



Monta Phillips

September 9, 2025

Monta' La Ray Phillips of Alexandria and Fairfax, Virginia, was born on January 30, 1964, in Washington, D.C., to the late Helen B. Winston and James A. Phillips. He was the third of four children.

Ray attended Groveton High School in Fairfax, Virginia, where he played on the junior varsity basketball team. From an early age, Ray showed the qualities that defined him throughout his life such as independence, love, strength, trustworthiness, and compassion. He was known for being straightforward and never one to take any mess from anyone. Ray believed in self-respect and always made sure he looked his best, no matter what the occasion or how he felt. During football season, you could always find him in front of the TV cheering for his beloved Dallas Cowboys.

Ray was someone you could count on, always willing to listen, offer advice, or share a kind word. He deeply loved his family and friends. Ray had a unique and thoughtful way of staying connected, starting each day by sending out good morning text messages and ending each week with a message wishing everyone a good weekend. He never missed a chance to send birthday or holiday greetings, making sure those he loved felt remembered.

On the morning of Tuesday, September 9, 2025, Ray departed his earthly home for his heavenly one.

Ray is preceded in death by his daughter, La'Tisha Sherman; his grandparents, Dorothy and John W. Adams; his parents, Helen B. Winston and James A. Phillips; and two brothers, Alfonso and Michael Phillips.

He is survived by his children: Aisha, Monta, James, Jeremy, and Anthony; three grandchildren: Isaiah, Amiya, and Cajmere; his siblings: Christopher K. Winston Sr. (Rita), Darryl A. Winston (Joan), and Phyllis I. Davis (Anthony); and a host of nieces, nephews, cousins, extended family, and many dear friends.

Ray, we love and miss you deeply. Your light, your love, and your presence will forever remain in our hearts.

Previous Events

Viewing

SEP **23**. 11:00 AM - 1:00 PM (ET)

Miller Funeral Home & Crematory, Inc.
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Funeral Service

SEP **23**. 1:00 PM (ET)

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“ *Pink Tribute Spray was purchased for the family of Monta Phillips.*



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