



Pernell Byrd

December 11, 1950 - October 26, 2024

On Saturday morning, October 26, 2024, Pernell Byrd, age 73 entered into eternal rest and gained his wings. He was born on December 11, 1950 to the late James H. Byrd and Dorothy T. Tynes. As a child he attended Westside as well as Hardy during his elementary school years and returned to Westside to finish out his high school years. One of his fondest memories was playing on the Westside All District Defensive team, which was known as the Westside Seahawks Football Squad, as a linebacker. The team ranked number one with a conference record of 4-0 and overall record of 9-0 in 1968. They also won the State Championship during his time playing on the team.

After high school, he went on to continue his education at Norfolk State University for a few years. He loved art, enjoyed painting and working with his hands. While at Norfolk State he also worked at K-Mart. As the years went by, he decided it was time for a change, and he began working at Newport News Shipbuilding and Dry Dock in June of 1979. The first position he held was a welder and then he moved to QID (Quality Inspection Department). Next, Pernell went on to be a crane mechanic. He was no stranger to hard work and always worked multiple jobs. While continuing in his position at the Shipyard, he also worked as an auto-mechanic. For many years he worked at different auto shops and even decided to try his hand as an entrepreneur when he opened Byrd's Auto Repair. Pernell believed in providing quality auto repair and was affectionately known around the area as "Byrd." He enjoyed going to

the races and even had a race car that he called "Snow Byrd" which he loved to race at some of the local raceways. In Pernell's older years he retired from Northrop Grumman in 2015 as a crane engineering supervisor. Shortly after retiring he also made the decision to close his longtime business, Byrd's Auto Repair.

Even after retirement he stayed busy and after a few years he began working at a Public Storage facility a few times a week before having to stop to take care of his mother who became ill. Anyone that knew him knows that he was a die-hard Dallas Cowboy fan. As a fan for life, he was dedicated to the team and loved to travel all throughout the year to watch them play. Pernell loved bus excursions, visiting casinos and vacationing all over the country. He always had a love for music, especially Quartet Gospel. Some of his favorite groups were the Mighty Clouds of Joy, Canton Spirituals, Williams Brothers and The Clark Sisters just to name a few. Pernell loved his family and thoroughly enjoyed family reunions and other family gatherings. Another area dear to his heart was his membership at Brown's A.M.E. Church where he served as a trustee. He took pride in being a trustee and taking care of whatever needed to be done. Even when he began to have health challenges, he stayed connected and made sure he knew what was going on at the church. He was a protector, a provider and a man of many gifts and talents who lived his life to the fullest.

He is preceded in death by his parents James H. Byrd and Dorothy T. Byrd, brother Frederick Tynes. Pernell leaves to cherish his memory his wife Lillian Byrd, five children Felicia Warren, Shelby Boykins (Donald-deceased), Bruce Warren, Sr (Cassandra), Kristina Green (Riccardo), Claudia Martin (Carl), 7 grand children Emmanuel Watson, Ashli Boykins, Arlisha Boykins, Monyee Wheeler, Bruce Warren, Jr. (Charitie), Ashounti Warren and Kiara Warren, 3 great-grandchildren (special acknowledgement to Marquill Birchette who lived with him and helped care for him). Two aunts Virginia Blow, Maxcine Hilliard

and one uncle Wilbert Tynes (Lorraine) and a host of nieces, nephews, cousins, and friends.

Cemetery Details

Ebenezer Cemetery

Windsor, VA 23487

Previous Events

Visitation

NOV 1. 3:00 PM - 6:00 PM (ET)

Chapman - J. T. Fisher Funeral Services
658 W. Main Street
Smithfield, VA 23430
(757) 357-2326
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<https://www.jtfisherfuneralservices.com>

Service

NOV 2. 1:00 PM (ET)

Main Street Baptist Church
517 Main Street
Smithfield, VA 23430

Tribute Wall



“ J.T. Fisher Funeral Services created a Tribute Video in memory of Pernel Byrd



J. T. Fisher Funeral Services - November 20, 2024 at 03:01 PM



“ J.T. Fisher Funeral Services created a Webcast in memory of Pernel Byrd

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J. T. Fisher Funeral Services - November 02, 2024 at 01:48 PM



“ The family of Pernel Byrd would like to thank you all for the love shown by offering condolences, sending flowers, calls, texts or any act of kindness shown during this difficult time. We are truly grateful and thankful. May God continue to bless you and your family.

Kristina Byrd - November 10, 2024 at 08:32 AM

BW

“ Beloved Valentines Sisters & Workman planted a grove of 5 [Memorial Trees](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Pernell Byrd.

Beloved Valentines Sisters & Workman - November 06, 2024 at 08:18 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Pernell Byrd.

November 01, 2024 at 03:23 PM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Pernell Byrd.



November 01, 2024 at 03:23 PM



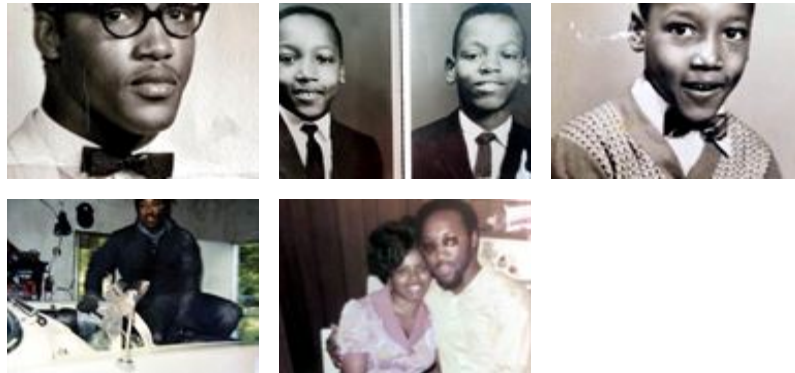
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J. T. Fisher Funeral Services - November 01, 2024 at 09:36 AM



“ 12 files added to the album *Life Tributes*



J. T. Fisher Funeral Services - October 31, 2024 at 04:03 PM



“ Wendy & Barbara Myers (Pennoni) planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Pernell Byrd.

Wendy & Barbara Myers (Pennoni) - October 31, 2024 at 03:58 PM



“ Wendy & Barbara Myers (Pennoni) purchased the *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum* for the family of Pernell Byrd.



Wendy & Barbara Myers (Pennoni) - October 31, 2024 at 03:58 PM

AD

“ Auntie Nessa & Uncle David purchased the Divine Peace Bouquet for the family of Pernell Byrd.



Auntie Nessa & Uncle David - October 31, 2024 at 01:14 PM



“ 18 files added to the album Life Tributes



J. T. Fisher Funeral Services - October 31, 2024 at 12:58 PM

LW

“ Condolences to the family of Pernell Byrd, he was an outstanding linebacker for the school of Smithfield High in 1970.

With love,

the Tynes family



Linda Williams - October 31, 2024 at 12:25 PM

SD

“ Stateline CJD Parts Dept. purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Pernell Byrd.



Stateline CJD Parts Dept. - October 31, 2024 at 08:38 AM

MS

“ My condolences to the family 🙏



Mr & Mrs Alvin massenburg sr. - October 29, 2024 at 08:16 PM

RB

“ Our "Brother" Pernell, Your life was a Blessing, your Memory a trasure, you are loved beyond Words and will be missed beyond Measure. "Sisters" Kitty, Gloria, Ruby, Delores and Veronica Byrd. Prayers for our Family.

Ruby Byrd-Wyche - October 29, 2024 at 10:21 AM