



## Mr. Donald Wayne Northern

November 30, 1960 - May 2, 2025

Donald Wayne Northern was born on November 30, 1960 to Vance Northern and Mabel Pearl Moore in Pamlico County, NC. He departed this life on Friday, May 2, 2025 at his home in Greenville, NC.

Donald attended Pamlico County Public Schools where he enjoyed driving the school buses, weightlifting and playing music. He would eventually join a band for a few years playing his bass guitar. Upon graduation, Donald would leave the Bayboro area and relocate to Pitt County where he then began working at Burroughs Wellcome for 15 plus years as a custodian; he then took a position with East Carolina University and there, he worked in Building Services for 20 plus years and was set to retire this November.

Donald enjoyed the beach, music, dancing, food and his favorite snacks, popcorn and corn nuts. Donald never met a meal he didn't like and would often rave about how good his stepdaughter, Pokey's food was and made sure he had his to go plate in hand whenever she cooked. Donald was a big supporter of several local bike and car clubs, was often seen attending various charity events, activities, and social functions.

Donald never met a stranger and would strike up a conversation with anyone about anything, anywhere. His big joyful laugh, loving and positive personality touched all that knew him; and he would help anyone that needed help, no

questions asked. Donald loved to laugh and was a natural comedian. He had some of the best stories from his childhood and throughout his life that would make you laugh until you cried. Donald was a faithful and hard worker, and he had some of the best stories from his time at ECU.

Donald was preceded in death by His Loving and Faithful partner of 31 years, Mary Suggs; his parents, Vance Northern and Mabel Pearl Moore; sister, Darlene; brother, Terry.

Donald leaves to cherish his memory, his daughter, Tamika "Tammy" Suggs of Gaithersburg, Maryland; stepdaughter, Sheaneathea "Pokey" Howard of Greenville, NC; stepsons, Thomas 'TJ' Howard (Tiffany) of Nashville, Rocky Mount, NC, Bobby Howard of Willard, NC and Jamie Suggs of Goldsboro, NC; grandchildren, Rahein Little, Cierra Sutton, Tajia Stanley, Omanti "The Smooch" Streeter, Tyler "Thugga Thugga" Hogans, Thomas "Trey" Howard III, Jordyn Pearson, Jonathan "JJ" Pearson, Jr; six great-grandchildren; special nephews, Velton Northern, Harold Northern; best friend, Brad; a host of nieces, nephews, other relatives and friends.

# Previous Events

## Celebration of Life Service

MAY 17. 10:00 AM (ET)

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# Tribute Wall



“ *View and Download the Funeral Program*

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**Congleton Memorial Mortuary** - May 19, 2025 at 09:28 AM



“ *Cecily Sene lit a candle in memory of Mr. Donald Wayne Northern*



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**Cecily Sene** - May 17, 2025 at 04:23 PM



“ *Going to Miss You My Love... ❤️❤️*

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**Tori Ward Northern** - May 15, 2025 at 01:27 AM



“ *Donald and I grew up in Vandemere. I would run into Donald years later when I was attending ECU. He was the same person all those years later as he was growing up in Vandemere. Take your rest Donald.*

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**Mark Jones** - May 11, 2025 at 09:10 AM

RL

“ Sending love, prayers and heartfelt condolences to his sister, Edna Faye Wine and the family of Donald Wayne Northern, formerly of Vandemere NC. May God strengthen you and give you PEACE during this difficult time. Blessings Always!  
—Ruth Jones Ligon



Ruth Jones Ligon - May 09, 2025 at 08:07 PM

DN

He was very quiet person always had a smile and was very kind.

Diane Northan - May 16, 2025 at 08:17 PM

CW

“ Carolyn Waller lit a candle in memory of Mr. Donald Wayne Northern



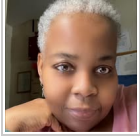
Carolyn waller - May 09, 2025 at 06:08 PM

TA

“ Dad 🥹💔



Tammy - May 09, 2025 at 05:39 PM



“ Valerie Moore lit a candle in memory of Mr. Donald Wayne Northern



Valerie Moore - May 09, 2025 at 09:39 AM



“ Donald and his brother, Terry were my play cousin. He is now with Terry and Darlene. He was a very nice person. Donald and I saw each other a month ago. He was my dance partner the entire night. I am so grateful we got to spend that time together. I had no ideal that was going to be our last time together. RIP and I am going to miss you.



Sharon S Ozel - May 09, 2025 at 06:23 AM



“ Donald you will definitely be missed at ALL our functions at Uncle Joe house frfr....y'all acted more like brothers from different parents . RIP



Antoinette Hines - May 09, 2025 at 05:32 AM



“ Valeria Little ECU Supervisor sent a virtual gift in memory of Mr. Donald Wayne Northern



Valeria Little ECU Supervisor - May 09, 2025 at 04:46 AM

LA

“ Rest in Peace Donald. You will be missed



Lisa Atkinson - May 08, 2025 at 10:03 PM

LA

“ 2 files added to the tribute wall



Lisa Atkinson - May 08, 2025 at 09:58 PM

KI

I saw the flowers outside 🌻 So beautiful and you all are amazing to continue to honor him. 🙏🕊️

Kiya - May 10, 2025 at 08:30 AM

LC

“ Latasha Crandall lit a candle in memory of Mr. Donald Wayne Northern



Latasha Crandall - May 08, 2025 at 05:34 PM

LT

“ I would love to express my condolences to The Northern family. Donald was an amazing man, friend, and coworker. He'll be missed and remembered for his generosity and his sense of humor.

Linda Tyson - May 08, 2025 at 05:32 PM

CS

“ Cecily Sene lit a candle in memory of Mr. Donald Wayne Northern



Cecily Sene - May 08, 2025 at 01:53 PM

AC

“ ALONA CHANCE lit a candle in memory of Mr. Donald Wayne Northern



ALONA CHANCE - May 08, 2025 at 10:06 AM

DR

“🇺🇸 I remember Donald as a kind & quiet young man. My parents often visited their home 🏠 on the waterfront in Vandemere when I was younger. Donald, his brother Terry & sister Darlene were as welcoming as Cousin Vance & wife Cousin Maple Pearl. It felt like home. Thoughts & prayers to The Northern Family of The Vandemere Community By The Sea & Surrounding Communities.  
We are grateful to God.  
Love Always,  
“The Roberson Family” 🌸



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**Darlene Roberson** - May 08, 2025 at 09:35 AM

DN

Donald was quite and he was very nice always had a smile I grew up with the three of them. Darlene and I was really close just like a sister Vance Terry love music he could play a drum he was in a band the Northern family.

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**Diane Northan** - May 13, 2025 at 07:10 AM

SH


“ Sylvia Howard lit a candle in memory of Mr. Donald Wayne Northern



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**Sylvia Howard** - May 08, 2025 at 08:54 AM

EH

“ *My Thoughts And Prayers Are With The Family*  




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**Evangelist Gwen Hudson** - May 08, 2025 at 08:37 AM

CM

“ *Donald was a good man and a friend to all that knew him. He had a big heart and would be there for you anytime he was called on . He will truly be missed by many. Rip with Lord!*



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**Collier Mullins** - May 07, 2025 at 04:48 PM

CM

“ *Donald was a good man and a friend to all that knew him. He had a big and he always had my back. He will truly be missed. Rip with the Lord!*

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**Collier Mullins** - May 07, 2025 at 04:43 PM

CS

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



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**Congleton Funeral Home and Staff** - May 07, 2025 at 03:47 PM