

CELEBRATING THE LIFE OF

GARON

WORRELL MANN, SR.

SUNRISE
October 15, 1977



SUNSET
May 27, 2024



MONDAY, JUNE 17, 2024

10:00 A.M. VIEWING | 11:00 A.M. SERVICE

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OBITUARY

Garon Worrell Mann, Sr. was born October 15, 1977, at George Washington Hospital, in Washington, D.C. He was the oldest of two children born to Ronald and Jacquelyn Mann. Garon had many nicknames, but the one most common among his family was Garon 'E' Moe.

As a child, Garon attended From the Heart Church Ministries, where he accepted Jesus Christ at a young age and participated in the Youth Choir. He was a lover of music. As a young child, Garon would tap on everything in the house to match the beat as it resonated in his head. He enjoyed playing the trumpet, cow bell, and congas as a teen; and he loved listening to Go-Go music. Garon enjoyed making his own money. He cut neighbors' yards to make extra cash, most of which was spent on his love of candy.

Garon was a hard worker and an excellent swimmer. His work ethic and skilled swimming earned him jobs as a certified lifeguard at various apartment complex swimming pools each summer. He became a family hero when he saved the life of a family member during a Family Reunion beach outing in North Carolina.

Garon attended Prince George's County Public Schools and was a graduate of Largo High School, Class of 1996. After taking several classes at Prince George's Community College, Garon decided to enlist in the U.S. Army in 1997. While in the Army, he worked as a procurement specialist. He also served two tours of duty on the front line in Operation Iraqi Freedom. After 11 years of active-duty Army service, Garon transitioned to the Louisiana National Guard for 11 years. After 22 years, he retired from military service. Prior to his passing, he worked as a juvenile corrections officer for the Office of Juvenile Justice Services in Lake Charles, Louisiana. Garon was dedicated to his job and colleagues. He is described by his colleagues as a friend committed to mentoring the youth and young staff.

Garon was a "gym rat," and loved going to the gym in the morning, even in the midst of health challenges. One trait that stands out to family and friends was Garon's love of talking on the phone. His conversations with you could go on and on. Many family members and friends have reached out to say how much they will miss their long conversations with Garon. Garon's children were his pride and joy, and the center of many conversations. He especially loved to talk about their exceptional manners and how much they reminded him of himself at their ages.

Garon will be dearly missed by all who knew and loved him. He leaves to treasure his memory, his children: Nia Kelly-Mann, Garon Mann, Jr., and Jayd Mann; parents, Ronald and Jacquelyn Mann; sister, LaTasha Mann; aunts: Barbara Brown, Annie Mann, Marjorie Mann, Pricilla Mann, Barbara Smith, Shirley Smith, Karen Strayhorn, and Delphine Williams (Sherman); uncle, Garland Mann; and a host of cousins and friends.

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Don't grieve for me, for now I'm free, I'm following the path God laid for me.

I took His hand when I heard Him call, I turned my back and left it all.

I could not stay another day, to laugh, to love, to work or play.

Tasks undone must stay that way, I've found that peace at the close of the day.

If parting has left a void, then fill it with remembered joy.

A friendship shared, a laugh, a kiss, ah, yes, these things I too will miss.

Be not burdened with times of sorrow, I wish for you the sunshine of tomorrow.

My life's been full, I savored much; good friends, good times, a loved one's touch.

Perhaps my time seemed all too brief, don't lengthen it now with undue grief.

Lift up your hearts and share with me, God wants me now, He set me free.



ORDER OF SERVICE

Invocation

Congregational Hymn “Lift Him Up”

Scripture Reading

*Old Testament: Ecclesiastes 3:1-7
New Testament: John 14:1-6*

Prayer of Comfort

Selection.....*Mr. Adrian Gause*

Acknowledgements

Remarks

*Julian Ingram, Godbrother and Cousin
Kimberly Strayhorn, Cousin
LaTasha Mann, Sister*

Obituary (Read Aloud).....*Ms. Sauda Porter*

Song of Preparation*Mr. Adrian Gause*

Message of Hope*Reverend Willette O. Wright*

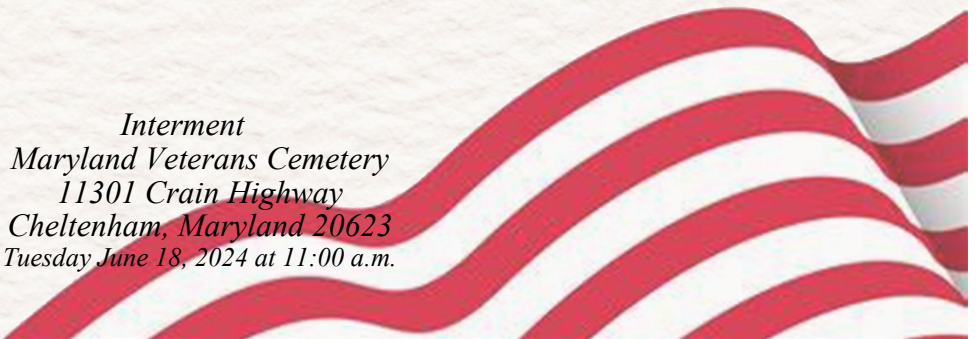
Call to Christ

Committal

Benediction

Recessional

*Interment
Maryland Veterans Cemetery
11301 Crain Highway
Cheltenham, Maryland 20623
Tuesday June 18, 2024 at 11:00 a.m.*



SENTIMENTS

Garon, God gave you to us and in our eyes he took you far too soon. We are grateful He allowed us to love, guide and protect you until you decided to join the Army and pursue your own direction in life. We are proud of the young man and father you became and will always cherish the many funny stories of your childhood and memories of your life. We will make sure your children know they can always count on us. So Son, now take your rest, even though we will miss you the most, but God loves you best! **Love you always Ma and Da**

Dear Dad, I hate for this to be our final goodbye. It breaks my heart to have to write this to you. We had our ups and downs but deep down in my heart I always had love for you. I wish I could've talked to you one last time before you left so suddenly, but I know you're in a better place now. Continue to watch over me and rest peacefully. Psalms 34:18 "The Lord is near to the brokenhearted and saves the crushed in spirit" **Love, Nia**

I thank God for having been Garon's Godmother. From his birth, he was special to me. My son, Julian, and Garon were born the same year and they became great friends. They attended the same babysitter and private school for a while. Garon was called "Mr. Lord & Taylor" by the babysitter because of his "fancy" toddler attire. I was blessed to stay in communication with him throughout his life's journey. On May 12, 2024, he texted me "Happy Mother's Day." I responded with a "heart"- our last communication. Again, thank you Father. Our relationship was truly Godly. On Angels' Wings Garon was taken away, but in my heart he will always stay! **Love, Godmother Cheryl Crawford**

Someone who marched to the beat of his own drum. While sometimes being misunderstood, you always found a way to have fun. Though I wasn't there for all of your challenges in time, you were definitely on my mind. You will be missed. My Godbrother and close friend. From the playful age of 5 we've kept in touch, checked in on each other, until we became grown men. R.I.P. my brother, until we meet again. **Julian (Ju)**

I am still shocked you are not here with us. Upon hearing of your passing, a flood of memories rushed over me. I can still remember your arrival into the family... the Maryland crew's first little boy. What a joy to have seen you grow from a curious and rambunctious child to a strong-willed youth exploring your leadership abilities, into a soldier fighting in Iraq in the US Army, to a dad of three, a veteran and mentor of youths at the Office of Juvenile Justice Services in Louisiana. My, what a road you have traveled. I will miss our long conversations - as I always knew I could count on you to keep me talking when driving up & down I95. I often ended our conversation with, "behave Garon., I can't come pick you up like when you were in high school" (IYKYK); which was a line that kept you on the phone even longer (smile). I will actually miss your joking & teasing ('cause you always had a smart comeback), as well as your deeper conversations and reflections of the world. I hope you know how much you were loved in life. Rest easy lil' cousin. **Love you always & forever, Kim**

There's a quote that goes, 'Only an aunt can give hugs like a mother, keep secrets like a sister, and share love like a friend.' That sums up my memories with you, Garon. You were two years old when I moved to Maryland and lived with you and the family. And wow, you were a busy little one! As I watched you grow into a teenager, I remember your talent for music—playing instruments, banging and tapping on everything as if you had drums around, and even attempting breakdancing (LOL). You introduced me to Bob Marley's music and sparked my love for DC GO-GO music (I'm still a big fan of both). When you became a man, your heart and soul were dedicated to serving in the Army (I could always hear the pride in your voice). Finally, your passion for working with youth was a true gift from God. Now, Garon, you've completed your earthly journey—no more trials, tribulations, or disappointments!

With love, Auntie Delphine.

Words can't express how deeply saddened I am by the passing of my cousin/Godfather. I will miss our conversations and the many laughs that we've shared. I am thankful that God chose you to be not only my cousin but my Godfather as well. You will be truly missed and I love you wholeheartedly. Until we meet again. **Love Always your God Daughter, Deja**

To, my friend 'E'...This loss was and is very hard to me. I just wanted to let people know how great person you were, you were always there when I needed someone to talk too, u were a great son, brother, father and especially a great friend. There is a whole lot I want to say but to make it short.,I will miss u and our talks good and bad. I will miss u brother, u will always be in my mind and heart. Rest easy 'E'. " **Love Always," CHAVEZ**

Garon was a cherished friend, a dedicated serviceman, a firm mentor, and a concerned father. I have known Garon since I was 16 years old, and he quickly became one of my closest friends. But Garon was more than just a friend; he was like a brother to me. We shared a bond that resembled sibling rivalry—we would bump heads and disagree, but it was always out of love and respect. His honesty and integrity were evident even in our teenage years; he was never afraid to tell me if he thought I was on the wrong path. As we grew older, my respect for Garon only deepened. He served our country with honor in the military, exemplifying bravery and dedication. His commitment to helping others extended to his work with juveniles at the corrections center, where his firm guidance and discipline aimed to make a positive impact on the lives of young people. Garon's role as a father was one he took to heart, always concerned for the well-being and future of his children. He was dedicated to providing them with guidance and strong values. Garon's legacy is one of service, friendship, unwavering loyalty, and devoted fatherhood. His life touched many, and his absence will be deeply felt by all who knew him.

We are proud of all he accomplished and will forever remember the love and lessons he imparted to us. Rest in peace, my brother from another mother. You will always be in our hearts. - **Lee Clarke Jr.**

Garon and our son, Tee, were good friends. After many years had gone by following Tee's death, I wondered if we would lose contact with Garon and if his memory of us, Tee's family, would fade away. But it didn't. Garon continued to call, and continued to stay in touch, year after year, even as late as this year. That tells me a lot about the type of person Garon was. He stood for love and he stood for friendship. He was a soldier and he believed in what was right. He had a big heart that stood the test of time. That's the legacy of a good and honorable person. I have no doubt that Garon touched the lives of other people too. People like him tend to touch other people. Thank you Garon. We are so thankful that we knew you. We will miss you. Until we meet again. **Sincerely, William T. Powell & Family**

I remember when Aunt Jackie and Uncle Ronald brought you home, I had to make a visit to Maryland. Upon my arrival my thoughts were this is the cutest baby I've seen with beautiful brownish skin tone and the prettiest straight hair and full of smiles. I was around you more when you were a small child getting into things as children would do. I loved you dearly in life, and death. It broke my heart to hear of our family's loss. But, you never left alone; part of me went with you the day God called you home. Cousin, you left peaceful memories; though we cannot see you, you are always beside us and our hearts will forever be a half-mast. Cousin, I'm most proud of your enlistment into the US Army. **Much Love Your Cousin, Marilyn A. Smith**

We will miss the laughter of Garon, his joy lighting up the room he entered. His adventures, from childhood to chasing his dreams in the military and the conversations, texts, and jokes he would send. Now, in the quiet moments, we will hold those memories close, a bitter-sweet reminder of a bond that would never fade. **Love The Patterson Family**

To my friend, You will be truly missed. You were like a son who came to me for advice, that you only listened to when you wanted to (LOL). What I wouldn't do to be able to say goodbye. You are gone, but will never be forgotten. **Love Always, Pam Washington**

I am happy to have gotten a chance to be in a life as a friend. I'll never forget all the good times we had. I'll never forget you. **Love Ya, Tyra**

Garon-There are no words to describe the pain that I feel in your absence. You and I were co-workers for almost 10 years and we are like family!! You were never short on opinions no matter how harsh it sounded! I appreciated your honesty!! You will be so missed around here. You were great at your job and you loved what you did every day. You were making a difference here at OJJS. You always told me that I was too soft and that if I wanted to make a difference at work I needed to toughen up and be strong. I hope you don't mind, but I printed your picture, the one of you giving the camera a sideways glance and hung it in my office. This is not out of grief but out of respect. When I find myself feeling soft, I will look at your picture to remember, "I got this, just toughen up." The picture reminds me of your courage, smile, tenaciousness, honesty, loyalty, and your commitment to your daughter. Rest in peace my friend, you were so loved. It shows in the tears shed since the day you left us! OK-OK, I can hear you say "That's enough!" I love you friend and rest easy until we meet again. -**Kim M.**

Garon, The last 10 years of working together have been fun. I am blessed to have called you my friend knowing you are no longer in pain gives me peace. Thank you for all the laughs and memories over the years. Keep watching over all of us. We miss you dearly. - **Jessica**

Garon, I miss our morning hugs. My life will not be the same without you. I pray that you are at peace my friend. I promise you that I will NEVER forget you. I hold our talks and hugs close to my heart until we meet again. -**Mrs. Val**

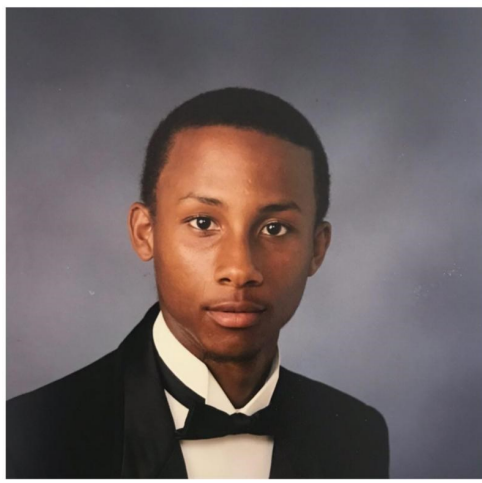
Mann...I have worked with you for 10 years. You have no idea how much me, the kids, and all staff will miss you. You had my back and I had yours. You made my job so easy as a supervisor. You will be greatly missed!!! -**L. Hawkins**

Garon/Mr. Mann, You were so much more than a coworker. I watched you be a mentor and a source of inspiration to the youth and your team here. Though you may no longer be physically present with us, your memory will stay with us through the lessons you taught us. We will hold you in our hearts, -**Lainer LeBlanc**

Garon Mann you are forever my friend and my brother. I will miss our talks, jokes, and simply us messing with each other. I will miss how we would hit each other in Walmart and take off running. I miss you and I love you my brother. Jayd will be ok. Keep watching over her and praying for her. Until we meet again. **Your Sis, Sarah Thomas**

To G. Mann, It has been a wonderful year getting to know you as a supervisor, co-worker, brother, and friend. You always knew how to keep us all laughing. To be absent from the body is to be present with the Lord!! We will truly miss the Whammy Bammy here at OJJS - **Daniel**





CONGREGATIONAL HYMN

Lift Him Up

*How to reach the masses, men of ev'ry
birth, For an answer
Jesus gave a key, "And I, if I be lifted
up from the earth, Will draw all men
unto Me."*

CHORUS

*Lift Him up, Lift Him up, Still He
speaks from eternity, "And I, if I be
lifted up from the earth, will draw all
men unto Me."*

*O the world is hungry for the living
bread, Lift the Savior up for them to
see, Trust Him, and do not doubt the
words that He said, "I'll draw all men
unto Me."*

CHORUS

*Lift Him up by living as a Christian
ought, Let the world in you the Savior
see, Then men will gladly follow Him
who once taught, "I'll draw all men
unto Me."*

CHORUS

ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

The family of Garon W. Mann wishes to express sincere appreciation for all acts of kindness and expressions of comfort extended during our time of bereavement. In addition to family and friends, we are forever grateful for Tyra Bryant, Glenn King, and Pam Washington, his guardian angels and friends.

Grateful appreciation is extended to the Soldier & Family Readiness Specialists, Robert P. Guillory and Nicolette Stout, for their support in navigating the Military process.

Thank you, James Funeral Home and Hodges-Edwards Funeral Home for the excellent services provided.

To honor Garon's commitment to service and the youth of the juvenile justice system in Lake Charles, LA, in lieu of flowers, the family requests donations to the Louisiana Youth Challenge Program under the direction of the Louisiana National Guard. Checks can be made out to the **LANG Foundation** and write "In Memory of Sgt. Garon Mann" in the memo section. Please mail checks to:

Education Programs
Attn: MSG (R) Richard Butler
Bldg 505 F Street
Pineville, LA 71360

You can also contact 318-290-5608 for any questions

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