



## Howard Nathan Jr

January 21, 1972 - July 28, 2019

Howard Nathan Jr., 47, of Peoria, IL passed away peacefully on Sunday, July 28, 2019 at 3:22 at OSF Saint Francis Medical Center surrounded by family and friends who loved him dearly.

A Celebration of Life Service for Howard Nathan Jr. will be Saturday, August 3, 2019 with visitation starting at 9:00 a.m. and services at 11:00 a.m. at the Church of the Living God, 2815 W. Lake Ave, Peoria, Illinois where he was a member. Bishop Leroy Smith Jr will officiate. Immediately following the services, intermittent will be held at Lutheran Cemetery, 914 S. Pleasant St in Peoria, IL. The repast will be held at Manual High School, 811 S, Griswold Peoria, IL 61605.

To say Howard Nathan Jr. was simply born is not good enough. He exploded into life in Peoria, IL on January 21, 1972. He catapulted into the world of basketball at an early age earning many accomplishments along the way notably receiving the highest title as the first Peorian to win Mr. Basketball of Illinois 1991. He also had a brief stint in the NBA with the Atlanta Hawks in 1995.

Howard Nathan Jr. leaves to mourn his loss his parents, Howard and Sue Nathan Sr of Peoria ,IL, ; one daughter, Aerial Jourdan Nathan of Roswell, GA,; one stepson, Aaron Davis of Roswell, GA,; one brother, Charles Nathan of Peoria, ; five sisters, Angennette , Tonya , Roberta, Camisha and Stacey

Nathan all of Peoria, IL.; Paternal grandmother Gertie Nathan; Godparents Bishop Leroy and Salmena Smith Jr. of Peoria, IL , god-kids, god-siblings , host of nieces and nephews, family and friends whom will miss him dearly.

He was preceded in death by paternal grandfather Charlie Nathan, paternal uncle Robert (Sonny) Nathan, paternal aunt Charlie Mae Johnson, maternal uncles Charlie Williams and Willie James Herron Sr., maternal Grandmother Ada Jackson and Nephew Robert Dominique Nathan.

Some of his lifelong accomplishments/ awards included leading Peoria Manual High School to a state runner up title in 1991, 1991 McDonalds All – American, 1991 Mr. Basketball of Illinois, all Conference 1991, IBCA All State, Pontiac 1st Team, Pontiac MVP Two Time A. C Williamson Award Winner in 1989 &1990, AP All State 1st Team, All American Parade, Champaign News Gazette 1st Team and Player of the Year, All Freshmen First Team of the Great Midwestern Conference. He was inducted to Greater Peoria Hall of Fame in 2015. He was the founder of the “Howard Nathan Stop the Violence Movement” in his hometown of Peoria, IL.

# Cemetery Details

**Lutheran**

# Tribute Wall

LW

“ Love you cuzz miss you dearly man

Lamonte Wilson - October 29, 2019 at 11:20 PM

SS

“ Our heart's are sooooo heavy with the loss of our beloved friend: Howard Nathan. We will miss that sparkle in his eyes, when you saw him on the court with the kid's. To the Nathan Family: We will continue to lift you up in prayer for Howard! To Stacey & Charles Nathan I pray that God gives you wisdom and understanding during this time. God will walk with you and see you through this! The whole city's of Chicago & Peoria have wrapped their arm's around your family during this time. Hold on tight to your memories for they will see you through. This isn't good bye; this is Howard's way of saying : He'll see you later!



Sharon Staples - August 04, 2019 at 06:34 PM

RP

“ To the Nathan Family sorry for your loss and May God's Angel's Wings spread around you all and bring you all comfort during this time of sorrow!! R.I.P. Howard!!



Renee Linwood Peoria,IL. - August 04, 2019 at 09:32 AM

DD

“ Prayers and condolences to the family. He wasn't just a legend of the past....he IS STILL a legend of the present and the future and always will be. Mr. Basketball you definitely left your mark on Peoria. Job well done now it's your turn to rest. God bless the family.

Dyan Duncan-Tyler - August 03, 2019 at 04:33 PM

TE

“ Prayers from my family to yours 🙏. Anthron Johnson/ Teresa Evans



Teresa Evans - August 03, 2019 at 08:40 AM

FH

“ My prayers go out to the entire Nathan Family and Friends. God Bless



FREDERICK HAYES - August 03, 2019 at 01:16 AM

MC

“ Ms Kathy Collins lit a candle in memory of Howard Nathan Jr



Ms Kathy collins - August 03, 2019 at 01:04 AM

JC

“ *Jessie Copeland lit a candle in memory of Howard Nathan Jr*



**Jessie Copeland** - August 02, 2019 at 10:16 PM

SW

“ *Sir James Watson lit a candle in memory of Howard Nathan Jr*



**Sir James Watson** - August 02, 2019 at 09:32 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Howard Nathan Jr.*



August 02, 2019 at 08:44 PM

P9

“ *Peoria All schools Class of 99' purchased the Serenity Wreath for the family of Howard Nathan Jr.*



**Peoria All schools Class of 99'** - August 02, 2019 at 12:32 PM

DB

“ *RIP Legend.*

**Darick A Barnett** - August 02, 2019 at 10:55 AM

NK

“ *Nichole Tisdale - Kingcade lit a candle in memory of Howard Nathan Jr*



**Nichole Tisdale - Kingcade** - August 01, 2019 at 11:03 PM

SL

“ *Shenell Langford lit a candle in memory of Howard Nathan Jr*



**Shenell Langford** - August 01, 2019 at 07:41 PM

JB

“ *Joanie Brown sent a virtual gift in memory of Howard Nathan Jr*



**Joanie Brown** - August 01, 2019 at 03:35 PM



“ *Fly like the wind, like you used to do on the basketball court! You will be truly missed!*



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**Angela Tuley** - August 01, 2019 at 10:56 AM

MI

“ *I didn't know Mr. Nathan but saw him occasionally while walking past his home. Each time I was greeted with a friendly hello. My condolences to his family and friends.*



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**Mildred** - August 01, 2019 at 09:03 AM

LS

“ *Always with his two younger sister's knocking on the garage door looking for my youngest son Lonnie. Going up to Tyng School to play ball. I'd says Lonnie those Kidds are to young for you to be with so much where they live up the street. He"d says I am teaching him some basket ball skills. The Kidd became the master Mr. Basketball RIP. Very respectful with a big smile on his face all the time our paths crossed.*



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**Loretta A & Charlie C Simpson** - August 01, 2019 at 08:40 AM

SA

“ *RIP Howard*

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**Stanley Adams** - August 01, 2019 at 05:41 AM

LW

“ *LaCricia Walker lit a candle in memory of Howard Nathan Jr*



LaCricia Walker - July 31, 2019 at 08:55 PM

CY

“ *Cynthia lit a candle in memory of Howard Nathan Jr*



Cynthia - July 31, 2019 at 06:35 PM









  
Anthony Sturdivant

“ *Rest in Peace Big Time!*



Anthony Sturdivant - July 31, 2019 at 06:28 PM

NT

“ *Love u big cuz n miss u #RIH*        
 



nijja taylor - July 31, 2019 at 05:46 PM

AT

“ *Antiea Totten lit a candle in memory of Howard Nathan Jr*



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**Antiea Totten** - July 31, 2019 at 05:31 PM

RP

“ *Ryeshone Poe lit a candle in memory of Howard Nathan Jr*



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**Ryeshone Poe** - July 31, 2019 at 04:59 PM

TA

“ *Tafhi lit a candle in memory of Howard Nathan Jr*



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**Tafhi** - July 31, 2019 at 02:42 PM

TA

“*L.O.V.E~Live Once Value Everything*” -Howard 🏀 *Rest in love, my friend, you will be dearly missed!* 😞

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**Tafhi** - July 31, 2019 at 02:48 PM

LD

“ Lisa Duncan lit a candle in memory of Howard Nathan Jr



Lisa Duncan - July 31, 2019 at 02:12 PM

JH

“ We had some very good times at our very own "Howard Nathan Day" at Royal Publishing. Seeing how many hoops we could make, or playing our version of HORSE-- R-O-Y-A-L, we had cheerleaders and referees then of course lots of good food. On one occasion Howard told his story which was more like a testimony. In spite of everything the message I got from Howard is that he didn't hold onto bitterness. To me that was amazing. The more he came around he became part of our Royal Publishing Family as well as a friend. So RIP friend, you have an amazing family that has enough faith to fill the heavens, during the hospital stay they were such an inspiration to me--- THEIR FAITH WAS NOT SHAKEN! XOXO Jody Heberer

Jody Heberer - July 31, 2019 at 10:05 AM

BW

“ Bobby@Saundra Walker sent a virtual gift in memory of Howard Nathan Jr



Bobby@Saundra Walker - July 31, 2019 at 09:35 AM

DL

“ Prayers and condolences to the Nathan family. May God provide comfort and strength during this time of bereavement.

Dee-Dee Lilly - July 31, 2019 at 07:40 AM

MR

“ Maurice Russell sent a virtual gift in memory of Howard Nathan Jr



Maurice Russell - July 31, 2019 at 12:43 AM

MR

*My buddy, my friend, my brother. It seem just like yesterday when all the hoop dreams started on Tyng School playground. You said, you knew you was going to be great, and we was ONLY in the 3rd grade!! God Blessed you to go above and beyond. You BLAZED the BASKETBALL COURTS....ever great gift comes from ABOVE. I won't say goodbye, but I see you later. That's what we used to say all the time. But this time I'll see you at the Pearl Gates of Heaven. You can bankshot 🏀 on that... Much Love*

Maurice Russell - July 31, 2019 at 01:00 AM

AA

“ I remember being a kid & was always so happy to see you knowing I would run and jump up in the air & you would catch me . I love you so much make sure you tel Nique , my grandma & grandaddy we all miss and love them. ❤️ Rip big cuz

Aaliyah Anderson - July 31, 2019 at 12:30 AM

OB

“ *Sharing in your sadness as you remember a remarkable son and beloved friend to us all! Death leaves a heartache no one can heal, but love leaves a memory no one can steal..may looking back in memory help comfort your tomorrows. ~Olivia (Libby) Boone*



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**Olivia (Libby) Boone** - July 31, 2019 at 12:18 AM

ZB

“ *Zerlyna Burse-Taylor lit a candle in memory of Howard Nathan Jr*



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**Zerlyna Burse-Taylor** - July 30, 2019 at 11:52 PM

KW

“ *Praying for the Nathan family.*



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**Kimberly Williams** - July 30, 2019 at 11:24 PM

BG

“ *Bre Gaines sent a virtual gift in memory of Howard Nathan Jr*



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**Bre Gaines** - July 30, 2019 at 10:53 PM

DS

“ *To the Nathan family  
To God be the glory for the life of Howard. He truly will be missed by all of us. He touched our hearts every time we saw him, will miss his smile we are praying for peace and comfort for the family at this time of need, look to God for staying power. He will comfort you all, in loving peace*

*Daniel and Denise Smith*

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**Daniel Smith** - July 30, 2019 at 10:52 PM

NB

“ *RIP Jr. Love you dearly love Noddie Blocker and family. You still live with in us little cuz.*

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**Noddie Blocker** - July 30, 2019 at 10:14 PM

SL

“ *Sharon Lucy lit a candle in memory of  
Howard Nathan Jr*



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**Sharon Lucy** - July 30, 2019 at 09:09 PM

AN

“ *Annettelucy sent a virtual gift in memory of  
Howard Nathan Jr*



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**Annettelucy** - July 30, 2019 at 09:09 PM



“ *Vicky Gagliardi lit a candle in memory of Howard Nathan Jr*



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**Vicky Gagliardi** - July 30, 2019 at 08:35 PM



“ *Gone to soon Howard Nathan. U r not n any more pain . R. I.H. u will be missed. #34*

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**Vicky Gagliardi** - July 30, 2019 at 08:35 PM



“ *Rest in Paradise Howard. You are an awesome guy. Thank you for being in our lives. You are one of a kind. You said you would walk again. Now you can play ball with all the legends who have gone before you. Say hello to MUD!!! Blessings to your family. Hugs!*

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**Ginger Wise** - July 30, 2019 at 08:03 PM



“ *Linda Harris lit a candle in memory of Howard Nathan Jr*



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**Linda Harris** - July 30, 2019 at 07:51 PM

EB

“ *Emel Buckner lit a candle in memory of Howard Nathan Jr*



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**Emel Buckner** - July 30, 2019 at 07:11 PM

SM

“ *Stephanie Moredock lit a candle in memory of Howard Nathan Jr*



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**Stephanie Moredock** - July 30, 2019 at 07:09 PM

KA

“ *Karen Ashby sent a virtual gift in memory of Howard Nathan Jr*



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**Karen Ashby** - July 30, 2019 at 06:42 PM

MJ

“ *R.I.P. #34  
Prayers for the family!*

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**Marcellus Jordan** - July 30, 2019 at 06:37 PM

ED

“ You will be missed my friend



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**edward davis** - July 30, 2019 at 06:01 PM