



# Dwayne Benson

January 22, 1973 - February 1, 2026

Dwayne Ashley Benson entered his eternal rest on February 1, 2026, in Fayetteville, North Carolina, at the age of 53.

Dwayne, affectionately known as “Sauce the BBQ Boss,” was born to Carolyn Jane Benson on January 22, 1973, in New Brunswick, New Jersey. He graduated from North Brunswick Township High School in 1991, where he was a proud member of the varsity football team.

He received Christ at an early age and later became a member of the Sharon Baptist Church. Known for his joyful and fun-loving spirit, Dwayne loved football and was an avid New York Giants fan. He also had a passion for dancing, moving with a lightness and rhythm that brought smiles to all who witnessed his infectious energy and soulful moves.

Following in the footsteps of his grandfather, Life Benson Jr., and his uncle, Life Benson III, Dwayne embraced the family’s cherished recipes, putting his heart and soul into his cooking as he proudly carried forward and expanded their barbecue legacy, taking great joy in feeding others and bringing happiness through his food.

Dwayne was known for his warmth, vibrant spirit, sense of humor, and strong work ethic, as well as his deep love for family and community. He adored his daughter, Jayla, the light of his life, and found immense joy in preparing meals, sharing laughter, and telling stories with those around him. His presence, generosity, and fun-loving nature left lasting memories with everyone fortunate enough to know him.

He leaves to cherish his memory his loving mother, Carolyn Jane Benson; the light of his life, his daughter, Jayla Marai Benson; his wife, Shanira Benson; Aunt, Rosemary Bradley, Uncle, Robert F. Benson, his very special friend, Naja Ennals; his godmother, Claudia Milton-Puryear; along with a host of cousins, godsisters, godchildren, lifelong friends, and the enduring impact of the many lives he touched

# Previous Events

## Viewing

FEB 14. 9:00 AM - 10:00 AM (ET)

Sharon Baptist Church  
25 Howard St  
New Brunswick, NJ 08901  
(732) 846-0669

## Funeral Service

FEB 14. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

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# Tribute Wall

RR

“ You will forever be in are hearts we love you sauce we will forever remember you ❤️



Rosa Hernandez Michael Ricks - February 14 at 11:32 AM

DW

“ To Carolyn, I was saddened when I heard of Dwayne passing. I wil have his hugs etched in my memory on behalf of me and charles we send our love to you Rosemary and Robert. We love y'all, God bless you, he was beautiful.

delores Walker - February 14 at 10:42 AM

DW

rest in peace dwayne ❤️

delores Walker - February 14 at 10:57 AM

BF

Jayla, Ms Benson,and Naha I'm so sorry for your loss. He will be missed and never forgotten  
RIP  
BASH family

Bash Family - February 17 at 10:01 AM

RB

“ Naja, Jayla, Ms. Bensoñ . I'm so very sorry for your loss. My prayers will be with you and the family/ friends as you say, " Until we see you again "; to Sauce. He was truly a laid back , chill neighbor.... Until we had our clashes but I promise he was real enough to come and say... Sis you were right! Next time we just took a cool down until we starting waving again!! Lol Some family have disagreements , lol and you guys have become family the past 6 years. Dwayne will truly be missed. It's still does not seem real. I'm so very sorry. Prayers and love for you all tomorrow and to come. Take your rest now Sauce... ☐ 🙏🕊️



Rhonda Beasley - February 14 at 12:44 AM

RS

“ 😭💕 DWAYNE, was another one of the BEST 1973 babies born to an absolutely wonderful beautiful, kind hearted mother, Carolyn Benson 🙏

*Dear sweet Caroline, sweet Rosemary, Robert, Jayla Marai, Shanira Benson, Naja Ennals, Claudia & All Loved Ones, Family & Friends ...may you all feel our Heavenly Father's Holy Spirit aka The Comforter's presence forever with you anytime & anywhere 24/7 .*

*Christ Jesus is coming soon and all God's children will be gathering together. Please remember one of His many promises during many, every tear(s) and heartache, ...“He will never leave thee nor forsake thee” ; and in the meantime lean on The Holy Spirit please. And another great guaranteed promise is in Revelations 21:4 which says in Heaven...*

*He will wipe away every tear from their eyes, and death shall be no more, neither shall there be mourning, nor crying, nor pain, for the former things have passed away". 🙏*

*Again Christ Jesus is coming soon... John 3:16-17, John 14:6, John 14:16-21. Acts 16:30-32.*

💕 We love you dear Lady Caroline 🌹

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**Roe & Donna, Prospect St.** - February 13 at 07:03 PM

CH

“ To the family of Dwayne Benson, I am sorry to hear that Dwayne aka “Sauce” has passed away! Sauce and I had just become known to one another for about 2 years now. He was a long time close friend of my husband, Darius. He came to Nashville a few summers ago and we all had such a good time, we wished they could've stayed longer. Sauce was here in Nashville for my husband's funeral in July also. Hearing he passed shocked me! And restarted the flood of emotions once again. Sauce and Darius spent time talking on the phone, catching up. They are together again now, two angels flying high! I'm praying for the families strength at this time and days to come! May you rest in knowing God knows and he is the best comforter we can have. Draw near (er) to him!

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**Christine Hamby** - February 13 at 11:19 AM



*Christine, I grew up with both of them. Good guys gone too soon. You are right about God, and we all need to get closer to him. God Bless everyone. Sincerely Jeff Bash*

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**Jeff Bash** - February 13 at 07:09 PM

SA

“ *Sally.nash sent a virtual gift in memory of Dwayne Benson*



**sally.nash** - February 13 at 09:37 AM

SL

“ *Sean Lancaster purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Dwayne Benson.*



**Sean Lancaster** - February 13 at 09:23 AM

JE

“ *My condolences to you Carolyn & your family. May God bring comfort to you & your loved ones!*

**Janice Eato-Griffin** - February 11 at 08:43 PM

VJ

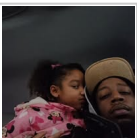
“ *I remember Dwayne from Prospect st, New Brunswick. He was friends with Annie and Jerry. After not seeing Dwayne for at least 20 years when I last saw him in 2012 he was the same Dwayne funny and caring. To his family my heartfelt condolences, he was one of a kind may he Rest in peace. Love Bonnie*

**Vonnie Jones** - February 11 at 10:17 AM

RB

*Thank you Bonnie we love you*

**Robert Benson** - February 11 at 12:39 PM



“ *Ima miss u my brother till we meet again 🙏😭*



**Ty Ty** - February 11 at 09:44 AM

WE

“ *May you rest in peace to dwayn. You're always kind warm and funny. High school was fun with you. Miss you my friend*

Wendy - February 11 at 08:15 AM

EN

MY CONDOLENCES TO THE BENSON FAMILY. REST EASY DWAYN YOU WILL BE MISSED.

Evelyn nestor - February 11 at 09:55 PM

MR

“ *I'm gonna miss you cousin you were a special kind. You were always awesome and I will never forget our conversations and your encouragement. Truly love you*  
❤️

Mrs. Briscoe rice - February 11 at 02:48 AM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Dwayne Benson.*



February 10 at 10:53 PM

NF

“ *Natascia Maugeri & Family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Dwayne Benson.*

Natascia Maugeri & Family - February 10 at 10:53 PM

JB

“ *Dwayne was my student when he was in Middle school in North Brunswick, New Jersey. I remember him as one of my sweetest, hard working students. He was excited to learn that his Mom and I share the same birthday. Rest in Paradise, Dwayne. You left us way too soon.*

Janet Butchko - February 10 at 08:19 PM

LJ

*Dwayne Benson Had The Biggest Heart Of Gold And I Will Never Forget You My Brother From Another Mother It Hurts Me Deeply Too Know That I Want Be Getting Them Phone Calls Know More 💔 And Your Calls When You Would Be Like Where You At Little Bra I Am The Spot And I Would Come Down There Too The Spot Get Some Of Your Wonderful Food ❤️ I Just Can't Putting In My Heart That You Are Really Gone Big Bra But Until I See You Again In The Spirit Keep Us All Cover Big Bra Love You My Brother From Another Mother □□□□*

Larry Dixon Jr - February 11 at 12:13 PM

RD

“Great Is Thy Faithfulness”



Rev. Dolores (Dee) Davison - February 10 at 07:55 PM