



Daryl Sarrell Freeman Pennington, Esq.

August 22, 1960 - August 26, 2021

Daryl Sarrell Freeman Pennington was a beloved husband, father, grandfather, brother, uncle, son and friend. He died on August 26, 2021 at age 61.

He was born on August 22, 1960 to Ashley (nee Jane Booth) and Malcolm Pennington at Orange Memorial Hospital in Orange, New Jersey. One of five children, Daryl was affectionately known as Buz by those who loved him and quickly established himself as a free spirit who moved to the beat of his own drum.

Daryl attended Clifford J. Scott High School in East Orange where he was a state champion soccer player. He dropped out to help care for his ill mother, but later received a diploma from Changes, an alternative high school in East Orange, in 1979. He tried his hand at a number of odd jobs (utility pole worker and car detailer to name a few) before taking on a career as a union floor covering journeyman. In the early 1990s, he founded his own floor covering business PennBrook Interiors and oversaw floor installations big and small across the state of New Jersey.

In his 30s, Daryl decided to enroll at the local community college to further his education. He graduated with an associates degree from Burlington County College and went on to complete a bachelors in history with a minor in

education at Temple University in 1997. As a college student, he developed a deep love for education-- particularly for at-risk and non-traditional students-- and pursued a career as a teacher in the years immediately following his graduation. He taught adult GED preparation at Temple University, worked as a social studies teacher at the Burlington County Institute of Technology and taught for several years at the Jones Farm Correctional Facility in West Trenton.

In 2004, Daryl followed in the footsteps of his brothers Eric and Scott and completed a Juris Doctorate degree from Rutgers School of Law in Newark. Until his death, he worked as a criminal defense attorney. He learned his craft at the knee of the legendary Raymond A. Brown, Esq. and often sought to represent low income clients from communities of color.

Daryl also valued service to vulnerable communities. He sat on the board of Women Walking in the Spirit, a mentoring program for at-risk young women. For a short time, he volunteered with Big Brothers Big Sisters of New Jersey. And, along with his brothers Eric and Scott, he created and administered a scholarship at Rutgers Law School for a black woman in financial need in honor of their late mother.

Beyond his professional work, Daryl was a man of many interests. He was a voracious reader and lifelong scholar. He was endlessly curious about the world and often joked he had a "mind full of useless information." Daryl loved Parliament Funkadelic; documentaries-- especially those about history, sports and nature; grilling in his backyard; menswear; classic cars; long car drives; and, towards the end of his life, he started restoring boats-- even though he struggled with motion sickness for much of his life. He had a wry sense of humor and never missed an opportunity to make an off-color joke.

Daryl was an avid sports fan and especially loved women's basketball, Little

League baseball and college football. He was an assistant coach for the women's basketball team at Burlington County College in the 1990s, enthusiastically supported his daughters' sports endeavors and briefly refereed Pop Warner football in Burlington Township.

Gardening was one of his favorite pastimes and he could often be found riding around his immaculate lawn on his tractor lawnmower. Above all else, Daryl loved, loved, loved his family (including dear friends who were like family) and deeply treasured opportunities to spend time with them. He was affectionately known by many nicknames including Buz, Short Dog, Heavy D and many others he created himself.

Daryl is survived by his wife Ola; daughters Whitney and Courtney; son-in-law Mark; granddaughter Masai; brothers Malcolm "Kip," Eric, and Scott; father Malcolm; a host of dearly loved nieces, nephews and friends; and his beloved dog Chiquita Banana Pooch. He is preceded in death by his mentor, friend, savior and mother Ashley; his sister Lysa and many other very special loved ones.

Daryl will be remembered in a celebration of life on Saturday, September 4, 2021 from 11am- 1pm at Perinchief Chapels (438 High Street, Mount Holly, New Jersey). Guests will be invited to share warm thoughts, comforting messages and memories of Daryl.

Zoom Meeting Begins at 11 AM EST

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/8958843508?pwd=M1I0VGhINDIVZExYN2JRdWcwN0REQT09>

Meeting ID: 895 884 3508

Passcode: Penn123

Cemetery Details

Park View Cemetery at Kirby's Mill

25 Fostertown Road
Medford, NJ

Previous Events

Celebration of Life

SEP 4. 11:00 AM - 1:00 PM (ET)

Perinchief Chapels
438 High St.
Mount Holly, NJ 08060
(609) 267-0399

Tribute Wall



“ *Daryl Sarrell Freeman Pennington, Esq.*

October 29, 2022 at 11:57 AM



“ *Daryl Sarrell Freeman Pennington, Esq.*

October 29, 2022 at 09:53 AM



“ *Mr. Pennington was present at a very pivotal point in my life. He didn't always agree with my decisions, but he always supported me and gave me sound advice. My condolences to his family. His spirit and presence is greatly missed.*

Jhasmyn Julian - October 20, 2022 at 05:49 PM



“ *Meat & Cheese Sympathy Gift Crate was purchased for the family of Daryl Sarrell Freeman Pennington, Esq..*



September 05, 2021 at 02:07 PM

FF

“ From Marjorie Morse Olphin Frederickson purchased the Emerald Garden Basket for the family of Daryl Sarrell Freeman Pennington, Esq..



From Marjorie Morse Olphin Frederickson - September 04, 2021 at 02:58 PM

DR

“ Doreen Rodgers-DuBose lit a candle in memory of Daryl Sarrell Freeman Pennington, Esq.



Doreen Rodgers-DuBose - September 04, 2021 at 01:10 PM

RF

“ To the family of the Daryl Pennyton From the Rothley Frederick family I was sincere and deepest sympathy for your loss I would say without any regrets the United States of America have loss one of the greatest lawyers ever serve in this New Jersey this man cares about his clientsSo much

Rothley Frederick - September 04, 2021 at 12:06 PM

RF

to the family of Daryl Penngton from Rothley Frederick's family I was in Syd deepest sympathy goes out to your loss I would say without any regrets that United States of America have a lost one of the greatest lawyers he served in New Jersey extremely well he cares about his Clients so much

Rothley Frederick - September 04, 2021 at 12:09 PM

VF

“ Loyal to his clients. A stalwart in the Court House. A man of great integrity. That who Daryl Pennington was. He will greatly be missed by my family.

Our deepest condolence to his immediate family, Erick, Scott and all other relatives whom I cannot mention.

Vernie Fernandez and family

Vernie Fernandez - September 04, 2021 at 09:51 AM

RA

“ My deepest condolences and sympathy to the Pennington family. It was always a pleasure to see Daryl in Newark Municipal Court. He will be missed.

Rachel Marshall

Rachel - September 04, 2021 at 08:31 AM

LS

“ Love Rita, Craig, Lorna & Shannon purchased the Garden Accent Stone - "Our Family Chain Is Broken" for the family of Daryl Sarrell Freeman Pennington, Esq..



Love Rita, Craig, Lorna & Shannon - September 03, 2021 at 09:53 PM

TC

“ My deepest condolences to the entire family. Darryl was such a nice man. I got to know him professionally as legal adversaries on a case several years ago. Being litigation adversaries tells us a lot about the character of a person I always had a great deal of respect for him. God bless his soul. May God bless his family.

Tracey Cosby - September 03, 2021 at 09:38 PM

CT

“ Chris, Helen and all at TED purchased the Strength & Solace Spray for the family of Daryl Sarrell Freeman Pennington, Esq..



Chris, Helen and all at TED - September 03, 2021 at 11:01 AM

SS

“ My sincere condolences to the Pennington family. Daryl represented my son Tyson Stamper with such honesty, grace and dignity. He never held back with his opinion and was honest with Ty. We the Stamper family will truly miss and honor Mr. Pennington.

Sincerely,
Susan Stamper

Susan Stamper - September 02, 2021 at 11:45 PM

CE

Condolences from the entire Chang Family. I will miss my lengthy political discussions with Daryl.

Carolyn V. Chang, Esquire

Carolyn V. Chang, Esquire - September 03, 2021 at 05:45 PM



“ Reflections of Glory Wreath was purchased for the family of Daryl Sarrell Freeman Pennington, Esq..



September 02, 2021 at 07:53 PM



“ A New Sunrise Spray was purchased for the family of Daryl Sarrell Freeman Pennington, Esq..



September 02, 2021 at 07:51 PM



“ My deepest condolences to the Pennington family. I only knew Daryl through the Garden State Bar Association, but had the pleasure of speaking with him on a few occasions about legal issues. He was always knowledgeable, easy-going and helpful. I'm very sad to learn of his passing. --
Theresa D. Watts, Esq.



Theresa Watts - September 02, 2021 at 07:27 PM



“ Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Daryl Sarrell Freeman Pennington, Esq..




September 02, 2021 at 05:47 PM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Daryl Sarrell Freeman Pennington, Esq..



September 02, 2021 at 04:51 PM

 Buster
Brown

“ *Buster Brown purchased the Simply Elegant Spat hiphyllum for the family of Daryl Sarrell Freeman Pennington, Esq..*



Buster Brown - September 02, 2021 at 02:43 PM

TT

“ *As a friend of Daryl's daughter Whitney, I'm sending condolences and love to the entire Pennington family. I'm so sorry for your loss. May his memory be a blessing.*

-Ted Trautman

Ted Trautman - September 02, 2021 at 01:31 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Daryl Sarrell Freeman Pennington, Esq..*



September 02, 2021 at 01:29 PM



“ *Reflections of Glory Wreath was purchased for the family of Daryl Sarrell Freeman Pennington, Esq..*



September 02, 2021 at 01:18 PM



“ *Enchanted Cottage was purchased for the family of Daryl Sarrell Freeman Pennington, Esq..*



September 02, 2021 at 11:29 AM



“ *Project Re-Direct / Youth & Family purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Daryl Sarrell Freeman Pennington, Esq..*



Project Re-Direct / Youth & Family - September 02, 2021 at 08:42 AM



“ *Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Daryl Sarrell Freeman Pennington, Esq..*



September 01, 2021 at 11:29 PM



“ *Linda & David purchased the Sweet Tenderness for the family of Daryl Sarrell Freeman Pennington, Esq..*



Linda & David - September 01, 2021 at 04:23 PM

AA

“ Angelo, Angelique and Amber purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Daryl Sarrell Freeman Pennington, Esq..



Angelo, Angelique and Amber - September 01, 2021 at 03:36 PM

TB

“ Prayers and condolences to the Pennington family.



T. Branch - September 01, 2021 at 01:25 PM

EA

“ So sorry for your loss Whitney and family.

Erica Ayisi

Erica Ayisi - September 01, 2021 at 01:24 PM

AB

“ Sending prayers & condolences to Courtney, Whitney & Ola. I’m so saddened by this news. Of course my memories shared with him involved Hillary & Courtney at Doane Academy. Many times we shared pick up & drop off of the girls at school events & social occasions. He always was there for the kids & made my kid feel special when she was around him, thats all a Mom asks for. He had a fantastic sense of humor & a larger than life presence. He will surely be missed. His love for his three (3) girls was always apparent. Rest In Peace Mr. Pennington

Ann Bryce - September 01, 2021 at 01:03 PM



“ Serene Reflections Bouquet was purchased for the family of Daryl Sarrell Freeman Pennington, Esq..



August 31, 2021 at 10:17 PM



“ Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Daryl Sarrell Freeman Pennington, Esq..



August 31, 2021 at 10:04 PM



“ my deepest condolences to the Pennington family,
Regina Beatty

Regina Beatty - August 31, 2021 at 08:55 PM

AF

My most sincere condolences to the Pennington on the loss of your beloved ♡

Alfred "Butch" Filmore - September 01, 2021 at 06:49 AM

DW

My deepest condolences to the Pennington family.

Judge Dion Williams

Dion Willaims - September 01, 2021 at 10:25 AM

Buster
Brown

We send our deepest condolences and prayers to the Pennington family. Peace dawns with the morning and time quiets all pain. God bless you.

Judge Marquis D. Jones, Jr. and Pamela

Buster Brown - September 02, 2021 at 02:40 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Daryl Sarrell Freeman Pennington, Esq..*



August 31, 2021 at 07:46 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Daryl Sarrell Freeman Pennington, Esq..*



August 31, 2021 at 07:18 PM