



Mr. Marty D. Nash

September 25, 1976 - January 26, 2026

Marty Dewayne Nash was born on September 25, 1976, in North Little Rock, Arkansas, to Narvella Barnes Thomas and Marty D. Nash, affectionately known as “Bubba.” He was also blessed with a second father, Aloysius Thomas, and a second mother, Edith Nash. From an early age, Marty’s life reflected creativity, passion, and purpose.

During his high school years, Marty was truly an all-rounder. He had a love for fashion, hairstyling, dancing, poetry, and singing. His musical gifts were shared faithfully as a member of the Antioch Missionary Baptist Church choir in Aubrey, Arkansas, where he uplifted many through song and service.

Marty was a proud graduate of Lee Senior High School, Class of 1994. At the age of 18, he honorably served his country in the United States Marine Corps, a testament to his discipline, strength, and dedication. After his military service, Marty pursued a career in call center management, which led him to Florida. His determination and work ethic earned him a degree from the Florida Institute of Technology.

On January 28, 2001, Marty accepted the call of the Lord. He was baptized in the name of Jesus Christ and received the Holy Spirit, marking a pivotal moment in his life. From that day forward, his journey was deeply rooted in faith, service, and helping others.

Marty's professional career was nothing short of groundbreaking. He was hired by the Miami Association of Realtors, becoming the association's first Black staff member as Director of Membership Services. Through excellence and leadership, he rose to the position of Chief Operations Officer. He later founded his own consulting company, which opened doors to even greater opportunities.

Marty went on to serve as the youngest and first Black Chief Executive Officer of the Greater Los Angeles Beverly Hills Association of Realtors. His final role was as Interim Chief Executive Officer of the Hudson Gateway Association of Realtors in New York, also as the first Black individual to hold that position. Though his time there was brief, his impact was lasting.

Marty lived an extraordinary life and traveled the world, embracing every experience with joy and purpose. He was a devoted son, grandson, nephew, brother, uncle, cousin, friend, and employer. Marty gave his all in everything he did, always leading with love, service, generosity, and respect. One of a kind and deeply loved, Marty will be dearly missed by all who knew him. Though we mourn his passing, we find comfort in knowing that his work here was complete and that he has been called to eternal rest. He leaves behind a lifetime of cherished memories that will live on forever.

Marty leaves to cherish his memory his loving mother and second father, Narvella and Aloysius Thomas; his grandmother, Louvenia Barnes (93); sisters, Nekia Lewis, Tamara (Cordelrio) Long, Dana Edwards, Tracy (Philip) Hutton, Niketa Nash, Melody (Daniel) Padgett, and Jamie Thomas (Baugh); brothers, James Bingham, Alfred Thomas, Martieo (Tae' Anderson) Nash, and Marcelles (Kelli) Nash; and a host of nieces, nephews, aunts, uncles, cousins, and friends.

He was preceded in death by his father, Marty D. Nash, "Bubba," and his brother-in-love, Leon (Tre) Edwards.

Cemetery Details

Marianna Memorial Park Cemetery

972 West Chestnut Street
Marianna , AR 72360

Previous Events

Visitation (Final Viewing)

FEB 7. 12:00 PM - 1:00 PM (CT)

Lee High School Auditorium
523 Forest Ave
Marianna , AR 72360

Service

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Tribute Wall

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“ *Condolences to the family. May the Lord embrace you with his amazing grace and his presence be felt in the caring hands of those who bring encouragement to the family.*

Lonnie & Sandra Blocker - February 06 at 01:00 PM

LA

I was sorry to hear of Marty's passing. He was such a bright light! Sending prayers for his family, friends and co-workers during this time of bereavement. May you find peace and even joy in remembering Marty's life. I am the mother of one of his friends from South Florida, who is attending Marty's Celebration of Life today. 🙏❤️ Lydia Anderson

Lydia Anderson - February 07 at 11:24 AM



“ I find it incredibly difficult to articulate the profound grief that has settled over me since I heard the news of Marty’s passing. It still feels surreal, utterly impossible that his vibrant presence is no longer among us. I honestly believed he would out live me. He radiated such an infectious zest for life, an undeniable light, and an endless capacity for love that seemed to defy all bounds. Our connection, as some may know, began professionally, a simple working relationship. But it swiftly transcended those initial boundaries, blossoming into something so much deeper, so infinitely more meaningful. He wasn’t just a friend or a colleague, he truly became like a son to me, a cherished member of our extended family. The bond we shared was unique and irreplaceable. I often reflect on those countless evenings and early mornings we spent together on the phone engrossed in conversation about everything under the sun. Our discussions often gravitated towards our shared faith. Particularly our profound love for The Lord Jesus Christ, and the real struggles we sometimes face in living out His Word. Those moments of spiritual camaraderie, of honest reflection and mutual encouragement, are treasures I will hold on to forever. While my heart aches with his absence right now, there’s a comforting solace in my faith, a steadfast belief that I will indeed see him again. Until then, I find joy in imagining him smiling that beautiful smile down on us all. That radiate smile that could light up any room. He is undoubtedly at peace surrounded by the eternal love he so passionately believed in.

Sending you strength and comfort during this incredibly difficult time.

Cheryl Torrence Chenevert

cheryl Torrence Chenevert - February 04 at 12:06 PM

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“ Shirley Williams Thorn sent a virtual gift in memory of Mr. Marty D. Nash



Shirley Williams Thorn - February 03 at 07:30 PM

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“ Nash family and friends, Sincere Condolences to you. Praying for Comfort strength and peace today and the days ahead. 🙏 Mullen Williams McGruder and Thorn Family.

Shirley Williams Thorn - February 03 at 07:27 PM

SF

“ I've known Marty for a long time, his infectious smile, swag and love for his family was an amazing example for all. He was such a respectful young man and a loving and caring brother, uncle, cousin and friend. But most of all an amazing son. Marty , take your Rest, you will forever be in our hearts. To the family, you all know I love y'all tremendously, and I'll continuously be in prayer for you all 💕🙏💕. Father GOD, comfort, strengthen and keep this family during their darkest hours 🙏

Sheila Fells - February 03 at 06:22 PM

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“ I remember Marty as a respectable young man. When i was in my younger years he used to do my hair . It used to be laid ! He was a fun guy to be around . He will be greatly missed!

Laronda Sanders - February 03 at 05:57 PM