



Mr Nathaniel Wallace, Jr.

July 12, 1970 - November 8, 2025

November 8, 2025. He entered into eternal rest from his new home overlooking the water in a Nathaniel "T.J." Wallace Jr., 55, of Newport News, Virginia, went home to be with his Heavenly Father on city he loved so dearly. Born July 12th, 1970, in Newport News, Nathaniel was the beloved son of Pauline Crump (Wallace-Keaton) and Nathaniel Wallace Sr. He graduated from Warwick High School in the Class of 1988 and later became the proud father of three children, Terrell Jones, Amara Smith, and Janee Wallace.

Nathaniel's Early Journey & Redemption

In his early years, Nathaniel faced many challenges. His struggles with addiction eventually led to a decade of incarceration. Yet it was during this difficult season that his life was transformed. While serving his sentence, he turned wholeheartedly back to God, repented of his past, and committed himself to walking in the light of Christ. He reconnected with his family, began attending church again, shared his testimony freely, and embraced the peace that comes from surrendering one's life to the Lord.

He shared a special bond with his sister, Antoinette Proctor, whom he affectionately called "Reddeskin." She was one of the greatest sources of encouragement in his life, standing by him through every season with unwavering support. He was deeply proud of her, admired her strength, and held their relationship close to his heart. Their connection was one of love, loyalty, and lifelong friendship, and her presence was a constant reminder to him of God's grace through family.

He read Scripture faithfully, prayed often, and found renewed purpose in ministering to others. He especially cherished studying the Bible with his niece, Starr Jamila Ru, with whom he was scheduled to be baptized the very day after his passing. Nathaniel's faith was sincere and steadfast, and his family takes deep comfort in knowing that he was saved in accordance with the promise of Romans 10:9, "If you declare with your mouth, 'Jesus is Lord,' and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved." He lived this truth with conviction.

A New Chapter of Hope

After returning home, Nathaniel embraced life with gratitude and joy. He frequently spoke with his family in Chicago, visited his aunts and extended family, reconnected with his children and grandchildren, and proudly traveled to cheer on his grandson at football games. Blessed with a new high-rise apartment and a car gifted by his good friend Barry, he was excited to begin this new season guided by the Holy Spirit. He worked intentionally to strengthen family bonds and often reminded those around him that God had given him peace and "overflowed his cup" with blessings.

He treasured simple pleasures; watching the New York Giants and wearing their colors proudly, enjoying meals with family, and challenging loved ones to games of pool. Through every moment, he carried a spirit of gratitude for the second chance God had given him.

Nathaniel lived with the understanding that the Church dwells within us, that God's presence isn't limited to a building but is carried in the heart of every believer. In the months leading up to his passing, he found spiritual guidance and fellowship at Zion Baptist Church, where he was scheduled to be baptized. His favorite scripture was Proverbs 3:5-6: "Trust in the Lord with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding; in all your ways submit to Him, and He will make your paths straight." This verse became the anchor of his renewed life.

Nathaniel lived his final years with purpose, humility, and love. He was a man renewed by grace. Determined to walk uprightly, rebuild relationships, and

honor God in all he did. His family rests in the blessed assurance that he is now at peace, welcomed into the arms of his Savior, and made whole in the presence of the Lord.

Remaining to cherish Nathaniel's memory are his children, Terrell Jones, Amara Smith, and Janee Wallace; grandchildren, Terrion Jones, Demarcus Bailey, and Silas Smith; siblings, Antoinette Proctor, Mark Wallace, and James and Georgia Wallace; mother, Pauline Wallace-Keaton; nieces and nephews, Starr Jamila Ru Mock, Taleisha Mock, Paris Travis, Jaleigha Smith, Erin and Shaughnessy Lambert, Jordan and Lorena Proctor, Quinesha Mock, Tamika and Larry Jones, Sydney Wallace, and Destiny Wallace; great-nieces and nephews, Zimauria Mock and Josiah Ford; cousins, Renee Prentiss, Detonia Dunbar; aunts, Lilly-Anne Robinson, Lena Holmes, Ruth Naomi Wallace, Deborah Allen, and Nora Green; uncle, James Edward Wallace; and special friends, Barry Lowe, Valerie Mock, Lionel Poindexter, Giselle Marsh, and Latrice Hawkins.

Preceding Nathaniel in death are his father, Nathaniel Wallace Sr., grandfathers, Robert Crump, Marcus Wallace Sr., grandmother(s), Mary Pearl Wallace and Mary Collins Crump; his aunts, Susie Lee Wallace, Mary Esther Benedict, Earnestine Jefferson, Pearlean Wallace, Scholarly Wallace, and Earnestine Wallace; his uncles, Jeremiah Wallace, Charles Henry Wallace, Samuel Lee Wallace, Marcus Wallace Jr, Bobbie Jack Wallace, AJ Benedict, Essex Livingston, and Bishop William Allen.

Previous Events

Wallace Jr. Memorial Service

NOV 17. 2:00 PM - 3:00 PM (ET)

M.E. Fisher Funeral Home
2117 Madison Avenue
Newport News, VA 23607

Tribute Wall



“ *M.E. Fisher Funeral Home, Inc. created a Tribute Video in memory of Mr Nathaniel Wallace, Jr.*



M.E. Fisher Funeral Home, Inc. - November 17, 2025 at 10:29 AM

AS

This tribute video is absolutely beautiful. I've never heard the song choice before, "Just want to make it to heaven." It would have been better received on a larger monitor perhaps mounted on a wall so that others could see. As opposed to in a chair where those seated in the back could not see. But thank you. The video and music choice is beautiful. Well done. Thank you Kae for your kindness and gentle spirit during this most difficult time.

Antoinette Proctor sister - November 18, 2025 at 11:05 AM

VE

What a blessing to have had such a friend and I will miss you TJ. We had a great time growing up and surrounded with so much love from each of our families.

The 23rd Street crew was back together once again although we were saying farewell to you. We have many moments that we all cherish together and we just say see you soon.

Vega aka Derrick

VEGA - November 18, 2025 at 11:16 AM

DD

What an appropriate choice of song. The photos are beautiful. Well done my Beautiful cousin you are, inside/out. He couldn't wait to get to his mansion in Heaven. Thanks Cuz. I wish I could have been there physically however, you're in my prayers.

Detonia Jefferson Dunbar - November 18, 2025 at 12:04 PM



“ 35 files added to the album Life Tributes



M.E. Fisher Funeral Home, Inc. - November 17, 2025 at 09:58 AM

“ I NEVER THOUGHT THAT YOU WOULD LEAVE US..

I never thought that you would leave me, my precious baby boy and friend -

Looking out at your beautiful new view,

Of blue skies that'll never end-

Oh how you were in a "good place"

The Lord saw to it, it would be so,

Just like He did on July 12th, 1970-

A mere 55 years ago,

That seemed like it was just yesterday,

But, oh how much living you got in-

The same hope we had in yesterday,

God blessed and saw it to the end.

I'd just told you, you were in "a good place,

On that eleventh floor-

And how God blessed you with,

All of that and more."

But I couldn't see you were leaving me, your children, family and old friends -

On your way to Heaven,

To see your father, and loved ones again.

If we had to choose, no matter how much we held you dear-

We'd elect to choose Heaven-

Rather than you stay here.

For now you've come "full circle,"

Nothing else left to be done-

You've FAITHFULLY ran your race-

Your "BATTLE" now is won!

So even though you chose to leave us,

We truly can understand-

Nothing on this Earth is better,

Than God's Master Plan.

And so He planned to receive you,

As you lived out your days -

And got to be like Him,

*In all of your ways.
Then it was time to meet Him,
This precious Son of God-
Forever now to be in Heaven ,
And walk God's Heavenly sod.
"We're Really Gonna Miss You!"
Momma*

Pauline Wallace-Keaton - November 16, 2025 at 10:26 AM

AS

That's a beautiful poem momma.

Antoinette Proctor sister - November 18, 2025 at 10:26 PM

AP

“ *Antoinette Proctor lit a candle in memory of
Nathaniel Wallace*



Antoinette Proctor - November 14, 2025 at 05:46 PM

MC

“ *Mary, Nicole and Costinna purchased the Healing
Tears - All Pink for the family of Mr Nathaniel
Wallace, Jr..*



Mary, Nicole and Costinna - November 13, 2025 at 09:55 AM

SC

“ Sending thoughts and prayers to Toni Proctor and Family at this most difficult time.
Love, Stephanie Clayton

Stephanie Clayton - November 13, 2025 at 09:41 AM

AS

Thank you kindly Clayton.

Antoinette Proctor sister - November 18, 2025 at 10:24 PM

TA

“ RIP My friend. My condolences to the Wallace family. T-Ski Love
Tammie Trower

Tammie - November 12, 2025 at 02:17 PM

AS

Thank you kindly Tammie! That T-Ski goes away back!

Antoinette Proctor sister - November 18, 2025 at 10:25 PM