



## Mr. Daron Richard Tunks

July 21, 1967 - January 11, 2022

Daron Richard Tunks, a.k.a 'D.T.' of Peoria, IL and Conley, GA, was born on July 21, 1967, in Peoria, IL. He was the fourth child and only son born to the union of Richard Martin and Barbara Ann (Carlson) Tunks. Daron made his transition peacefully at his home in Conley, GA, on January 11, 2022.

Daron was born and raised in Peoria, IL, where he received his education in District 150 schools. He attended Calvin Coolidge grammar school, several high schools before receiving a perfect score on the G.E.D. Exam, attended Bradley University and received his Bachelor's degree from Robert Morris College.

On January 23, 2000, Daron was baptized at Mount Zion Baptist Church by the late Rev. Alphonso Lyons, Jr. Daron was a member of St. Paul Baptist Church, under the leadership of Pastor Deveraux R. (Kristie) Hubbard, where he was a member of the Drama ministry.

While attending Bradley University (B.U.), Daron became a renowned member of the Epsilon Kappa chapter of Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Inc. as the Anchor #6 (line name: D.W.B.) of S.S. Determination in Spring, 1987. Daron was a proud member of the fraternity and loved to see the reaction on brothers' faces when he would challenge them, as his ultimate goal was to make a new connection in the bond of brotherhood. Daron also met the love of his life, Shann Lindsey. They were married on June 1, 1995, in Peoria, IL. Together they have six children. Daron was a devoted and loving husband as well as a protective father. There was nothing he wouldn't do for his family.

Daron had the vision to have a business that he could leave to his sons one day. He was the sole owner and operator of Tunks & Sons Delivery. He started Tunks & Sons Delivery in 2003 as a furniture delivery company that evolved to an intrastate moving company in 2007. Daron loved to sing, gamble, play pool, and was an avid chess player. He was often late to the party, but the party did not start 'til D.T. walked in! D.T. will be remembered as a protector of his family, a 'wanna-be' comedian to his friends, and the white boy with soul.

Daron leaves to cherish his memory his wife and partner of 35 years, La Shann Monise Tunks (whom he affectionately referred to as 'LoverGirl'), six children: Tyshell Tanae' (San Antonio, TX), Kevin Benard (New York, NY), Jade Marie (Atlanta, GA), Deja Monise (Conley, GA), Daron Richard II and Jaron Calvin (both of Peoria, IL); eleven grandchildren, who affectionately called him 'Big Daddy': Maliyah Marie-Vonsae, Shyla Redina-Chante,' Jhase Anthony Richard, Dominik Braxton-Lee, Melodi La'Rae, Lyric Ka'Mari Ann, Jewel Denise, JeQuez De'Audrey II, Daron Richard III, Nyla Joi Monise, and Jaron Calvin II; three sisters: Dawn Elizabeth (John) of Lawrenceville, GA.; Rose Marie (Gregory) of Carbondale, IL.; and Linda Kathleen (Michael) of Peoria, IL. He leaves a host of nephews, nieces, cousins, in-laws, surrogate sons who affectionately referred to him as 'Pops,' fraternity brothers and friends. He was preceded in death by his parents and grandparents.

The Funeral Service will be held at 12:45 pm on Sunday, January 23, 2022 at St. Paul Baptist Church. Pastor Deveraux Hubbard will officiate.

\*\*\*Per the family request - NO FLOWERS PLEASE\*\*\*

In lieu of flowers, memorials can be made to: The Golden Torch Foundation of Kappa Pi Lambda chapter of Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Inc. in Daron's name or monetary donations can be sent via Zelle to: 2alphas@sbcglobal.net.

Simons Mortuary has been entrusted with arrangements. Online condolences may be made at [SimonsMortuary.com](http://SimonsMortuary.com).

The service will be live streamed on Simons Mortuary's Website or Facebook page at <http://www.facebook.com/Simons-Mortuary-232095303487150> promptly AT THE TIME OF THE SERVICE.

Due to Covid-19 restrictions, social distancing is encouraged to be consistent with recommendations from the National Funeral Directors Association (NFDA), funeral home directors have been instructed and should follow CDC guidelines on gatherings, including those directly related to funerals, visitations, or graveside services.

\*In an effort to mitigate the spread of COVID-19, we ask that everyone in attendance: wear a face mask and refrain from hugging, kissing and shaking hands (as hard as it is to see someone you care about and not touch them). \*It is our responsibility as a Funeral Directors, to do everything we can to advise families in order to honor our beloved Families and to keep everyone as safe as possible.

Thanks in advance for your cooperation!

Thank you from the Tunks Family for your many cards, monetary donations, calls, texts and FB posts. Men of Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Inc., the Ladies of Alpha Kappa Alpha, Sorority, Inc., Willie Watkins Funeral Home (Atlanta, GA) and Simons Mortuary (Peoria, IL). We truly appreciate each and every last one of you during this time of bereavement.

# Previous Events

## Funeral Service

JAN 23. 12:45 PM - 2:00 PM (CT)

St. Paul Peoria  
114 W. Forrest Hill Avenue  
Peoria, IL 61604

# Tribute Wall



“ *Simons Mortuary created a Tribute Video in memory of Mr. Daron Richard Tunks*



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**Simons Mortuary** - January 21, 2022 at 05:12 PM

SS

*La Shaun:*

*DARON's JOURNEY HAS JUST BEGUN*

*Don't think of him as gone away his journey's just begun. Life holds so many facets this earth is only one.*

*Just think of him as resting from the sorrows and the tears in a place of warmth and comfort where there are no days and no tears.*

*Think how he must be wishing that you could know today, how nothing but your sadness can really pass away.*

*And think of him as living in the hearts of those he touched. For nothing loved is ever lost, and he was loved so very much.*

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**Shirley Smith** - January 23, 2022 at 07:02 AM

MC

*Sorry for your loss God has a Another Angel...Rest in Peace!*

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**Maxine Clash** - January 23, 2022 at 07:48 PM



“ *Mr. Daron Richard Tunks*

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January 29, 2023 at 06:10 AM



“ *Mr. Daron Richard Tunks*

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January 29, 2023 at 03:12 AM

HD

“ *My sincere condolences to the Tunks family. Daron will be missed. Harold and Kim Dickerson*

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**Harold Dickerson** - January 24, 2022 at 03:21 PM

LR

“ *Laura Rogers lit a candle in memory of Mr. Daron Richard Tunks*



Laura Rogers - January 23, 2022 at 01:23 PM

LB

“ *Leslie Brown-Stanley lit a candle in memory of Mr. Daron Richard Tunks*



Leslie Brown-Stanley - January 23, 2022 at 01:15 PM

FS

“ *Our condolences and prayers to the Tunks family. Daron was a good friend and neighbor. We will miss him barrowing down the street and me yelling at him to slow down whenever he was back in town 😊. The Francis Sargent Family*

Francis Sargent - January 22, 2022 at 07:04 PM



“ *Lovely One Spathiphyllum Plant was purchased for the family of Mr. Daron Richard Tunks.*



January 22, 2022 at 11:19 AM

DB

“ Mr. Daron Tunks was more than a friend to me. He was a mentor, a comforter and a person of great internal strength that I looked up to. I meet him at Bradley University during the Fall of 1990, as I was just starting my sophomore year in college. As insecure and directionless as I felt at the time, when I came in contact with “DT” I was instantly drawn to him because he seemed so confident and sure of himself. We met in Haussler Hall which was the intramural and student recreational building on campus. He was just finishing up with a pickup basketball game and I was about to put up some shots and get a little extra practice. He instantly made me feel welcomed and safe. I was a student-athlete at Bradley on the Men’s Basketball team trying to find my way to get more playing time. I saw DT a lot that particular Fall and as I got to know Daron, my respect level grew for him as well. Then I found out he was a member of ALPHA PHI ALPHA Fraternity Inc. That’s where it all started to make sense for me in terms of learning more about life and growing from a boy to a man! Eventually joining A-PHI-A, because of men such as Daron and the other “bruhs” in the organization of ALPHA. In some ways, I credit DT with my decision to be part of our beloved Fraternity because of his values of never showing fear or any other vulnerabilities yet he was always compassionate and available for me. It turns out that he was like that as a father, husband and brother! DT meant a lot to me and his passing is very hard to understand because he appeared to always have an unlimited supply of strength in life and an unwavering exuberance towards people and his family. But we are only humans and when the Lord calls us to come home then we must go. In closing, I must say that I will miss him dearly. Especially because I really didn’t get to spend much time with DT after college yet he still had a major impact on my life. Those days swiftly pass as we all know and we get caught into the vortex of life. Yet Daron has left an indelible mark on who I am as a Man! I am proud to say that he is my Brother! In closing I would like to end my statement with a poem that describes Daron’s position and relationship to me in my life. Onward and upward towards the light!! You will be missed, Rest In Peace and may God have mercy on your soul my brother. Duane Broussard, Epsilon Kappa Chapter, Bradley University, Spring 91 <http://www.del1947.com/poems/he-aint-heavy-hes-my-brother/>

Duane Broussard - January 21, 2022 at 10:56 PM

MD

“ Marvin Daniels lit a candle in memory of Mr. Daron Richard Tunks



Marvin Daniels - January 21, 2022 at 12:27 AM

M(

“ *When you are missing Daron most, may the fond memories bring you comfort.  
Deepest sympathy,*



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**Marsha Yvonne (Glover)** - January 19, 2022 at 09:16 PM

JN

“ *Jacque Norris-Bush lit a candle in memory of Mr. Daron Richard Tunks*



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**Jacque Norris-Bush** - January 19, 2022 at 08:33 PM

JN

“ *Linda, Dawn and Rose I truly love you ladies the childhood memories are priceless never forget.*

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**Jacque Norris-Bush** - January 19, 2022 at 08:31 PM

BH

“ *My sincere condolences to the Tunks family. I remember Daron from high school at Manual. He was one of the coolest person I knew. He always had a smile on his face and would make you laugh when your down. Daron you will always be remembered and missed*



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**Berlyn Hayes-Garner** - January 19, 2022 at 06:13 AM

MB

“ *Tunks family: My sincerest condolences. He was a really nice guy.*



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**Mildred Baldon** - January 17, 2022 at 11:26 PM

CH

“ Prayers condolences hugs and love go out to Shann, the children and the family. Daron was a brother to me and may he Rest in Heaven !



Camille Harris - January 17, 2022 at 01:16 PM

CK

“ So very sorry to hear of Daron’s death. Shann, you and your family are in our thoughts.  
Connie & Doug Kern

Connie Kern - January 17, 2022 at 08:27 AM

SP

“ So sorry to hear of Daron’s passing. He was always so full of life and will surely be missed. Prayers of God’s peace and comfort for the family. Rest in Peace Daron.

Sue Page - January 16, 2022 at 06:23 PM

AH

“ Aliesha (Hightower) Hosea lit a candle in memory of Mr. Daron Richard Tunks



Aliesha (Hightower) Hosea - January 16, 2022 at 12:50 AM

GR

“ Gregg Randle lit a candle in memory of Mr. Daron Richard Tunks



Gregg Randle - January 15, 2022 at 10:33 PM

GR

“ This man was a great man, I knew him before he was as teen, playing with my cousins Todd and Fonzo. We all played hoops on the garage rim. I would come home to o visit and remember Lady Lounge playing him in pool. We we're all Proctor Center regulas. He was like family to us all. I last spoke to him at Bradley where I worked and he was with his Frat guys, I was surprised too see him and we talked for awhile. You will be missed and may your family find comfort in the family and friends who loved you.

Gregg Randle - January 15, 2022 at 10:32 PM

AP

“ I'm so sorry to hear about the passing of Daron such a good dude--good people for sure. Such a kind heart, funny and down to earth. Sending prayers to the family!

Fields/Parker Family

Anthony and Benita Parker - January 15, 2022 at 10:50 AM

PW

“ Phyllis Williams lit a candle in memory of Mr. Daron Richard Tunks



Phyllis Williams - January 15, 2022 at 08:45 AM

PW

“ So sorry to hear of his passing. My love and prayers for comfort go out to Shann and his family. I will always remember him from my days at Bradley as a fun loving person who always made me laugh and had a huge hug each time we met. Love you Daron! Rest on with the Heavenly Father now.

Phyllis Williams - January 15, 2022 at 08:44 AM

PG

“ My condolences to the family. Daron will surely be missed. He was defintely a funny kind gentleman with a great sense of humor. I remember him from Calvin Coolidge ( Go Raiders) & the Smith St Martin & Kettle neighborhood way back when.. RIP my friend . May God comfort you all.



Pam Gaston - January 15, 2022 at 07:46 AM

CW

“ Cheryl Williams lit a candle in memory of Mr. Daron Richard Tunks



Cheryl Williams - January 14, 2022 at 10:45 PM

LH

“ Linda Harris lit a candle in memory of Mr. Daron Richard Tunks



Linda Harris - January 14, 2022 at 06:53 PM

JM

“ My sincerest condolences



Janice Marshall - January 14, 2022 at 05:30 PM

KC

“ My condolences to the Tunks family. Praying for your comfort and strength as you navigate through. Daron was an all around great person to know and will be missed.

Love from Kimberly and Alexa Cary



Kimberly Cary - January 14, 2022 at 01:53 PM

BA

“ Rest in peace! Daron! May God bless your family !

Barbara (Johnson) Adams

Barbara Adams - January 14, 2022 at 10:42 AM

TA

“ Dear Tunks family,

*We send our deepest sympathy and condolences. We were truly one family growing up on Smith Street.*

*Sincerely the Adams family,  
Pam, Jessica, Portia, Tanya and the late Mark Adams*

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**Tanya Adams** - January 14, 2022 at 01:51 AM

AR

“ Our condolences, love, and prayers of comfort to the Tunks family from Arnitria & Lynette Shaw.



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**Arnitria** - January 13, 2022 at 05:15 PM

SH

“ Sheila lit a candle in memory of Mr. Daron Richard Tunks



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**Sheila** - January 13, 2022 at 04:16 PM

BF

“ Tunks was a Mans Man and a great Brother that was always willing to lend a helping hand. All of in the Fraternity has suffered a heavy loss with his passing. May God bless and keep his family in this hour of sorrow.

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**Billy Frank** - January 13, 2022 at 12:26 PM

TW

“ Tracey Webb lit a candle in memory of Mr. Daron Richard Tunks



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**Tracey Webb** - January 13, 2022 at 11:53 AM

DB

“ *Dorothea Banks-Burse lit a candle in memory of Mr. Daron Richard Tunks*



**Dorothea Banks-Burse** - January 13, 2022 at 11:01 AM

MB

“ *To the Tunks family.. So sorry for your loss! We grew up just down the street from each other and share many memories. God Bless You! RIP our brother! From the Chandler Family!*

*Margaret (Chandler) Bryson*

**Margaret Bryson** - January 13, 2022 at 10:32 AM

MB

“ *Margaret Bryson lit a candle in memory of Mr. Daron Richard Tunks*



**Margaret Bryson** - January 13, 2022 at 10:27 AM

AC

*Sorry for your lost May God give you strength to go through. Anthony & Carol Curtis*

**Anthony & Carol Curtis** - January 13, 2022 at 12:40 PM

WN

*Our condolences to the family. May Daron light always shine upward. Willie Newman*

**Willie Newman** - January 13, 2022 at 08:02 PM

KS

“ *Kendall Hearn Sr. lit a candle in memory of Mr. Daron Richard Tunks*



**Kendall Hearn Sr.** - January 13, 2022 at 09:20 AM

RH

“ Rachel Hearn lit a candle in memory of Mr. Daron Richard Tunks



Rachel Hearn - January 13, 2022 at 08:57 AM

KM

“ Kikki Moody lit a candle in memory of Mr. Daron Richard Tunks



Kikki Moody - January 13, 2022 at 08:29 AM

SP

“ Shewonn Pierce lit a candle in memory of Mr. Daron Richard Tunks



Shewonn Pierce - January 13, 2022 at 06:54 AM

SH

“ Shewonn lit a candle in memory of Mr. Daron Richard Tunks



Shewonn - January 13, 2022 at 06:50 AM

BG

“ I love you Brother and I will always keep a special place in my heart for you...RIH💔💔💔😭😭🕊️



Bre Gaines - January 13, 2022 at 12:34 AM

MW

“ I remember the first time ever seeing Daron! Jeffrey Osbourne came to the Civic Center many moons ago and Jeffrey asked if anyone can sing and Daron stood up and sang to his lovely wife! He was just an amazing Guy, Loved his family, his children grew up with mine and he Loved my girls and was concerned for them. I last saw him Dec 17th, he and Jaron moved some things for us! He banked where I worked! Going to miss him coming in sometimes at the last minute. Rest my friend you are Missed!



Michelle Watson - January 12, 2022 at 10:23 PM

TJ

“ Teania Johnson lit a candle in memory of Mr. Daron Richard Tunks



Teania Johnson - January 12, 2022 at 09:10 PM

LS

“ “Condolences” to Daron’s family I thank God for his life he help me during a difficult time his words of encouragement plus he took action’s to help me find my wayward son. I will never forget you Ms Loretta 🥹🥹🥹🥹



Loretta Simpson-Porch - January 12, 2022 at 09:03 PM

AB

“ Angela Brophy lit a candle in memory of Mr. Daron Richard Tunks



Angela Brophy - January 12, 2022 at 08:45 PM

NB

“ Love you always unc ❤️



Nasja Breshae - January 12, 2022 at 08:10 PM

AC

“ Anita Crooks lit a candle in memory of Mr. Daron Richard Tunks



Anita Crooks - January 12, 2022 at 05:49 PM

QH

“ Quanita Hughes lit a candle in memory of Mr. Daron Richard Tunks



Quanita Hughes - January 12, 2022 at 02:54 PM

MP

“ Nancy Pittman lit a candle in memory of Mr. Daron Richard Tunks



Nancy Pittman - January 12, 2022 at 02:25 PM