



TO MY *Daddy*

You held my hand when I was small.
You picked me up when I would fall.

As I got older I could always see
Just how much you truly loved me.

I'm thankful for all the time that we had.
The easy, the beautiful, the hard, the bad.

The last few years were tough for sure
But we had each other in a way that was pure.

You are finally at peace and in no more pain.
Heaven is lucky for the angel it gained.

I'll never understand the depth of this grief I have.
But man was I lucky to call you my dad.

Your forever baby girl,
Jordaan



Acknowledgments

Special thanks to John (Valencia) May, Monzell's cousin, for being a pillar of strength for Monzell during his illness.

The family would also like to express a heartfelt thank you to Alex Hunter, who is a beloved friend of Jordaan, for her kindness, compassion, and unwavering support during Monzell's care.

We would also like to thank the medical professionals and compassionate caretakers at Kaiser Permanente and Peachtree Creek Memory Care for their care, kindness, and support, which often went above and beyond the standard level of care.

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CELEBRATING THE LIFE OF



Cornelius Monzell **WHITEHEAD**

JANUARY 14, 1963 ~ DECEMBER 15, 2025

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 27, 2025
11:00 AM

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THE LIFE & LEGACY OF *Cornelius Monzell Whitehead*



Cornelius Monzell Whitehead was born on January 14, 1963 in Ozark, Alabama. Although many knew him as Cornelius, he was lovingly called Monzell by family and those closest to him. He was born to the late James Bunn Whitehead and Stella T. Whitehead.

Monzell was a 1980 graduate of Carroll High School and continued his education at George C. Wallace Community College in Dothan, Alabama. After completing his studies, he left Ozark and built a thriving life in Maryland. He enjoyed a long and successful career with the federal government as an IT Specialist for the General Services Administration, retiring in 2019 after 35 years of

dedicated service.

As a member of Antioch Missionary Baptist Church, Monzell gave his life to the Lord at an early age. He never met a stranger and had a genuine love for people. He looked out for those around him, always taking care of others. Family was deeply important to him, and his generosity and warmth were evident in every relationship.

Monzell loved eating all kinds of food, especially Doritos, being outdoors, listening to music, cracking jokes, and just having a good time. He was a huge sports fan and proudly supported the Washington Commanders.

He was preceded in death by his parents, James Bunn Whitehead and Stella T. Whitehead; and his sister, Tonyce Anita Johnson Stuckey.

Monzell passed peacefully on December 15, 2025 at Peachtree Creek Memory Care in Atlanta, Georgia after bravely battling a brain disease and pancreatic cancer. He leaves as his greatest legacy (in his own words), his perfect baby girl, Jordaan Alexandria Whitehead, his only child from his prior marriage to April Boyd (Anthony).

He will also be lovingly remembered by his longtime partner, Vanessa Dawson; his devoted brother, Sanche Jara Whitehead; nieces and nephews, Jarrell and Jarvon Whitehead, Iris Olivia Johnson, and Kendra Nicole Johnson; along with many other cherished family members, aunts, cousins, special friends, classmates, caretakers, and guardian angels.



ORDER OF *Service*

PROCESSIONAL

OLD TESTAMENT ~ *Colossians 3:15-17*

NEW TESTAMENT ~ *Philippians 4:4-7*

PRAYER ~ *Pastor J.L. Boyd*

SONG ~ *"Going Up Yonder"*

AS A FAMILY MEMBER ~ *John May*

SONG ~ *"Amazing Grace"*

WORDS OF COMFORT ~ *Pastor J.L. Boyd*



FOREVER IN OUR HEARTS

ALWAYS REMEMBERED