



## Ra-Shawn Finney

January 15, 1990 - September 26, 2008

Portsmouth – Ra-Shawn LaDonte' Finney, lovingly known as “Peanut”, 18, of the 50th block of Riverview Avenue was called to eternal life with the Lord on Friday, September 26, 2008. He was born in Portsmouth, VA.

Mr. Finney was a senior honor student at I. C. Norcom High School in Portsmouth, VA. He was also a student leader for the entire student body. He was the captain of the football team and a member of the Jr. ROTC, in which he was a third class Chief Petty Officer. During his tenure at I. C. Norcom High School, Ra-Shawn was a member of the Beta Club and he was elected Mr. Sophomore by his Sophomore Class.

Left to cherish his memory are his mother, Desiree NeShawn Finney; his father, DeArthur Dixon, Jr.; two sisters, Sha-Kiyla Finney and Monna Zjea Finney-Smith; four brothers, Benjamin Finney, Da-Shawn Finney (twin), Dorian Finney-Smith, and Joshua Brown; maternal grandparents, Earl and Julia Byrd; paternal grandparents, DeArthur and Ann Dixon; and great-grandmothers Cora Finney and Elmira Coles. He also leaves to cherish his memory a host of aunts, uncles, nieces, nephews, cousins and friends.

A memorial service will be held at I. C. Norcom High School located at 1801 London Blvd., Portsmouth, on Thursday, October 2, 2008 at 6:00pm. Viewing will be held on Friday, October 3, 2008 from 12:00noon to 7:00pm at J. T.

Fisher Funeral Services located at 1080 N. George Washington Hwy., Chesapeake. A life celebration service will be held on Saturday, October 4, 2008 at 1:00pm at St. Mark Missionary Baptist Church located at 2714 Frederick Blvd., Portsmouth, where Bishop Curtis Edmonds is Pastor. Dr. Roderick S. Hawthorne of Truth Transformation Ministries, Chesapeake, VA, will be officiating. Interment will be at Olive Branch Cemetery in Portsmouth. Contributions can be made to the Ra-Shawn L. Finney Memorial Fund at any Wachovia Bank. The family has entrusted J. T. Fisher Funeral Services to handle the final care arrangements.

Condolences can be offered to the family at [www.jtfisherfuneralservices.com](http://www.jtfisherfuneralservices.com).

# Previous Events

## Visitation

OCT 2. 6:00 PM - 12:00 AM (ET)

I.C. Norcom High School  
1801 London Blvd.  
Portsmouth, VA

## Service

OCT 4. 1:00 PM (ET)

St Mark Missionary Baptist Church  
2714 Frederick Blvd  
Portsmouth, VA

# Tribute Wall



“ Just wanted to show sum love to the family and to nut. GOD BLESS###imported-begin##Kevon Sexton##imported-end##

March 16, 2010 at 02:59 PM



“ I will neva 4get all our gud timez Bro luv always Andre R.I.P!!!###imported-begin##Andre Porter##imported-end##

April 21, 2009 at 03:24 PM



“ TO DEZ N LIL BEN, MY HEART GOES OUT TO YOU AND THE ENTIRE FAMILY. I AM KEEPING YOU ALL IN MY PRAYERS. THIS IS A PAIN I WOULD NEVER WISH ON A MOTHER ESPECIALLY AFTER EXPERIENCING THIS PAIN MYSELF WITH MY SON 9-17-06. I LOVE YOU AND WILL PRAY FOR YOU PEACE. LOVE ALWAYS  
LOVEINU AND SUGKORA "E-JAZZ"###imported-begin##LOVEINU CAROTHERS- SIMMONS##imported-end##

November 07, 2008 at 10:42 AM



“ peanut u gne but neva 4gotten ima aleays love u "ITS NUT NIGGA WHAT"###imported-begin##jasmine high##imported-end##

October 31, 2008 at 02:24 PM



“ *OMG, I STILL CANT BELIEVE YOUR GONE PEANUT BUT I KNOW YOUR N A BETTER PLACE THAN WHERE WE ARE, BUT SUMTIMES I QUESTION GOD ABOUT WHY HE TOOK YOU IN SO EARLY?? AND WHY YOU OUT OF ALL THE PEOPLE IN THE WORLD? BUT I GUESS THEY ARE QUESTIONS WE WILL NEVER KNOW BUT I HOPE YOU SAVE A SPOT FOR ME IN HEAVEN AN I GET TO SEE YOU AGAIN ONE DAY..AN I WILL CHERISH EVERY MOMENT I SHARED WITH YOU AND CONVERSATION WE HAD AND YOU WILL BE REMEMBERED IN MY HEART FOREVER....LOVE YOU ALWAYS R.I.P*  
*PEANUT##imported-begin##Crystal Riddick##imported-end##*

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October 24, 2008 at 11:22 PM



“ *To The Dixon & Finney Families,*

*Our Deepest Sympathy and Prayers are extended to you and yours during your time of loss. Dee if you need anything do not hesitate to call 301-2413.*

*Neva Burroughs & Family##imported-begin##NEVA  
BURROUGHS##imported-end##*

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October 07, 2008 at 11:49 AM



“ Desiree,

*We are so sorry for the lost of your son. He had such a bright future ahead of him. Stay strong and keep your faith.*

*Deborah and I are customers of yours at your place of work.*

*Sherry Miller*

*Deborah Austin##imported-begin##Sherry Miller and Deborah Austin##imported-end##*

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October 07, 2008 at 07:32 AM



“ *The lost of a child is a hard pill to swallow because you think that you are suppose to die before your child. I just writing you to let you know that I know what you are going threw because I lost a child seven years. But I'm here to tell you ALWAYS!!!! put God first and know that he never puts more on you that you can bear. If you ever need someone to talk to just call me. You and your family are in my prayers always.##imported-begin##Yevonda Ferguson ( Ms.Peanie) & Family##imported-end##*

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October 06, 2008 at 04:57 PM



“ *I send my love and sympathy to his family...They are all in my prayers##imported-begin##Keshira Demby (shi)##imported-end##*

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October 04, 2008 at 11:08 AM



“ *To The Finney Family*

*"...God knows every hurt and what you're going through, just know HE will always be there for you..."2008 cjj*

*May the Light of His Love brighten your days*

*From Carolyn Johnson and Mary Maniece(Julia's former neighbor) Families##imported-begin##carolyn johnson##imported-end##*

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October 04, 2008 at 10:58 AM



“ *R.I.P.... You were more then just a friend, a teammate, and a captain; you were a brother to me, a leader, and somebody that was always willing to be the best in everything you did.... You may have past, but you still live on in me and I promise to your spirit and your family that I wont never forget you. So your memories still live on....*

*your brother from another*

*Tavis Tabb # 1*

*Delaware State University##imported-begin##Tavis Tabb # 1 '07 graduate ICN##imported-end##*

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October 03, 2008 at 10:16 PM



“ My Deepest Sympathy & Prayers are felt for Ra-Shawn's Parent's, Brothers & Sisters and his girlfriend. I lost a brother and watched my parents lose a son and one thing i learned is that you will not forget but as time goes by it does get easier to accept that they are in a better place and no one or anything will ever hurt them again. I did not know Ra-Shawn, but my neice, Ciara did and has told me alot about him and i know that he will be strongly remembered and greatly missed.

(Marie-Wasilla, Alaska)##imported-begin##Marie Moseley##imported-end##

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October 03, 2008 at 02:48 PM



“ To the family of Ra-Shawn Finney May God give you the strength to get through this difficult time. Keep your hand in God's hand. God Bless##imported-begin##Jackie Jacobs##imported-end##

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October 03, 2008 at 02:01 PM



“ To a loving friend you will always be missed and never forgotten. Even though you're gone you will always remain a close friend in my heart. All my prayers goes to the Finney Family In Loving Memory Ra'Shawn La'Dontae Finney(Peanut)##imported-begin##Dakiarea Charles##imported-end##

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October 03, 2008 at 09:52 AM



“ You've worked hard enough here, so now you can enjoy your eternal rest. We Love you #8##imported-begin##Perry B. Davis##imported-end##

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October 03, 2008 at 08:45 AM



“ To The Finney and Dixon Families, I would like to extend my condolences to you. I want you to know I'm praying for you and yours at this time of sorrow. Even though Tyre didn't know his cousin well, his heart goes out to you. I told Tyre that his cousin, Peanut, is with his "Heavenly Father" playing football in heaven. Desi be strong and keep your head up to the sky. God is in control. God Bless you and your family.##imported-begin##Chelse Brown and Tyre Boone (Hospital's Son) ##imported-end##

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October 02, 2008 at 10:09 PM



“ To the Family from our family, may God keep you in peace and find hope in his faith. Continue to thank the Lord for the time he lent his loving son to you and always keep the memories in your heart. May God continue to Bless you each and every day.

*Kim M. Gibbs & Family (PJ) Perry Davis##imported-begin##Kim M. Gibbs & Family##imported-end##*

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October 02, 2008 at 05:45 PM



“ We would like to express our deepest sympathy in the loss of your loved one. Just know that he is in GODS care free of pain and heartache.He has picked a beautiful flower. Still in our prayers. XPRESS FAMILY!##imported-begin##Alesia & Briana Hale ##imported-end##

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October 02, 2008 at 05:04 PM



“Whose the best man on the team  
what do you say  
whose the best man on the team  
what do you say  
Peanut (Peanut)  
Peanut (Peanut)  
'Cause he's a GREYHOUND  
Swosh Swosh”

*To the family and loved ones of Rashawn, we would like to extend our hearts and our prayers. Words can not describe the emptiness that we all feel with the lost of a star athlete. We will continue to lift the memory of Peanut and your family up in our prayers.*

*May you find comfort knowing that God will keep you in perfect peace, as long as you keep your mind stayed on him.*

*We love you.*

*The I C Norcom 2008-2009*

*Cheerleading Squad and Coaches##imported-begin##I C Norcom  
Cheerleaders##imported-end##*

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October 02, 2008 at 04:43 PM



“ On behalf of myself and Providence A.M.E. Zion church Portsmouth, we wish to express our deepest sympathy to the family of Ra-Shawn Finney. His maternal grandmother is a faithful and dedicated member at Providence and her loss is also our loss. We pray that God will walk before you to lead you, beside you to protect you, behind you to encourage you and beneath you to uphold you.  
Hold to God's unchanging hands.  
Pastor J. Maurice Turnes  
Providene A.M.E. Zion Church##imported-begin##Pastor Juan M. Turnes##imported-end##

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October 02, 2008 at 04:31 PM



“ WOW UNC.. WHO WOULD'VE THOUGHT I'D B WRITiN THiS 4 yUU! WELL i JUS W0NT yUU 2 KNW DAT UMA MiSz yUU [&] NOT AH DAy WiLL GO By THAT i WNT THiNK OV yUU.. GNE BUT NOT 4GOTTEN! LOVE yUU ALWAYz UNCLE NUT##imported-begin##TiNKP00H!##imported-end##

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October 02, 2008 at 04:30 PM



“ To Desi and family we would like to express our deepest sympathy for you all. Our girls went to school with Peanut and from what they tell us he was a beautiful spirit. The Lord giveth and the Lord taketh away, we had to experience it ourselves. He will be greatly missed but never forgotten. Our prayers truly go out to you.##imported-begin##Sarita & Diego Mullen##imported-end##

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October 02, 2008 at 04:24 PM



“ I'm miss you man i mean you will always have a part in my heart...  
Even though you gone it is going to always be "iT'S NUT N\*\*\*A  
WAT!!!!

LUV ALWAYS KEYA###imported-begin##K3Y@###imported-end##

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October 02, 2008 at 03:49 PM



“ NOW HW KAN i B3Li3V3 DAt\_ HUm DAt WUZ MY FAV. PART 0F  
DA SONG ! GN3 Bt N3VA 40R G0T3n i MiSS YU' B3STFRi3ND !

43VA &Nd ALWAYSs Y0 NUMBa 1 B3STFRi3ND !###imported-  
begin##TiNEE !###imported-end##

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October 02, 2008 at 03:46 PM



“ You and your family will remain in our hearts and prays. We are  
extended family if you need any thing please let us know. The  
Roberts Family, Ed, Wendy, Kobe and Kareese###imported-  
begin##Edwin & Edwina Roiberts###imported-end##

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October 02, 2008 at 03:00 PM



“ i love u bro! R.I.P bro lil sis going to really miss u n ima hold u down  
even doe it seems like u still here with me i love u big  
bro!!!###imported-begin##ashley&cocoa###imported-end##

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October 02, 2008 at 01:23 PM



“ Ms. Finney, I just want to say that I am so sorry for your loss. When I heard that your son had passed, my heart went out to you. I can recall how much you spoke about your children, especially your son, and how much he was involved in sports, and I could tell that your children are your world. That's why it hurt me so much to know that Rashawn had passed. But I just want you and your family to be encouraged and stay strong, for your son, brother, cousin, friend will always be with you in spirit. Be Blessed and I will keep you and your family in my prayers.##imported-begin##K. Faison-Crew##imported-end##

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October 02, 2008 at 12:41 PM

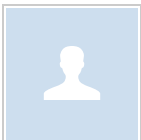


“ MY PRAYERS GO OUT TO YOU AND YOUR FAMILY. PEANUT WAS A GOOD YOUNG MAN. HE PLAYED BASKETBALL WITH AJ AND JULIAN NUNN FOR AAU. HE WILL GREATLY BE MISSED!

TRELL##imported-begin##DARTRELL NUNN##imported-end##

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October 02, 2008 at 12:39 PM



“ Ra-Shawn, Peanut to those who knew him was a kind, caring, and loving boy. His smiles lit up a room like a candle. He will forever glow in our hearts. He was very special to me and my entire family and will be dearly missed. My thoughts and prayers go out to Dez, DeArthur, all of the kids and family during such a trying time. We are here for you whenever you need us.##imported-begin##Allison & Kevin Lathan##imported-end##

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October 02, 2008 at 12:34 PM



“ October 2, 2008

*The Family of:  
Ra-Shawn L. Finney*

*Dear Finney Family:*

*I, Pastor Jerome L. Williams of New Testament Church am writing to extend my deepest sympathies to the family and friends of our young brother, Ra-Shawn L. Finney. I was saddened to hear about his death. He was such a bright spot in the city of Portsmouth's and I.C. Norcom's family.*

*We have many members who are I.C. Norcom students, athletes, and alumni who were deeply affected by his untimely death. We want you to know that we are praying for and with you. We pray your continued strength in the Lord. He will supply your family with peace.*

*Ra-Shawn will be remembered for his stellar performances on the football field, accomplishments in the classroom and positive reputation amongst his peers.*

*We, here at New Testament Church, know that there are no words that will ease the pain caused by the death of your son, brother, and friend, "Peanut". We can only offer you the promise that God offers each of us assurance that your loved one is now in the embrace of our Heavenly Father.*

*God Bless You,*

*Jerome L. Williams*

*Dr. Jerome L. Williams*

*Pastor###imported-begin###Pastor Jerome Williams###imported-end##*

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October 02, 2008 at 11:58 AM



*“ To my big brother Peanut you neva left me you only took a long vacation which means im going to see you again i love so much that words can't express how i feel thats why i promise to carry on your leagacy and your dreams i will fullfill. And when I win HOMECOMING KING on Oct 10. 2008. I'm dedicating it all to you. I love you bro.jus want you back for 1 day thats all.....###imported-begin###Antonio "Tonez" Crawford###imported-end##*

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October 02, 2008 at 10:20 AM



*“ My Prayer are with you and your family,I know there are no word that can explain the way you feel right now,To lose a son there are no words because a mother and son love is a kind of love that can not be replaced,But to know that he is looking down on you saying mother don't cry ,for I am happy and not hurting anymore, smile mother wipe them tear from your eyes and look up in the sky and smile because I am home###imported-begin###Teshara Wilson###imported-end##*

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October 02, 2008 at 09:22 AM



“ *May God guide and comfort your family through these difficult times. If you need anything, please don't hesitate to call. (537-9060)*

*With love,*

*The Fortson Family##imported-begin##Elton E. Fortson##imported-end##*

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October 02, 2008 at 07:20 AM



“ *This is to Day Day and the Family... I was sorry to hear about our lost and I feel as though you all are my extended family and I will always be around if you all need someone to talk to or anything just call me and I'll be there... Day Day you kno u better call me {LOL}... MUCH LOVE TO MY EXTENEDED FAMILY AND GOD WATCH OVER US ALWAYS...*

*R.I.P. PEANUT {BRO} YOU WILL ALWAYS AND FOREVER BE IN OUR HEARTS... {WE LOVE & MISS U SO MUCH}...##imported-begin##Jamecia Valentine {Meme}##imported-end##*

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October 01, 2008 at 06:42 PM



“ *Ra-Shawn was one of God's special angels sent to earth to exemplify love, peace and goodness to everyone he touched. He was an outstanding leader, honor student and mannerable at all times. Let your life be an example to young people throughout Hampton Roads and this nation. Go, grow and soar Peanut with God.*

*Dr. Patton##imported-begin##Dr. L. Pettis Patton##imported-end##*

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September 28, 2008 at 10:37 PM