



Mr. Dwain Charles Toney

November 7, 1960 - October 7, 2025

Dwain Charles Toney was born on November 7, 1960, in New Orleans, Louisiana, to the late DC and Eartha Toney. As a child, he was known by his siblings as active, outgoing, and even a bit of a prankster. It was also during this time that the family moved to the Hope Community in Jayess, Mississippi, where he spent his formative years.

At an early age, Dwain became a member of Salem Missionary Baptist Church in Jayess. It was during his childhood that he discovered his love for music and the piano—something he always credited to his mother, who made sure he took piano lessons. He would often joke about how she made him play while his brother Kadius reluctantly sang along.

Dwain attended grade school at JJ Gullledge and later enrolled at Salem Attendance Center, where he graduated in 1978. He was recognized for both his academic and athletic achievements, which earned him a scholarship to Alcorn State University. Two of his favorite high school memories were winning the state Beta Club competition talent show and the night of the football game where he met the love of his life and future wife of 46 years, Wanda.

Dwain was known for his tireless work ethic and unwavering faith in God. He

worked many years offshore until he experienced a career ending injury. In 1992, following a vision he believed God had given him, he founded the Young Inspirational Mass Choir (Y.I.M.C.), a youth choir made up of teenagers and young adults from the Jayess area. His mission was to give the youth a positive outlet and to introduce them to Christ through music.

In addition to his musical calling, Dwain was a beloved barber in the Hope Community. His barbershop was more than just a place to get a haircut—it was a place where people felt loved, seen, and part of something bigger. From early Saturday mornings to late evenings, his shop served as a hub of laughter, encouragement, and community.

Dwain also served as a musician for several churches throughout his life, including Salem M.B. Church, Rocky Branch M.B. Church, Bethany M.B. Church, Pen Oak M.B. Church, and Monticello First Baptist Church. Later in life, he became a member of Monticello First Baptist, where he served faithfully as church musician and was honored as an honorary deacon when his health began to decline.

If you ever had a conversation with Dwain about what he was most proud of, he would tell you without hesitation: his family. He was a devoted provider, protector, and spiritual leader to those he loved. He instilled in his children the values of faith, family, and hard work. Though he wore many hats in life—musician, mentor, barber, leader—the role that brought him the most joy was being a grandfather and great-grandfather.

Dwain is survived by his wife, Wanda; his four children, Karry Toney (Tina), Felisha Toney, Dwanna Toney,

and Sherlane Toney; seven grandchildren (Jasmine, Alyssa, Kadarian, Damien, Avery, Amaria and Alaisha), three great-grandchildren (A'Lani, Legasy and Humble), one god-daughter Chikita Mann, and one god-son Robert Collier, III. He is also survived by his two siblings, Mildred Collier (late Robert Collier) and Kadius Toney, and a host of other family, relatives and friends. He was preceded in death by his parents, DC and Eartha Toney and one sister, Modeania Craft .

Visitation hours for Mr. Toney will be held Saturday, October 18, 2025 11am-12pm at Monticello First Baptist Church, Monticello, MS with funeral services at 12pm at the church. Rev. Larry Lenoir will officiate the funeral service. Interment will be in the Sartinville Cemetery.

Please share online condolences at www.craftfuneralhome.org.

Cemetery Details

Sartinville Cemetery

Previous Events

Visitation

OCT 18. 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM (CT)

Monticello First Baptist Church
188 Church Street
Monticello, MS 39654

Service

OCT 18. 12:00 PM (CT)

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Monticello, MS 39654

Tribute Wall

KL

“ Kimberly Lenoir lit a candle in memory of Dwain Toney



Kimberly Lenoir - October 17, 2025 at 10:12 PM

LJ

“ Lynell & Pamela James purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Mr. Dwain Charles Toney.



Lynell & Pamela James - October 17, 2025 at 08:26 AM

YF

“ Your DU Family purchased the Full Of Love Bouquet for the family of Mr. Dwain Charles Toney.



Your DU Family - October 17, 2025 at 08:16 AM

WW

“ Wilma Wilson lit a candle in memory of Dwain Toney



Wilma Wilson - October 17, 2025 at 12:16 AM

DW

“ *Derrick Williams lit a candle in memory of Dwain Toney*



Derrick Williams - October 16, 2025 at 08:18 AM



“ *Strength & Solace Spray was purchased for the family of Mr. Dwain Charles Toney.*



October 15, 2025 at 05:28 PM

RH

“ *With deepest sympathy to the family of Dwain Toney. Rest in peace my classmate at Alcorn State University. Always Alcorn, Robert & Delsie Harris. Class of 1981 Monticello, MS*



Robert & Delsie Harris - October 15, 2025 at 01:44 AM

SJ

Sending my love ,my deepest sympathy and condolences to Wanda and the family. Love you family. 🙏🌟🙏❤️

Shirley M Lee Johnson - October 16, 2025 at 02:50 PM

PJ

“ PAULETTE HAMMOND JACKSON lit a candle in memory of Mr. Dwain Charles Toney



PAULETTE HAMMOND JACKSON - October 14, 2025 at 10:20 AM

FH

“ Florine Haynes Hampton lit a candle in memory of Mr. Dwain Charles Toney



Florine Haynes Hampton - October 13, 2025 at 07:05 PM

DB

“ Deborah Brown lit a candle in memory of Dwain Toney



Deborah Brown - October 10, 2025 at 07:30 AM

KV

“ Didn't know that would be my last time seeing you unc you will be missed. You are resting in the arms of Jesus now.



Krystal VanEllis - October 09, 2025 at 10:46 AM

BO

My thoughts and prayers go out to the family! Bonette P. Hughes

BonetteP.Hughes - October 13, 2025 at 09:04 PM

LS

Prayers are with you all

Linda Singleton - October 15, 2025 at 05:01 PM