



Dr. Don Gilliam Chance II

November 9, 1941 - September 20, 2022

Dr. Don Gilliam Chance, II, age 80, transitioned quietly and peacefully into eternal rest on Tuesday, September 20, 2022. His loving heart left a beacon of light for those he left behind.

The only child of the late Don Gilliam Chance, Sr., and Pattye Howell Chance, Don is survived by his loving and devoted wife of twenty-five years, Ruth; his two sons, Don Gilliam Chance III (Tre') and Phillip Goldman Chance; Phillip's wife, Keisha, and their children, Corinne, Alaina, Austin and Heiress; his two step-grandchildren, Dylan and Donna Frye; as well as a host of relatives and friends.

Don completed his requirements for graduation from high school at the age of 15. He became interested in attending A&T University, Greensboro, NC, due largely to a favorite cousin who was already a student at the University. Although the campus was intimidating, he was a determined young man, and learned to use the 'ups and downs' experiences to stay positive and ultimately become a five-year Aggie Pride graduate in the summer of 1963. Dr. Chance returned to A&T University the following fall to receive his teaching certificate, completing his student teaching in Burlington, NC. The following year he began his teaching career in Saluda, VA. He also taught basic skills to help at-risk boys turn their lives around at the Virginia Corrections School for Boys.

In 1972, Dr. Chance earned his Master of Arts in Biological Science from Virginia Commonwealth University (VCU), Richmond, VA. He received an Administration's Endorsement from VCU to become vice principal and later a principal. He received his Doctorate in Education Leadership from NOVA University in 1990.

In the words of Dr. Don G. Chance, II: "A&T gave me the realization of who I was and assisted me in identifying my weaknesses and strengths. It gave me the foundation to launch my career as an advocate for children."

A staunch career advocate for the development and well-being of children, he proudly spent forty-five years in public education, retiring in 2010. Shortly thereafter, he embarked upon a new venture as a Certified Notary professional, providing services to financial institutions across the Commonwealth.

Don Jr., as he was affectionately called by his cousins and childhood friends, was a member of Mount Gethsemane Missionary Baptist Church, Bethel, NC. During his lifetime, he had several passions, most notably his love for his family and friends. He was also an avid football fan and an excellent cook (curry chicken and fried fish were a couple of his specialties).

Don G. Chance II will be greatly missed, always loved, and certainly never forgotten.

"This is how I want to be remembered."

Dr. Don Gilliam Chance, II

Previous Events

Viewing

SEP **28.** 4:00 PM - 6:00 PM (ET)

Whiting's Funeral Home
7005 Pocahontas Trail
Williamsburg, VA 23185

Visitation

SEP **29.** 12:00 PM - 1:00 PM (ET)

Chance Family Cemetery
1356 NC Highway 42
Bethel, NC 27812

Graveside

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Tribute Wall



“ *View and Download the Funeral Program*

Congleton Memorial Mortuary - October 20, 2022 at 10:16 AM



“ *Dr. Don Gilliam Chance II*

October 06, 2023 at 05:52 AM



“ *We the East End Class of 1961 of Robersonville, N C send our prayers and CONDOLENCES to the Chance and Congleton family. Donnie Briley & Ella Garcia, Gabriel and Lois Briley, William Bud Ganior, Johnnie Ray Fleming, Nada Albritton, Gladys Briley, Christine & Virgil Manning, Melinda J Moore, Doris Daniel Brown, Russell Wilson, Lou Gladys Bland, Dorothy Brodie* 🙏❤️



Lou Gladys Bland - September 29, 2022 at 01:50 PM



“ *Rest in heavenly peace Cousin Don! You will be absolutely missed. Your advice and mentorship is much appreciated and will never be forgotten...*

Kelly Kendrick-Miller and family

Kelly Anita Kendrick-Miller - September 29, 2022 at 01:30 PM

DR

“ My prayers are with the family. May God’s comfort envelope and carry you through this time of mourning. Dr. Michal Grant Robinson, Grant Robinson, and Courtlyn Robinson

Dr Michal Robinson - September 29, 2022 at 12:51 PM

VC

“ Sending prayers and comfort to the family of Don Chance II. May the Lord continue to strengthen you as you walk through this journey of remembering his life and legacy. Verenda Cobbs

Verenda Cobbs - September 27, 2022 at 06:41 PM

RM

“ Life well served Cuz! Our family awaits you in Heaven with open arms. God’s peace and love to the family.
Ralph Howell

Ralph M.Howell - September 27, 2022 at 01:53 PM

JK

“ Rest well my beloved cousin. I pray that God will cover the family with his peace. We celebrate your well lived life Janice Carraway Kendrick

Janice Carraway Kendrick - September 26, 2022 at 12:32 PM

EP

“ Well done my good and faithful servant”. Rest In Peace Don.

Your friends and former neighbors,
Eddie & June Pearson

Eddie Pearson - September 25, 2022 at 08:19 PM



“ Our hearts are broken. May God give you strength, peace and understanding. Love, Gay Yvette Howell Jefferson, Anthony, Austin and Maya Jefferson. Myrtle Beach, SC.

Yvette Jefferson - September 24, 2022 at 10:47 PM



“ Rev.Milton & Delorse Staton And Family lit a candle in memory of Dr. Don Gilliam Chance II



Rev.Milton & Delorse Staton and Family - September 24, 2022 at 10:46 PM



“ To our loving family: We're so sorry for the loss of our dear cousin Dr. Don Chance II. Our prayers are with all the family, especially his loving wife Ruth. Be encourage family. Our God will see you through this difficult time. We love you dearly. from cousins Melvin and Ernestine Chance and family. 🙏❤️🙏



Melvin Chance - September 24, 2022 at 10:23 AM



“ Sending our condolences and prayers to the Chance family .

The St Clare Walker HS class of 69 - September 24, 2022 at 07:25 AM



St. Clare Walker Class of 1967 send our condolences and prayers to the Chance Family..

Rita King - (Jarvis) - September 26, 2022 at 09:35 AM

BA

“ *My condolences to the Chance family, my thoughts and prayers are with you during this difficult time.*



Barbara - September 24, 2022 at 07:17 AM

TP

“ *Sending prayers and comfort. We are so sorry for your loss. Ralph Howell and Tammie Perry*



Tammie Perry - September 23, 2022 at 10:37 AM

EH

“ *My Thoughts And Prayers Are With The Family*



Evangelist Gwen Hudson - September 22, 2022 at 03:59 PM

CS

“ *Congleton Funeral Home and Staff wishes to express our sincere condolence on the passing of your love one. We light this candle in their memory.*



Congleton Funeral Home and Staff - September 22, 2022 at 03:15 PM

DC

“ *Donte Crowell lit a candle in memory of Dr. Don Gilliam Chance II*



Donte Crowell - September 22, 2022 at 11:32 AM

DC

“ *Donte Crowell lit a candle in memory of Dr. Don Gilliam Chance II*



Donte Crowell - September 21, 2022 at 07:20 PM