



## Mr. Edward E Davender

May 26, 1966 - April 28, 2016

Edward E. Davender was born May 26, 1966 in Brooklyn, New York to Juanita Cox. Ed, or “Eddie D” as his UK teammates and friends affectionately called him will truly be missed.

At a young age, Ed’s love of basketball turned into a passion. He loved playing at the playground around the corner from his home in Brooklyn. There he would garner the skills that would lead him to become a standout star at the Boys and Girls High School in Brooklyn. He began his collegiate career on the University of Kentucky Wildcats Basketball team. Where he played from 1984-1988 and graduated with a Bachelor’s degree. On the court and in life Ed gained respect and admiration from many.

It has been argued that he was one of the best guards the Big Blue Nation has seen. Ed was known as an aggressive fundamentally sound player that played to win, leaving behind a legacy that remains to be surpassed. He is the Wildcat to score over 1600 points and have over 400 assists.

As the legacy stands, the relationships that he had with his UK teammates remained strong. He would often speak of the memories he shared with his longtime friends: Rex Chapman, Kenny Walker, Derrick Miller and James Blackmon as they were more than teammates they were family. Being a part of a family was very important to Ed. He loved the Lord and accepted Christ under the pastoral guidance of Rev. Dr. C. B. Akins, Sr. and became a member of the First Baptist Church Bracktown.

Ed didn’t meet a stranger; though quiet with a reserved manner, he had many

friends. He was known for his jovial behavior. The children that were special to him in his life always played, made fun, and taunted him. They could not wait to see him because they knew a good time was about to start. With laughter ringing in the air, they affectionately referred to him as "Pop-Pop."

Once Ed met you, your name was no longer your name, as he had nicknames for everyone, but it was all in fun. He could have easily been on stage doing a comedic script because whenever you were around Ed you were sure to laugh. He could find humor in any and everything and that's how we want to remember him, leaving a smile on our face.

Ed is preceded in death by his loving grandmother, Marie Lucas. Ed went home to be with the Lord, April 28, 2016 in Lexington, KY.

He leaves behind to cherish his memory mother, Juanita D. Cox, of Wilson, NC; two sisters, Valerie (Will) Smith, Gina (Harold) Harvey both of Wilson, NC; one brother, Darryl Davender of Raleigh, NC; two great uncles, Jessie Coleman & Roy Coleman of Wilson, NC; two special aunts, Mattie Coleman & Geneva Coleman; special friends, Crystal Morton, Glenn Boyd and Tim Jackson; two honorary daughters, Christin & Morgan Morton, a host of nephews, nieces, cousins, friends, and fans.

# Previous Events

## Visitation

MAY 5. 10:00 AM - 1:00 PM (ET)

First Baptist Church, Bracktown  
3016 Bracktown Rd  
Lexington, KY 40511

## Service

MAY 5. 1:00 PM - 2:30 PM (ET)

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# Tribute Wall

RD

“ I didnt find out until later and when I did I was so hurt and broken heart cause BUG was family and NO one let us know before hand cause we would have been there this is Rachelle Danies from BROOKLYN DAVENDER family You have my DEEPEST CONDOLENCES !!!❤️❤️❤️❤️❤️❤️🏀

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**Rachelle Daniels** - January 14, 2020 at 06:43 PM

RV

“ Eddie D:

*Guess who got me to go to UK for college? You, my brother. Didn't think it would be a good place for me, but you told me otherwise. You were such a huge influence on me growing up. You had the ability to be genuine with people and that smile could make any situation brighter. Loved you telling me about New York City, so much, I even moved there. We shared so much my friend. Remember me calling you grasshopper with those goggles you were wearing. You always calling me Rotney. I laughed so hard at that name. I know you are at peace. You always had a humbleness about you. God's speed my good friend.*

*I want to thank the family for sharing Ed with us. The Vinegar family's prayers and strength are with you in your time of mourning.*

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**Rodney Vinegar** - May 04, 2016 at 10:10 AM

CC

“ Ed was a good friend to me and my daughter. We will truly miss him. He's been in our lives for over 20 years. She always called him "Uncle Ed" and he gave her the nickname "chickenbox". He gave me the nickname "Pearl". He always had a smile on his face and doing what he could to help others. It breaks my heart that he has to leave us, but god knows best. Thank you Ms. Juanita and the rest of the family for letting us spend 20 years with him He will never be forgotten. Heaven is getting an angel.

*R.I.P my friend  
Love ya always  
Cheryl Carter (pearl)*

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**Cheryl Carter** - May 04, 2016 at 10:00 AM

JW

“ Ed spoke at my son's graduation from fifth grade in 1994. I was so impressed with his message to those children that day that it has stayed in mind. He told them that the most important thing he wanted to leave with them was that each of them could do anything they wanted to do as long as they stayed in school, learned everything they could about what they wanted to do, and give it their all. If they did that, they would be successful at whatever they did in life, whether it be as President of the United States, a truck driver or even a professional basketball player. It was all up to them.

*I appreciated his message that day, and I applaud the man who lived those words. Ed was one of the good guys. I am sure my son was not the only child whose life he touched that day or every day of his life. As his family and friends, my heart breaks for you. You are in my thoughts and prayers.*

*Janie Wise  
Winchester, KY*

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**Janie Wise** - May 04, 2016 at 08:44 AM

Mia  
Vinegar

“ Ed was like a brother to me for 30 years , always smiling and always going above and beyond to make others smile and happy, his was ,is family. I will never forget his words when we would watch Kentucky games, " Hush Mimi, we still got time", man I love to hear those words again. Thank you Ms., Juanita and family for sharing you son with our family may God wrap his loving arms around you and you family to strengthen you in this time.

RIP Eddie D,  
Love You

Mia Vinegar



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Mia Vinegar - May 04, 2016 at 08:19 AM

TV

“ Ed was my uncle and will always be my family. I loved him from day one. He supported me as a child growing up playing the game he love too. In my adult years he lived my two kids as much as he love us. Always a smile, one that would brighten anyone day. I thank his mom and sisters and brother for sharing him with us and I thank God for seeing fit for Ed to be placed in my life. Rest in Peace Unc!!! Rest in Peace. ----Tammy Vinegar-Ford

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Tammy Vinegar-Ford - May 03, 2016 at 09:37 PM