



## Rotnei Jamarr Anderson Sr.

March 25, 1966 - September 7, 2025

On March 25, 1966 in Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, a precious gift was bestowed upon the world and his name was Rotnei Jamarr Anderson. He was lovingly nurtured in a warm and caring home by his devoted parents, Charles Willis "Supe" Anderson and R. Jean Elliott Anderson. His mother hoped one day he would be something great in this world, and with such a unique name, people would remember him."

Rotnei accepted Jesus as his personal Savior and was baptized under the leadership of the late Rev. E. R. Neal, Senior Pastor of Mt. Olive Baptist Church in Oklahoma City. Along with his parents and siblings, he joined New Jerusalem Baptist Church in Dickinson, Texas under the leadership of Rev. E. H. Dobbins, then Mt. Carmel Missionary Baptist Church where Rev. C.H Foy was the pastor and later became a member of Bibleway Fellowship Baptist Church under Rev. Dr. Ivory L. Varner. In 2021 he became a member of House of Hope Church, Texas under the discipleship of Rev. Dr. Chad E. Rankin of League City, Texas until present.

Rotnei first attended elementary school in Dickinson until his family moved to Friendswood when he was 10-years-old. He continued his education at Clear Creek ISD often being the first or only Black boy in the class or school. During this time, he played his first game of little league football, was hit, and quit the same day.

At about 15-years-old, his family moved back to Dickinson where he completed his schooling and graduated from Dickinson High school in 1984 with several football scholarship offers after deciding to play high school football after not playing in junior high.

Rotnei was a dynamic two-sport athlete at Dickinson High School, earning varsity letters in both football and basketball for three years. On the football field, he took home multiple top honors in 1983, including 2nd Team All-State Defensive Back, 1st Team All-Greater Houston Defensive Back, 1st Team All-District Cornerback, and 2nd Team All-District Running Back. He was also named a 1983 Texas Blue Chip Defensive Back. Also while in high school he was the Senior Club founder of "In The Club". "The purpose of this club was to get the class together, and all the of the seniors in the club were extremely enthusiastic. At the beginning of the school 20 seniors congregated for a meeting to form the first senior club. Rotnei was the brainchild of the club which eventually numbered 50. The senior club was very successful in raising money, selling M&M's, poinsettias, washing cars, and collecting metal cans and newspapers for recycling. They planned a trip to Cozumel, Mexico after graduation".

Rotnei was recruited out of Dickinson, Texas, as a defensive back when he reported to OU. He was converted to offense in the spring of 1985, following his redshirt season. The 6-1, 208-pound junior took over for an injured teammate early in the first quarter and rushed for a career-high 191 yards on 30 carries in OU's 29-10 victory over Oklahoma State. At Oklahoma, Rotnei was a key member of the 1985 National Championship team and contributed to three consecutive Big 8 Conference titles from 1985 to 1987. Rotnei's college success earned him national recognition, including appearing on the cover of Sports Illustrated in November 1987. Rotnei played on OU's 1985 National Championship team and graduated in 1988. "He was an outstanding player but he is an incredible person!" - Barry Switzer, Former head coach of

OU Sooners and Dallas Cowboys. He played for Barry Switzer from 1984-1988. Archive ID: 326893- The Oklahoman

After a brief professional stint with the Indianapolis Colts, Rotnei returned to Dickinson to give back to his community by coaching at Dickinson High School, starting Little Dribblers, a youth basketball league, and mentoring young athletes on his own time. His legacy as both an athlete and mentor continues to impact the community. Always having an entrepreneurial spirit, he started his own temporary employment company, One Source Staffing, a cooking company, Soul Food to Whole Food that fed those in the community during the National Pandemic, Covid 2020.

While attending OU, in the Spring of '86, he pledged with Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Inc. -Zeta Zeta Chapter. He stood tall and proud of the qualities of an Alpha Man.

In his leisure time he enjoyed spending time with his family, cooking and watching football. Because of his many athletic achievements Rotnei was inducted into Dickinson's Athletic Hall of Honor in 2025.

Rotnei fought a battle with his health for several years, but nothing could subdue him; though he had some rough days, he held to his faith and remained positive and inspirational through it all.

On Sunday, September 7, 2025, Rotnei went home to be with the Lord at HCA Mainland Hospital in Texas City. He was welcomed at Heaven's gates by his beloved parents, Willis Charles "Supe" Anderson and Ruby Jean Elliott Anderson and many other loved ones.

Those awaiting Christ' glorious return and his legacy of memories are: his three children, JaVonne Lanei Anderson of Spring, TX, Rotnei Jamarr

Anderson, Jr. of Texas City, TX, Tiya Michelle Anderson of Santa Fe, TX and two bonus children, Joseph Jones and Brentney Branch (Shernise), both of Houston, TX; his siblings, Nelson Gilmore of Wineoak, LA, RoTyra Anderson of Texas City, TX, and Fredrick (Melanie) Anderson of Webster, TX. His grandchildren, Kyson, Kaiis and Khyler Faultry and Mondae Jones; his niece, Brittany Gilmore; great-nephew, Karon; nephews, Rian Anderson, Nelson Gilmore, Jr. and Tayven. Niece, Joi Anderson; special friends, Rebecca Spry, Ken Davis and Wilbert Lawson; and a multitude of cousins, special children, God family, best friends and loved ones who will forever cherish his legacy.

# Previous Events

## Flower Deliveries

SEP 12. 9:00 AM - 4:00 PM (CT)

Norris D. Burkley Professional Services  
322 Laurel  
LaMarque, TX 77568

## Visitation

SEP 13. 9:30 AM (CT)

Mt. Carmel Baptist Church  
2920 Highway 3  
Dickinson, TX 77539

## Celebration of Life

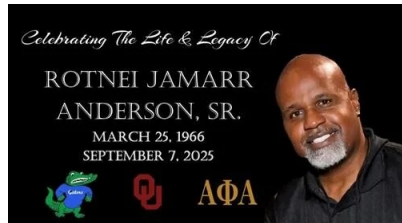
SEP 13. 11:00 AM (CT)

Mt. Carmel Baptist Church  
2920 Highway 3  
Dickinson, TX 77539

# Tribute Wall



“ Norris D Burkley Professional Services created a Tribute Video in memory of Rotnei Jamarr Anderson Sr.



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Norris D Burkley Professional Services - September 12, 2025 at 04:17 PM

LF

*Praying For and With your family.*  
Linda Fisher-Griggs

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Linda Fisher-Griggs - September 13, 2025 at 12:40 AM

SW

“ I was greatly saddened to learn yesterday of Rotnei's passing.

*We were close friends at Webster Intermediate, where I had the honor of playing left guard on the offensive line for him. Rotnei was a dynamic athlete and the centerpiece of our A-team offense. He was lightning fast, and so on sweeps he had to be very, very patient while I pulled to set up blocks for him on the edge. He would fly past me and the cornerback, so many times. He rested when we were on defense, or we might have won more games. :-)*

*I have very fond memories of our track and field days. Thanks to Rotnei's talent, largely, we Cougars were unstoppable. We would always celebrate after our wins at Mario's Pizza on NASA Rd One. Every time I add pepper to my pizza, I remember Rotnei and those times.*

*Rotnei and I shared some things in common. We had superficial differences from our classmates that could make life challenging. But Rotnei faced these challenges head on. He was a radiant person, full of positivity. As a tall, popular, and brilliant student, he showed this unpopular kid true kindness and friendship at a time when I really needed it. My hope then was to share some of what my family and faith gave to me, to bless Rotnei in return.*

*He was a truly special soul who made an impact on my life, and I'm thankful for it. My deepest condolences go out to his family and all who loved him.*

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**Stephen Walker** - December 20, 2025 at 06:23 PM

LE

“ Hey Coach. I pray you're resting in paradise with Jesus. It was a blessing to have you as my very first coach in football. I was 8 and really bad but man you showed he the love for the game. It wasn't just all about football you made me a better man. You taught me integrity you helped me believe in myself man. You was always smiling I looked forward to practice because I knew I had the best coach ever. I'm sorry I wasn't there for you or JR, please forgive me. I can't ever repay you for all you've done for me and my family. I would be blessed to have lived a fraction of the life you lived will here. Hoping I make you proud, I love you coach forever and always. #21

Leek - October 01, 2025 at 07:30 AM

DA

“ Delta Sigma Theta, Kappa Alpha Alumnae purchased the Lily and Rose Tribute Spray for the family of Rotnei Jamarr Anderson Sr..



Delta Sigma Theta, Kappa Alpha Alumnae - September 12, 2025 at 10:55 AM

DA

“ Delta Sigma Theta, Kappa Alpha Alumnae planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Rotnei Jamarr Anderson Sr..

Delta Sigma Theta, Kappa Alpha Alumnae - September 12, 2025 at 10:55 AM

WR

“ He was a friend and a volunteer with WE R.O.C.K RIP Members of WE R.O.C.K

WE R.O.C.K - September 11, 2025 at 08:54 PM

CS

“ Coach Rotnie, you will be missed. We love you. Shadae Shepherd and family will remember you always . AAA girls basketball is forever grateful.

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**Carmen Shepherd** - September 10, 2025 at 07:07 AM

KN

“ Kimberley N. purchased the Be My Love Bouquet with Red Roses for the family of Rotnei Jamarr Anderson Sr..



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**Kimberley N.** - September 10, 2025 at 12:47 AM

JW

“ He was such a great guy. But I knew him as Cheff Rotnei. He will be truly missed. Thanks for all the cooking tips.

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**Jacqueline Mitchell Williams** - September 09, 2025 at 09:59 PM

KW

“ For the Brothers you met along the way. We will miss you.

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**Kenneth Williams** - September 09, 2025 at 08:20 PM



“ *Not one memory do I have of you that doesn't involve seeing that smile. On the campus of the University of Oklahoma, you were beloved. Your kindness was never ending. Rotnei, I'm so sad that you have left your earthly body, but rejoice in knowing you are pain free and with the Lord! Tell your roomie, that gentle giant, Tony hi! I will miss you dearly! Luv you! Ang*



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**Angela Jones** - September 09, 2025 at 07:57 PM

GS

“ *Best smile ever! He will surely be missed by many. We've been friends since the sooner days. Thankful for the few times we have met up over the years-he always kept in touch. Always an inspiration and pointing people to our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.*

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**Gina Scherwitz** - September 09, 2025 at 07:23 PM

JP

“ *I always remember that beautiful smile and the brightness of your beautiful eyes that always made my day*

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**Joyce Payne** - September 09, 2025 at 07:18 PM

JJ

“ *John, Alonzo, Jasmine purchased the Ocean Breeze Spray for the family of Rotnei Jamarr Anderson Sr..*



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**John, Alonzo, Jasmine** - September 09, 2025 at 05:11 PM

GF

“ G.D. Sanders and Family purchased the Divine Peace Bouquet for the family of Rotnei Jamarr Anderson Sr..



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**G.D. Sanders and Family** - September 09, 2025 at 02:51 PM

SS

“ Sooners Helping Sooners planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Rotnei Anderson.

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**Sooners Helping Sooners** - September 09, 2025 at 02:18 PM

SS

“ Sooners Helping Sooners purchased the Care and Compassion Spray for the family of Rotnei Jamarr Anderson Sr..



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**Sooners Helping Sooners** - September 09, 2025 at 02:18 PM