



Dennis Anthony Best

April 29, 1947 - November 21, 2020

The Life Story of
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We celebrate the life of our patriarch, Dennis Anthony Best. Dennis was born on April 29, 1947 in Wilson, North Carolina. He was the oldest of 4 children to the union of the late Patty Mae and Leslie Best, Jr. On Saturday, November 21, 2020, he peacefully departed his earthly life and gained his eternal wings at his home surrounded by family.

When Dennis was young, he, his parents, and his siblings relocated to Brooklyn, New York. It was there that he was reared in the Church of Deliverance. He gave his life to Christ at an early age and was ordained as an evangelist under the leadership of Apostle Artouro Skinner. Dennis would travel and preach God's word through revivals and crusades.

After graduating from Boys and Girls High School in Brooklyn, Dennis was drafted into the Armed Forces. He valiantly served in the Vietnam War and returned home a highly decorated soldier. Dennis received 2 Purple Hearts; one with the Oak Leaf Cluster, a Silver Star, a Bronze Star, and several other medals of honor. Dennis not only served his country but served as a

community civil servant in the NYPD-Transit Police Department. Dennis carried the “heart of a servant” throughout his years

In 1985, Dennis, his beloved wife Carolyn, and their children moved to New Orleans, Louisiana. His love for serving his family and community only increased. Entrepreneurism became his passion. Dennis and Carolyn started Best Home and Health Care. This company was able provide employment and training to hundreds of people who desired to be in the health care industry. BH&HC offices were located in regions of southern Louisiana and Chicago, Illinois. Dennis was a mentor and motivator to many who desired a better way of living. He would go on to employ more people through D’Best Enterprises. This corporation would operate Hummingbird Medical Supply, D’Best From Head To Toe Beauty Salon, The Gentle Caring Touch Day Care, D’Best Fashions and The Sweet Shop.

Even though he enjoyed being a business owner, Dennis never stopped being an evangelist! He Maintained his spiritual connection through his affiliation with Greater Liberty Baptist Church, Victory Temple Church of Deliverance and New Home Family Worship Center.

After completing his God-given assignments in Louisiana, Dennis and his family relocated to Minneapolis, MN to seek better health care.

Retired but still busy,

Dennis reconnected with his military passions to help other soldiers of war. He became the Chaplain of the Minneapolis Chapter of the Purple Heart Association. He spoke with soldiers returning from active duty about life after war and the affects of PTSD.

Dennis was a member and held a position at Jehovah Jireh Church of God in Christ. He was known as “Father Best”

Dennis Anthony Best lived his life to the fullest. His passion for God and love for Family and people will be his legacy. He did it his way!

Here's a verse from one of Dennis' favorite songs:

"Real, real, Jesus is real to me!

Oh Yes, He gave me the victory

So many people doubt Him, I can't live without Him

That is why I love Him So

'Cause He's so real to me!"

Dennis was preceded in death by his Parents, Patty Mae and Leslie Best, Jr., His 3 siblings; Kevin V. Best (brother), Gregory E. Best (brother), Michelle Best Francis (sister), and daughter, Nicole Gabriel. Several aunts, uncles and cousins have also taken their eternal rest.

Dennis leaves to celebrate his life; his wife, Carolyn; his children, Tina (Lyob), Shannon (Jenny), Kimberly (Kiran), Denise, Quinton (Kellysha); 16 Grandchildren; 1 Great grandchild; Sister-in-law, Barbara (Gregory); Brother-in-Law, Gregory D. Francis (Michelle); and a host of nieces, nephews, cousins, relatives and friends

Cemetery Details

Ft. Snelling National Cemetery

7601 34th Ave. S.
Minneapolis, MN 55450

Previous Events

Graveside Service

DEC 8. 1:20 PM - 1:45 PM (CT)

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Tribute Wall

SS

“ Happy Veterans Day! I miss you very much!



Sandra Saydee - November 11, 2021 at 11:38 AM

TI

“ Thanks for being my Dad! , Love you and miss you so much!! your daughter Tina



Tina lyob - April 10, 2021 at 09:23 PM

CB

“ Carolyn Best lit a candle in memory of Dennis Anthony Best



carolyn Best - February 26, 2021 at 03:48 PM

CB

I miss you so much 🧡 you would never be broken

carolyn Best - February 26, 2021 at 03:50 PM

AB

“ Anna Hyde Babington-Johnson lit a candle in memory of Dennis Anthony Best



Anna Hyde Babington-Johnson - January 09, 2021 at 06:12 PM

AB

To the worlds best debate champion, Rest In Peace my friend. I'll miss you.

Anna Hyde Babington-Johnson - January 09, 2021 at 06:14 PM

SM

“ Saundra McKissic lit a candle in memory of Dennis Anthony Best



Saundra McKissic - December 28, 2020 at 09:28 AM

AH

“ To My Beloved Sister Carolyn & Family. You know that I LOVED HIM DEARLY. We were childhood friends. We had different parents but he was my brother. He will always be apart of me. Love Always, Arlene Hines

Arlene Hines - December 17, 2020 at 05:05 PM

DP

“ *Jon, Deb Plamann*



Deb plamann - December 14, 2020 at 11:15 AM

WS

“ *Willis Swygart lit a candle in memory of
Dennis Anthony Best*



Willis Swygart - December 13, 2020 at 10:37 PM

WS

You are one of the most amazing, loving, caring, kind, gentle, and wise man that I've ever known , you may be gone but you'll never be forgotten. I'll see you again in PARADISE.....Love you forever

Willis Swygart - December 13, 2020 at 10:41 PM

WS

In loving memory this is for you, a special man so warm and true. You always showed me how much you cared, in times of trouble , you'd always be there. And for your wife and children , you did all you could. You made their lives happy and good. Then came the news it cut like a knife , it was one of the coldest days of my life. It seemed that time was not on your side , your right to live had been denied. I don't know how, I can't say when, I know that someday we'll meet again. Maybe in Heaven where you've made your home, you're with the angels, not on your own. And now I'm looking at your picture , it's hard to believe I won't see you no more. I want to say THANK YOU , the only way I can, so I keep saying it again and again..... YOU MAY BE GONE BUT YOU'LL NEVER BE FORGOTTEN. From when I wake up till I go to sleep , these loving memories of you , I'll always keep. Stairway to HEAVEN I know you'll climb, eternal peace I know you'll find. I hope somehow this will get through, to let you know that we , that we are still thinking of you . YOU MAY BE GONE BUT YOU'LL NEVER BE FORGOTTEN. ❤️❤️❤️😊😊😊❤️❤️❤️

Willis Swygart - December 13, 2020 at 11:21 PM



“ *Theresa Williams lit a candle in memory of Dennis Anthony Best*



Theresa Williams - December 11, 2020 at 10:46 PM



“ *Mother Best and Family, many people are elated when they meet a celebrity. I have been so blessed and elated from the first day I met you and Elder Best. We have shared many good times together. My husband, Pastor Roosevelt and I will miss "Daddy" Best's love for the arts, movies, story telling, and fellowshiping. I can hear his voice saying, "to be absent from the body is to be present with the Lord." Abba called his name and he answered, "Present." We Love You Mother and Family Always, Pastors Roosevelt and Theresa Williams, Standing Word Christian Center, Conway Arkansas*

Theresa Williams - December 11, 2020 at 10:44 PM

CS

“ *Clarissa Smith lit a candle in memory of Dennis Anthony Best*



Clarissa Smith - December 08, 2020 at 11:20 PM

TC

“ *Travere Jackson Chappell lit a candle in memory of Dennis Anthony Best*



Travere Jackson Chappell - December 08, 2020 at 03:14 PM

LD

“ *Latrice Dunmars lit a candle in memory of Dennis Anthony Best*



Latrice Dunmars - December 08, 2020 at 11:43 AM

LD

My Condolences to The Best family .Father Best I am truly going to miss your Huge bear hug when coming into the Church door. and you pop ups at my job

Latrice Dunmars - December 08, 2020 at 11:55 AM

LI

“ *Praying for The Best family. Dennis Best and his family was a blessing to the White family, and the Victory Temple church family in New Orleans.We will continue to keep the family in our hearts. Love always LISA.*



LISA - December 07, 2020 at 09:33 PM



“ *Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Dennis Anthony Best.*



December 07, 2020 at 05:28 PM

JH

“ My wife Suzanne, our children and grandchildren with Foster Gospel Community Of Faith, Okinawa, Japan, is deeply saddened and heartbroken because of the recent transition of my Beloved Patriarch, Senior Elder Statesman of the Hardy-Best Family, Uncle and Father, Dennis A. Best.



Earth has lost a Giant Of Man, eternity has gained a Gentlemen and Minister To All. The Grace He Exuded and The Generosity He Exemplified spoke volumes of who GOD made him be. Without doubt, Uncle Dennis will be sorely missed around the world for decades to come.

His amazing life and awesome legacy left an indelible imprint on my life and all who were blessed to know him. His exceptional meritorious service and gallantry in Vietnam and his continued selfless sacrifice in the Kingdom of GOD caused generations of families to cultivate, blossom, and bloom as GOD intended.

As a result of his unwavering willingness and steadfast devotion to putting himself in harm's for his country, family, friends, and in some instances strangers, the world as we know today is a better place because GOD used Dennis A. Best to make an eternal difference for all that mattered to him.

I'd be remiss not to mention, all that James and Duane Hardy are, from our accomplishments and achievements, are a direct reflection of the fruit of his labor, invaluable insight and influence Uncle Dennis instilled in us from the moment he entered our lives until the present.

For this reason alone I'm able to Stand On His Shoulders as Husband, Father, Pastor, and as an active-duty Naval Officer and Chaplain, For Such A Time As This And Beyond! "Well done thou good and faithful servant..."

*Love Always And Forever,
Your Son,
James*

James T. Hardy - December 05, 2020 at 01:30 AM

SJ

“ *Stephanie Johnson lit a candle in memory of
Dennis Anthony Best*



Stephanie Johnson - December 03, 2020 at 10:19 AM

TF

“ *Carolyn, please know that your First Cousins (Bertha) Hardy Family members, truly recognizes your pain of loosing a loved one. Even though You comes from a Very STRONG Hardy bloodline, it's never easy confronting death; be forever STRONG our Cousin and know that the Hardy love for You and Your Family is FOREVER. Each of You are secured in our Family deepest prayers of strength and endurance: our Hardy Family also extends our deepest condolences to You and Your Family. Be Blessed! The Bertha Hardy Family Members!*

The Bertha Hardy Family - December 03, 2020 at 04:05 AM

TF

“ *The Bertha Hardy Family lit a candle in
memory of Dennis Anthony Best*



The Bertha Hardy Family - December 03, 2020 at 03:42 AM

AA

“ CAROLYN , GOD BLESS YOU AND FAMILY AT THIS MOST DIFFICULT TIME. REST IN PEACE REV DENNIS MY NEPHEW OF THE HEART, WE LOVE YOU, GOOD NIGHT WE WILL SEE YOU IN THE MORNING. AUNT ANNIE FROM LITTLETON NORTH CAROLINA

Annie B Alston - December 02, 2020 at 01:39 PM


Justinia
Vaughn

“ *Justinia Vaughn lit a candle in memory of
Dennis Anthony Best*



Justinia Vaughn - December 02, 2020 at 09:59 AM

DC

“ *Denise Clark-Best lit a candle in memory of
Dennis Anthony Best*



Denise Clark-Best - December 02, 2020 at 09:11 AM

DC

“ *Daddy. I almost feel like I've lost everything...my mom, and now you. I no longer have my parents and the grief is devastating. However you both are in a better place now. I love and miss you. Denise.*



Denise Clark-Best - December 02, 2020 at 09:11 AM

TF

“ *Dennis had a kind spirit that touched so many people in a positive way. He brought joy with his presence to the family and will be missed tremendously. Growing up in Brooklyn and through the years, it was always a wonderful time spent with Dennis. His memory will be in our hearts and minds forever.*



- Aunt Ruth, Uncle Doug, Cousin Teresa and Cousin Maurice

Teresa Foxx - December 02, 2020 at 12:56 AM

KH

“ *I met Dennis back in 2007 when I came to work for The property where he and his lovely wife Carolyn lived. I remember him coming to pick up a package. I'd see this white Caddy (I think it was) pull up and this sharp dressed man get out. He reminded me so much of my father, that they had in common. Dennis was always so friendly. When he spoke to you it was really a teaching moment if you paid attention. I looked forward to them whenever he came in. He was an Angel here on earth and he will certainly be missed. Rest In Peace. Job well done.*

Karen Pettigrew- Hoskin - December 01, 2020 at 06:38 PM



“ Granddaddy, you were always my biggest fan. Me, Timi + Akanni miss you so much but we are so happy you're in the safest place ! We love you.



Tiana Hardy - December 01, 2020 at 11:49 AM

DH

“ We, the Seven Pines Baptist Church Family are saddened of the passing of our “Patriarch” and the “Elder Statesman”, of our family, Dennis A. Best. However, we rejoice and celebrate the life he lived. It is still hard to believe that he is gone. Earnestly, words cannot express my heartfelt sorrow! The family here at Seven Pines and I offer you comfort with these words from the Gospel of John, Chapter 5:24:

Very truly, I tell you, anyone who hears my words and believes him who sent me has eternal life, and does not come under judgment, but has passed from death to life.

I will always have and keep fond memories of Uncle Dennis, the way he embraced my brother and I as his sons. Every encounter with him was a tremendous blessing! Uncle Dennis was that man that everyone wanted and needed as a father! His love, correction, and insight were rich and very fitting as I grew into manhood! Seven Pines, I, and the Commonwealth of Virginia are better for him being an intricate part of my life.

*Love Always
Your Son
Duane E. Hardy*

Duane Everett Hardy - November 30, 2020 at 09:31 PM

CH

On February 11, 1974, Brother Dennis Best and myself met on the 1st day at the New York City Transit Police Academy. From then on we became friends until this very day. Through thick and thin ,ups and downs we remained friends. I will never forget the fun times that we had together, the happy times and the sad times but we were always there for each other no matter what . I will always have fond memories of Brother Dennis Best and of him being part of my life and friendship.

Peace and love

Your Friend

"Mr. Leroy "

Clarence Haynes

Rest in Peace.

Clarence Haynes - December 01, 2020 at 10:03 AM

PT

“ *You are missed. I love you and I'll see you later. Look for mommy...*



Your forever in our hearts. Love, Towanna and Tomeka.

Paulette Tabb - November 30, 2020 at 09:03 PM

JH

“ *Love you cousin; I will miss you.*



Julia L Harris - November 30, 2020 at 08:58 PM

TI

“ <https://m.youtube.com/watch?fbclid=IwAR3tt7kecbIAJn0HMKaFI6jVYV20YVK-mSRQgZ6OzWJsRnOMqOYWdBFeyA&feature=share&v=kjUSPeiN1uU>

Tina lyob - November 29, 2020 at 10:18 AM