



Dondia Ray LeNoir Sr.

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Dondia Ray LeNoir Sr. passed away on February 18, 2026, in his home in Tacoma, WA. He was born on February 23, 1962, to the late Jimmy Melvin Grady and the late Willie Bell LeNoir in Homerville, Georgia. As a young man, Donnie enjoyed running, taekwondo, jumping on the trampoline, and playing cards or chess. Although he lived in Florida, that did not stop him from becoming a lifelong Dallas Cowboys fan at an early age.

Donnie attended Columbia County public schools in Lake City, Florida, graduating in 1980 from Columbia Sr. High School. Upon graduation, he enlisted in the United States Army, which brought him great pride in serving his country and allowed him to travel around the world, something he truly enjoyed. Donnie was stationed in Kentucky, Georgia, Greece, and Fort Lewis, WA. Following his PCS, he continued to serve in the Army Reserve until he was later discharged due to medical issues.

In June of 1985, Donnie and Twanda were married, combining their families into one, including their children, Dariole and Teneka. This union brought along two additional children, Dondia and Deme.

Following his discharge from the military, Donnie worked a multitude of careers. He, most notably, enjoyed his years as a warehouse supervisor at the Safeway distribution center in Auburn, WA, and his work at the United States Postal Service. Later in life, he also completed some college at the University of Phoenix.

Donnie's faith in God was his daily bread. He was baptized at Grace Chapel on North Fort Lewis, WA. He attended Grace Chapel for many years and was an active member in the Grace Men of the Chapel, as well as the Grace Male Chorus. In 2024, Donnie and Twanda found a loving faith community in Light of the Hill United Methodist Church. In 2026, Donnie and Twanda formally joined the United Methodist Church under their pastor, Austin Adkinson. Although a quiet man, Donnie enjoyed being a witness for God and always helping others. One of his passions was



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paying it forward to others in need with whatever he had to give. From OBB (Operation Bobbie's Blessings), his family's outreach ministry, to offering a listening ear to his family and friends, to praying over community members. Donnie kept his love for God at the forefront of his life's journey.

As an adult, he enjoyed traveling and bringing his family together. Whether on road trips to Seaside, OR, or to Florida and Georgia. Donnie loved the open road. Most importantly, he loved taking his family on magical trips to Disneyland every chance he could. Donnie loved his family with his whole heart, especially being "Papa" to his grandchildren.

Donnie leaves to cherish his memory his wife of forty years, Twanda; four children, Dariole, Teneka, Dondia (Jasmyn), and Deme; and his grandchildren, Anayia, Khalil, Violet, Keyani, Joshua, Aviana and Taejah. A bonus daughter, Tammy (Josh). Two bonus grandchildren, Elijah and Amaya. He leaves behind his godchildren: Leandra Scott, Nicole Laguerre, Julian Chambers, Dalton Owens, and Marcus Scott. He also leaves behind his sisters: Helen Grady, Andreal Richardson (John), Sabrina King Taylor, Rosa Renee Owens, and Stayce Chambers (Rodney); and his brothers: Reginald Stewart (Elise), Darius Grady (Patricia), Lloyd King Jr., and Anthony King Duhart (Rita). He is also survived by his mother-in-law, Hattie Watson, two uncles, John Grady (Chris) and Enrique Aboites; two aunts, Louise LeNoir and Carolyn "Red" Grady; several loving cousins; devoted nieces and nephews; and many dear friends.



Events

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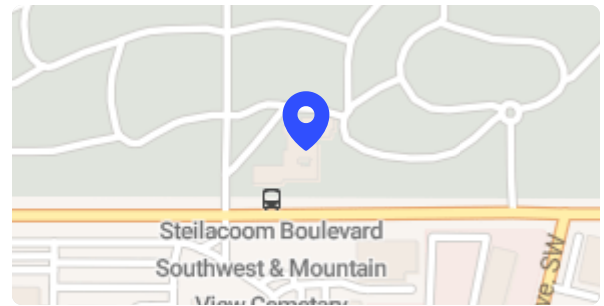
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Viewing

Tuesday, March 3, 2026

10:00 AM - 4:00 PM PT

Mountain View Funeral Home and Crematory
4100 Steilacoom Blvd. SW, Lakewood WA
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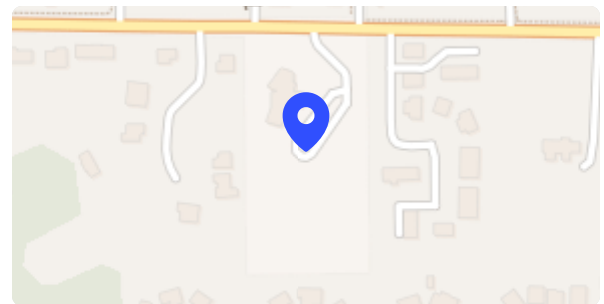


Funeral Service

Friday, March 6, 2026

10:00 AM - 12:00 PM PT

Light of the Hill United Methodist Church
11304 136th St E, Puyallup WA 98374

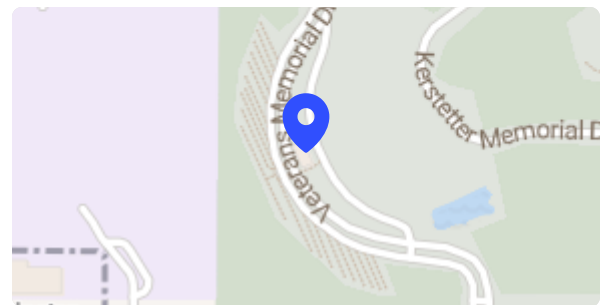


Graveside Service with Military Honors

Friday, March 6, 2026

2:00 PM - 2:30 PM PT

Tahoma National Cemetery
18600 Southeast 240th Street, KENT WA 98042





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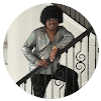


John Richardson shared a photo to the **Tribute Wall** album.

Dondia, I sincerely enjoyed your company during our last visit to Seattle. You were always a pleasure to be around. From day one, you treated me like a brother instead of a brother-in-law. I will miss our occasional conversations. Rest easy brother!



March 5 at 10:38 PM



Darius Grady posted:

I love you brother. My biggest flex was my being my little brother. You made it so easy for me and for that I will cry for you. I love and miss you big brother.

March 5 at 9:09 PM



Andreal Richardson shared 2 photos to the **Tribute Wall** album.

I would like to say a few words about my brother, Dondia—who we all knew as Donnie. Donnie was my stepbrother, but you would never know it. He was my big brother in every way that mattered. He would often come down in the summers to stay with us, until he later joined the military. Donnie was kind-hearted and gentle. He never had a bad thing to say about anyone and always spoke positively, even when the situation wasn't easy. Over the years, we talked often, and he always made sure to tell me how proud he was of me. That meant more to me than he ever knew. I visited Donnie last year when he wasn't feeling well, and I am so grateful I was able to spend that time with him. During that visit, I made him a promise—that I would come back so we could do one of his favorite things together. He knew I was afraid of heights, and he told me, "I'll ride up the Space Needle with you." He loved that idea. So Donnie, I guess I don't have an excuse now. Even though I'm still thinking about it—and my husband is trying to convince me—I know I should honor you and do it. Donnie, I loved you then, and I love you still. I will always remember your gentle, king-sized heart. Andreal



March 1 at 10:12 AM



Denita, Michael, Nicole And Family sent an Emerald Garden Basket to the LeNoir family.



March 2 at 6:34 AM



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Denita, Michael, Nicole And Family planted a Memorial Tree in honor of Dondia.



March 2 at 6:34 AM



Twanda Joseph shared 2 photos to the **Tribute Wall** album.

We're going to miss you so much, cousin. This hurts more than words can explain. Until we meet again, take your rest. Love you forever. 🍷🍷🍷

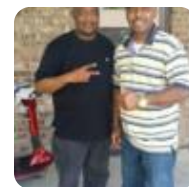


March 2 at 6:24 AM



Reginald Stewart shared a photo to the **Tribute Wall** album.

I'm really going to miss our conversations Big Brother... Love always Reginald ❤️



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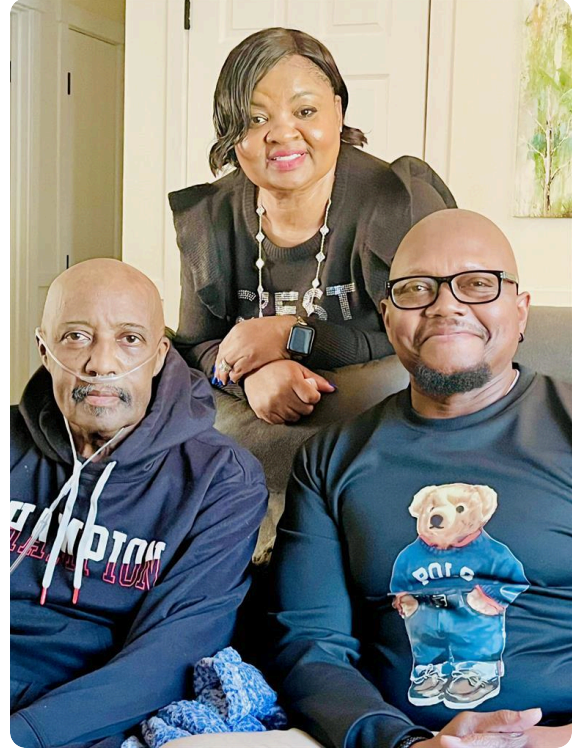
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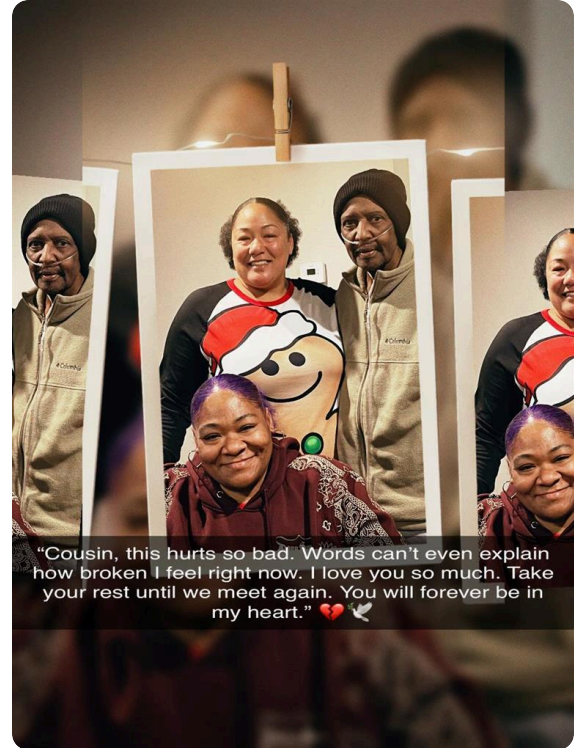
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Join us in honoring Dondia by contributing to a collection of shared memories.



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