



## Fred Odell Pannell Jr

August 20, 1951 - February 2, 2023

Fred Odell Pannell, Jr, 71 of Bluefield, WV died on Thursday, February 2, 2023, at Wake Forest Medical Center in Winston Salem, NC. Fred better known to some as “Fellow” was born August 20, 1951, to the late Fred O. Pannell, Sr., and the late Gracie Lee Perry Pritchett. Fred was preceded in death by his maternal and paternal grandparents, ex-wives Constance K. Pannell and Kathy Swanson Pannell.

Fred was a graduate of the Class of 1969 from Park Central High School in Bluefield, where he was an outstanding athlete. In 2013 Fred was inducted into the West Virginia All-Black Sports and Academic Hall of Fame. After high school, Fred worked for the Norfolk and Southern Railroad as a brakeman/conductor. At an early age, Fred was baptized at Greater Mt. Zion Pentecostal Church.

Fred was a lover of music, dancing, and just enjoying life. He was a true believer in the saying Live, Laugh, and Love.

Survivors include his children Lisa (Richard) Gammon, Laura Pannell, Corey (Lindsey) Pannell, Tamecka Wallace, Brittany Pannell, and stepchildren: Ashley, Alvin, Adam, Angel, and William. His brother Melvin (Connie) Pannell and sister Jewell Sanya; 18 grandchildren and one great-grandchild; and a host of aunts, uncles, cousins, nieces, nephews, and friends.

A funeral service will be held Saturday, February 11, 2023, at noon, and visitation starting at 10:00 am, at the Mercer Funeral Home located on Cumberland Road with Reverend Eugene Watson, Officiating.

# Previous Events

## Visitation

FEB 11. 10:00 AM - 12:00 PM (ET)

Mercer Funeral Home Chapel  
1231 West Cumberland Road  
Bluefield, WV 24701

## Funeral Service

FEB 11. 12:00 PM (ET)

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# Tribute Wall



“ Fred Odell Pannell Jr

October 05, 2023 at 06:08 PM



“ Errick Claytor sent a virtual gift in memory of Fred Odell Pannell Jr



Errick Claytor - February 12, 2023 at 03:41 AM



“ Errick Claytor lit a candle in memory of Fred Odell Pannell Jr



Errick Claytor - February 12, 2023 at 03:40 AM



“ I loved watching him pass the football. He was a great coach and mentor. Thank you for helping and loving me and ❤️👑🎤🙏👉

Errick Claytor - February 12, 2023 at 03:38 AM

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“ *Anneka Carte lit a candle in memory of Fred Odell Pannell Jr*



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**Anneka Carte** - February 11, 2023 at 12:02 PM

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**Anneka Carter** - February 11, 2023 at 12:04 PM

SC

“ *Fred was a great friend. I grew up with from elementary school all the way through high school played ball with, and he was just a great friend. He will always be in my heart much love to the family Shelby Carey.*

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**Shelby Carey** - February 10, 2023 at 12:40 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Fred Odell Pannell Jr.*



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February 10, 2023 at 07:53 AM

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“ Carolyn Elston lit a candle in memory of Fred Odell Pannell Jr



Carolyn Elston - February 08, 2023 at 04:48 PM



“ Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Fred Odell Pannell Jr.



February 07, 2023 at 02:59 PM



“ Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Fred Odell Pannell Jr.



February 07, 2023 at 02:52 PM

WJ

“ There were so many fine moments and memorable times we shared with friends in Bluefield. Nothing but super love for the man, always a smile. On the field and court of Genoa an PC he was a leader. In the streets he never gave anyone any trouble. An ICON he was and is. He will always be remembered. Fellow or Fellaaaa, I love you Brother from another Mother!!!!

William & Beverly Jefferies - February 06, 2023 at 11:43 PM

SO

*My name is Sandra Oliver, my brother Christopher Stepney was a dear friend of Fred's in Bluefield, please accept my condolences, I pray that God give the Pannell family the strength to move forward through these difficult days ahead.*

**Sandra Oliver** - February 08, 2023 at 10:04 AM

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*I send thoughts and prayers for the family.  
Audrey Wisdom Keys*

**Audrey Wisdom Keys** - February 10, 2023 at 10:47 PM

AP

*Lisa, Laura, Corey, and family: I am so sorry. May you find much comfort and strength in GOD and the many fun memories of your Dad/relative! Please know that you are thought of and prayed for now...and in the days to come!*

**Anneka Carter Powell** - February 11, 2023 at 12:00 PM



“ *Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Fred Odell Pannell Jr.*



February 06, 2023 at 09:10 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Fred Odell Pannell Jr.*



February 06, 2023 at 08:35 PM