



## Darrell E. Whitley, Sr.

January 31, 1966 - April 20, 2026

Darrell Eugene Whitley Sr. was born on January 31, 1966, in Apopka, to the late Annie Lee Whitley.

Darrell was an only child. Growing up, he was outspoken, outgoing, and always willing to lend a helping hand. He was the type of person who would show up whenever you needed him. He loved his family deeply and took pride in his roots in Apopka.

He attended Apopka High School and later worked at Marita Bread for over 10 years. Afterward, Darrell stepped into entrepreneurship and successfully operated his own locksmith service.

Darrell had a special love for his grandchildren, who brought him great joy. During his final days, he sought God with all his heart and found a peace that carried him through.

Darrell was preceded in death by his mother, Annie Lee Whitley and his grandmother, Jimmie Lee Madison.

He leaves to cherish his memory his loving children: Antoinette Whitley-Deas (Ira), Airanesha Whitley, Darrell Whitley Jr., and Derrick Gilmore, all of Orlando, Florida; three cherished grandchildren: Kyrie Deas, Kaleb Deas, and

Tamia Deas; along with a host of cousins, other relatives, and sorrowful friends who will miss him dearly.

# Cemetery Details

## Apopka Memorial Cemetery

1221 Washington Avenue  
Apopka, FL 32703

# Previous Events

## Visitation

MAY 1. 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM (ET)

Zanders Memorial Chapel  
232 W. Michael Gladden Blvd.  
Apopka, FL 32703  
(407) 886-3388

## Service

MAY 2. 3:00 PM (ET)

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# Tribute Wall

AB

“ *Angela Britten sent a virtual gift in memory of Darrell Whitley,*



Angela Britten - May 12 at 11:41 PM

SS

“ *Shelia Simmons lit a candle in memory of Darrell Whitley,*



Shelia Simmons - May 12 at 07:18 PM

SB

“ *I love you cuz you thought me a lot especially about when it comes down to my car you was my close cousin I will always reminesh about our time together love you*



Shantrial Bailey - April 30 at 09:33 PM

SB

“ *I love you cuz Shan you was always there for me see you in heaven*



Shantrial Bailey - April 30 at 09:29 PM

SB

“ I will never forget you cuz you thought me a lot your cuz Shan I love you omg can't believe you gone I love you 💕



Shantrial Bailey - April 30 at 09:17 PM

SB

“ Darrell your cuz Shan I love you Rip I will see you in heaven 🥺

Shantrial Bailey - April 30 at 09:14 PM

BF

“ Brown Family purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Darrell E. Whitley, Sr..



Brown Family - April 30 at 08:51 PM

BF

“ Brown Family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Darrell E. Whitley, Sr..

Brown Family - April 30 at 08:51 PM

SB

“ I love you cuz so many memories I have have Can't believe you are gone I will never forget you cuz love you see you in heaven 💕

Shantrial Bailey - April 30 at 08:39 PM

MD

“ RIP Darrell! He helped me get my 1st job at Winn Dixie back in the 80's. He was a friend and neighbor. To the family, you have my sincere condolences. Monique (Daniels) Dance.



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**Monique Dance** - April 29 at 12:02 PM

TD

“ Lit a candle in memory of Darrell E. Whitley, Sr.



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**Terric Durden** - April 28 at 05:05 PM

AL

“ One my closest friends from my teenage years 💔

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**Angela Ligon** - April 27 at 07:30 PM

MS

“ MONICA SCOTT lit a candle in memory of Darrell E. Whitley, Sr.



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**MONICA SCOTT** - April 25 at 09:57 AM

AB

“ *Allenea Bolden lit a candle in memory of Darrell E. Whitley, Sr.*



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**Allenea Bolden** - April 24 at 11:27 PM

FG

*Darrell I will miss you I from 6th grade until adulthood we have been friends. You always stayed in touch no matter what. You will be miss you friend*

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**Ferlenciel Gray** - May 02 at 10:49 AM