



Bernard L Byrd

February 3, 1956 - January 19, 2026

Bernard “Benny” L. Byrd

Bernard L. Byrd, affectionately known as Benny, was born on February 3, 1956, to the late Ada Culver and Spencer Byrd in Advance, MO and was the seventh child from this union. He was called to eternal rest and gained his wings on Monday, January 19, 2026, at the age of 69.

Benny attended Bell City High School in Bell City, Missouri. He was known for playing basketball and was a very proficient player and was known as “Byrd” on the court. He enjoyed watching basketball and football and had a fondness for cars, car shows, trucks, and loved to watch Westerns. He had a love for down-home southern music, and you could always find him on the dance floor. He enjoyed working and fixing vehicles. You could find him on many occasions, under the hood of his car or truck, figuring out the problem. Benny was always just a phone call away and was always there when needed.

Benny was very outgoing and enjoyed hanging out with his family and friends and always had a quick word or joke for everyone he met. He was very fond of children and had a way of creating special bonds. Benny had a nickname for everyone, especially his nieces and nephews. He worked as a truck driver for many years and worked for Maddrey Trucking Co. and Gerald Trucking Co. before his passing.

Benny was preceded in death by his grandparents, his parents, four brothers, Jimie Byrd Jr., Robert Byrd, Gus Byrd, and Sol Byrd and brother-in-law Jessie Benson. He leaves to cherish his memory, his loving and devoted fiancé Virginia M. Clark of Wilmington, DE; four sisters, Annrell Byrd Benson, Christella Byrd (Waymon) Benson, Beverly Gail Byrd, all of St. Louis, MO, and Addie P. Byrd of Atlanta, GA; step-children, Laurie Thompson (Cory) of Newark, DE, Sheddell Johnson of New Castle, DE, Lawyer Darnell Skinner of Newark, DE, Eric Clark (Andria) of Grasonville, MD, and Erin Clark (Tyrea) of Wilmington, DE; ten step-grandchildren, Tyric Hawkins, Eria Clark, J'den Clark, all of Grasonville, MD, Erienn Clark "Baby G" of Wilmington, DE and Tamma Johnson "Baby T" of New Castle, DE, Darnell Collins, Nikeem Miller, Kyle Skinner, Jahmier Skinner, and Alon Skinner; 1step great-grandson Alon Skinner Jr., all of Newark, DE; two best friends Billy Harris and Scott Taylor, both of Wilmington, DE, and a host of nephews, nieces, cousins, and friends.

Previous Events

Viewing

FEB 7. 9:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

Gore Funeral Home
1910 Lancaster Ave
Wilmington, DE 19805
(302) 274-2960

Celebration of Life

FEB 7. 11:00 AM (ET)

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Tribute Wall

AW

“ *Sending prayers to the family....Prayers.....We love you Mrs Virginia From Todaro and Family!!!!*

Alicia Watson - February 12 at 10:00 AM

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“ *Alicia Watson lit a candle in memory of Bernard L Byrd*



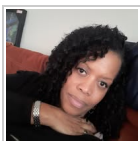
Alicia Watson - February 12 at 09:59 AM



“ *Winona Byrd lit a candle in memory of Bernard L Byrd*



Winona Byrd - February 06 at 05:42 PM



“ *Our deepest condolences to the family. Keeping the family lifted up in prayer.
Love Always,
Winona, Vernon Jr, Loreal, Aryes*

Winona Byrd - February 06 at 05:38 PM

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“ Theresa Miller lit a candle in memory of Bernard L Byrd



Theresa Miller - February 03 at 10:09 AM

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“ Tyrea Michelle lit a candle in memory of Bernard L Byrd



Tyrea Michelle - February 03 at 10:03 AM

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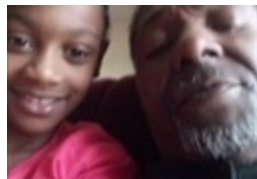
“ Happy Heavenly Birthday Pop! 🕊️🎂🎈 We miss and love you down here! 💔💔



Tyrea Michelle - February 03 at 09:50 AM

EC

“ Miss u poppop



Erienn Clark - February 02 at 08:48 PM

DS

“ *Darnell Skinner lit a candle in memory of Bernard L Byrd*



Darnell Skinner - February 02 at 08:44 PM

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“ *Erienn Clark sent a virtual gift in memory of Bernard L Byrd*



erienn clark - February 02 at 07:29 PM

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“ *Eric Clark lit a candle in memory of Bernard L Byrd*



Eric Clark - February 02 at 07:24 PM

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“ *Erin Clark lit a candle in memory of Bernard L Byrd*



Erin Clark - February 02 at 07:23 PM

VI

“ Virginia lit a candle in memory of Bernard L Byrd



Virginia - February 02 at 07:21 PM

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“ Erienn Clark lit a candle in memory of Bernard L Byrd



Erienn Clark - February 02 at 07:16 PM

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“ Erienn Clark lit a candle in memory of Bernard L Byrd



Erienn Clark - February 02 at 07:13 PM