



## Mr. Mannsville "Wray" Cannaday

March 6, 1954 - January 18, 2021

CANNADAY, Mr. Mannsville Wray - Age 66, passed away Monday, January 18, 2021 at Hurley Medical Center. Family hour 10:00 AM Thursday, February 18, 2021 from the Chapel of Lawrence E. Moon Funeral Home, 906 W. Flint Park Blvd., with funeral service commencing at 11:00 AM. Entombment at Sunset Hills Mausoleum, G-4413 Flushing Rd. Friends and pallbearers will assemble at the funeral home 10:00 AM Thursday. Mr. Cannaday will lie in state in the Chapel of Lawrence E. Moon Funeral Home, and may be viewed from 4:00 PM - 6:00 PM Wednesday.

Mannsville Wray Cannaday, mostly known as "Wray", departed this life on Monday, January 18, 2021 accepting God's Call to come home.

Mannsville W. Cannaday was born on March 6, 1954 in Roanoke, Virginia. He was one of three children of Billy K. Cannaday, Sr, and Barbara Jean Cannaday and reared in Roanoke, Virginia. Wray was also a former resident of Flint, Michigan and a former member of New Jerusalem Full Gospel Baptist Church of Flint, Michigan. He was baptized and educated in Roanoke, Virginia Public Schools graduating from William Fleming High School. Wray continued his education at Salisbury University in Salisbury, Maryland where he obtained a Bachelor of Arts Degree in Elementary Education and Eastern Michigan University in Ypsilanti, Michigan obtaining a Master of Arts in Elementary Education.

Mannsville W. Cannaday had a passion for athletics and his career was extensive. He loved sports; played football and basketball during his high school years and enjoyed playing in various tennis tournaments while attending Salisbury State University in Salisbury, Maryland. Mannsville worked for many years for Flint Community Schools at Coolidge, Eisenhower, Carpenter Road and Manley Elementary Schools. He enjoyed working as a Community School Director, Teacher, and Principal. He was named Head Coach of Women's Basketball at Mott Community College in Flint, Michigan receiving recognition as NJCAA coach of the year. At Wake Forest University in Winston Salem, North Carolina he was an Assistant Women's Basketball Coach, and at University of Illinois as an Assistant Women's Basketball Coach in Champaign, Illinois. He was also principal of Charlotte Mecklenburg Schools, Charlotte, North Carolina and principal of Warren County Schools in Warrenton, North Carolina.

Wray also taught health/physical education at the middle and high school level in Roanoke, Virginia.

Upon his retirement, Wray resided in Charlotte, North Carolina where he continued to be employed in Union County Public School District, Waxhaw, North Carolina as a teacher. He was a member of Park Church in Charlotte, North Carolina until a steady decline in his health. Wray touched the lives of many people personally, spiritually, and privately throughout the years as a true mentor, coach, teacher, administrator and friend. He will be deeply missed by everyone and his legacy will live on. Being a self-less person, he worked collaboratively with others, to maximize learning for all staff, students, and parents. To know him, is to love him for who he was and how he always looked for the best in others and gave the best he had.

Mannsville W. Cannaday was preceded in death by his beloved parents, Billy K. Cannaday, Sr, and Barbara Jean Cannaday and sister, Mary Ann

Robinson.

Mannsville is survived by his two daughters (the love of his life) Aignier K. Cannaday and Taryne M. Cannaday of Flint, Michigan and his brother, Billy K. Cannaday Jr, of Chesterfield County, Virginia. He also leaves to cherish his memory, nephews, Marcus Robinson and Cameron Robinson of Richmond, Virginia; niece, Kristen (Frank) English of Hagerstown, Maryland and a host of other relatives, friends and coworkers.

# Cemetery Details

## Sunset Hills Cemetery

G-4413 Flushing Rd.  
Flint, MI 48504

# Previous Events

## Public Viewing

FEB 17. 4:00 PM - 6:00 PM (ET)

Lawrence E. Moon Funeral Home Chapel, Flint  
906 W. Flint Park Blvd.  
Flint, MI 48505  
(810) 789-MOON (6666)  
lemoonfhflint@gmail.com  
<http://www.lawrenceemoonfuneralhome.com>

## Family hour

FEB 18. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

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## Service

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FEB 18. 11:00 AM (ET)

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# Tribute Wall



“ *Lawrence E. Moon Funeral Home created a Webcast in memory of Mr. Mannsville "Wray" Cannaday*



Lawrence E. Moon Funeral Home - February 18, 2021 at 08:17 AM

KA

*So so sorry to hear of Wray's passing. He was definitely a legend during our growing up and in Roanoke. He will surely be missed by the many he touched. Rest with the angels*

katherine anderson - February 18, 2021 at 01:30 PM

WB

*Good-bye friend. Someday we will meet again.*

Warren Keith Bell - February 18, 2021 at 02:06 PM

DH

*Its been a long time my friend but we never forget the memories of our past. Rest in Heaven my brother and we will meet again.*

Deborah Harris - February 18, 2021 at 08:52 PM

LL

*Praying for the family that God will strengthen you all and comfort u at this time.*

Linda Leake - March 08, 2021 at 03:36 PM

CY

*Wray, you are praising our Savior in Heaven now! I'll never forget our serving & praising at the Park Church. You will be missed. ❤️*

Cynthia - March 08, 2021 at 06:20 PM

EH

*My prayers is with the family in their time pf loss. Truly Wray as we called him was an awesome brother. I thank God that i had the pleasure of serving with this great Man of God. We served as team leaders for the watchmen ministry and as honor guards for our Bishop. Wray was. Missed when he left Charlotte N.C. and will continue to be missed by all his Park Church Family. I say thanks too his Daughters that took care of their Dad. He was an amazing Man.*

Emmanuel Hill - March 08, 2021 at 06:32 PM

AD

*Mr. Cannaday was my first boss/principal. He was such a caring, decent man. He was so understanding and truly cared about his staff and students. I am so sad to hear of his passing.*

Andrea Dethmers - June 28, 2021 at 04:20 PM



“ *Mr. Mannsville "Wray" Cannaday*

October 09, 2023 at 07:02 AM



Quinette  
Yarbrough

“ *Mr. Cannaday was my principal about 30 years ago at Manley Elementary. I left there after 2nd grade but his name and his kindness has never escaped me. Today 8/3/21 I decided to "Google" him and learned of his passing. I am now a teacher myself and I can't say what he said or did, but I remember how he made me, a little 1st grader, feel. Because of that, your legacy lives on. Rest well, Mr. Cannaday.*

Quinette Yarbrough - August 03, 2021 at 07:01 PM

VJ

“ Bro. Wray - an awesome man of God who was dearly loved by his Park Church family. I am so going to miss his presence; he was a true servant and had the best sense of humor. Rest in Peace sir; know that your church family love and miss you!



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VJ - March 16, 2021 at 10:07 AM

DC

“ I only found out today (March 16, 2021) that Mr. Cannaday had passed away. I had the honor of working closely with him in the Warren County, NC School System for one year. What a great person! Mr. Cannaday was such a kind man, who really cared about young people. He was such a calm person and took everything in stride. It hurt me personally when the school system didn't renew his contract because I saw first hand what a great person he was and I wanted to keep working with him longer. My family is from Roanoke, Virginia and Mr. Cannaday is from near there. He told me about the Texas Tavern in Roanoke and how they had the best hotdogs and chili. I went there to eat and I told Wray that he was right, that the food is good. From now on, every time that I eat at the Texas Tavern, I will think of you. I am honestly hurting today from hearing about your passing. My mom passed away last June. I hope that the two of you have had the honor of meeting each other in Heaven. It is my prayer to see the both of you again one day.

*Dr. Dwayne Coffey*

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Dr. Dwayne Coffey - March 16, 2021 at 09:43 AM

DO

“ *Mr Cannaday was a good man. I met him late while attending UPBC. This was news I did not want to hear. We shared a life's worth of experiences in a short time. There was never a dull moment and I was the student. God please care for this one. He will always be my friend.*

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**Douglas** - March 08, 2021 at 10:03 AM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Mr. Mannsville "Wray" Cannaday.*



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February 21, 2021 at 01:12 AM

LF

“ *Wray was an amazing coach to my daughter, Erin, at Wake Forest University. He later recruited her to be a teacher in Charlotte, NC. We are shocked and sadden to hear of his illness and death as we would have surely reached out to him to remind him of how much he meant to us- despite losing touch over the years. May he Rest In Peace knowing that he made an everlasting difference in the lives of so many through both education and athletics. To God be the glory as He has called home to heaven another good and faithful servant. Condolences to his daughters and all the WFU players who mourn the loss of their beloved father and coach, respectively.*

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**Linda Ferrell** - February 20, 2021 at 06:26 PM

KE

“ Uncle Wray was such an amazing man with a big heart! We always looked forward to his visits to Virginia! He had such a great sense of humor and always kept us smiling and laughing!

Uncle Wray was such a light to all that he interacted with and it is evident that he has impacted the lives of so many and will be missed greatly! We love you Uncle Wray always and forever, until we meet again!

Sending my love, hugs, and prayers to you Aignier and Taryne!  
Love Always,  
Kristen, Bo, and the boys!

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**Kristen English** - February 18, 2021 at 10:59 AM

JB

“ Wray was a joy with infectious smile and always had a story. Sending prayers for family.

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**Jenine Bell** - February 18, 2021 at 05:01 AM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Mr. Mannsville "Wray" Cannaday.



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February 17, 2021 at 02:33 PM

IS

“ Coached with Wray for ten years. Knew him as a friend for many more. Impressed with his ability to get things done.

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**Imhotep Sekou** - February 17, 2021 at 02:13 PM

AC

“ U will always be remembered and loved ..miss u my buddy ...now u can dance for the angels

Andrea Cain - February 16, 2021 at 09:46 PM

JO

“ May your precious memories and the sympathy of friends help to comfort you at this time. Wray was a Blessing to all who knew him. I thank God for Wray. He was my classmate at Monroe Junior And William Fleming High School. Wray went to Heaven on my birthday.



janie Thompson Ollie - February 16, 2021 at 07:53 PM

IL

“ Condolences to the family.



Ivan & Natalie Lowe - February 16, 2021 at 07:11 PM

SD

“ To the family of Wray Cannaday:  
I am honored to have known Wray. Remembering his wonderful and gentle soul will forever remain in my heart. It was a pleasure working with Wray. He was a very kind and caring person. At this difficult time, I pray that God will grant you peace.  
Sherra Davis

Sherra Davis - February 15, 2021 at 05:27 PM

JR

“ *John/Lessie Rhymes lit a candle in memory of Mr. Mannsville "Wray" Cannaday*



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**John/Lessie Rhymes** - February 10, 2021 at 03:23 PM

EB

“ *Eddie And Linda Booth lit a candle in memory of Mr. Mannsville "Wray" Cannaday*



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**Eddie and Linda Booth** - February 09, 2021 at 11:24 PM

DC

“ *I'm so sorry to hear of his passing. He worked as a substitute at Kensington Elementary (retirement did not keep him away from the little ones!) and was such a wonderful gentleman who just spread kindness everywhere!*

*Rachel Clarke*

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**Dr. Rachel Clarke** - February 04, 2021 at 09:43 AM

MM

“ *Maxine Murray lit a candle in memory of Mr. Mannsville "Wray" Cannaday*



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**Maxine Murray** - February 02, 2021 at 11:35 PM

SH

“ Shirley Henderson lit a candle in memory of Mr. Mannsville "Wray" Cannaday



Shirley Henderson - February 01, 2021 at 01:15 PM

BD

“ Brenda DuckettGreer lit a candle in memory of Mr. Mannsville "Wray" Cannaday



Brenda DuckettGreer - February 01, 2021 at 12:41 PM

MJ

“ Mr. Cannaday was the principal of Warren County Middle School in Warrenton, NC, when I met him. Working for him as a teacher and coach, I found him to be a very principled man who not only cared about the welfare of his staff and students but went out of his way to help them. For many troubled youth, he was a father figure. He was a kind and jovial man. We had a lot of interesting talks about education and sports. He was a mentor to me. It is an honor to have known such a man.

Maurice Crump Jr - January 31, 2021 at 10:54 AM

MJ

“ I will miss my brother from another mother. Our fast friendship I will always cherish. I can't forget our many conversations about educating our youth and coaching. Coach always had the welfare of children on his mind. He was never a stranger to anyone and a friend to all. I'm sure if there's a Golden Corral in heaven we will meet every Saturday morning at 9am for the breakfast buffet and continue on eating and talking until the lunch buffet as we did so many times in Henderson. Rest easy my friend.

Morton Jones - January 31, 2021 at 01:33 AM

GG

“ Mr. Cannaday was my principal for a time at Manley Elem. School. He was dedicated to the advancement of children academically and socially. I am saddened to hear of his passing. My prayers are with his family.

Gwendolyn Gaines - January 30, 2021 at 06:43 PM

SC

“ Sean Croudy lit a candle in memory of Mr. Mannsville "Wray" Cannaday



Sean Croudy - January 30, 2021 at 04:01 PM

DP

“ Dewayne Payton lit a candle in memory of Mr. Mannsville "Wray" Cannaday



Dewayne Payton - January 29, 2021 at 04:43 PM

RM

“ *Rev. Phyllis McCree lit a candle in memory of Mr. Mannsville "Wray" Cannaday*



Rev. Phyllis McCree - January 29, 2021 at 02:27 PM

LT

“ *I am deeply saddened to hear of Wray's passing. During the time we worked together, Wray was like a brother. My deepest sympathies go out to the family.*



Linda Thompson - January 28, 2021 at 07:34 PM



“ *My condolences and prayers to the family during this transitional season.*



A Jeffrey LaValley - January 28, 2021 at 09:25 AM

EH

“ *Elbert Hicks lit a candle in memory of Mr. Mannsville "Wray" Cannaday*



Elbert Hicks - January 27, 2021 at 11:25 PM

JO

*My Prayers are with you all. Wray was my classmate from William Fleming High School Class of 1972. Wray was a Blessing to all of us. We all grew up together. Wray was a very smart, kind and wonderful person. Love Janie Thompson Ollie. Roanoke, Virginia.*

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**Janie Thompson Ollie** - January 28, 2021 at 07:30 PM

WB

*A great friend who never said a bad word about anyone. He saw strangers as someone who could always tell you something you didn't know but could also be helped. Wray will be surely missed.*

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**Warren Bell** - January 29, 2021 at 10:15 AM

DM

*We will keep Wray Cannaday Family in our prayers 🙏..  
David and Versie Munerlyn*

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**David Munerlyn** - January 29, 2021 at 02:23 PM

JJ

*I was so sorry to hear about the lost of Wray. Wray and I worked together at Coolidge School for years. He was a dear friend and brother. My deepest sympathies go out to the entire family.*

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*Johnnie Green - Johnson*

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**johnnie johnson** - January 29, 2021 at 11:49 PM

CA

*Wray Cannaday was an individual that knew how to appreciate every moment of life. I will remember him because of optimism and positive energy which radiated through all of us that knew him. An unknown Poet " wrote Make new friends, but keep the Old , New is Silver, but Old is pure Gold.*

*Wray thank you for the Golden Memories.*

*As the Toll Bell beckons it has dismissed Wray from all of his earthly duties, and that is an impediment for those who knew Wray Cannaday*

*Your legacy will remain in the hearts of those who knew and loved you.*

*God has called and I pray for peace and solace for family and friends, R I P*

*Charles Atwater*

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**Charles Atwater** - January 31, 2021 at 10:14 PM