



## Mr. Donald Ray Shorts

September 19, 1975 - December 10, 2017

Donald Ray was born on September 19, 1975 in Fayette, Mississippi to John Clyde Shorts and Susie Mae Cruel Shorts. He confessed Christ at Poplar Hill African Methodist Episcopal Church at an early age. He attended Jefferson County School District in Fayette, Mississippi.

Donald Ray's hobbies included fishing, detailing cars, training his dog, and playing with his nephew MJ.

Donald Ray was preceded in death by his daughter, Rayunna Shorts; father, John Clyde Shorts; maternal grandparents, Melvin Cruel and Marie Starks Cruel; paternal grandparents, Elle Shorts and Ollie Mae Shorts.

Donald Ray leaves to cherish his memories, a loving and compassionate mother; Susie Mae Cruel Shorts of Fayette, Mississippi; five brothers, Marlon (Irine) Shorts, Sr., of Fayette, Mississippi, Tommy Fleming, Sr. and John Clyde Fleming of Roxie, Mississippi, Jonathan Shorts and Joshua Shorts of Fayette, MS; one sister, Marilyn Nelson of Meadville, Mississippi; four aunts, Rosie (A.J.) Carpenter of Lorman, Mississippi; Mildred (M. C.) Whitlock of Jackson, Mississippi; Ollie Mae Williams of Ferriday, Louisiana, and Virginia Cruel of Gretna, Louisiana; three uncles; Roosevelt (Shirley) Cruel and Joseph (Mary) Cruel of Fayette, Mississippi, and Edward (Fannie) Shorts of Monroe, Louisiana; sixteen nieces and nephews; and a host of relatives and friends.

Online condolences may be made at [www.westgatefh.com](http://www.westgatefh.com).

# Cemetery Details

## Poplar Hill A.M.E. Church Cemetery

3080 Poplar Hill Road  
Fayette, MS 39069

# Previous Events

## Visitation

DEC **14**. 4:30 PM - 6:00 PM (CT)

West Gate Funeral Home (Natchez)  
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## Funeral Service

DEC **15**. 11:00 AM (CT)

Poplar Hill A.M.E. Church  
3080 Poplar Hill Road  
Fayette, MS 39069

# Tribute Wall



“ *Mr. Donald Ray Shorts*

September 17, 2022 at 03:10 AM



“ *I will miss you Big cousin. I love you. Prayers for Aunt Sue and family. Sorry I can not be there physically but always with each and everyone spiritually.*



**Tiona Ford Dennison** - December 14, 2017 at 11:47 PM



“ *Maxine Railey lit a candle in memory of Mr. Donald Ray Shorts*



**Maxine Railey** - December 14, 2017 at 06:12 PM



“ *The family have my deepest sympathy and I am lifting you all up in prayers of strength to get you through your storm.*



**Carolyn Wyatt** - December 14, 2017 at 04:20 PM

 Katina  
Dixon

“ *My condolences goes out to the family be strong*



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**Katina Dixon** - December 14, 2017 at 12:41 PM

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“ *West Gate Funeral Home and staff extends our deepest condolences to your family. Remember the good times that you've shared with your loved one. They will bring you joy.*

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**West Gate Funeral Home** - December 13, 2017 at 10:23 PM

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“ *West Gate Funeral Home lit a candle in memory of Mr. Donald Ray Shorts*



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**West Gate Funeral Home** - December 13, 2017 at 10:20 PM