



## Dr. Nigel Cuffie

June 2, 1952 - May 11, 2026

Dr. Nigel was born June 2, 1952 in Mason Hall, Tobago (West Indies), the son of Francis Cuffie and Donovan Cuffie. He graduated in 1970 from Harmon High School, earned honors upon graduating from Oakwood University in 1977, and completed the Master of Divinity program at Andrews University in 1980. Baptized and nurtured in the faith of the Seventh-day Adventist Church, Dr. Cuffie answered the call to ministry and faithfully served as a pastor and elder. In his spare time, he enjoyed singing, public speaking, playing the guitar, professional photography, and spending time with family.

He is preceded in death by his parents, eight siblings, and sister-in-law, Joanne White.

Dr. Nigel leaves to cherish his memories: wife, Esther Ruth White Cuffie; sons, Donovan Miguel Cuffie and Stalon Michael Cuffie; daughter, Estari Nicole Cuffie Adams (Roderick); brother, Jerome Cuffie (Sylvena); sisters-in-law, Dr. Renee West and Vickie Watters Martin; and a host of other relatives and friends.

# Cemetery Details

## Autumn Woods Memorial Gardens

4000 W Northside Drive  
Jackson, MS 39209

# Previous Events

## Receiving Flowers

MAY **22**. 8:00 AM - 12:00 PM (CT)

West Gate Funeral Home (Natchez)  
409 N Martin Luther King Jr Street  
Natchez, MS 39120  
(601) 445-2008  
james@westgatefh.com  
<https://westgatefuneralhome.com>

## Visitation

MAY **24**. 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM (CT)

New Heights SDA Church  
3220 Forest Ave Ext  
Jackson, MS 39213

## Funeral

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MAY **24**. 12:00 PM (CT)

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## Burial

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MAY **24** (CT)

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# Tribute Wall

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“ *Rest In Peace Nigel,*



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**Ida Newton** - May 29 at 01:25 PM

NR

“ *Nita Robinson lit a candle in memory of Dr. Nigel Cuffie*



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**Nita Robinson** - May 26 at 12:52 AM

WW

“ *Wendy Ottley Wright lit a candle in memory of Dr. Nigel Cuffie*



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**Wendy Ottley Wright** - May 24 at 05:09 PM



“ *Ethel Griffin lit a candle in memory of Dr. Nigel Cuffie*



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**Ethel Griffin** - May 24 at 02:56 AM

NA

“ On behalf of the alumni of the Not Here Program at Summit Ridge Apartments in Birmingham, Alabama, we extend our deepest condolences. Rest in peace, Mr. Cuffi, and thank you for your unwavering commitment to developing inner-city youth. Your work helped shape leaders across many fields, and your impact will continue to be felt for generations. We truly appreciate your dedication and service. May God bless and comfort your family during this time.

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**Not Here Alumni** - May 24 at 02:53 AM

MC

“ Meldrina Bernard Cooper planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Dr. Nigel Cuffie.

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**Meldrina Bernard Cooper** - May 23 at 02:47 PM

CG

“ Cuffie Family,  
I'm so sorry for the loss of your loved one. He was definitely a man of many talents but one thing for sure, he loved GOD. Continued prayers during this difficult time.

*Chanta "Cherese" & Family*

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**Chanta Gray** - May 23 at 09:28 AM

MC

*To Esther, Donovan, Estari and all family members. My heart goes out to you as we mourn the death of Nigel, a great man of God and a blessing to society. I met Dr. Cuffie in the 1970's and spent time with the family in MS.*

*In 1996, he ask me to Direct His Not Here Foundation program in Birmingham,Al. This was a Drug Elimination Grant funded by HUD Neighborhood Networks Program.*

*This program resulted in many research opportunities and Awards by HUD , but more so, by the residents becoming self sufficient and moving out of the apartments to sustainable professional and leadership roles in their communities. To God be the Glory! May you be comforted by his kind deeds of unselfishness.*

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**Meldrina Bernard Cooper** - May 23 at 05:58 PM

AJ

*Condolences to the family Nigel was my neighbor in Mason Hall, attended Harmon High school together. Rip*

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**Ann MARIE JONES** - May 23 at 08:41 PM

TW

“ *Some friendships become part of the rhythm of your life, and that is exactly what you were to us. We will always cherish the Friday evenings spent fellowshiping. Those moments of laughter, conversation, faith, and connection meant more than words can fully express.*

*Though our hearts are heavy, we are grateful for the memories we shared and the impact you had on our lives. You will truly be missed, but never forgotten.*

*Taheti and Eric*

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**Taheti Watson** - May 23 at 08:07 AM

SG

“ Dr. Cuffie, Nigel we called him was like a brother to us. We met he and his wife Esther at Oakwood College now University around 1972. Nigel was a warm, kind and giving person with heightened wisdom, and spiritually biblical knowledge of God’s Word. He will sorely be missed. We send our love to our bonus sister Esther and her family. Praying God’s arms of love surround you with His strong arms and healing balm as He touches your hearts. We love you so much! Sheryl & Richard Reeves, Sr. 💕🙏

Sheryl Gillis-Reeves - May 23 at 02:45 AM

MQ

Sending heartfelt condolences to the Cuffie family. Nigel and I grew up in the same neighborhood, in Mason Hall, Tobago. He had a smile that was catching. He was also a studios and caring person. Whenever he visited, he will stop by to greet our parents, which they appreciated. May he SIP until that great getting up morning. To his family, I pray God's grace and favour continue to cover y'all as y'all ride out this storm.

Marjorie Quashie-Chadband - May 23 at 05:36 PM

SM

“ Shirley Mazique lit a candle in memory of Dr. Nigel Cuffie



Shirley Mazique - May 21 at 09:26 PM

JC

“ John Coker, Cintas planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Dr. Nigel Cuffie.

John Coker, Cintas - May 21 at 09:20 AM

JC

“ John Coker, Cintas purchased the Full Of Love Bouquet for the family of Dr. Nigel Cuffie.



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**John Coker, Cintas** - May 21 at 09:20 AM

MR

“ Margaret Richards lit a candle in memory of Dr. Nigel Cuffie



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**Margaret Richards** - May 19 at 11:33 AM

JJ

“ Marilyn and I were deeply saddened when we heard of Nigel's passing. He has been a cherished childhood friend, and we have fond memories of him. Even if we did not see each other often, whenever we met it was like old times. Our sincerest condolences go out to you, Esther, the children and the rest of the family circle. May God grant you the strength to cope at this time.  
From Jerome and Marilyn

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**Jerome Joseph** - May 19 at 12:49 AM

VN

*Dear Esther, my heartfelt sympathy for this sad pause in the blessed and beautiful life you shared with Nigel. He was precious. I was pleased to be reacquainted with him in Huntsville, Alabama. He first addressed me as Ms Nora, and introduced me to you as his high school Math teacher. We laughed when I asked him to practice calling me Vanessa. So glad we kept in touch, especially since we are "pumpkin vine family." May you and the family continue to celebrate the memories as we wait for the grand family reunion with Jesus. It will be soon, real soon. Until then, stay loved and blessed 😊*

**Vanessa Nora** - May 21 at 10:56 AM

GL

“*Genora Lyles lit a candle in memory of Dr. Nigel Cuffie*



**Genora Lyles** - May 18 at 08:48 AM

LW

“*We are deeply saddened by the loss of a great man of God, Dr. Nigel Cuffie. He was well loved and respected in this community and anywhere he traveled. Much prayers and love to Esther and her family.*



**Linda Fletcher White** - May 14 at 06:43 PM

AW

“*Alesia Wallace lit a candle in memory of Dr. Nigel Cuffie*



**Alesia Wallace** - May 14 at 02:51 PM

GG

“ *Georgia Green lit a candle in memory of Dr. Nigel Cuffie*



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**Georgia Green** - May 13 at 09:54 AM