



David Winston Gainey, Sr.

June 7, 1965 - October 30, 2025

David Winston Gainey Sr. was born on June 7th 1965 in Portsmouth Virginia to David Leroy Gainey and Thelma Ann Casper Gainey. As a little boy, he enjoyed fishing and hanging out with his Grandfather. He loved to ride dirt bikes. David was very athletic playing football and basketball at Western Branch High School in Chesapeake Virginia. At the age of 26, he up rooted to Fairfield California with his best friend and wife Cynthia Gainey and their son David Winston Gainey Jr. He was hard working and displayed a love of working on cars. On November 22, 1995 he fathered a son David Dion Gainey with Natasha Rolling of Richmond, Ca. On March 24, 2007 he married Melanie Gonsalves of New Bedford Massachusetts and helped raised Sha-myra A. Bell as his own. On March 25, 2011, they welcomed their daughter Meliyah Ann Gainey. In 2013, he moved back to Portsmouth but remained very active in Dion, Sha-myra and Meliyah's lives. David is survived by his children, siblings Sherrol Kay Hall, Brenda F Rodgers, Anthony L. Gainey, Barry F. Gainey, Deborah A Gainey, nieces, nephews, and grandsons David and Dillon Gainey.

Tribute Wall

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“ David grew up across the street from where I used to live. It has been years since I have seen David and some of his siblings. I would like to wish his family peace and comfort during this difficult time. God Bless.

Doona Gaines-Brown - December 19, 2025 at 10:35 AM

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“ David was my brother in law. He was my friend. He didn't like everyone but when he liked you, he loved you. He was a jack of all trades. He was a hard worker and loved tinkering. He even combed his daughters hair better then his wife. Lol. For these last few years, when he came to visit, he would mow the lawn, blow the leaves and fix what ever needed fixing. It didn't matter that he was sick. I'd say you know you don't have to do all that, and he'd say I'm earning my keep. Then I would go into the yard and we would do the work together. Couldn't no one tell me a thing about my brother in law. I would go to bat for him. My sister used to get so mad at me. Well it ain't my fault that she made him the brother I never had. I will miss him dearly.

Melodie Gonsalves - November 11, 2025 at 06:29 PM

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“ Cooking breakfast for me every day of our pregnancy.

Melanie Gainey - November 10, 2025 at 10:32 PM