



## Earnest Wayne Dansby

February 20, 1949 - May 4, 2019

Poinciana — Earnest Wayne Dansby, 70, died Saturday, May 4, 2019, at Poinciana Medical Center, following a lengthy illness.

He leaves his wife of 30 years, Sharon Lorraine Greene-Dansby; his daughter, Keneithia “Kiki” Dansby-Taylor and her husband Shawn, two grandchildren, Anya and Shawn Taylor, sisters Sharon Elizabeth Dansby-Fort, Barbara Jo Dansby and Anne Michelle Dansby; brothers Donald Delmar Dansby and Robert Glenn Dansby; a multitude of nieces, nephews, great nieces and nephews and great-great nieces and nephews, other loved family and friends.

Born and raised in Prescott, Arkansas, the son of Stella McCoy Dansby and Earnest Lue Dansby, he has lived in Arkansas, Mississippi, New York and Pennsylvania, retiring and making his final home in Florida.

In his early years, Earnest was an amazing athlete. He was an accomplished and well-known football player in his high school years, ran track, played basketball, all despite his early asthma diagnosis. After graduating from McCrae High School, in Prescott, Arkansas, he attended Tugaloo College, in Mississippi, became a member of Kappa Alpha Psi, and graduated with a bachelor's degree in Education. Earnest was an educator. He worked at St. Christopher's School, Lakeside School, Abbott Union Free School District, and the Greenburgh Community Center, where he was affectionately known as “Mr. D” and was adored and respected by so many in his community. He met his wife, Sharon Greene, when her choir (Cultural Horizons) performed at his place of employment, Lakeside School, in New York. They were married in a beautiful and intimate ceremony at their home in Greenburgh, New York, on June 25, 1989.

Earnest was an entrepreneur. He owned property in Arkansas and New York and developed his own amazing All Purpose Sauce, marketed as “Dansby's”. He developed a game entitled “Blistory” and penned a book entitled “A Weekend with Dad”, each based on facts of African-American inventors and inventions. He was always willing and prepared to teach, educate, inform, and encourage an individual to learn about their history and embrace what was, but still be present in the now, in order to build for the future.

Earnest was an overall fitness enthusiast. He loved to run and swim. He was an avid tennis player and golfer. He loved music, dancing, socializing and having a great time with

his family and friends.

From early on, Earnest believed in God and the extraordinary power of prayer. At the time of his passing, he was a member of the Poinciana Christian Church, which he regularly attended with his wife, Sharon.

A memorial service will be held, for Earnest, on Saturday, June 1, 2019, beginning at 4:00 pm, at the Osceola Memory Gardens Cemetery, Funeral Homes & Crematory, in Poinciana, Florida. Floral donations are welcomed.

# Events

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**JUN**   **Visitation**      03:00PM - 04:00PM

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Osceola Memory Gardens, POINCIANA  
3175 Pleasant Hill Rd, Poinciana, FL, US, 34746

**JUN**   **Memorial Service**      04:00PM - 05:00PM

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# Comments

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“ A tribute video has been added.



**Osceola Memory Gardens** - May 22, 2019 at 04:43 PM

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“ Condolences to the family of Ernest Dansby. What a wonderful guy. We worked together in the 1970s at St Christopher’s School in Dobbs Ferry NY. He was great with the teenagers there. He was a super basketball player with a long range jump shot that would give Curry a run for his money at 3 point range. “Chet” as I knew him, was a great friend who I learned a lot from. He had just arrived to NY when we first met. He will be missed but his soul will live on forever with all he came in contact with. Miss you my Brother. Charlie Papelian.

**Charlie Papelian** - June 21, 2019 at 06:28 PM

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“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Earnest Wayne Dansby.



May 30, 2019 at 07:59 PM

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“ Karin, West, Koren, Reba & Kermelle - Boone family purchased the Sentiments of Serenity Spray for the family of Earnest Wayne Dansby.



**Karin, West, Koren, Reba & Kermelle - Boone family** - May 30, 2019 at 06:18 PM

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“ 45 files added to the album LifeTributes



**Osceola Memory Gardens** - May 22, 2019 at 03:36 PM

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“ Sharon, I just heard and I am so sorry. Please get back to me and let me know what I can do to help. I was always so happy that you had found Ernest and had such a wonderful life with him. Take care. You are in my thoughts. Charlotte

**Charlotte Ganberg** - May 19, 2019 at 01:41 PM

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“ So sorry for the loss of your love one, Dansby was one of my classmates I loved him my friend RIP

**Vera Hopson Jefferson** - May 14, 2019 at 08:23 AM

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“ To Sharon & family,  
You are in my thoughts and prayers. It is my prayer that God will comfort your hearts and grant you His peace. I shall cherish fond memories of working with Mr. Dansby. Sharon, I'll never forget the positive influence you both had on my son Randall's (Randy) life. May God bless and keep you.  
Prayerfully submitted,  
Karen (Thomas) Jenkins

**Karen Jenkins** - May 13, 2019 at 09:18 PM

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“ Even tho Ernest was our neighbor for a short period we became dear friends here in Solivita. He was always smiling and polite whenever we were together. Just wanted to send our love and prayers to Sharon and family. Percy & Barbara

**Percy & Barbara Dixon** - May 13, 2019 at 03:18 PM

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“ Mr. Dansby was among my favorite coworkers at Abbott School. He was soft spoken and wise, and always working on a project. My classroom was used as the testing ground for both his Blistory game and his story. He was an excellent educator and a great person. He will be missed.

**Nancy Bissell** - May 10, 2019 at 01:59 PM

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“ Mr. Dansby and I worked side by side in Abbott School's DRC classroom starting in 2001 until he retired. I will forever cherish those years, for he unknowingly became my mentor. His personality, demeanor, manners, etc. I aspired to aquire, well to the best extent I could. Our talks and laughs, along with Mr Scudder, were the best. Mr. Dansby was such a brilliant man, with a heart of gold. I am grateful that he was a part of my life. The world lost a wonderful gentleman!!

**Denise Griffin-Becker** - May 09, 2019 at 08:01 PM



“ Our family extend our heartfelt sympathy and condolences to Sharon and the Dansby family. Coming to New York after graduating from Tougaloo College and connecting with "Chet" made our transition easy and comfortable. We had a lot of good times, fun and enjoyable experiences. He helped us organize a Westchester Tougaloo Alumni Chapter.

We played a lot of Bid Whiz together; it was like we were down home. We will truly miss him.

Frank Williams, Jr.

**Frank Williams, Jr.** - May 14, 2019 at 12:33 PM



“ Our thoughts and prayers go to Ernest and to his family. He was one of our newest nice neighbors, and will be missed by the rest of us on the block. I was proud to share my name with him. May he be in a better place now, as we are here with our memories.

Wayne and Marianne Wrightstone

**J Wayne Wrightstone** - May 29, 2019 at 09:48 PM



“ Sharon, our sympathy and prayers to you and the family. We only met a few times. God be with you through this difficult time.

**Ken & Lynn Simmons** - May 30, 2019 at 06:19 AM



“ Sharon,  
I smile when I remember Earnest and Ed talking about starting an Arkansas Club with just the two of them! He will be missed.

Nancy & Ed Owens

**Nancy Owens** - May 30, 2019 at 03:51 PM



“ Once in awhile Ernest and I would get outside at the same time and it was always a pleasure to see him and enjoy conversation with such fine human being. We both will miss his happy demeanor on the street. The highest honor a man can get is how we remember him, “ He was a good man”!

Mel & Kathy Wheeler

**mel wheeler** - May 30, 2019 at 05:05 PM