



## Chester Mays

April 21, 1962 - April 28, 2026

Chester Lewis Mays was born on April 21, 1962, to the late James Mays and Bertha Flowers-Mays, both of Wrightsville, Arkansas. He spent a portion of his childhood in San Bernardino, California, before his mother relocated the family back to Arkansas.

Chester graduated from Mills High School in 1981. At the time of his passing he was employed at UA of LR Police Department as a Police Officer. Throughout his distinguished career, he also served with the Arkansas Department of Corrections for approximately 25 years, the Arkansas State Capitol Police Department, and the Arkansas State Hospital Police Department, where he retired with the rank of Police Sergeant. In addition, he worked with the Shorter College Police Department and the Laidlaw Bus System. Officer Mays was also an entrepreneur, having founded and operated his own security company, Certified Blue, LLC.

Chester was a hardworking, funny, and devoted family man. He was a role model to many, loyal, committed, and dedicated to serving his community. His smile and personality could brighten anyone's day, and he never hesitated to help those in need. In every role he held, including his service in law enforcement and corrections, Chester treated others with dignity and respect, encouraging them to persevere through life's challenges.

To many, he was more than a cousin, friend, or coworker, he was like a brother. He genuinely loved people and had a gift for uplifting and motivating those around him. Though he sometimes appeared tough on the outside, those closest to him knew he had a kind and compassionate heart. When Chester wasn't working, he cherished spending time with his grandchildren, all of whom he loved dearly. He held a special place in his heart for his youngest grandson, Princeton.

Chester's passing is difficult to process. As one cousin expressed so beautifully, "Chester truly personified what it meant to be an officer and a gentleman, a good soul who illuminated our family with honor, dignity, and respect. He will truly be missed."

Chester leaves to cherish his memory his children: Nastashia Mays of Dallas, Texas; Alisha (Desmond) Beasley of Little Rock, Arkansas; and Justin Mays of Little Rock, Arkansas. He is also survived by his six grandchildren: Justin Mays Jr., Harmony, Siyauna, and Alaysia Beasley; Princeton Mays; and Deysha Mays.

He also leaves behind his siblings: Theresa Mays of Wrightsville, Arkansas; Derrick Johnson Mays of Detroit, Michigan; and Sharon Mays of McKinney, Texas. He is lovingly remembered by his nieces and nephews—(Favorite Niece) Erica, Yulanda, LaPorsha, Mattie, Jammel, Eric, and Quinton—as well as a host of great-nieces, great-nephews, extended family, and friends who will forever cherish his memory.

# Cemetery Details

## Rest In Peace Memorial Gardens

6425 Memorial Gardens Rd  
Hensley, AR 72065

# Previous Events

## Service

MAY 9. 11:00 AM (CT)

Greater Friendship Christian Church  
4640 Springer Blvd  
Little Rock, AR 72206

# Tribute Wall

CS

“ Mannn my guy... we talked almost all the time. I had just talked to you and I heard this. Rest in luv my guy. You will be truly missed.

christopher Shine - May 09 at 05:10 PM

HB

“ Sergeant Mays was a great coworker. I think he helped me jump start my car once, and I know he helped me feel better several times. He could always be counted on for a pleasant greeting and a smile. So very sorry for your loss. Henley Bergstrom, ASH pharmacist

Henley Bergstrom - May 08 at 04:54 PM

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“ From day one I seen you as a big brother and a great friend. You will be missed 🙏

Ramona Harris (Williams) - May 07 at 08:11 PM

VA

“ Friend you hurt my feelings with this. You will be missed. To the family I offer my condolences. Justin keep your head up. He loved you and was so proud of you. I always asked about you whenever he came to the doctor. Rest well my friend.



Vicki Ashford - May 07 at 07:42 PM

DC

“ *Dyeann Cunningham lit a candle in memory of Chester Mays*



Dyeann Cunningham - May 07 at 03:58 AM

DC

*Chester was always polite, and a very Honorable man. I Thanked him more times than he wanted when he escorted my son home. Such a humble stance, he will be missed.. My Condolences to the family of Mr. Chester Mays.*

Dyeann Cunningham - May 07 at 04:04 AM

SB

“ *REST IN LOVE WE ARE GOING TO MISS YOU YOUNG MAÑ*

Shellie BoBo - May 06 at 08:50 PM

AR

“ *It was always a joy to see Chester. He was a great man. While his appearance could be intimidating, he was truly a kind and joyful soul. He will be missed!*

Alvin & Renee Rogers - May 06 at 11:20 AM

CF

“ *Chester Mays will forever be missed. He was always a welcoming soul and i have known him sense I was a kid and he has always been like and unlce to me and my kids. Gone but never forgotten rest on uncle.*

Carli Fischer - May 05 at 10:23 PM

J.

“ I truly love working with Sgt. Mays as well as talking with him outside the job. I will truly miss him and his laugh. Lt. J. Lawson

J.Lawson - May 05 at 07:58 PM

GT

“ We will Truly miss Chester, rest well Brother ❤️

Gina Thomas-Littlejohn - May 05 at 01:35 PM

RO

“ Forever loved, remembered, cherished and missed. Thank you for all you've done for me and the Crutchfield family. Love always your baby play sis Sheree

Robinson - May 05 at 11:26 AM

SW

I will miss that big beautiful smile and that Hey cuz! That i was always greeted with ,along with that big hug. My heart is broken and this is a hard pill to swallow. Until i see you again. R.I. P.

Shelia Rawls Wilkerson - May 06 at 12:09 PM

SO

Let us celebrate Chester not only with our tears and our grief but with our smiles and our gratitude for having known a truly great man that always displayed a smile.  
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Shasta Odom - May 06 at 01:32 PM

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*The Arkansas State Hospital Police Department and AR State Hospital Fraternal Order of Police Lodge 90 honor the life and service of Sgt. Chester Mays, who began his law enforcement career with the Arkansas State Hospital Police Department and concluded his distinguished service with UA of Little Rock Police Department. During his time with us, he became not only a dedicated officer, but also a respected and devoted brother within the Fraternal Order of Police. We extend our heartfelt condolences to his family, friends, and colleagues during this difficult time. Sgt. Mays made a meaningful and lasting impact on the community he served and was widely admired for his professionalism, character, and commitment to service.*

*On a personal note, I will always value the conversations we shared, both on and off duty. Beyond our work in law enforcement, we worked together alongside Sgt. Hill to help bring one of his aspirations to life, Certified Blue, LLC. I recall telling him that while we could help lay the foundation, it would be up to him to carry it forward. Through his determination and strong work ethic, he did exactly that.*

*Although he retired as a sergeant with ASHPD, he often reflected with pride on his career and spoke highly of the Chief (R. Carter) and co-workers with his current department at UA of Little Rock Police. I'd joke with him about "ASH Police took care of you too" In all sincerity, I have always been proud of his accomplishments and the dedicated service he gave to the profession of law enforcement. Sgt. May's legacy of service, brotherhood, and commitment will not be forgotten.*

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**Lodge President Capt. Lipscomb** - May 06 at 03:58 PM

MW

*THIS IS A HARD PILL TO SWALLOW FOR REAL! IT HAS BEEN A WHILE SINCE I SPOKE WITH BROTHER, AS WE CALLED HIM AT THE ARKANSAS STATE HOPITAL. I CALLED HIM TO SEND MY CONDOLENCES WHEN HIS MOTHER PASSED.SO FOR ME TO HEAR THAT HE HAS PASSED AWAY REALLY DO HURTS. THIS BROTHER WILL REALLY BE MISSED. MY PRAYERS GOES OUT FOR HIS FAMILY.*

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**MARILYN WILLIAMS** - May 08 at 05:02 PM