



## Wade A. McDowell, Jr.

May 6, 1975 - November 27, 2012

HOLYOKE – “A beautiful life that came to an end, he died as he lived, everyone’s friend. In our hearts a memory will always be kept, of one we loved, and will never forget.” Wade A. McDowell, Jr., 37, a resident of Holyoke and previously Northampton, Massachusetts, passed away on Tuesday, November 27, 2012 at the Cancer Treatment Centers of America at Eastern Regional Medical Center in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. Born in Brooklyn, New York on May 6, 1975 to Wade A. and Janice (Thompson) McDowell, he was raised in Amherst, Massachusetts, graduating from Amherst Regional High School in the Class of 1993 and attended St. Augustine’s College in Raleigh, North Carolina where he majored in accounting. While at Amherst, he played quarterback for the football team and basketball and brought the basketball team to Western Massachusetts championship in 1993. He had been employed as a Correctional Officer at the Osbourne Correctional Facility in Somers, Connecticut for the past 12 years, where he was presented with an award from the Governor for saving an inmate’s life. He enjoyed golf, music, cooking and most of all loved the NY Giants, Yankees and LA Lakers. He was so proud of purchasing his new home in Holyoke where he would sit, drink tea, enjoy time with his family and enjoy the views overlooking the Connecticut River Valley, often telling his wife and childhood sweetheart, Kimberly, that they had achieved the American Dream. He leaves his wife of 16 years, Kimberly (Jackson) McDowell, a teacher at Palmer High School and their daughter Kaley Aaliyah McDowell of Holyoke; his parents, Wade A. Sr.

and Janice (Thompson) McDowell, formerly of Amherst, Massachusetts and now of Springfield, Massachusetts; his brother, Talib McDowell and his wife Joan and their children Talib, Jr. and Sarafina of Atlanta, Georgia; his grandparents: Rona Thompson of Amherst, Massachusetts and Edna McDowell of Brooklyn, New York; a great grandmother, Evelyn C. White; his mother and father-in-law, Gloria and Dennis Jackson of Northampton, Massachusetts; brother-in-law, Jamahl Jackson of Boston, Massachusetts and his son David Rashad and sister-in-law, Millicent Jackson of South Deerfield, Massachusetts. He also leaves his aunt and uncle, Regina McDowell-Evans, her husband Tamari, and her children Tyrell, Imani, Toni-Taila and Tequila Marie and his aunt, Dawn Thompson, mother to Noni Kai and Edward and Uncle Claude Earl Wiggins of Louisburg, North Carolina and many other relatives in the McDowell and Jackson families. His family and many dear friends are cordially invited to a memorial service honoring his life to be held in the auditorium of his Alma Mater, Amherst Regional High School, 21 Mattoon Street on Saturday, December 8, 2012 at 11:00 AM where New England Funeral & Cremation Center, LLC 25 Mill Street, Springfield, Massachusetts has been entrusted with the arrangements. For those who wish, memorial contributions may be made to Cancer Treatment Centers of America, Assistance in Health Care, Brian McEvilly, 1331 East Wyoming Avenue, Philadelphia, PA 19124. For further details, telephone (413) 733-1522 or visit [www.nefcc.net](http://www.nefcc.net)

# Tribute Wall

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“ Extending sincere condolences to the entire family of Wade A. McDowell, Jr. at this difficult time.\n\n\nThe Staff at New England Funeral & Cremation Center, LLC

New England Funeral & Cremation Center, LLC - February 14, 2023 at 10:29 AM

ER

“ My prayers and condolences go out to the McDowell Family. May God keep you all in your time of sorrow. McDowell was a great man who loved his family. He talked of his daughter so much and loved her dearly as a father love his child. God have called him home to rest. He will be missed by all of us at Osborn. We loved him and will always love him.

Eula ruffin - February 14, 2023 at 10:29 AM

GS

“ FROM THE SCOTT FAMILY YOU HAVE OUR DEEPEST SYMPATHIES AND CONDOLENCES. YOU ARE IN OUR PRAYERS

GARTH SCOTT - February 14, 2023 at 10:29 AM

DS

“ Wade, you were the most endearing person I have met. I will always remember the good times we had just talking and laughing at work. Your smile always brightened up a room and just like you was truly genuine. You will be dearly missed and always remembered. Heaven has been blessed with another angel! Love you and may you be as peaceful there as you were here.

Dionne Simmons - February 14, 2023 at 10:29 AM

PF

“ *My heart is heavy my words are few. May you find comfort in your memories of Wade. He will forever be in our hearts.*

Patrice Darden & Family - February 14, 2023 at 10:29 AM

JA

“ *God does wonderful and merciful things. My sincere sympathies.*

Joyce Allen-Davis - February 14, 2023 at 10:29 AM

LB

“ *My sincere sympathy goes to his family and he will truly be missed. He may be gone but always remembered. Please find comfort in knowing you will see him again in the next life with his beautiful, ever-glowing smile and joy that he spread to everyone. Peace*

Lynette Berger - February 14, 2023 at 10:29 AM

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“ *To the McDowell Family,\r\n\r\nPlease know that my thoughts and prayers are with you and your family during this difficult time. May God sustain your family as you go through.\r\n\r\nWith Sympathy,\r\nBetty*

Betty (Allen) Williams - February 14, 2023 at 10:29 AM

RB

“ *It was such an honor and privilege to have worked with Wade! I will miss him and that beautiful smile! You and your family continue to be in my thoughts and prayers at this time and for always.*

Robin Bishop - February 14, 2023 at 10:29 AM