



Reverend Anthony Warren Chatman

October 17, 1958 - December 28, 2024

Reverend Anthony Warren Chatman, 66, of Chattanooga, transitioned peacefully at his home, surrounded by loved ones, on December 28, 2024. His life was a testament to the power of faith, the importance of justice, and the beauty of a life lived with purpose.

Born on October 17, 1958, in Rockwood, Tennessee, Anthony's spiritual foundation was laid early at Speight Chapel AME Zion Church, his original church home in Rockwood, TN. This faith carried him through a remarkable life of ministry and service, which included roles as Associate Minister and Sunday School teacher at Monumental Baptist Church, Former Associate Minister at Wesley Chapel Christian Community Church, Former Pastor of Fields Chapel AME Zion, and Athletic Director of River of Life Church. With his Master of Ministry Degree and a heart devoted to God, Anthony's ministry touched countless lives, embodying the belief that "to serve others is to serve God."

Anthony was also an advocate for justice and equality. As the first Vice President of the State of Tennessee NAACP, he championed civil rights and uplifted underserved communities. His service as a United States Marine Corps Staff Sergeant and a police officer in Chattanooga reflected his steadfast commitment to discipline and honor, whether serving his community or country.

Anthony was a man of many talents and passions. A black-belt martial artist, skilled chess player, championship football player, and avid outdoorsman, he found joy in fishing, motorcycle riding, and golf. He shined as a signed actor, model, and coach, showcasing leadership and resilience in every role.

One of his proudest accomplishments was being a member of the first line of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity Inc., Chi Lambda chapter "The unknown 8", at Tennessee Tech University, a testament to his dedication to brotherhood, scholarship, and service.

Anthony now joins his cherished parents, Warren and Barbara Chatman; his first wife, Lora Hardy Chatman; and his sister, Gayle "Dulla" Dyer, in eternal rest. Anthony is survived by his devoted wife, Bridget Hughes Chatman; and his six beloved daughters, Dana Chanel, Latosha Barbie Nicole, Shellyta Alize, Lora (Marcel Natson), Jessyka (Emanuel) Clark, and Zoe Angelique Chatman; his grandchildren, Kortae'vion Melvin Jarome, Natalia Ariona Eunique, and Kamiyah Ivyona Chanel Chatman; his brothers, Eddie (Alice) and Everett "Sly" (Carla) Chatman; brother-in-law, Brian Hughes; and extended close family, David L. Gissentanna, Jr., Larry O (Gladys) Gissentanna, Pamela (Patrick) Anyanwu, and Diane Johnson.

Reverend Anthony Warren Chatman's magnetic personality made him a friend to all, and his genuine warmth and boundless generosity will forever inspire all who are blessed to know him. Rest in peace, good and faithful servant.

Anthony will lie-in-state on Thursday, January 16, 2025, from 12:30 to 5:00 p.m. at Taylor Funeral Home. His extraordinary life will be celebrated on Friday, January 17th, 2025, at 9:00 a.m. in the chape of Taylor Funeral Home with Dr. Gregory Odom as the Eulogist. Military honors will follow at 11:00 a.m. in Chattanooga National Cemetery. Arrangements are by Taylor Funeral

Home of Chattanooga, Inc.

DIRECTIONS TO LIVE STREAM: Click on the link below to view the service.

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Cemetery Details

Chattanooga National Cemetery

1200 Bailey Ave
Chattanooga, TN 37404

Previous Events

Lie-In-State

JAN 16. 12:30 PM - 5:00 PM (ET)

Taylor Funeral Home of Chattanooga, Inc
3417 Wilcox Boulevard
Chattanooga, TN 37411

Service

JAN 17. 9:00 AM (ET)

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3417 Wilcox Boulevard
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Tribute Wall



“ 1 file added to the album Cemetery Service-Rev Anthony Chatman



Taylor Funeral Home of Chattanooga, Inc. - January 20, 2025 at 12:46 AM



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Taylor Funeral Home of Chattanooga, Inc. - January 20, 2025 at 12:26 AM



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TS

“ We love you "Roady". You will truly be missed.

The Darbys

Neal Darby Jr (Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc)

Ruby Darby and Patrice Darby

Terrence Darby Sr (USMC) (/G\)

Tawanna, Terrence Jr, Terron, Kennedi and Brooklyn Darby



Terrence Darby Sr - January 17, 2025 at 10:41 AM

JS

“ Jeffery Smith lit a candle in memory of Reverend Anthony Warren Chatman



Jeffery Smith - January 16, 2025 at 02:36 PM

JS

Heartfelt condolences to the Chatman Family.

Jeffery Smith - January 16, 2025 at 02:38 PM

SC

“ Sheila Bolden Claggett lit a candle in memory of Reverend Anthony Warren Chatman



Sheila Bolden Claggett - January 15, 2025 at 08:47 AM

SC

“ Rev Chatman was such a kind, helpful, dedicated man. I am so blessed to have met him and talked to he and Bridget. Bridget is such a beautiful kindhearted person that I have known for years and when I met Rev Chatman it seemed as if I knew him for a long time. I was truly blessed.



Sheila Bolden Claggett - January 15, 2025 at 08:43 AM

CH

“ Claraniece Hogan-Ferguson lit a candle in memory of Reverend Anthony Warren Chatman



Claraniece Hogan-Ferguson - January 14, 2025 at 08:52 PM

VH

“Blessed are those who mourn, for they shall be comforted.” – Matthew 5:4



Our deepest condolences to Bridget & the Chatman Family. We're sending you healing prayers, comforting hugs and our warmest thoughts as you navigate this painful time. Rev. Chatman's earthly journey has ended, but the impact he made will last a lifetime. Anthony lived a life filled with love, laughter, and wisdom, leaving an indelible mark on all who knew him. His legacy of love and kindness will forever be remembered and will continue to live on in every act of love and compassion we extend to others.

May his lasting memory be a source of strength, inspiration and a bright light that will never go out. – Vincent & Dee Hatten

Vincent Hatten - January 13, 2025 at 04:03 PM

DI

“Daryl L. Clark II lit a candle in memory of Reverend Anthony Warren Chatman



Daryl L. Clark II - January 13, 2025 at 12:19 PM

PB

“Pamela Jayne Berry sent a virtual gift in memory of Reverend Anthony Warren Chatman



Pamela Jayne Berry - January 12, 2025 at 10:38 AM

KJ

“ Kevin KJ Jackson lit a candle in memory of Reverend Anthony Warren Chatman



Kevin KJ Jackson - January 10, 2025 at 06:03 AM

KJ

May you forever rest in eternal peace "Karate Dog"

Kevin KJ Jackson - January 10, 2025 at 06:05 AM



“ Heavenly Heights Bouquet was purchased for the family of Reverend Anthony Warren Chatman.



January 10, 2025 at 12:00 AM

TB

“ Tammie Burnett lit a candle in memory of Reverend Anthony Warren Chatman



Tammie Burnett - January 09, 2025 at 09:38 PM

EP

“ Edwin Prichard purchased the Full Of Love Bouquet for the family of Reverend Anthony Warren Chatman.



Edwin Prichard - January 09, 2025 at 01:25 PM

TW

“ Tanya Warren lit a candle in memory of Reverend Anthony Warren Chatman



Tanya Warren - January 08, 2025 at 08:03 PM



“ Sending our sincere condolences to Bridget and the family members. May God's peace and the comfort of the Holy Spirit be upon each of you. - Mr/Mrs Peter (Susan) Aimable.



Susan Aimable - January 08, 2025 at 02:01 PM

VB

“ Vincinetta P. Brown lit a candle in memory of Reverend Anthony Warren Chatman



Vincinetta P. Brown - January 08, 2025 at 12:48 PM

VB

Our thoughts and prayers are with the Chatman family. May peace and comfort be with each of you in the days ahead.
Vincinetta Brown and family

Vincinetta P. Brown - January 08, 2025 at 12:50 PM

DM

“ *Deacon Dana & Nita Montgomery sent a virtual gift in memory of Reverend Anthony Warren Chatman*



Deacon Dana & Nita Montgomery - January 08, 2025 at 12:13 PM

BA

“ *Karate Dog, I have our road trip with the HB Bros. to New Orleans 2018 Omega Conclave as a great memory. Rest Easy Brother!*

Brian Abernathy, Ab, 8-Rho Psi-Spr. '80

Brian Abernathy - January 08, 2025 at 09:24 AM

BA

“ *1 file added to the album Omega*



Brian Abernathy - January 08, 2025 at 09:20 AM

EH

“ My condolences to Bridget and the Chatman family. I had the honor of performing his marital ceremony to Bridget. In the brief time, I had the pleasure of knowing him. Anthony was very kind and inspiring. I'm sure he touched many lives in a positive way that is greatly appreciated by people wherever he went.
Pastor Edward C. Hatch, Nashville, TN

EDWARD C HATCH - January 07, 2025 at 06:31 PM

BT

“ *Bobbie Tyler lit a candle in memory of Reverend Anthony Warren Chatman*



Bobbie Tyler - January 07, 2025 at 04:06 PM

TG

“ *Pastor Anthony was such a kind man with a heart for God! He was a blessing to our family during a difficult time and we will be forever grateful! Our prayers are with our cousin and his daughters. May he rest in peace!*

Tandra Garrett - January 06, 2025 at 06:26 PM

DP

“ I am extending my sympathy to the family of Reverend Anthony Chatman. I had the privilege of meeting Rev. Chatman and his late wife in 2004, after the death of my son Leslie. On January 2, 2004, unarmed Leslie was killed by 4 Chattanooga police officers by positional asphyxia, in the same manner as George Floyd in later years. Anthony Chatman was one of the persons who came to our aid, even though he did not know us personally. At that time, our family had already moved away from Chattanooga. He extended sympathy and compassion to us. He was a Christian man who lived his faith, and believed in helping his fellow man. He was a comfort to our family and believed that Leslie's homicide was the result of unnecessary excessive force. In fact, because he believed in serving, protecting and helping people, he had earlier joined the police force. He told us that he resigned from the department, because he observed actions of some fellow officers, that were inconsistent with his beliefs. He truly believed in justice for all. I feel that his love ones, and others who knew him well, have received God's blessing through their relationship with him. Anthony Chatman left a legacy of love and service. He will be missed.

Dr. Loretta P. Prater - January 06, 2025 at 01:06 PM

LD

“ Linda Davis lit a candle in memory of Reverend Anthony Warren Chatman



Linda Davis - January 06, 2025 at 10:52 AM

DW

“ *Doris White lit a candle in memory of Reverend Anthony Warren Chatman*



Doris White - January 05, 2025 at 04:31 PM

TH

“ *Although our time was brief, Anthony was and is a great man who loved his family! He will be deeply missed.*



Talecea Hughes - January 05, 2025 at 04:16 PM

LH

“ *Laretta Harrison lit a candle in memory of Reverend Anthony Warren Chatman*



Laretta Harrison - January 05, 2025 at 01:06 PM

CC

“ *Cardella F Cummings lit a candle in memory of Reverend Anthony Warren Chatman*



Cardella F Cummings - January 05, 2025 at 09:00 AM

AA

“ *RIH Anthony you will truly be missed, we enjoyed you in our family, such a nice and pleasant man who love his wife and family take your rest.*



Alfreda Austin - January 03, 2025 at 10:17 PM

AS

“ *Ann Sharfner, Nashville, TN*



Ann Sharfner - January 03, 2025 at 01:10 PM

GE

“ *Garland & Karen Eastman lit a candle in memory of Reverend Anthony Warren Chatman*



Garland & karen Eastman - January 03, 2025 at 01:02 PM

CL

“ *Curtis Lancaster lit a candle in memory of Reverend Anthony Warren Chatman*



Curtis Lancaster - January 02, 2025 at 11:44 AM

OE

“ Ora Edmonds lit a candle in memory of Reverend Anthony Warren Chatman



Ora Edmonds - January 02, 2025 at 06:59 AM

HF

“ Heartfelt Condolences to the Chatman family.
-From the Hambright-Bowie family.



Hambright-Bowie Family - January 02, 2025 at 12:57 AM

PB

“ Pastor BRENDA BENN lit a candle in memory of Reverend Anthony Warren Chatman



Pastor BRENDA BENN - January 01, 2025 at 02:31 PM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Reverend Anthony Warren Chatman.



December 31, 2024 at 05:02 PM

MS

“ *May God forever keep you, and Jesus comfort the family at such a time as this.*

Min. Al & Anita Shoemaker - December 31, 2024 at 01:30 PM

CB

“ *Comm. Greg And Pat Beck lit a candle in memory of Reverend Anthony Warren Chatman*



Comm. Greg and Pat Beck - December 31, 2024 at 12:01 AM

VD

“ *Viola Douthit lit a candle in memory of Reverend Anthony Warren Chatman*



Viola Douthit - December 30, 2024 at 05:31 PM

SK

“ *Skinny lit a candle in memory of Reverend Anthony Warren Chatman*



Skinny - December 29, 2024 at 09:57 PM

SK

Rest in Peace Que

Skinny - December 29, 2024 at 09:58 PM

PB

PASTOR REV ANTHONY CHATMAN WAS ALWAYS A PLEASURE TO BE AROUND , AND A BLESSING TO HEAR BRING THE WORD OF GOD! HE WAS SUCH A BLESSING TO WESLEY CHAPEL CHRISTIAN COMMUNITY CHURCH FOR A LOT OF YEARS. HE WAS ALWAYS WILLING TO HELP, AND DID NOT MIND GETTING HIS HANDS DIRTY! A TRUE GENTLEMAN. HE FOUGHT FOR WHAT WAS RIGHT! HE WILL BE MISSED. PASTOR BRENDA BENN

PASTOR BRENDA BENN - January 01, 2025 at 02:45 PM