



Toby Bernard Dowell

December 21, 1972 - April 5, 2020

DOWELL, Mr. Toby – age 47, passed away, Sunday, April 5, 2020 at McLaren Hospital Oakland.

Funeral Arrangements are Incomplete.

Mr. Dowell leaves to cherish his memory: children, Tavion and Tahj Dowell; parents, Dorothy L. Dowell and Lonnie Watkins; siblings, Danedra and Keon Dowell, Gerald D. Watkins and Montray Morris; a host of nieces, nephews, cousins and other numerous relatives and friends.

Mr. Dowell was preceded in death by his grandparents, Edna Dowell, Alonzo and Pearl Watkins; aunt, Abegail Dowell; uncles, Charles and Bruce Dowell and Larry C. Watkins.

Tribute Wall

GJ

“ Gary Dion Corr, JR. lit a candle in memory of Toby Bernard Dowell



Gary Dion Corr, JR. - September 05, 2025 at 08:03 PM

"B

“ 🎉 Happy Birthday T.D.! 🎈

"BIG-GIRL" - April 05, 2024 at 10:12 AM

"B

“ 🎈 HAPPY BIRTHDAY T.D.! 🎈❤️

"BIG-GIRL" - December 21, 2022 at 10:43 AM

"B

“ HAPPY BRTHDAY T.D.!! ❤️

"BIG-GIRL" - December 21, 2022 at 10:41 AM

FR

“ It's been 1 year Toby. 4/5/20 😞
It still hurts knowing you're no longer here. 💔
I will continue to keep your spirit alive. ❤️
I will always keep our moments close to my heart. 🙏
I will never forget you. 😞
Continue to Sleep Peacefully & give strength to his sons & family.
💕💕

FRIEND - April 06, 2021 at 12:20 AM

JB

“ My dearest Toby, it was hard getting through your Birthday and the holidays without you, but it's the memories that get me through, although I had a breakdown last night. I remember last year around Christmas, you came in and I was baking and have mercy is all I can say! We both were cracking up! I miss you so much!

I always think about your kids and family and pray for them! You are always and forever in my heart! ❤️❤️🙏

JB - January 10, 2021 at 01:20 PM

MF

“ As your Birthday 🎂 approaches im left with so many memories of you and still trying to come to terms with the fact that I can never see or touch you again. 💔 I miss everything about you Toby. Happy early Birthday 🎂💕 I wish you were here to celebrate it! I thought we had more time together., but God had other plans. I will always love you my friend ❤️💔🤔😭🙏😘💕💕

MY FRIEND - December 20, 2020 at 07:53 AM

SE

“ Still lost for words. A piece of my heart left with you. I've always and forever will love you. RIH 🤔

semika - July 05, 2020 at 09:58 PM

JB

“ It's been 2 months and it still is unbelievable! I still can't believe you would not walk through that door again with that huge smile on your face. I miss you so much and everything about you. It's the good times we've had that help me deal with you not physically being here. I'll always keep your sons and the family in my prayers! I will always love you 💔

JB - May 31, 2020 at 08:36 PM

LO

“ I miss you more than I could ever imagine, bc I never imagined you not being here either a call or 8hrs away..
I will continue to pray for Tavion, Tahj & family..
I love you forever, Lucy! ❤️



Loretta - May 20, 2020 at 09:13 PM

"A

“ It's been a month Toby and I'm still in shock. My heart is broken. I miss everything about you. Your smile, the talks, the parks; Everything! I pray your spirit is at peace. I will never forget you Toby. I love you always friend! 💕💕💕💕💕💕💕💕💕💕😭
Continued Prayers for his family. 💕💕💕

"Your Friend Always" - May 05, 2020 at 04:09 PM

KC

“ Katherine Cartlidge lit a candle in memory of Toby Bernard Dowell



Katherine Cartlidge - May 03, 2020 at 02:10 PM

AB

“ Anitrise Bell lit a candle in memory of Toby Bernard Dowell



Anitrise Bell - April 29, 2020 at 11:51 PM

NA

“ Missing you My Tobe, things just ain't the same, and will never be the same...
My Friend, My Barber💕💕 Your friend “OOG”



NORMA J. ALEXANDER - April 21, 2020 at 08:38 PM

AD

“ Adrienne "A.D." Davis lit a candle in memory of Toby Bernard Dowell



Adrienne "A.D." Davis - April 18, 2020 at 11:22 PM

AD

“ I will never forget your smile or laid back style!! Such a genuine guy. You couldn't imagine the people he touched without even knowing. My Son's especially!! I love ya Tobe & you will truly be missed

Adrienne "A.D." Davis - April 18, 2020 at 11:13 PM

KB

“ My condolences to the family of Toby Dowell, we worked together for short time and he was real laid back and genuine. I appreciated his listening ear and good advice . He will truly be missed !

Kimberly Brown - April 18, 2020 at 06:21 PM

ME

“ Meme lit a candle in memory of Toby Bernard Dowell



Meme - April 17, 2020 at 10:24 AM

SM

“ I'm definitely going to miss seeing your handsome face around the city. Lots of until we meet again.

Semika (meme) Moody - April 17, 2020 at 10:23 AM

KC

“ Kat Biffle Carruth lit a candle in memory of Toby Bernard Dowell



Kat Biffle Carruth - April 17, 2020 at 07:26 AM

RS

“ Rev. Tony & Sylvia Simpson lit a candle in memory of Toby Bernard Dowell



Rev. Tony & Sylvia Simpson - April 16, 2020 at 05:42 PM

KC

“ Toby no matter what always made you smile. He was super silly and so laid back. He was the one who I turned to when I needed to talk. I still can't seem to wrap my mind around the fact that you're gone. He will be missed greatly. I will keep your family in my prayers because this is a hard pill to swallow. I love you my friend rest peacefully Toby Bernard Dowell



Krystle Carter - April 15, 2020 at 01:25 AM

PJ

“ T-DIDDY” you will truly be missed. I can see you now in Heaven, dressed in all WHITE and holding GOLD clippers 🙏 Your friend “OG” Pam.



Pam Jackson-Hodges - April 14, 2020 at 06:43 PM

MO

“ Morris lit a candle in memory of Toby Bernard Dowell



Morris - April 14, 2020 at 11:13 AM

DJ

“ *DJ lit a candle in memory of Toby Bernard Dowell*



DJ - April 14, 2020 at 08:36 AM

SJ

“ *Stacey Jackson lit a candle in memory of Toby Bernard Dowell*



Stacey Jackson - April 13, 2020 at 07:48 AM

MV

“ *MAMA Vette lit a candle in memory of Toby Bernard Dowell*



MAMA Vette - April 12, 2020 at 12:28 PM

PR

“ *Toby was a beautiful person. I will remember him always.*

Pia Love, BSN RN - April 12, 2020 at 10:29 AM

MD

“ *Monique Daniel lit a candle in memory of Toby Bernard Dowell*



Monique Daniel - April 12, 2020 at 08:53 AM

FM

“ *To Dot and family you grew up to be a great young man. You and my kids grew up next door to each other in the Lancasters. You were even great as a kid. You were always so respectable. Love you*

Faye Moore - April 11, 2020 at 08:54 PM

KE

“ 🙏💔🙏 *Rest in Peace* 🙏💔🙏 *You will forever be missed but never forgotten.*



Keke - April 11, 2020 at 06:33 PM

TA

“ *Taylor sent a virtual gift in memory of Toby Bernard Dowell*



Taylor - April 11, 2020 at 04:00 PM

TL

Don't know where to start. When we met you from working with Donnie at the shop the kids gained a new Uncle. You treated them all like you had been in their life always. You watched them grow up and always had encouraging words for all of them. I appreciate you for that. I will miss you saying "What up Reverend TeMar" to my son then giving him play. Giving my boys play and saying hey honey or sweetie to my girls. You were a good person in alot of people lives. You will truly be missed. Rest in Peace My Friend. Love Your Inherited Sister, TeeTee

T. Lawrence - April 11, 2020 at 06:29 PM

KW

I cannot believe I won't get to see or speak to you again... I will always have a special place in my heart for you...💔

Karra "KK" Webb - April 12, 2020 at 06:02 AM



“*Denay Walker lit a candle in memory of Toby Bernard Dowell*



Denay Walker - April 11, 2020 at 03:26 PM

TG

“*Toby was a special friend and a wonderful person. So sad to hear of his passing. May God bless and bring peace to his family during this difficult time. You will always be remembered. RIP Toby Dowell.*



Tammy Gibson - April 11, 2020 at 11:53 AM

MM

“ *My heartfelt condolences to the family of Toby Dowell*



Martha Magee - April 11, 2020 at 10:32 AM

CB

“ *Cherrelle Bartley lit a candle in memory of Toby Bernard Dowell*



cherrelle bartley - April 10, 2020 at 09:38 PM



“ *RIP TOBY*



Angee Hunt - April 10, 2020 at 04:39 PM

SM

“ Toby was recommended to me and my son who was 6years old at the time.. We have loved him ever since..every Saturday for years we were at every shop he ever moved to..Toby always greeted everyone with a smile and how are you doing..very polite and you just knew he was raised right..never disrespectful to anyone..sometimes he reminded me how to act Lol..each day I think about you Toby..our deep convo to encouraging you to continue your education as I had completed my bachelor's..then you passed me and completed your master's..i never missed a chance to tell you i was proud of you and i loved you even through a text message..once Mani turned 18 you said to me if that boy don't want his hair cut leave him alone..so i did..he did grow dreads but he made sure his favorite barber lined him up..to this day i will stand tall and say you were tyre coldest in the yak and truly will be missed..please watch over all these kids you have touched along the way..they looked up to you and you never failed to encourage them..your boys should be so proud their father loved them yet he had so much love for others..you boys were the Apple of his eyes..thank you Tobe for being you! I'll never forget you babe..



Sherica metoyer - April 10, 2020 at 01:43 PM

CC

“ Charmin Coleman lit a candle in memory of Toby Bernard Dowell



Charmin Coleman - April 10, 2020 at 12:05 PM

LM

“ *LaRissa Malone lit a candle in memory of Toby Bernard Dowell*



LaRissa Malone - April 10, 2020 at 11:52 AM

RD

“ *To the Dowell Family,
Our thoughts & prayers are with you all. I'm sitting here with so many thoughts & feelings. This young man had so much going for him. He meant so much to so many people. Toby definitely was a light in the City of Pontiac. I will miss his friendly smile and warm embrace. I guess God needed another barber, social worker and friend to mankind in Heaven. He's got an awesome one. Until we meet again Toby, RIH. ❤️💜*



Rev & Mrs Tommy G. Dean - April 09, 2020 at 11:00 PM

KS

“ *Kai Scott-Bonds lit a candle in memory of Toby Bernard Dowell*



Kai Scott-Bonds - April 09, 2020 at 06:41 PM

AM

“ *Aerial M. lit a candle in memory of Toby Bernard Dowell*



Aerial M. - April 09, 2020 at 01:35 PM

LI

“ *You will be missed dearly may God give the Dowell family the strength go threw this hard time. Love you all Lisa and Brandon*



Lisa - April 09, 2020 at 01:33 PM



“ *Melanie Shipley lit a candle in memory of Toby Bernard Dowell*



Melanie Shipley - April 09, 2020 at 12:25 PM



“ *Toby you were one of the greatest role model I have ever met the way you supported me and my daughter for over 16 years I am honored to have called you my friend. I will always love you and I will never forget you love Mel*

Melanie Rutherford - April 09, 2020 at 10:50 AM

AH

“ Amy Humphries lit a candle in memory of Toby Bernard Dowell



Amy Humphries - April 09, 2020 at 10:24 AM

TL

“ Tracy Long lit a candle in memory of Toby Bernard Dowell



Tracy Long - April 09, 2020 at 05:04 AM

NO

“ Tobe!....you was a great guy, always smiling always laughing!...everytime we saw eachother it was always a goodtime...you would always say man Im not shaking yo hand you slap my hand to hard! And i would laugh and say man dont be like that!!....I SWEAR I WOULD PAY ANYTHING JUST TO HEAR YOU SAY THAT AGAIN MY GUY!.... YOU WILL DEFINETLY BE MISSED MY BROTHER!!!!....RIH MY DUDE



Noah - April 09, 2020 at 02:54 AM

LJ

“ U always kept a smile and u will be missed



Liz Johnson - April 08, 2020 at 10:53 PM

S(

“ Sharon Tassin-Jennings (Nese) lit a candle in memory of Toby Bernard Dowell



Sharon Tassin-Jennings (Nese) - April 08, 2020 at 10:19 PM

AC

“ I'm glad I had the pleasure of working with you at CNS Healthcare.



Altronyse Cunningham - April 08, 2020 at 09:54 PM

JS

“ Prayers and love to The Dowell Family. May God bless Toby on his journey to Heaven. He was a wonderful, loving, caring man who helped so many children as a social worker at Alcott Elementary School. Students loved him immensely. Toby was a role model of excellence for many students. May God bless Toby's family during this difficult time.

Jillian Sisko - Fellow Pontiac Educator

Jillian Sisko - April 08, 2020 at 04:30 PM

MS

“ Sending love, prayers, and condolences to the Dowell family.” Weeping might endure for a night, but joy comes in the morning “.
Renee Smoot & the Houston Families



Michele R Smoot - April 08, 2020 at 03:49 PM

MC

“ We know grief is hard but the comfort comes when we know the Angels have taken you under their wings. You will be missed but by no means will you be forgotten 🙏❤️

Mrs L Cross - April 08, 2020 at 03:05 PM

TL

“ Tammie Long sent a virtual gift in memory of Toby Bernard Dowell



Tammie Long - April 08, 2020 at 12:34 PM

CK

“ Sending my condolences to the Dowell family, love y'all. Rip Tobie, from the Kaiser's.



Cicely Kaiser - April 08, 2020 at 10:59 AM

NL

“ Thanks for the friendship and laughs Red!!!



Nakia Lust - April 08, 2020 at 10:46 AM

DE

“ Dee lit a candle in memory of Toby Bernard Dowell



Dee - April 08, 2020 at 10:16 AM

EB

“ Thank you for rendering impeccable services to my son...you were very talented, smart, and funny...definitely gone too soon but will never ever be forgotten R.I.P.

Erica Brimm - April 08, 2020 at 03:19 AM

MA

“ Miracle Abrams lit a candle in memory of Toby Bernard Dowell



Miracle Abrams - April 07, 2020 at 10:10 PM

JM

“ *Janice McClain-Morgan lit a candle in memory of Toby Bernard Dowell*



Janice McClain-Morgan - April 07, 2020 at 08:09 PM

YW

“ *Sending Prayers and Comfort to God The Dowell Family 🙏🙏🙏..God Bless.*



Yolanda Williams & Family

Yolanda Williams - April 07, 2020 at 05:54 PM

"F

“ *TOBY, YOU WILL B MISSED BY SO MANY. THIS IS STILL SO UNREAL. 😞 THANK YOU FOR THE MANY LAUGHS, THE POSITIVITY, THE LESSONS "NEW WORDS LOL" & THE WILLINGNESS TO HELP & LOVE SO MANY, U WILL NEVER BE FORGOTTEN. MAY GOD REST YOUR SPIRIT & BE OF COMFORT TO YOUR FAMILY. 🥹❤️💔🌸*



"Silly Friend" - April 07, 2020 at 05:03 PM

KS

“ *Kita Smith lit a candle in memory of Toby Bernard Dowell*



Kita Smith - April 07, 2020 at 04:03 PM

QS

“ *I first met Toby back at Northern many many years ago (Class of 1992) and then we both end of working for The Pontiac School District.....*



Quincy Shepherd - April 07, 2020 at 02:55 PM

CJ

“ *Sending my condolences to my little cousin Tavion and Tahj Dowell and the Dowell family. Toby was a good man he made me laugh every time I seen him he will be missed. RIH Tobie Love Renee*



Carla Renee Jones - April 07, 2020 at 01:44 PM

"B

“ *"BIG-GIRL" lit a candle in memory of Toby Bernard Dowell*



"BIG-GIRL" - April 07, 2020 at 12:14 PM

AF

“ Tobe I cannot believe this literally. You were an awesome person, friend, keep it real brother and barber. I kept trying to get my line done when I was there. Even though it never happened. I'm glad I suprised you and Donovan to just get a hug and say hello. You were a True Man of great influence and has many accomplishments that should be celebrated. May your legacy live on.. love you and will miss you Love Andre'a aka Buck Babymomma Lol 😂 (you always had humor) I'm praying for your mom and entire family ❤️🙏
RestEasy

Andrea (Divine Favor) - April 07, 2020 at 11:55 AM