



## Mr. Damian Maurice Witherspoon

January 6, 1994 - April 29, 2020

Damian Maurice Witherspoon, 26, of Peoria, IL passed Wednesday, April 29, 2020.

Damian was born January 6, 1994 and was blessed with three mothers, Jamiko Witherspoon and Deroita Welch both of Peoria and Jedediah (Donte') Cantrell of Belvidere, IL. Damian grew up on Proctor Street with his closest friends, the "Proctor Street Boys". He married his high school sweetheart, Tina Washington on April 14, 2012 in Peoria.

Damian accepted Christ at an early age at Grace Baptist Church where he was raised and played the drums at most church services. He continued playing the drums for the Lord as a member of Morning Glory Community Church and other churches around the Peoria community.

Damian's early education began at Christ Lutheran and Loucks Edison. He was a 2012 graduate of Manual High School where he played football and basketball. He was also a member of the wrestling team, ran track and played the drums in the band. He matriculated to Robert Morris University where he majored in Business Management and played football. He most recently was a Police Recruit for the Peoria Police Department. Damian had an infectious smile and had a great love for people.

Damian leaves to cherish his most precious memories his wife of eight years, Tina Witherspoon of Peoria, IL; his sons, Landon and Adrian Witherspoon of Peoria, IL; five brothers, Dante Crowe, Malik Berger and William "Trae" Welch all of Peoria, IL, Anthony "TJ" Keeton, Jr., of Clovis, NM and Kimoni Cantrell of

Belvidere, IL; four sisters, Arianna Berger and Sasha (Markarol) Welch-Moore both of Peoria, IL, Deja Dixon of Morton, IL and Saniya Cantrell of Belvidere, IL; his grandparents, Juanita (Tony) Foster and James (Maggie) Witherspoon all of Peoria, IL; his great aunt, Melissa Porch of Peoria, IL; his great grandparents, David and Bertha Henderson of Peoria, IL; his in-laws, Jimmie Washington and Tammy Lepretre both of Peoria, IL; and a host of other family and friends. He is preceded in death by his father, William Welch, Jr.

A Private Funeral service will be held on Wednesday, May 6, 2020 at 12 noon at Simons Mortuary. Pastor Marlon Young, Sr., of Morning Glory Community Church will bring words of comfort to the family. The private funeral service will be streamed on Facebook Live @ SimonsMortuary.com.

Contributions to the Damian Witherspoon Scholarship Memorial Fund for his two sons can be made directly to:

Members Choice Credit Union IL

Division of Cooperative Choice Network Credit Union

3919 N. University

Peoria, IL 61614 (309)672-5230

Simons Mortuary has been entrusted with arrangements. Online condolences may be made at SimonsMortuary.com.

# Previous Events

## Private Funeral Service

MAY 6. 12:00 PM (CT)

Facebook Live Stream on Simons Mortuary Facebook Page  
<https://www.facebook.com/Simons-Mortuary-232095303487150/>

# Tribute Wall



“ *Simons Mortuary created a Tribute Video in memory of Mr. Damian Maurice Witherspoon*



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**Simons Mortuary** - May 06, 2020 at 01:51 PM



“ *Simons Mortuary created a Tribute Video in memory of Mr. Damian Maurice Witherspoon*



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**Simons Mortuary** - May 05, 2020 at 04:14 PM

MC

*This brings you to tears Beautiful video...we will miss you beating those drums and that smile...Rest in Peace Damian*

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**Maxine Clash** - May 05, 2020 at 10:04 PM

DW

*Damian I still & always will love you!! My special baby!! I miss you so much !! I Thank God for allowing us to be your earthly family. Now rest baby until we meet again. Momma*

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**Deroita Welch/Momma** - October 10, 2021 at 06:14 PM

RS

“ *Ruth Shorty lit a candle in memory of Damian Witherspoon*



Ruth Shorty - April 29, 2024 at 08:57 AM



“ *Mr. Damian Maurice Witherspoon*

January 29, 2023 at 06:10 AM



“ *Mr. Damian Maurice Witherspoon*

January 29, 2023 at 03:12 AM

RP

“ *To the Witherspoon Family sorry for your loss and May God's Angel's Wings spread around you all and bring you all comfort this time of sorrow!! R.I.P. Damian!!*



Renee Linwood Peoria,IL. - May 09, 2020 at 11:13 AM



PC

“ To the family of Damian Maurice Witherspoon:

*The pastor and members of the Pentecostal Church of Jesus Christ would like to extend to you and your entire family our deepest sympathy in the loss of your loved one.*

*Even though our hearts are saddened, we pray that the Lord may comfort you in your time of sorrow and bless you with endearing memories that you will always treasure.*

*He is with you even in this time of sorrow too deep for words.*

*God be with you.*

*Pastor Henry L. Bolden II  
Lady Marcia J. Bolden  
and the PCJC Church Family*

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**Pentecostal Church of Jesus Christ** - May 05, 2020 at 12:42 PM



“ Tina Lepretre sent a virtual gift in memory of Mr. Damian Maurice Witherspoon



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**Tina Lepretre** - May 05, 2020 at 07:59 AM



“ *If only you knew or could have seen and felt all the Love that so many have for you.....Tina, Landon and Adrian, Please know that we are all here for you, today and always! Rest in Peace Dame, until we all meet again.....May the Lord Bless and Keep you and let his face shine upon you and give you Peace!* ”



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**Tina Lepretre** - May 05, 2020 at 07:58 AM

EN

“ *I remember how you came to my house and we talk about football and you where so happy to talk about your son's playing football I was so glad for you that we were able to watch them play I will always cherish that moment I love you and will miss you Uncle Edward* ”

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**Edward norris** - May 05, 2020 at 03:07 AM

CF

“ *Chanell Henley And Family lit a candle in memory of Mr. Damian Maurice Witherspoon* ”



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**Chanell Henley and Family** - May 04, 2020 at 09:45 PM



“ *Tammy Lepretre lit a candle in memory of Mr. Damian Maurice Witherspoon*



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**Tammy Lepretre** - May 04, 2020 at 06:22 PM



“ *Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Mr. Damian Maurice Witherspoon.*



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May 04, 2020 at 03:14 PM



“ *To the family of Damian Witherspoon, We: Bishop Leroy Smith Jr. and members of THE CHURCH OF THE LIVING GOD of Peoria extends our deepest condolences. Our prayers are with you in your time of bereavement. May you find strength and comfort as you think of all the memories. If we believe in our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ we shall see them again. May God bless and keep you and may He wipe away all your tears, for God knows and He understands...*

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**Barbara Bryant** - May 04, 2020 at 08:55 AM

SH

“ I love you hope u have found peace tell dad  
hello .. Rest easy 🙏



Shannah - May 03, 2020 at 06:08 PM

CF

“ Curtis Shumate And Family sent a virtual gift in  
memory of Mr. Damian Maurice Witherspoon



Curtis shumate and family - May 02, 2020 at 06:46 PM

KE

“ Keona lit a candle in memory of Mr. Damian  
Maurice Witherspoon



Keona - May 02, 2020 at 02:57 PM



“ Tina Lepretre lit a candle in memory of Mr.  
Damian Maurice Witherspoon



Tina Lepretre - May 02, 2020 at 06:24 AM

AB

“ *Landon, I am so sorry. Please know that my thoughts and prayers are with you.*

Anna Brown - May 02, 2020 at 05:06 AM

CH

“ *Charlene sent a virtual gift in memory of Mr. Damian Maurice Witherspoon*



charlene - May 01, 2020 at 10:53 PM



“ *Sharrae Richardson - Landrum purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Mr. Damian Maurice Witherspoon.*



Sharrae Richardson - Landrum - May 01, 2020 at 05:40 PM

EC

“ *Always a respectful young man. Family hold on to God's unchanging hand*



evelyn tate clayton - May 01, 2020 at 03:18 PM