



Larry L. Yarbray Sr.

December 30, 1970 - September 10, 2022

Larry Lamonte Yarbray, Sr., son of Margo Yarbray and the late Larry Frisby was born on December 30, 1970, in Chester, Pennsylvania. He departed this life on September 10, 2022.

Larry, who was affectionately known as “Lareef”, “Reef” and “Buck” was educated within Chester Upland School District. Larry attended Chester High School from 1984-1988. During his time in high school, Larry was one of the most premier point guards in Eastern Pennsylvania. He was the starting Clippers point guard in 1987 (junior season) and led Chester to a 26-4 record and the PIAA Eastern Finals. During his senior season, he came into his own averaging 17 points and 6 assists per game. Larry was named first-team DELCO and First Team All Suburban. He graduated from Chester High School in 1988.

Upon graduation, Larry accepted a full scholarship to Coppin State University, a Division 1 University located in Baltimore, Maryland. Larry was a starting point guard for four years at Coppin State. Between the years of 1989-90, Larry was pivotal in the Coppin State basketball team’s 78-42 record and their receipt of several bids to the NCAA tournament in 1989-90 as well as the National Invitation Tournament during the 1990-91 season. Larry still holds the record at both the #2 and #3 position, at Coppin State, for the most single game assists, twice with 16 assists and once with 14. Larry averaged 622

total assists in 111 games and remains the all-time assist leader at Coppin State University. He was named MEAC Rookie of the Year in 1988-89 and All MEAC 2nd Team in 1989-90. Coach Ron “Fang” Mitchell was quoted as saying,

“Larry wasn’t worried about winning, he was a winner from the beginning and that’s the reason why I wanted him”.

Larry followed his amazing playing career with an equally stellar coaching tenure. He spent 12 years as an assistant coach at his alma mater, Chester High, and ultimately became the head coach in 2009. Larry Yarbray, Sr. is undoubtedly one of the best coaches in Delaware County history with a record of 214-53 over the span of eight years from, 2009-2017. He is also the only coach in Chester High history to win two consecutive State Championships and the only one to have a perfect season. His accomplishments as the head coach of the Chester Clippers includes: five Del Val League, four District 1 Championships, and back-to-back PIAA 4A State titles in 2011- 2012, and an undefeated season in 2012 with a perfect 32-0 season. On January 12, 2017, Coach Larry Yarbray won his 200th game with the Clippers. Leaving a legacy, Larry completed his tenure at Chester High and began a new season of coaching at the collegiate level in 2017 at Delaware County Community College where he served as the head coach until the time of his unfortunate passing on September 10, 2022.

Larry was always celebrated and rewarded immensely for his accomplishments in sports and as a positive figure in the Chester community. He was named the Associated Press High School Coach of the Year, Philadelphia Inquirer All Southeastern Coach of the Year 2011 and 2012, the 2012 Delaware County Sports Figure of the Year, and the 2013 Steve Harvey Neighborhood Award recipient.

Beyond sports, Larry was very loving, caring and dedicated to his family. He is

also remembered for his passions and being a pillar of his community. He and his wife Tammy wed on September 1, 2001 and their union gave life to two beautiful children, Larry Jr. and Micah. His family meant the world to him and he loved them deeply. Larry supported Larry Jr. and Micah in all their academic and athletic endeavors, encouraging them to achieve their fullest potential.

Larry worked at Elwyn, Inc. where he also excelled and was promoted from direct care to supervisor to eventually being the CRF Program Director. His affinity for sports and working with the youth led him to seek employment in the city of Chester where he grew up. He was initially employed at the Boys and Girls Club of Chester as the Director and was later promoted to the position as Executive Director. Always seeking opportunities to positively impact the youth of Chester, at the time of his passing, Larry served as the Dean of Students at Chester Community Charter School.

Larry Yarbray, Sr. tragically lost his life on the morning of September 10, 2022, doing what he loves and following his passion of physical fitness and wellness while engaging in his weekly cycling event. He was truly a jack of all trades, and there was nothing he truly couldn't achieve with hard work, dedication, and commitment. Those who love and care for Larry, Sr. know he was softspoken and very humble, but his words and influence were truly powerful. He will be truly missed by his family, friends, players, teammates, students, and everyone lives he touched.

Larry, Sr. was predeceased by both his maternal grandparents Ernest & Ruby Yarbray Sr., and paternal grandparents Albert & Mary Frisby Sr.; father, Larry Frisby; brothers Jeremy Yarbray and brother Kareem Frisby; uncles Ernest Yarbray Jr. and Albert Frisby Jr.; and aunt Lisa Yarbray.

He leaves to cherish his memory his loving wife Tammy Yarbray, son Larry Yarbray, Jr., and daughter Micah Yarbray. His godparents Wendell and Tanya Butler; and two brothers Dirk Butler (Sylinda) and Dondi Butler (Corinn); mother, Margo Yarbray; siblings Lamar Yarbray (Nashara), Rashida Jackson, and RaShawnda Jackson; step-mother, Vicky Frisby; siblings Marla Frisby, Jamal Frisby, and Rasheta Frisby; uncles Michael Yarbray (Lenora), Keith Yarbray, and Ernest Frisby (Sharon); and aunt Ernestine Williams. He also leaves a host of nieces, nephews, cousins, godchildren and friends

*** The Yarbray Family would like to extend their appreciation for the cards, donations, flowers, food and various acts of kindness In support of the passing of our beloved, Larry Yarbray, Sr. Words can not express our appreciation for the tremendous out pouring of love affection and support. Please extend a special thank you to Aunt Thelma and Uncle John Warren, Rev. Dr. Horace Strand, First Pentecostal United Holy Church, Rondae Hollis Jefferson, Chester Community Charter, Chester Upland School District , “The Great” Chester High School Class of 1988, Michael Carter, Major Taylor Cyclers & extended cycling community, Chester Police Department, Chester Township Police Department, Earl L. Foster Funeral Home, Haven Memorial Park Cemetery and Crematory, Red Brick Cafe, Darren “Boobie” Goldsmith, Earl Pearsall, Jr., Mr. & Mrs. Rasheed Wesley, Coppin University Family and everyone who participated in the creation of and on the program. If we have failed to mention anyone, please charge it to our head and not our heart.

Sorrowfully submitted Tammy Yarbray

<https://youtu.be/hlqtU6KLRDM>

<https://youtu.be/Cs9IDXUshvw>

Cemetery Details

Haven Memorial Cemetery

2500 Concord Road
Chester Township, PA 19013

Previous Events

Visitation

SEP **22**. 3:00 PM - 6:00 PM (ET)

First Pentecostal Holy Church
324 Pusey Street
Chester, PA 19013

Visitation

SEP **23**. 9:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

First Pentecostal Holy Church
324 Pusey Street
Chester, PA 19013

Service

SEP **23**. 11:00 AM (ET)

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Tribute Wall



“ *Larry L. Yarbray Sr.*

October 07, 2023 at 11:34 AM



“ *Larry L. Yarbray Sr.*

October 04, 2023 at 12:55 PM

TR

“ *Expression of Sympathy
To the Family of Mr. Larry Yarbray
September 19, 2022*

Tammy, my wife and I are truly sorry for your loss. The news of Larry's passing came as a shock so it is with a heavy heart that I write this note. No one could have told me when I saw Larry last September that it would be my last time interacting with him. When I coached Larry, he was a young man that played hard and was very determined to be successful. He was a team player on and off the court. Larry was the point guard that led Coppin State to beat the University of Maryland in 1989. He and the 1989-1990 team share that memory of little Coppin showing up and whipping Maryland, leaving them in a state of shock! It was a very proud moment in his basketball career. We shared that very special moment and I was happy to know that he continued with the same determined mindset and had a successful career. I was so proud of his accomplishments with the kids he worked with at Chester High School. He worked hard to give young people an opportunity which is so important in the role he played as a coach, a mentor, husband and father. He was a one of a kind type of guy and he will be dearly missed.

There is no word that I can write that will bring you complete comfort. Our condolences to you and your family on the passing of your husband. What I will say, there is a whole basketball family that is standing by to help you. May fond memories of Larry and prayers ease you through this very difficult time.


*Kind Regards
Coach" Fang" Mitchell*

Tiyeast Rawls - October 05, 2022 at 12:08 PM

AA

“ I was about 10-12' behind Larry and his teammates at the time of the tragic accident. As a result, I feel connected to him and his teammates. Although I did not know him personally, I can tell from everything I've read and heard that I would have really liked him. He clearly made a positive impact on everyone who knew him. My deepest condolences to everyone who loved him. I carry all of you in my heart and wish you peace. In Greek we say, "May his memory be eternal." There is no doubt in my mind that Larry's memory will be.

Alexis Andrianopoulos - October 02, 2022 at 03:01 PM

 Kim
Brown-
Carter

“ Larry was a very nice and pleasant person to work with at Elwyn. My condolences to his family.



Kim Brown-Carter - September 24, 2022 at 12:05 AM

GN

“ Lit a candle in memory of Larry L. Yarbray Sr.



Grace & Dwayne Nelson - September 23, 2022 at 08:48 AM



“ *Enchanted Cottage was purchased for the family of Larry L. Yarbray Sr..*



September 23, 2022 at 07:50 AM



“ *To the Yarbray Family, Chester Clippers, Teammates and Chester Community. Please accept my; sincere Condolences with Larry's passing. I am grateful for his friendship and for the help that he gave me when I needed it most. If we all could live a life of service as he did, our community and this world would be a better place. I salute you for a life well lived and may you all be comforted.*

Karl Proctor - September 23, 2022 at 04:44 AM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Larry L. Yarbray Sr..*



September 22, 2022 at 02:48 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Larry L. Yarbray Sr..*



September 22, 2022 at 01:16 PM

EF

“ *Erica McMillan and Family purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Larry L. Yarbray Sr..*



Erica McMillan and Family - September 22, 2022 at 08:52 AM

EF

“ *Lit a candle in memory of Larry L. Yarbray Sr.*



Erica McMillan and Family - September 22, 2022 at 08:46 AM

EJ

“ *From chester point guard to another and from one Coppin state alumni to another, you will be missed deeply. I always had a great time when I was in your presence and you showed me sincere love when I lost my father. The Jones family will like to reciprocate to one of the kindest men we've known. God bless your soul and your family hearts and minds. Love you great one.*

Eric Moe Muhammad Jones - September 21, 2022 at 08:38 PM

CF

“ *CCCS Family purchased the Magnificent Life Spray for the family of Larry L. Yarbray Sr..*



CCCS Family - September 21, 2022 at 11:25 AM

VM

“ *Velo City Riders Cycling Club, MD purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Larry L. Yarbray Sr..*



Velo City Riders Cycling Club, MD - September 21, 2022 at 08:48 AM

RW

“ *My dawg, my friend, my brother. Thank you for being a light for so many people including me. I love you Reef.*

Rasheed Wesley - September 20, 2022 at 09:45 PM

TF

“ *Thurmond Cameron & Keystone Blazers Fam purchased the Treasured Lilies Spray for the family of Larry L. Yarbray Sr..*



Thurmond Cameron & Keystone Blazers Fam - September 20, 2022 at 09:01 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Larry L. Yarbray Sr..*



September 20, 2022 at 07:35 PM

MC

“ *From Major Cycling
Our deepest condolences to the Yabray
family. Praying for your strength . So Sorry for
your loss.*



Major Cycling - September 20, 2022 at 06:07 PM



“ *Going to miss you out there on the road with us cycling!! You will
truly be missed my friend!! We will keep your name and legacy alive*

Charles Rutledge - September 20, 2022 at 12:49 PM

MH

“ *Lit a candle in memory of Larry L. Yarbray Sr.*



Mr & Mrs Michael Haynes - September 20, 2022 at 10:18 AM

SC

“ *Sorrowfully Submitted, MTCC Chester/DE
purchased the Magnificent Life Spray for the
family of Larry L. Yarbray Sr..*



Sorrowfully Submitted, MTCC Chester/DE - September 20,
2022 at 12:01 AM

CJ

“ *Lit a candle in memory of Larry L. Yarbray Sr.*



Carla Jones - September 19, 2022 at 10:02 PM

BD

“ *Bike Delaware purchased the A New Sunrise Spray for the family of Larry L. Yarbray Sr..*



Bike Delaware - September 19, 2022 at 09:28 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Larry L. Yarbray Sr..*



September 19, 2022 at 03:29 PM

EW

“ *RIP Larry 🙏
Your legacy will live forever in Chester, PA.
We send prayers for strength and peace and
heartfelt sympathy to the Yarbray family.*



Earl & Angela Williams - September 19, 2022 at 02:35 PM

BS

“ *Berks Connections/Pretrial Services purchased the Sweet Tranquility Basket for the family of Larry L. Yarbray Sr..*



Berks Connections/Pretrial Services - September 19, 2022 at 09:40 AM

BB

“ *I watched him play and coach for a number of years. He epitomized what Chester was all about. RIP coach. Bill Burland CHS c/o 68*

bill burland - September 19, 2022 at 08:59 AM

TS

“ *I did not know him personally, but I want to give my condolences to his family.*

Theresa Scott-goode - September 19, 2022 at 02:29 AM

TK

“ *My heartfelt condolences to the family and friends of a great man*



Tyrone King - September 18, 2022 at 10:38 PM

SF

“ To the Yarbray & Frisby family my sincere condolences & prayers. My nephew was an inspiration to his wife, family & community. I've loved Lil Larry from his Mother's womb! Never ever will I forget his big heart & smile! Larry will be sorely missed from Uncle Moon & Aunt Sharon's heart



Sharon Frisby - September 18, 2022 at 10:18 PM

DF

“ Deborah Height and Family purchased the Lovely One Spathiphyllum Plant for the family of Larry L. Yarbray Sr..



Deborah Height and Family - September 18, 2022 at 12:14 PM

MY

“ Lit a candle in memory of Larry L. Yarbray Sr.



Margo Yarbray - September 16, 2022 at 04:40 PM