



## JMahl Antonio Stewart

February 10, 2025

JMahl Antonio Stewart, a loved husband, father, son, and accomplished professional, passed away on February 10 at the age of 50. He was a man of kindness, companionship, and dedication to his family, career, and community.

JMahl is survived by his wife of 20 years, Katryn DeMeritt Stewart and was a proud father to Kayton, Mason, Kolbie, and Micah. He was the cherished son of Earnestine Stewart and was preceded in death by his father, Tony L. Stewart. His love and friendship extended to his large and close-knit family, including 18 nieces and nephews and 10 additional siblings through marriage. He was raised in Columbia, MD, and attended Oakland Mills High School. He loved to spend time by his outdoor fire pit, laugh with friends and family, and enjoy life to the fullest.

JMahl was an employee of Virginia Tech's University Development office, with over 20 years of experience in recruitment, and was a respected leader in talent acquisition working across global organizations in IT recruitment, higher education hiring, and senior management placements. Throughout his career, he was known for his exceptional relationship-building skills. He earned his Bachelor of Science in Business Administration and Human Resources from Walden University.

A service to honor and celebrate JMahl's life will be held on Monday, February

17 (11 a.m.) at Church on Main, 550 N. Main Street, Blacksburg, VA. Family and friends are invited to gather, share memories, and pay tribute to a life well-lived. JMahl's warmth and friendship to those around him will forever remain in the hearts of all who knew him.

# Previous Events

## Celebration of Life Service

FEB 17. 11:00 AM (ET)

Church on Main  
550 N Main Street  
Blacksburg, VA 24060

# Tribute Wall

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“*Jmahl really helped me through my drug addiction by completely ignoring every single red flag, every desperate cry for help, and every time I nodded off mid-conversation. What a legend. Rest in peace, you beautiful enabler—you somehow made rock bottom feel like a group activity. He also helped both of us navigate our tumultuous marriages by offering the kind of wise counsel that mostly consisted of ‘damn, that’s crazy’ and changing the subject to whatever sports game was on. Truly a pillar of emotional support, if that pillar was made of wet spaghetti and zero follow-through. Jmahl had a rare gift: the ability to watch two people spiral into chaos and respond with the enthusiasm of a man reading the back of a shampoo bottle. His silence was golden, mostly because it meant he wasn’t actively making things worse, which, let’s be honest, was his love language. We’ll miss the way he’d show up exactly when we didn’t need him, offer advice that aged like milk, and then disappear right before the consequences hit. A true friend through thick and... well, mostly the thick fog of bad decisions. Rest in peace, Jmahl. Thanks for doing absolutely the bare minimum and somehow still being unforgettable. The bar was in hell and you still managed to limbo under it with style. We’ll never forget you—mostly because therapy is expensive.*”



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**Paula Daniels** - April 20 at 05:00 AM

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“*I was a friend and colleague over the years. Jmahl was smart, caring and focused on doing the right thing...always with his infectious smile. My deepest sympathies to the family.*”

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**Norm Bloomberg** - February 22, 2025 at 12:02 PM

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“ From: Walden University planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of JMahl Antonio Stewart.

Walden University - February 15, 2025 at 03:46 PM

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“ Walden University purchased the Magnificent Life Spray for the family of JMahl Antonio Stewart.



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“ The Shepherdstown Volunteer Fire Dept. purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of JMahl Antonio Stewart.



The Shepherdstown Volunteer Fire Dept. - February 14, 2025 at 03:04 PM