

CELEBRATING THE LIFE OF

Denzel Irvin

NOVEMBER 7, 1995 – DECEMBER 21, 2024

"Whatever you do [whatever your task may be], work from the soul [that is, put in your best effort], as [something done] for the Lord and not for men."

– Colossians 3:23 AMP



CELEBRATING THE LIFE OF

Denzel Irvin

Saturday, January 4, 2025

11:00 A.M.

HOST CHURCH

Majestic Life Church

821 South Kirkman Road

Orlando, FL 32811

(407) 296-8587 • www.majesticlifechurch.com

Pastor Riva Watkins, Overseer

PRESIDING

Dr. R. Shaun Ferguson

Faith Temple Christian Center

836 Ferndale Avenue

Rockledge, FL 32955

(321) 631-8700 • www.ftcconline.live

Dr. R. Shaun Ferguson, Senior Pastor

OFFICIATING / WORDS OF INSPIRATION

Bishop David L. Outing, Associate Pastor

The Kingdom Church

800 North Pine Hills Road

Orlando, FL 32808

(407) 293-4277 • www.tkci.org

Pastor David S. Jacques (West Campus)

INTERMENT

Woodlawn Memorial Park

400 Woodlawn Cemetery Road

Orlando [Gotha], FL 34734

(407) 293-1361



*“Yet we have this assurance: Those who belong to God will live; their bodies
will rise again! Those who sleep in the earth will rise up and sing for joy!”*

– Isaiah 26:19_{NLT}

ORDER OF SERVICE

Prelude

Processional Officiants and Family

“Keep Praying” [One of Denzel’s favorite songs]

[as recorded by Doe Jones & Ryan Ofei]

Invocation Pastor Riva Watkins, Overseer

Majestic Life Church – Orlando, FL

Scripture Readings

Old Testament..... Associate Pastor Brian Faircloth

Purpose Center, Palm Coast, FL

New Testament..... Pastor Rico Sharp

Jerusalem Worship Center, Umatilla, FL

Musical Selection New Life Ministries World Outreach Center Praise Team

Reflections *(limit your time to 2 minutes or less, please)*

Coach Brad Lord [High School]

Dave Buckles [President of Foundation Academy]

Coach Josh Woods [College]

Ben DeLuca [Friend]

Special Tributes

Ashanti Roberson [Fiancée]

Darius Irvin [Twin Brother]

Visual Memories Video [CREATED BY Darius Irvin]

Resolutions and Acknowledgments Lola Battle

New Life Ministries World Outreach Center, Inc. – Executive Assistant

Solo Selection LaQuisha Howard [aunt]

Words of Inspiration Bishop David L. Outing

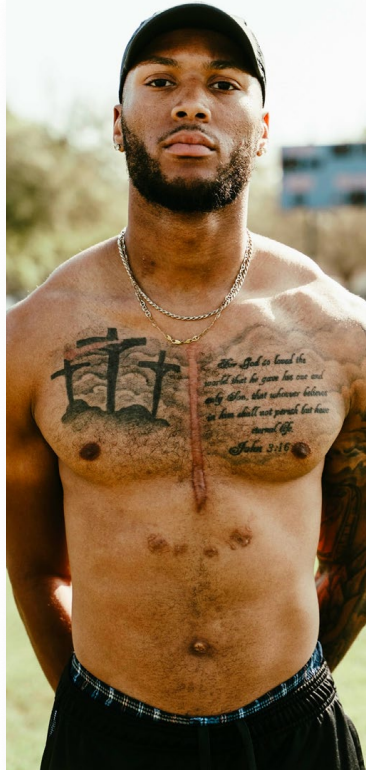
Recessional Officiants and Family

“Go Jesus” [One of Denzel’s favorite songs]

New Life Ministries World Outreach Center Praise Team

REPAST

Immediately following the Interment, the
Family invites you to join them for a Repast here
at Majestic Life Church – Orlando, FL.



A LEGACY™

a heritage: character qualities, memoirs . . .

“To everything there is a season, and a time to every purpose under the heaven: A time to be born, and a time to die, a time to plant, and a time to pluck up that which is planted....a time to weep, and a time to laugh: a time to mourn, and a time to dance...”
— Ecclesiastes 3:1, 2, 4



Denzel Irvin, affectionately known as Coach Zel, was born as a twin on November 7, 1995 to his proud parents, Pastor Djuan and Gwendolyn Irvin. He was the older twin by one hour and 5 minutes, and a big brother to his younger sister Tiffany as well.

Denzel grew up with a passion for football and a heart for leadership. A standout athlete, Denzel began his football journey at the age of 5 with the Pine Hills Trojans League. Years later, he attended and played at West Orange High School for two years before transferring to Foundation Academy for his junior and senior year. His skills on the field earned him recognition as an All-State and All-District selection as a Defensive Back, along with a 2x All-District selection as a Wide Receiver. Denzel’s remarkable talent made history when he became the first Division 1 athlete to have attended Foundation Academy.

In 2014, Denzel committed to the University of North Carolina at Charlotte (UNCC), where he furthered his athletic career. In 2019, Denzel returned to UNCC as a Graduate Assistant (GA) under the Strength and Conditioning Staff, where he worked closely with players to enhance their performance. It was there that he met Josh Woods, the Strength and Conditioning Assistant Coach for the Miami Dolphins. Denzel also had the honor of assisting in UNCC’s first-ever appearance at the Bahamas Bowl that same year.

However, Denzel’s journey took an unexpected turn in March 2022 when he faced a life-threatening health crisis. After experiencing severe symptoms, he learned that his heart was only functioning at 10%. This began a challenging battle through 7 surgeries, 3 heart machines, and a stroke. In a miraculous turn of events, Denzel received a full heart transplant on April 25, 2022. Despite the gravity of his condition, he was discharged from the hospital just *six days* after his transplant surgery, a testament to his remarkable strength and determination. Denzel’s faith in God, his resilience, and his unwavering spirit were the driving forces behind his recovery. As he often says, *“God changed and saved my life.”*

A beloved figure to his family and friends, Denzel was known for his infectious energy and leadership. Always striving to bring people together, Denzel loved his family deeply—especially his twin brother, with whom he shared a close, inseparable bond. He often spoke about staying connected with his family, including his mom and his close-knit circle of friends, whom he called his *“kids”* in reference to the athletes he mentored.

Denzel had a strong love for music that fueled his passion for life. He always had the latest beats playing in the background as he moved through life. As he often said: *“What’s up, Fam?! God is GOOD! It’s a BLESSING just to be here. Get right!”*

Coach Zel’s personality was as vibrant as his football career. He’s remembered by those who loved him as a leader, a motivator, and someone who would go out of his way to make others feel welcome. Denzel life journey is a powerful testament to the importance of always living with purpose.

Denzel was preceded in death by his **paternal grandparents** – Leonard and Mamie Irvin, and his **brother** – Djuan Xavier Irvin.

Denzel leaves to cherish memories of him: his **father** – Djuan Irvin, **mother** – Gwendolyn Irvin, **twin brother** – Darius (Kyla) Irvin, and **sister** – Tiffany Irvin; 2 **daughters** – Maya Faith Irvin (8 years old) and Kehlani Mae Irvin (6 months); **fiancée** – Ashanti Roberson; **bonus son** – Jeremiah Castro;

maternal grandmother – Genervie Green, and **maternal grandfather** – Daniel Wallace; **aunts** – Taneka Irvin and Laquisha Howard; **uncle** – LaQuan Howard; **nieces** – Emerie Pigott, Desirae Irvin, and Aniya Irvin; **great aunts, great uncles, cousins**, and a host of other relatives, and many, many friends.





Remembering Times with Denzel

“And God shall wipe away all tears from their eyes; and there will be no more death, neither sorrow, nor crying, neither shall there be any more pain; for the former things are passed away.”

– Revelation 21:4

Honorary Pallbearers

Get Active Performance Training Student Athletes
Foundation Academy Student Athletes

Pallbearers

Jeff London [Friend]
Kevin Sullivan [Friend]
Jair “J” Semexant [Friend]
Ed Rolle [Friend]
Ronnie Fountain, Jr. [Cousin]
Brandon Cross [Cousin]

Flower Attendants

Ladies of Life
Friends of the Family

Greeters / Ushers

New Life Ministries World Outreach Center
and Majestic Life Church

In Appreciation

The family of the late Denzel Irvin is grateful for all the phone calls, texts, e-mails, and visits during the loss of our loved one. Your presence and every act of kindness was comforting and inspiring during this difficult time. We know that earth has no sorrow that heaven cannot heal, so as such, we appreciate your continued thoughts and prayers as we journey forward.

We take solace in 1 Corinthians 2:9.....

*“Eye has not seen, nor ear heard,
nor have entered into the heart of man,
The things which God has prepared
for those who love Him.”*

– the Family



Mitchell's Funeral Home
Directors

“The Home That Faith and Service Built”

501 Fairvilla Rd., Orlando, FL 32808 • (407) 298-0703
www.mitchellsfuneralhome.com

Coordination Services / Concierge: The Program Lady at jabdesigns.com

more than a program by **jab designs** orlando 407/381-9339

©2025

jabdesigns.com



For a Digital Copy of this program, scan the QR-code below. This will also allow you to zoom in to all of the photos.

