



Mr. Paul D. Washington

March 16, 1960 - November 29, 2025

Mr. Paul Delvin Washington, 65, entered into eternal rest on Saturday, November 29, 2025.

He leaves to cherish his memories his wife, Gertrude C. Washington; children: Michael Lawrence, Paula Washington and Paul Washington, Jr.; grandchildren: Michael Lawrence, II and Noah Washington; siblings: Patricia Washington, Vernessa Mitchell, Karen Washington, Deborah Spann (Jeff), Roger Mitchell (Damara) and Edward Mitchell (Juliette); aunts: Elnora Broughton and Rev. Lavina Jefferson; uncles: Eugene Washington (Tammy), Henry Washington (Virginia) and Aaron Washington (Ida); sister-in-law, Shelia Bailem (Joseph); brothers-in-law, Leo Sanders, Jr. (Selina) and Odell Sanders. He was preceded in death by his parents, Eddie and Josephine Mitchell; his mother-in-law, Marie Sanders; and his father-in-law, Leo Sanders.

Mr. Washington was a Law Enforcement Officer with the College of Charleston.

Public Viewing

Friday, December 5, 2025

4:00 PM- 7:00 PM

The Rev. Bryan McNeal, Sr. Memorial Chapel

4129 Highway 17 North - Awendaw

Celebration of Life Service

Saturday, December 6, 2025

11:00 AM

Charity AME Church

2093 Cainhoy Road - Huger

Interment:

Family Cemetery

Hillridge Road - Huger

Funeral services will be live-streamed at the start of the service.

Cemetery Details

Family Cemetery

Huger, SC

Previous Events

LIVE STREAM VIEWING

DEC 6. 11:00 AM.

Smith-McNeal - FACEBOOK PAGE

Celebration of Life

DEC 6. 11:00 AM - 1:00 PM (ET)

Charity AME Church
2093 Cainhoy Rd.
Huger, SC 29450
(843) 336-3322

Interment

DEC 6. 1:30 PM - 2:00 PM (ET)

Family Cemetery
Huger, SC

Tribute Wall

TH

“ Just heard of Officer Washington’s passing. I dropped by the library today and was disappointed I didn’t see him . I’m so sorry to hear about his passing. He brightened my day every time I saw him. Sending love to his family.

Tori Hyder - March 19 at 09:17 PM

DC

“ Paul and I met when we both began working for the College of Charleston, Department of Public Safety. I always looked forward to seeing and working with him. He had a way of making the day a brighter. Paul was kind, caring, and always had an encouraging word for those who needed it. Paul could be counted on to complete any task he was assigned timely, correctly, efficiently, and always with a smile.



May Paul’s family and friends be comforted, in this time of grief, by their many happy memories of moments shared with him.

Deborah Mims, CofC Ret. Det. Corporal - December 05, 2025 at 09:30 PM

NC

“ Natalie Christian lit a candle in memory of Mr. Paul D. Washington



Natalie Christian - December 05, 2025 at 09:11 AM

QT

“ *Quanda Thompson lit a candle in memory of Mr. Paul D. Washington*



Quanda Thompson - December 05, 2025 at 09:03 AM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Mr. Paul D. Washington.*



December 04, 2025 at 09:56 PM

OB

“ *I met Paul when I came to work for the College of Charleston Department of Public Safety. I eventually became his Supervisor. Paul was always a pleasure to work with. I could not have asked for a better Officer/Trainer. I never had to concern myself with whether or not Paul was performing his duties; as a matter of fact, he went above and beyond. The Staff and Students alike at Addlestone Library adored Paul. He cared for them and made them feel safe. Paul will truly be missed! I'm sending my prayers and deepest condolences to his family.*

Retired Captain Oneida R. Banks

Oneida R. Banks - December 04, 2025 at 08:44 PM

CL

“ College of Charleston Libraries purchased the Serene Retreat for the family of Mr. Paul D. Washington.



College of Charleston Libraries - December 04, 2025 at 02:38 PM

EL

“ My deepest condolences to the family. I will miss seeing his kind face around campus.

Erika LeGendre - December 04, 2025 at 01:45 PM

KK

“ I am sending my deepest condolences to the family. I will miss getting to see Officer Paul's kind smile every day at the library, and will dearly miss getting to wave goodbye each day and having him check to make sure we've got our phone, wallet and keys before heading out to the parking garage. May he rest in peace.

Kayla Kipps - December 04, 2025 at 01:23 PM

CF

“ I am deeply sorry for your family's loss. Officer Washington was a notable presence in the College library—always easy to talk to and so friendly. He will be greatly missed!

Cassandra Foster - December 04, 2025 at 01:18 PM

BD

“ As someone who worked in the Library where the Writing Lab is located, I recall well how friendly Mr. Washington was: he would smile and wave and exchange a few words as I hurried to work in the Writing Lab. I will miss that gentle friendliness. Bonnie Devet, English Faculty, Director of Writing Lab

Bonnie Devet - December 04, 2025 at 01:07 PM

HG

“ Heather G. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Mr. Paul D. Washington.

Heather G. - December 04, 2025 at 12:56 PM

HG

“ Heather Gilbert lit a candle in memory of Mr. Paul D. Washington



Heather Gilbert - December 04, 2025 at 12:55 PM

LC

“ I just want to echo what so many others have shared, that Officer Washington was such a wonderful colleague at the College. His smile always brightened my day.

Lisa Covert - December 04, 2025 at 12:43 PM

TB

“ *Mr. Washington was always a bright smile and warm welcoming presence at Addlestone. He will truly be missed. We will continue to remember him. Sending prayers of peace and comfort to the Washington family.*



Tamara Butler - December 04, 2025 at 12:41 PM

IG

“ *It is so sad that I did not know Mr. Washington's name until his loss, but I certainly knew his infectious, warm smile. He was someone I always greeted when visiting the library, as his permanent presence at his desk was so reassuring. Some people just exude trust and goodness and he was one of them. Paul Washington will be deeply missed. My sincere condolences to his family and friends.*



Irina Gigova - December 04, 2025 at 12:34 PM

CH

“ *Courtney Howard lit a candle in memory of Mr. Paul D. Washington*



Courtney Howard - December 04, 2025 at 12:28 PM



“ Paul was a respected and loved member of the College of Charleston's Department of Public Safety for many years. His big smile and calm demeanor will be missed by all who worked and knew him. Life well served.....Service Above Self.....Then I heard the voice of the Lord say, whom shall I send? Who will go for us? And I said I am here Lord, send me!" Isaiah 6:8 Paul certainly embodied the life of a public servant. Those willing to raise their hand and go forth in the defense of others. God speed sir.....

Chip Searson - December 04, 2025 at 10:58 AM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Mr. Paul D. Washington.



December 04, 2025 at 10:08 AM

BL

“ I first met Paul when I started working at Addlestone Library in 2012. He always made me feel so welcome, yet, safe in the library. And I always appreciated the insight he would give about topics surrounding library security. He was always so observant which helped me feel even safer in the building.

He had a special way of enforcing library rules and expectations in a way that would always deescalate potentially volatile situations. His dedication to the safety of the students and staff at the library was unparalleled and never compromised.

It is hard to walk past his desk and not see his infectious smile. I already miss our chats, joking around, and the mutual understanding between one another. His spot was a cornerstone we won't be able to replace.

Brandon Lewter - December 03, 2025 at 09:54 PM

RR

“ To the Family and Friends of Mr. Paul Washington:
He was truly a great employee and good friend. He was always on time for duty, greeted everyone with a smile, and supported the mission of the College of Charleston Public Safety Department.
Rest in peace, My Brother,
Robert S. Reese, Retired Chief of Police, and Family
College of Charleston Public Safety



Robert and Mercedes Reese - December 03, 2025 at 07:44 PM

TE

“ *Tajuana Edwards lit a candle in memory of Mr. Paul D. Washington*



Tajuana Edwards - December 03, 2025 at 07:15 PM

JB

“ *To my Co-worker and longtime friend Cindy and your entire family. May God, keep you comfort through this difficult time. Paul was always so friendly and kind with the biggest smile. Love: Jackie, Tiffany and Willie Brown*



Jacquelyn Brown - December 03, 2025 at 04:49 PM

DO

“ *I'm so sad for your loss. He was our classmate, and he will always be remembered fondly. We will truly miss you Paul.*
Please accept our deepest condolences. I'm grateful to have known him, and my thoughts are with the Washington family.



Doris - December 03, 2025 at 03:00 PM

DE

“ *To the Washington & Mitchell Families:*

My sincerest condolences to your family. I was the Communications Training Coordinator with the College of Charleston and worked closely with Wash. He was an amazing co worker and was there for me through many family losses.

He was always so professional and greeted everyone with a smile!! Paul has trained many at the College and was well respected by the President and managerial staff.

Paul, take your rest brother! Your memories will be long lasting and heartfelt.

*Respectfully,
Dwayne L. Elliott CTO*

Dwayne L. Elliott - December 03, 2025 at 02:29 PM

CM

“ *3 files added to the album Addlestone Library 2014*



Christine Moore - December 03, 2025 at 09:41 AM

CM

“ Sending my deepest condolences to the family. I first met Paul when he helped with a youth tech camp at the College of Charleston around 2015. Since then, I would look forward to seeing his welcoming and friendly face when I visited the library. May the wonderful memories of Paul bring peace and comfort to the family.

Christine Moore - December 03, 2025 at 09:32 AM

ER

“ Paul was a familiar and friendly face at Addlestone Library. He was quick with a joke or a smile, but his presence also meant feeling safe and secure. More recently he would slide me a handful of chocolates he knew I liked whenever he saw me, but not without some good natured ribbing that always made me laugh. Conversations with him as I left the library always put a smile on my face. He will be deeply missed by me and all who knew him.

Elena Rodriguez - December 03, 2025 at 07:31 AM

EJ

“ Ellen Jenkins lit a candle in memory of Mr. Paul D. Washington



Ellen Jenkins - December 03, 2025 at 07:26 AM

TS

“ Theodoshia Spann lit a candle in memory of Mr. Paul D. Washington



Theodoshia Spann - December 03, 2025 at 07:06 AM

AB

“ I light a candle in memory of Paul Washington.



Ann Walker Brunson

Ann W Brunson - December 03, 2025 at 05:51 AM

SE

“ Shirley Eaddie lit a candle in memory of Mr. Paul D. Washington



Shirley Eaddie - December 02, 2025 at 11:57 PM

BM

“ Deepest sympathy praying for the family's strength through this difficult time. I light this candle of love and comfort in the days ahead
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Brenda McKinsey - December 02, 2025 at 11:14 PM

SR

“ I've worked with Officer Paul 16 years in the COFC Library. Officer Washington he struck an impressive balance between being a beloved coworker and ensuring the safety of everyone in Addlestone Library and across campus. I will remember him most for his big smile, kind words, and genuine sincerity. He will remain in our hearts and memories forever.

Shirley Roberts - December 02, 2025 at 07:59 PM

AE

“ We were all stationed at Fort Stewart Army Base back in the late 90’s. I met Cindy and Paul and we became life long friends. He was a great husband with a kind and pleasant smile. I’m continuing to keep Cindy, Paula, Lil Paul and family in my thoughts and prayers. I truly understand what you all are going through. Always remember the good times that were shared. Love you all! 🙏🕯️🕊️🌸



Audrey Ellis - December 02, 2025 at 06:44 PM

JM

“ Thoughts & continued prayers to my family. Gertrude, Paula & PJ..... know that God has his hand wrapped around you all. Keeping you all in prayer and know that everyday will get easier and the memories will always be there.....



Jackie Manigault - December 02, 2025 at 05:53 PM

OB

“ Octavia & Marcus Brown lit a candle in memory of Mr. Paul D. Washington



Octavia & Marcus Brown - December 02, 2025 at 02:21 PM

MM

“ *Marie Manigault lit a candle in memory of Mr. Paul D. Washington*



Marie Manigault - December 02, 2025 at 01:47 PM

CW

“ *Cwinns lit a candle in memory of Mr. Paul D. Washington*



cwinns - December 02, 2025 at 01:42 PM

AB

“ *What a terribly sad loss for all of us fortunate enough to know Officer Washington. Officer Washington managed to strike an impressive balance between being a beloved coworker and ensuring the safety of everyone in Addlestone Library and on campus. I will remember him most for his big smile, kind words, and true sincerity. I know that he will remain in our hearts and memories forever. May his family find comfort and peace in the many happy memories enjoyed over a lifetime.*

Ann Baldwin - December 02, 2025 at 11:30 AM

CG

“ *Chrystal C. Grant lit a candle in memory of Mr. Paul D. Washington*



Chrystal C. Grant - December 02, 2025 at 10:58 AM

GL

“ *This is such sad news! Mr. Washington's smile, talk, and assistance when I worked for long and boring hours of research helped me a lot. It was such a reassuring feeling to know he was always there. His help and presence during the Italian Film Festival at the Sottile Theatre were comforting. His sincere kindness was insurmountable. You will be missed a lot. Rest in peace Mr. Washington.*

Giovanna De Luca - December 02, 2025 at 10:18 AM

DC

“ *Paul, you will be missed for days and years to come. Your presence on the College of Charleston campus meant so much to so many. I could always count on your encouragement when I would bring prospective students to the library- your smile and welcoming persona spoke volumes to the students. Many days walking to and from my car I would look toward the library and there you were waving to me. I know the angels are rejoicing, and God is pleased! Paul, take your rest and sleep in Heavenly Peace!*

Family please accept my condolences during this difficult time.

Debbie Counts - December 02, 2025 at 10:05 AM

KG

“ Mr. Washington, the news of your passing hit me like a ton of bricks when I arrived at work this morning. I wish I had more time with you because I would have let you know how important your presence on the College of Charleston campus meant to me as a young black man. I silently watched and admired how you carried yourself and aspired to be just like you. Thanks for being the example at CofC. My condolences to your family.

Kenyatta Grimmage - December 02, 2025 at 09:48 AM

RS

“ Rev. Rosetta G. Swinton lit a candle in memory of Mr. Paul D. Washington



Rev. Rosetta G. Swinton - December 02, 2025 at 09:40 AM

DG

“ Paul was with me throughout the COVID pandemmic while I was working on the Lego model in the library. He was so supportive and always had a smile. The world was a better place with Paul in it. I am so sorry to learn of his passing. I will always remember his kindness.

Darcie Goodwin - December 02, 2025 at 09:12 AM

KL

“ Thank you to Officer Paul's family for sharing him with the campus community for all these years. It's been a joy to see Paul in the library each day, and to always be greeted with a warm, smiling face. His presence will be greatly missed. Sending strength to his loved ones.

Kait Lamontagne - December 02, 2025 at 09:11 AM

MK

“ Paul always greeted me at the library and would always wave at me when I was working on the third floor and he was doing his security rounds. His smile always brightened my day and he finally met my 2 year old son Joey a few weeks ago when I brought him to the library to see the stacks. Paul was such a bright light and kind human and I am devastated to hear of his passing. Sending Paul’s family lots of love and praying for you during this very difficult time.

Margaret Keneman - December 02, 2025 at 08:48 AM

JF

Officer Washington was always a bright light in the library and on the college of Charleston campus. My sincere condolences for his family. I was lucky to get to know him.

Jannette Finch - December 02, 2025 at 12:13 PM

EB

“ He will be so missed on the College of Charleston campus. Holding him and your family in my thoughts.



Emily Beck - December 02, 2025 at 08:38 AM

AF

“ With deepest condolences to our family during these difficult days, please know that we are praying for you !!!!



Augustine, Diane Geathers and Family - December 01, 2025 at 07:43 PM

TS

“ *Thomasena Singleton lit a candle in memory of Mr. Paul D. Washington*



Thomasena Singleton - December 01, 2025 at 06:50 PM

CP

“ *In deepest sympathy from friends and colleagues in Addlestone Library*



Christa Poparad - December 01, 2025 at 04:56 PM

BS

“ *Bev Smith lit a candle in memory of Mr. Paul D. Washington*



Bev Smith - December 01, 2025 at 04:44 PM

KB

“ *Sleep in Heaven Uncle Paul! You will be truly missed!*

Kendra Buist-Gathers - December 01, 2025 at 02:42 PM

BP

“ *Benitta Plowdeniz lit a candle in memory of Mr. Paul D. Washington*



Benitta Plowdeniz - December 01, 2025 at 02:31 PM

SB

you will definitely be missed by our classmates rest in peace classmate



sylvia brown - December 01, 2025 at 02:58 PM

EF

“ *Eartha Powell And Family lit a candle in memory of Mr. Paul D. Washington*



Eartha powell and family - December 01, 2025 at 12:18 PM

CT

“ *Charlene Thompson lit a candle in memory of Mr. Paul D. Washington*



Charlene Thompson - December 01, 2025 at 12:06 PM

TA

“ Tony And Nakia Asby lit a candle in memory of Mr. Paul D. Washington



Tony and Nakia Asby - December 01, 2025 at 11:46 AM