



Wayne Etheridge

August 12, 1977 - February 19, 2026

Wayne “Lil Weezy”, Edmond Tobias Etheridge, born August 12, 1977, in Portsmouth, Virginia, departed this life after a journey marked by resilience, achievement, and a deep dedication towards his family legacy. The beloved son of the late Wassee and Mable Etheridge, Wayne had four siblings, Gennett (Etheridge) Gray, Wesley Etheridge Sr, the late Wanda Meschele (Etheridge) Wright, and Robin Etheridge.

Growing up at 1102 East Jamal Lane, with his niece Tona, nephew Quai, sister Robin and her childhood best friend/next-door neighbor Avis, Wayne was surrounded by an abundance of love and the warmth of family. He loved his parents beyond measure and developed a closeness with his niece, nephew, and sister forming deep bonds that served as the foundation of a lifetime of cherished childhood and adult memories. As a young man, he served as a Junior Missionary and sang in the choir at Noble Street Baptist Church. He also was gifted in interior decorating, played tenor saxophone and keyboard in the I.C. Norcom band. He developed a love for cooking from his father, Wassee, and often hosted Thanksgiving dinners and other family gatherings.

A proud graduate of I. C. Norcom High School (Class of 1996), Wayne continued his academic journey at Norfolk State University, pursuing a degree in Marketing. His professional career began at SunTrust Bank in Norfolk,

Virginia in 2001. Then in 2003, Wayne relocated to Cookeville, Tennessee, where he played a pivotal role in launching the Mid-Atlantic SunTrust Call Center. He served in many roles but eventually returned home and founded Global Talent Executives, a recruitment firm, placing individuals in new careers across the world.

In 2003, Wayne had his one and only daughter Miara Monae Cherry, who was the light of his life. He often raved about her beauty and accomplishments.

In February 2011, his career was abruptly interrupted when he lost 100% of his kidney function, requiring dialysis treatments three days a week. Despite the setback, Wayne was committed to keeping the Etheridge family history and memories alive. He created the Porter Gray Facebook page where he would post pictures from back in the day and spotlight family members' success and accomplishments. He planned family reunions, created the Porter/Gray family tree, and hosted several memorable family gatherings to celebrate special occasions. Later in life, he took great pride in serving as caregiver for his father in the home he grew up in, sharing treasured photos and family videos.

Wayne's relentless pursuit of success and his ability to overcome overwhelming obstacles serve as an inspiration to all who knew him. Wayne will be remembered for his thoughtfulness, professional success, and his commitment to family. His legacy lives on through the countless lives he touched and the example he set for future generations.

John 15:5-I am the vein; you are the branches. If you remain in me and I in you, you will bear much fruit; apart from me you can destroy

Previous Events

Visitation

MAR 5. 3:00 PM - 5:00 PM (ET)

JT Fisher Funeral Services
1248 George Washington Hwy North
Chesapeake, VA 23323
info@jtfisherfuneralservices.com

Service

MAR 6. 12:00 PM (ET)

J. T. Fisher Funeral Services Chapel
1248 N. George Washington Hwy
Chesapeake, VA

Tribute Wall



“ *J.T. Fisher Funeral Services created a Webcast in memory of Wayne Etheridge*

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J. T. Fisher Funeral Services - March 06 at 09:15 AM



“ *1 file added to the album Life Celebration of Wayne Etheridge*



J. T. Fisher Funeral Services - March 11 at 02:02 PM



“ *Sentiments of Serenity Spray was purchased for the family of Wayne Etheridge.*



March 05 at 10:16 PM

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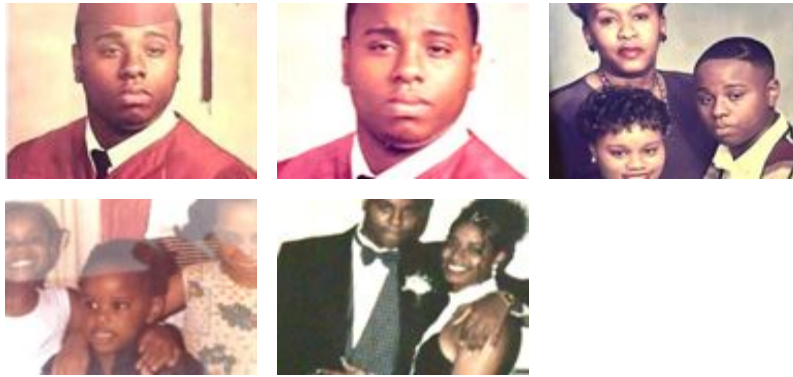
“ *Sharrone L. Freeman lit a candle in memory of Wayne Etheridge*



Sharrone L. Freeman - March 05 at 01:58 PM



“ *37 files added to the album Life Tributes*



J. T. Fisher Funeral Services - March 04 at 11:25 PM

EW

“ *Prayers for the family.*



Elizabeth Winn - March 04 at 10:17 PM



“ *Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Wayne Etheridge.*



March 03 at 09:53 PM



“ *Rest in peace cousin, and enjoy your reunion with our family over there.*

Nancy Thomas - March 03 at 11:07 AM



“ *The Fitzgerald and Taylor families purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Wayne Etheridge.*



The Fitzgerald and Taylor families - March 01 at 10:47 PM



“ *Jacqueline S. purchased the Simply Elegant Spat hiphyllum for the family of Wayne Etheridge.*



Jacqueline S. - February 28 at 06:50 PM

SB

“ *Shalom, Sharrone Freeman Lpn BS purchased the Divine Peace Bouquet for the family of Wayne Etheridge.*



Shalom, Sharrone Freeman Lpn BS - February 26 at 07:22 PM

LB

“ *Lisa Battle lit a candle in memory of Wayne Etheridge*



Lisa Battle - February 26 at 05:32 PM

JS

Precious Memories, how they linger, how they every flood my soul. In the stillness of the midnight sacred secrets He'll unfold.

Precious memories how I prize them as the weary years may unfold Jesus whisper, "I'll be with you" what a comfort to my soul.

In sad hours when I'm lonely the truth of Jesus love is told In the silence of the midnight, Precious memories flood my soul.

Precious memories over life's journey wondering what the years may hold. As I ponder oh, sweet wonder! Precious memories floor my soul.

Juanita Sizemore - My 3rd brother from another mother. I love you Wayne. We know you are watching over us. Tis so Sweet to Trust in Jesus.

Juanita Sizemore - February 28 at 04:51 PM

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My Goodness Wayne This Hurts In A Different Way. So Many Times I Visited Home In Stayed At 1102 E. Jamal Lane. It Is Our Family The Porter-Grays Landmark. Wonderful Memories Flood My Mind With All The Wonders Of Growing Up In A Family That Stretched Itself To Include Each Member That Needed Care In There Time Of Need And Social Visits. We Went To Cookout Eatery For Icecream Shakes In Hot Krispy Cream Donuts When The Light Was On. We Always Laughed Uncontrollably When The Helper Asked "Do You Want Those Donuts Hot." I Love You And Will Miss You Like Crazy Til We Meet Again At The Throne Of Grace With Our Loved Ones. Rest Easy And In Peace. "Jesus Promised Us A Home Over There." It Is For All Of Us Who Believe On Him And His Word. What A Mighty God We Serve. ❤️

Sharrone L. Freeman - March 05 at 02:31 PM