



## Mr. Dewey Fontenot Jr.

February 3, 1955 - March 11, 2026

“Show me, Lord, my life’s end and the number of my days; Let me know how fleeting my life is.”

~ A psalm of David – the name from which the name Dewey is derived

Dewey Fontenot, Jr. was born on February 3, 1955 in Chicago, Illinois to Dewey Sr. and Mary L. Fontenot. He was the second of seven beautiful blessings born to Dewey and Mary. True to the meaning of his name—beloved—Dewey was deeply loved by his mother and greatly admired by his father--his name sake.

Dewey grew up in historic Prairie View, Texas, where his parents relocated from Southern University in Baton Rouge after his father accepted a professorship at Prairie View A&M University. From an early age, Dewey displayed remarkable curiosity and brilliance in all subjects. A gifted student, he graduated with highest honors from Waller High School and received scholarship offers from universities across the nation, including the prestigious Purdue University.

Driven by a desire to make a difference, Dewey dreamed of becoming a doctor and curing cancer. He began his studies at Purdue University, where he pursued medicine. Later, the University of Southern California recruited him for its law program. Though opportunities took him far, Prairie View remained home in his heart, and he eventually returned to attend Prairie View

A&M University, continuing his pursuit of medicine. Dewey was a member of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity and later explored entrepreneurship as a restaurant owner.

Although Dewey did not become the physician or lawyer he once envisioned, his desire to help others never faded. Throughout his life, he found meaningful ways to support and uplift those around him. Support he gave to Prairie View women's basketball team, when attending their games to cheer them to victory. Support he gave to his younger brother Fronsoir "Fran" where he faithfully attended every basketball game-home or away.

Dewey was the proud father of three shining stars: Keisha, Kerri, and Brandon. Though he may not always have expressed it openly, his love for his children ran deep, and he was immensely proud of them. When his son Brandon played in his high school state championship football game, Dewey watched from the stands with the pride of a father witnessing his son in the Super Bowl. When his daughter Keisha had her first major photo shoot, in his eyes she was nothing short of America's Next Top Model. And when his daughter Kerri became a beautician, his pride once again knew no bounds. Dewey was known for his love of conversation. Whether discussing politics, sports, or life itself, he could spend hours in thoughtful dialogue with anyone willing to join in. His sharp mind, strong opinions, and warm spirit left a lasting impression on all who knew him.

"My flesh and my heart may fail, but God is the strength of my heart and my portion forever"

Psalm 73:26

Dewey, Jr is preceded in death by his father, Dewey, Sr,(d.2008); sisters, Cottener (d.1964) and Cattena (d.2022).

He leaves to cherish his memory his daughters Keisha and Kerri; his son Brandon; grandsons Brayden, and Karson; his loving mother Mary; siblings Mona, Ricky, Fronsoir (Robin), and Florunteno (April); along with a host of nieces, nephews, aunts, uncles, cousins, and dear friends who will forever

hold his memory in their hearts.

# Cemetery Details

## Prairie View Cemetery

Prairie View, TX 77446

# Previous Events

## Viewing

MAR 20. 9:00 AM - 10:00 AM (CT)

St' Katharine Drexel Catholic Church  
800 Fm 1488  
Hempstead, TX 77445

## Mass

MAR 20. 10:00 AM (CT)

St' Katharine Drexel Catholic Church  
800 Fm 1488  
Hempstead, TX 77445

# Tribute Wall

SB

“ *Condolences to the family.*

Steve Boudreaux - March 20 at 05:03 PM

SW

“ *Blessings, concern, and care to the family!*

sarah williams - March 20 at 12:15 PM

DM

“ *Sending condolences to the Fontenot Family of peace and comfort during this time of mourning.*  
*Diane McGowan-Johnson*

Diane McGowan - March 18 at 07:48 PM

IC

“ *Ida Beal Campbell lit a candle in memory of Mr. Dewey Fontenot Jr.*



Ida Beal Campbell - March 17 at 09:08 AM

PB

“ *Pamula Y Brooks lit a candle in memory of Mr. Dewey Fontenot Jr.*



Pamula Y Brooks - March 16 at 04:34 PM

SR

“ Sarah Reese lit a candle in memory of Mr. Dewey Fontenot Jr.



Sarah Reese - March 16 at 02:51 PM

DR

“ Debra Ray lit a candle in memory of Mr. Dewey Fontenot Jr.



Debra Ray - March 16 at 02:33 PM

RW

“ Roberta Wolf lit a candle in memory of Mr. Dewey Fontenot Jr.



Roberta Wolf - March 16 at 02:37 AM

SR

“ Sandra Rutledge-Mosley lit a candle in memory of Mr. Dewey Fontenot Jr.



Sandra Rutledge-Mosley - March 15 at 07:12 PM

KW

“ *Kasharon Wilder sent a virtual gift in memory of Mr. Dewey Fontenot Jr.*



---

**Kasharon Wilder** - March 15 at 07:55 AM

RD

“ *Always upbeat and interesting I'll miss you. Condolences to the family*

---

**Romona Dillard** - March 15 at 12:58 AM

RD

“ *Romona Dillard lit a candle in memory of Mr. Dewey Fontenot Jr.*



---

**Romona Dillard** - March 15 at 12:55 AM

SW

“ *CONDOLENCES AND PRAYERS TO THE FAMILY AND FRIENDS OF DEWEY.* 🙏🙏🙏



---

**Sandra Watson-Wenzy** - March 14 at 04:16 PM

DK

“ *Dorothy F King lit a candle in memory of Mr. Dewey Fontenot Jr.*



---

**Dorothy F King** - March 14 at 01:45 PM

TS

“ *TERESA SIMPSON lit a candle in memory of Mr. Dewey Fontenot Jr.*



---

**TERESA SIMPSON** - March 13 at 11:32 PM