



## David Terrell Goens

April 30, 1951 - May 7, 2024

Mr. David Terrell Goens, 73, passed away on May 7, 2024 at his home in Denver, Colorado. Mr. Goens was born on April 30, 1951, in Butler, Georgia to Mr. Harry Goens, Jr. and Mrs. Jeanette Miller McCrary Goens. David was baptized at St. Phillip A.M.E. Church in Butler. In 1956, David, with his parents and his two younger brothers Harry III and Bruce Anthony, moved to Denver, Colorado where his younger sister, Gayle Lynnette was born.

In Denver, David was a member of Campbell Chapel A.M.E Church and Jordan Chapel A.M.E. Church. As a child, David began piano lessons and later trombone lessons. David was an avid reader. Music and reading were two of his favorite pastimes which continued throughout his life. David was a member of the Cub Scouts and Boy Scouts of America. He also had a newspaper carrier route.

David attended Denver Public Schools. At Denver East High School, David engaged in a rigorous course of study, including the study of Latin. He also was a member of the concert band and was a member of the Chess Club. David received a number of academic honors, including his selection as a National Merit scholar.

In his sports activities, David was the starting center on the East Angels Varsity Basketball team, and he was a member of the cross country team.

After graduating from Denver East in 1969, David attended Colgate University in Hamilton, New York, on an academic scholarship. While at Colgate, he was the starting center on the university's varsity basketball team. The Colgate Raiders of the Patriot League regularly played members of the Ivy League, among other schools. David graduated from Colgate in 1973 with a B.A. degree in Sociology.

After graduating, David returned to Denver and worked in a family business at the Rossonian Hotel. In 1976, David entered the University of Colorado Law School and was a member of the Black Law Students Association. He graduated from law school in 1979

with the Juris Doctor degree. After passing the Colorado state bar examination, David began his private law practice. His clients grew to include many individuals, churches, organizations, businesses, and corporations. Mr. Goens also served as a legal consultant in a number of cases. Later, David began another firm, Genesis Conservation, LLC.

Mr. Goens was married to Mrs. Charlotte Gavin Hardy. This union continued until her passing in 2022.

A previous marriage to Ms. Toi Jones ended in dissolution. Another earlier marriage to Mrs. Twilla Stiggers also ended in dissolution.

David leaves to mourn his passing an aunt, Ms. Sara Ann Miller, a stepdaughter, Shiniquwa Alliss Hardy, a brother, Harry Goens, III, two nephews, Samuel R. Price and Michael Terrell Price, and two nieces, RaJeana Lynn Price and Chanté Lizette McCrary. He was preceded in death by his wife, Charlotte Gavin Hardy, his parents Mr. Harry Goens, Jr. and Mrs. Jeanette Miller McCrary Goens, a brother Bruce Anthony Goens, and a sister, Gayle Lynnette Goens Price.

David T. Goens' final resting place will be in West End Cemetery, Butler, Georgia.

A memorial service in Denver will be held at a later date.

Matthew 5:4

"Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted."

# Previous Events

## Viewing

MAY **24**. 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM (MT)

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# Tribute Wall

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“ I just learned of Dave's passing. He and I were classmates in college, and we were room mates one year along with Mike Barnes of Baltimore and Pat White of Morristown, New Jersey. Dave was intellectually and athletically gifted. He also had an innate kindness, bookishness and intellectual curiosity that was widely recognized and admired. Because of his unique array of talent and accomplishment in secondary school, he received one of Colgate's War Memorial Scholarships, which were awarded to the ten (10) most promising entering freshman. Dave knew that he was special, but he never lauded that over other students. I am sad to hear of his passing, and I salute him as a friend from years ago. God Bless his memory, and I wish peace and comfort to those he treasured and loved. Bill Dowdy (Wilmington, NC)

William Dowdy - June 19, 2024 at 03:10 PM



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Ballard Family Mortuary, LLC - May 23, 2024 at 11:55 AM

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“ My condolences to Harry, and family I'm so sorry for your loss. As a long time family friend since childhood, Dave always strived for big dreams. Now he can meet his beloved Charoltte in heaven.

Kathy Wright - May 20, 2024 at 02:59 PM