



Donte LaMont Burse

May 30, 1970 - April 26, 2026

Donte LaMont Burse was born on May 30, 1970, to Ben Burse Jr. and Vivian E. Blackwell Burse Farris. He departed this life on April 26, 2026.

He was preceded in death by his father, Ben Burse Jr.; his brother, Benny Wilkerson; his sister, Dionne Burse; his maternal grandparents, Mayme Mabon and Leon Aldo Blackwell; and his paternal grandparents, Ben Burse Sr. and Everlena Burse.

He leaves to cherish his memory his loving mother, Vivian Farris; his brothers, Ben L. Burse (Pam), Gemiel Burse (Samantha), and Jason Chatman; his sister, Auriel Burse Sims (Andrew); and a host of relatives and friends.

Donte was a proud graduate of Louisiana High School. He continued his education, earning a Bachelor of Science degree in Biology with a minor in Spanish, as well as a Master's degree in Project Management. He also obtained certifications in Surgical Technology and Phlebotomy.

A man with a zest for life, Donte's journey carried him across the world, including travels to Africa, Australia, China, Vietnam, and Puerto Rico. He embraced new experiences and cultures with curiosity and enthusiasm.

Donte had a heart for guiding others. He founded a nonprofit counseling program for young men known as WEROCC, where he sought to mentor, uplift, and encourage the next generation.

He loved dancing, singing, speaking, fishing, and reading. In his later days, he expressed a growing interest in Culinary Arts, always seeking to learn and explore something new.

He served his country in the military, a reflection of his commitment and strength.

Known for his charisma and friendly nature, Donte had a lively sense of humor that could light up a room. His presence brought joy, laughter, and connection to those around him. Though he is no longer with us in the physical sense, his spirit, his laughter, and the memories he created will live on in all who knew and loved him.

Services for Donte will be held on Saturday, May 23, 2026 at the First Baptist Church in Louisiana, MO with Military honors at 1:30 P.M. and Celebration of Life Service at 2:00 P.M.

Donations may be made at gofundme, <https://gofund.me/ee4c05c67> or Cash App \$Vivianfarris.

Collier Funeral Home in Louisiana, MO is in charge of cremation rites. Online condolences can be sent at collierfuneral.com.

Previous Events

Military Honors

MAY 23. 1:30 PM (CT)

First Baptist Church
608 S Carolina St
Louisiana, MO 63353-1960
(573) 754-6905

Celebration of Life Service

MAY 23. 2:00 PM (CT)

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Tribute Wall

MR

“ *M. Natasha Reid lit a candle in memory of Donte LaMont Burse*



M. Natasha Reid - May 23 at 05:13 PM

TR

“ *My deepest sympathies be with his family.* 🙏
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tammi ries/mcpike - May 03 at 01:55 AM

CW

“ *So very sorry for your loss! Donte was a fun kid that always had a smile on his face. He will definitely be missed by many. RIP MY FRIEND!*💙💙💙



Chrystal Walker - April 30 at 03:26 PM

DH

“ *He will be missed Don Hamilton*

Don Hamilton - April 30 at 03:20 PM

JP

“ *Jo Ann Price lit a candle in memory of Donte LaMont Burse*



jo ann price - April 30 at 03:07 PM

MM

“ *Melissa Lipe McDermott lit a candle in memory of Donte LaMont Burse*



Melissa Lipe McDermott - April 30 at 11:00 AM

CT

“ *Cheryl Bradshaw / Troy lit a candle in memory of Donte LaMont Burse*



Cheryl Bradshaw / Troy - April 30 at 12:33 AM

PS

“ *Paula Stevenson lit a candle in memory of Donte LaMont Burse*



Paula Stevenson - April 29 at 10:50 PM