



Darrell Mitchell Franklin

February 12, 1960 - February 26, 2026

Celebrating the Life of Darrell Mitchell Franklin

Darrell Mitchell Franklin, affectionately known by his friends and family as "Wee Man," passed away on February 26, 2026, in Toledo, Ohio, at the age of 66. Born on February 12, 1960, in Chicago, Illinois, to Maggie and Donnell Franklin, Darrell brought a unique energy and a legendary sense of humor to everyone he met. He eventually moved to Marietta, Georgia, where he became a familiar face through his work at Tip Top Chicken and Value Village.

Darrell was a man of many passions, but he was happiest when things were simple and soulful. Whether he was casting a line while fishing, perfecting a recipe in the kitchen, or losing himself in the beat of his favorite music, he lived with a vibrant spirit. He was known for his love of dogs, his effortless moves on the dance floor, and a laugh that could brighten even the darkest rooms. Above all, Darrell cherished his family; they were the heartbeat of his life.

Darrell was preceded in death by his beloved parents, Maggie and Donnell Franklin Sr., and his sisters, Cheryl Dread and Kathy Franklin.

He is survived by his children: Darrell Mitchell Franklin Jr. and Chelsey Carroll, his siblings brothers Donell McCoy (Janine) and Demetrius Franklin (Joyce),

and his sister Lisa Franklin, a host of nieces and nephews who will miss their uncle "Wee Man" dearly.

A Legacy of Laughter

Darrell's life was a reminder to dance when there is music, to find peace by the water, and to always keep family close. He leaves behind a legacy of warmth, good food, and a million reasons to smile.

"To live in hearts we leave behind is not to die."

Previous Events

Wake Service

MAR 9. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

Dale-Riggs Funeral Home & Cremation Services
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Funeral Service

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