique voice at Rock Star MB Church. I pray the Lord provides comfort to the Cannon family during this difficult time.*

Ken and Tammy Melvin - April 30, 2022 at 07:37 AM

JM

“ *A true solider in the Christian Faith. He will be truly missed.*
John McDonald Jr.



John McDonald - April 30, 2022 at 05:00 AM

AL

“ *Alice Trigg-Griffin lit a candle in memory of Mr. Dwayne Prentiss Cannon*



Alice Trigg-Griffin - April 30, 2022 at 04:28 AM

MM

“ *Monica McCoy-Walker lit a candle in memory of Mr. Dwayne Prentiss Cannon*



Monica McCoy-Walker - April 29, 2022 at 04:47 PM

BH

“ Betty Crain and Lillie Holloway purchased the Basket of Memories for the family of Mr. Dwayne Prentiss Cannon.



Betty Crain and Lillie Holloway - April 29, 2022 at 01:54 PM

RF

“ We give our deepest and most heartfelt condolences to the Cannon family. Dwayne thank you for always being genuine and a listening ear. You will be missed.

Richard Ayers and Family - April 29, 2022 at 12:13 PM

LC

“ Lloyd Collier lit a candle in memory of Mr. Dwayne Prentiss Cannon



Lloyd Collier - April 29, 2022 at 03:59 AM

BM

“ Barbara Magee sent a virtual gift in memory of Mr. Dwayne Prentiss Cannon



Barbara Magee - April 28, 2022 at 09:47 PM

BM

“ May God continue to keep his loving arms around my family as we morn our loved one. Having had many conversations with Dwayne some how one of his favorite saying would always be a part of the conversation, "It just don't make any sense". The following Sunday after BHS prom, Dwayne and I had our last conversation. We was talking about Sheridan, his neice and Treasuzure, my granddaughter. We was discussing all the preparation and plans that they had made for going to their prom. Bottom line "it just don't make any sense' for what all these young people are doing just to attend a prom. Will always remember you and your choice of wise words when ever you spoke. Gone but not forgotten.

Barbara Magee - April 28, 2022 at 09:45 PM

P3

“ *Psalms 30:5 purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Mr. Dwayne Prentiss Cannon.*



Psalms 30:5 - April 28, 2022 at 09:22 PM

LS

“ *Lillie Scott lit a candle in memory of Mr. Dwayne Prentiss Cannon*



Lillie Scott - April 28, 2022 at 12:31 PM

RW

“ Randy Wallace lit a candle in memory of Mr. Dwayne Prentiss Cannon



Randy Wallace - April 28, 2022 at 12:16 PM



“ Dr. Gerri Cannon-Smith and Mr. Kenneth Smith you have my deepest condolences on the lost of your brother and brother-in-law.

Debra Perry
MSDH

Debra Perry - April 28, 2022 at 11:22 AM

CF

“ Carolyn Fairley lit a candle in memory of Mr. Dwayne Prentiss Cannon



Carolyn Fairley - April 28, 2022 at 12:03 AM

JR

“ My condolences to the Cannon family. Dwayne thank you for so many heart to heart talks, thank you for always being a true friend, counselor, and comedian. Gone too soon my friend, but never forgotten.



Jennifer Rawls - April 27, 2022 at 11:47 PM

AJ

“ *Anissa Jones-Brown lit a candle in memory of Mr. Dwayne Prentiss Cannon*



Anissa Jones-Brown - April 27, 2022 at 08:39 PM

LG

“ *Lynnette Griffin lit a candle in memory of Mr. Dwayne Prentiss Cannon*



Lynnette Griffin - April 27, 2022 at 08:08 PM

MS

“ *Condolences and prayers to the family of Bro. Dwayne Prentiss Cannon. A life to be remembered and celebrated. May God grant you His strength and His peace 🙏 Mother Georgia Stapleton & Family*

Mary Stapleton-Carr - April 27, 2022 at 07:16 PM

MR

“ *Myra Ransom lit a candle in memory of Mr. Dwayne Prentiss Cannon*



Myra Ransom - April 27, 2022 at 06:09 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Mr. Dwayne Prentiss Cannon.*



April 26, 2022 at 09:08 PM



“ *Treasured Lilies Spray was purchased for the family of Mr. Dwayne Prentiss Cannon.*



April 26, 2022 at 07:36 PM

MO

“ *My fondest memory of Cousin Dwayne:*

As a child, I remember waking up and while still in bed, I could hear Dwayne soulfully singing hymns as he tilled the ground in Uncle Serphine's pasture. His voice carried throughout the fields for what seemed like miles...

Dwayne, I greatly appreciate your encouragement and support to me since childhood and to Mekhi; and all that you've selflessly done for our entire family. You will be forever cherished.

You've tilled the ground, sowed good seed, now you are singing praises in the Father's garden as you reap your heavenly harvest. Please do us a favor and let us hear you every now and then.

You were a pillar to all who knew you and you will truly be missed.

- Love Eramosi "Ram" ❤️

Mosi Oyathelemi - April 26, 2022 at 04:06 PM

TF

“ *The Calhoun Family lit a candle in memory of Mr. Dwayne Prentiss Cannon*



The Calhoun Family - April 26, 2022 at 03:36 PM

GL

“ Gary Lockett sent a virtual gift in memory of Mr. Dwayne Prentiss Cannon



Gary Lockett - April 25, 2022 at 01:39 PM

MA

“ Mary Alexander sent a virtual gift in memory of Mr. Dwayne Prentiss Cannon



Mary Alexander - April 24, 2022 at 06:08 PM

MA

“ Mary Alexander sent a virtual gift in memory of Mr. Dwayne Prentiss Cannon



Mary Alexander - April 24, 2022 at 06:07 PM

CM

“ Our Deepest Sympathy for the Cannon Family
He Will truly be missed, by so many, because he touched so many
in so many ways
Dean John Melvin & Family 🌸🌸🌸

Curzettia Melvin - April 24, 2022 at 04:20 PM

LM

Wayne was a friend indeed when there were a friend in need. He was a person filled with joy. He and I was look at each other and laugh just because. The last time I seen him I was going into Ramsey he was in the deli line. He looked at me and said " It's so good to see a good Soldier." We both laughed and I told him as felt the same way seeing a good Soldier as him. He rued to be there for every family in their hour of grief. I remember one time we were viewing someone at Deans and he said " So as they are We shall be also." I said yea but I'm not in a Rush and he said me either and we had a big laugh. We is already missed. My Prayers goes out to the entire Cannon Family. Linda D. McLaurin and Family

Linda D. McLaurin - April 25, 2022 at 12:39 PM



“ Years of memories with families! Praying for comfort. God is able. Love the family. Bro. Johnny & Edna Winsley.

Edna Winsley - April 24, 2022 at 12:57 PM

JC

“ Foote & Cameron Logging LLC will truly miss Mr Cannon.



Jackie Cameron - April 24, 2022 at 09:44 AM



“ Condolences And Prayers For The Dewayne Prentiss Cannon Family And Friends. 🙏💖🙏
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Evelyn Young - April 24, 2022 at 03:25 AM



“ Evelyn Young lit a candle in memory of Mr. Dwayne Prentiss Cannon



Evelyn Young - April 24, 2022 at 03:23 AM



“ Shirley Porter - Harper sent a virtual gift in memory of Mr. Dwayne Prentiss Cannon



Shirley Porter - Harper - April 23, 2022 at 10:18 PM



“ Tyrone Bennett Jr sent a virtual gift in memory of Mr. Dwayne Prentiss Cannon



Tyrone Bennett Jr - April 23, 2022 at 09:10 PM



So sorry for your loss another Angel in heaven

Mary Alexander - April 24, 2022 at 06:10 PM

MT

*Our deepest sympathy and prayers to you and the family in the
Loss of your brother. Rest in Peace.*

Mamie Thompson Thorns, Saginaw, Michigan

Mamie Thorns - April 25, 2022 at 12:20 PM

L&

Deepest sympathy 🙏

Lealer coleman Mason and family 💎💎 - April 26, 2022 at 04:41 PM



RIH

Everlene Mcallister - April 29, 2022 at 05:21 PM