



Mr. George Dewey Stanyard Jr.

July 30, 1963 - April 18, 2025

Mr. George "Dewey" Stanyard, 61, formerly of Charleston, South Carolina, entered eternal rest on Friday, April 18, 2025, in Mt. Rainer, MD. He was preceded in death by his parents: George Dewey Stanyard, Sr., and Hermine E. Payne Stanyard; and sister: Geormine D. Stanyard-Crawford. He is survived by his aunts: Mary Ashe Brown, Glenemae Ashe Johnson, Barbara Payne, Willie Dell (Henry) Taylor, Eunice Washington, Jenny Lou Washington and Rose Ashe Whitney; uncles: John Nathaniel Ashe, Morris D. (Linda) Ashe, Thomas F. Ashe and Cyrus Carl (Demetra) Washington; brother-in-law: Alonzo Crawford; niece; a host of cousins; godchildren; god sisters and god brother; fraternity brothers; and many friends. The family will receive visitors on Wednesday, April 30, 2025 - 4:00 P.M. - 7:00 P.M. at the Smith-McNeal Funeral Home - 2119 Dorchester Road - N. Charleston, SC 29405. A Celebration of Life Service will take place on Thursday, May 1, 2025, at 11:00 A.M. at Morris Street Baptist Church - 25 Morris Street - Charleston, SC 29403. The Interment will follow at Mt. Pleasant Memorial Gardens - 1308 Mathis Ferry Road - Mt. Pleasant, SC 29464.

The Service will be Live Streamed on the Smith-McNeal Funeral Home's Facebook Page. A Memorial Service with the Omega Service will occur on Friday, May 16, 2025, at 11:00 A.M. in the Dunbarton Hall of Howard University - 2900 Van Ness St. NW - Washington, DC 20008.

Cemetery Details

Mt. Pleasant Memorial Gardens

1308 Mathis Ferry Rd.
Mt. Pleasant, SC 29464

Previous Events

Celebration of Life Service

MAY 1. 11:00 AM (ET)

Morris Street Baptist Church
25 Morris St
Charleston, SC 29403

LIVE STREAM VIEWING

MAY 1. 11:00 AM.

Smith-McNeal - FACEBOOK PAGE

Memorial Service

MAY 16. 11:00 AM (ET)

Dunbarton Hall - Howard University
2900 Vann Ness St. NW
Washington, DC 20008

Tribute Wall

MM

“ Rest well friend! 1984 Facets of Alpha Chapter, Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Incorporated.



Millie Gloster Mitchell - May 16, 2025 at 11:46 AM

KM

“ You are missed Bro. Dewey, my HU Alum. I still remember meeting you my freshman year ('82). With your Faith, good work, and Service, you have truly earned this eternal rest in our Father's Mansion. FIETTS. Kenny Mott (4-97-MuXi).

Kenny Mott - May 05, 2025 at 11:19 PM

“ I first became acquainted with the Stanyard family through meeting Geormine Stanyard, Dewey’s older sibling, as Howard University freshmen in 1978. She was small in stature, but she had the heart of a lion and was determined to make her presence felt at “The Mecca”, which she did first as a scholar in the School of Business and Public Administration, then as a working member of Alpha Chapter, Delta Sigma Theta Sorority. Geormine was #1 on the legendary Spring 1981 Pyramid pledge line “The Fortuitous 53”. We were both fortunate enough to pledge the same year with me pledging Alpha Chapter, Omega Psi Phi Fraternity’s 1981 Lampados Club “Mr. Bones 19 Shadows of Toto”. In fact, I met Bro. George D. Stanyard Sr., the night I crossed the burning sands, as he was in D.C. to celebrate Geormine doing the same. I subsequently met Dewey through my line brother Vincent Scipio Johnson, of Mt. Pleasant, S.C., and Alpha Chapter brothers Kevin Lamont (Geech) Greene of Charleston, S.C., and Ivory Gene (I.G.) Cooper of Hemingway, S.C. Dewey was absolutely enamored with the brothers at this time and made it known that he wanted to be a Que to all who would listen.

Like most young men at Howard during that time, Dewey thought that his considerable natural intelligence and pleasant personality would get him through the rigorous academic environment, but he found out in short order that studying long hours was mandatory if you were to make out of your first year there! George Sr. brought him home for an “attitude adjustment “ the following semester, but he returned in the Spring of 1982, determined to graduate from Howard which he did a few years later. While he was getting his grades in order, he was also availing himself of the other student activities on campus such as the Liberal Arts Student Council, and the student newspapers, The Community News and The Hilltop. But he was sure to make the rounds with all the Omega men on campus. He did such a good job of getting to know the Brothers that every Que on campus knew him!

Dewey subsequently met the requirements of the Spring, 1984 Lampados Club of Alpha Chapter as a member of Uncle Benny’s 14 Nephos of Havoc and Hell. Dewey worked extremely hard to make Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, and was involved with the D.C. graduate chapter Alpha Omega every year once he matriculated from the University. He also made it his life’s work to support Alpha Chapter and Howard University through their Alumni Associations. It was interesting to note that Dewey became an Alpha Chapter historian; familiarizing himself with her members past and present and accumulating a sizable collection of photographs and memorabilia. He knew most if not all the brothers of the “Mother Pearl” personally, and was the recipient of Chapter awards and commendations during his life.

Dewey lived most of his adult life three blocks from Howard’s campus. So if there was anything going at Howard, Dewey knew about. His proximity to the Campus made his home a virtual hostel for the Brothers who were visiting, or who needed a temporary place to stay. He took his alumni status at Howard very seriously and

provided volunteer and financial support whenever he could. He was a very good and generous man in that way. Dewey was also very community minded. He helped found the We Feed Our People program along with Bro. Walter McGill, a distinguished Omega man and community leader, and others. What started as buying a few turkeys and giving them to the less fortunate in D.C. during Thanksgiving grew to into a service program to help feed District residents several times a year, especially during holidays. This program has continued for over 35 years and tens of thousands of residents have participated in this selfless act of giving over this time.

Dewey's friendly nature and southern charm made him very popular on campus as a student. Dewey was a man of great natural intelligence, and extremely well read. This made him very interesting to those that knew him and he was a favorite with many classmates, both male and female. Most if not all these relationships continued throughout his life. Once you were Dewey's friend, you had a true friend for life.

But the things I loved the most about Dewey were his humility, his idealism, his humor, and his authenticity. Although he had a well cultivated outside persona and presence, he lived a very simple and quiet personal life. He shared everything he had with his friends. This included his constant companion of many years, Amigo, a Rotweiler who mirrored Dewey in spirit and behavior. Dewey loved collecting art, rare books and artifacts. He frequented museums and literary collections. He was a Washington Commanders (Redskins) fan, and followed the D.C. sports teams. He loved traveling; both international and domestic. He spoke fluent Russian. He was an African American history buff, and was involved with many social causes during his life. He loved jazz and rap/hip hop music and collected many compositions. He was a black renaissance man in every sense of the word.

I'm going to miss my brother and friend of over 44 years. We had so many memories together I can't recount them all. He recently made a trip to Los Angeles and made it his mission to fellowship with me and other brothers and friends while here. Suffice it to say he had life well lived, albeit shorter than we all would have liked. I will never forget him. Rest in Omega Bro. G. Dewey Stanyard II. See you on the other side, my friend!

Mark Hall - May 03, 2025 at 02:28 AM

RD

“ RIP Brother George G Dewey Stanyard, II (10-84-A) 🥹💜🙏🙏🙏. True Brother, Friend and Uplifter! Dewey was the first 80s era Omega I met - volunteering at “We Feed Our People”. Meeting him was like meeting an Urban Legend. Over the years, I saw Dewey as an Iconic @AlphaChapterQues and would get subtle lessons from him. He road-tripped near and far on a regular, and made it down to Florida a few times for thematic moments 😎. Dewey unequivocally lived the fraternity, and loved Alpha Chapter and Howard University . My condolences to the Stanyard family, 84 Line, 80s era classmates and all the loving frat brothers & friends Dewey touched! Another strong tree added to the roll of Omega Chapter! 🙏🙏🙏 Sleep in Peace Brother Dewey, you’ll never be forgotten!

Russell Drake - May 02, 2025 at 11:39 PM

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“ You will be missed Bro. Dewey . Rest Well

Omar Cherry 1-94-A - May 01, 2025 at 10:44 PM

SS

“ Rest in peace G. Dewey. You are missed. 🕊️🙏



Shaunna Stevens - May 01, 2025 at 09:00 AM

AC

“ Assiduous 40 Sp'94 DST Alpha Chapter purchased the Basket of Memories for the family of Mr. George Dewey Stanyard Jr..



Assiduous 40 Sp'94 DST Alpha Chapter - April 28, 2025 at 05:39 PM

J'

“ Jah's 13 Bloodline Massive - Spring '93 purchased the Serenity Wreath for the family of Mr. George Dewey Stanyard Jr..



Jah's 13 Bloodline Massive - Spring '93 - April 28, 2025 at 12:15 PM



“ *Angela Hunte lit a candle in memory of Mr. George Dewey Stanyard Jr.*



Angela Hunte - April 26, 2025 at 07:59 AM



Rest in Heaven G. Dewey Standard - your presence, contagious smile, and genuine love for others will be truly missed. #everybodylovesDewey

Angela Hunte - April 26, 2025 at 08:04 AM



Rest easy my brotha. You will truly be missed and always celebrated. From Alpha to Omega.

Roderick Wiliams - April 26, 2025 at 03:14 PM



You will be missed!! Uncle Nat

John Ashe - May 02, 2025 at 11:54 AM



“ *Remembering G Dewey Stanyard — a truly remarkable soul. He was intelligent, witty, and always brought light to every event he touched. His energy was magnetic, his positivity infectious, and his presence unforgettable. I’m deeply sorry to see him go, but so grateful to have known him.*”

#everybodylovesDewey

Rhonda Fortner - April 24, 2025 at 01:43 PM



Amen 🙏🕊️

Saretta Moore - April 25, 2025 at 12:32 AM



I STILL CAN'T UNDERSTAND ... why 1 of the sweetest 🙏 's I EVA KNEW!?! 🙏💕💕

Saretta Moore - April 25, 2025 at 12:41 AM



#everybodylovesDewey
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Saretta Moore - April 25, 2025 at 12:43 AM

BH

I remember growing up with Dewey at church. I worked with his Aunt at the VA. Praying for strength for the family

Benzenia Richardson Hart - April 25, 2025 at 07:59 PM

PM

OHHhhhh, the Great Memories, Good Times, BET Movies, NBA Games. NFL Games, Listening to Sounds on Your Hi-Fi Speakers, Blazing. From 4th. St. N.W. to 138 V St. N.W. There is now a Void G. Dewey that can NEVER Be Replaced. You were My Best/Closest Neighbor Ever. #ITriedToTellYouAboutTheVax

Patrick Montague - April 28, 2025 at 01:06 AM

TW

Man... It's surreal... I found out waiting for the Bruhs coming out-- I was like not my Dewey ... Not Mr. Maximus 😂 even when they were about to turn the place upside down- you never treated them any different.. such a gentle soul who always tried to match my wit. Even looking at "this" it still ain't feeling real. 🥹 The OG bruhs gotta let me link one last time for Dewey-- he would expect it 😊 #B2BAB

Tweety - May 01, 2025 at 11:47 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Mr. George Dewey Stanyard Jr..

April 24, 2025 at 11:14 AM



“ Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of Mr. George Dewey Stanyard Jr..



April 24, 2025 at 11:14 AM

GD

“ Rest in Peace and Power, Dewey.

Garry Denny - April 23, 2025 at 11:43 PM

JM

“ I remember meeting Dewey over 35 yrs ago, I'll always remember that priceless smile, kind heart, always a gentleman and always a joy to be around, he will always be remembered, never forgotten! RIH my friend!

Jean Motlow - April 23, 2025 at 11:38 PM

SM



Saretta Moore - April 25, 2025 at 12:43 AM

SB

“ Great memories from HU freshman year at Slowe Hall and all the years and parties in between!! May your soul rest in peace.
Condolences,
Susan Burnett

Susan Burnett - April 23, 2025 at 10:32 PM

SP

“ God speed my HU brother. I really enjoyed our fun times together in school and the many years after at multiple homecomings. Condolences to your family and friends.

Steven Perkins - April 23, 2025 at 09:20 PM



“ 📣 🌿 🌹 R.I.P.P. 🌿 🌹 Dewey , 🙏 prayers & CondoLences is senT to everyone whose had the pleasure of your presence. Who knew? Two years laTer we would be gaThering our good 🙌 yes....., 😭 🌿 🌹 aLighTed CandLe for YOU 🌹 🌿 🌹 🌿 🌹 🌹 🌹



Norvela Fludrice - April 22, 2025 at 09:00 PM

SM

“ From Dunbar-Gandy Retreat (church camp) in late 1970s to Howard University in the early 1980s ... we were friends. I can't remember when we didn't have a great time being in each others company. You will always be a part of the best memories of my life. Rest in Peace My Dear Friend.

Sharon Eagles Mccants - April 22, 2025 at 02:06 PM

RD

You were always a joy to be around. Give too soon. Journey well good brother.

Richard Daniel - April 24, 2025 at 10:08 AM

CI

Our Dewey Always...Praying that your Family, Omega Brothers, & Friends will not be overwhelmed @ this time. We will all remb. your kind demeanor every single time You were present. Thank You for many wonderful memories to sustain all forever. Rest in Most High Power. Dewey, You're in our thoughts...God Bless You.

Carmen Inge - April 29, 2025 at 02:22 PM