



LEANDER A. DUNK

July 30, 1947 - January 21, 2026

The master called and Leander answered, On Wednesday January 21, 2026 Leander "Pee Wee" Dunk entered into eternal rest. Funeral services are scheduled for February 7, 2026 at 1PM at Queen Chapel AMEZ Church, Dover, NC. Burial will follow at the Sandhill FWB Church Cemetery.

The funeral service for Mr. Dunk will be live streamed on this website at 1PM on Saturday February 7, 2026

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Cemetery Details

Sandhill FWB Church Cemetery

Dover, NC 28526

Events

Details are pending.

Tribute Wall



“ *Fonville & Dove Mortuary created a Click below to view the service in memory of LEANDER A. DUNK*



Fonville & Dove Mortuary - February 03 at 08:44 PM

“Leander Dunk, known affectionately to colleagues as Mr. Dunk, was a dedicated histology technician with a specialization in autopsies, serving the Department of Veterans Affairs at New York Harbor Hospital. Before joining the VA, he contributed his expertise to the Medical Examiner’s Office in New York City. Later, he led as the VA union president for a number of years, earning the respect and trust of many across the hospital. Even after stepping down from active union leadership, his door remained open: employees would seek him out for guidance on union-related matters, and he always steered conversations toward understanding, fairness, and practical solutions.

In his daily work, Mr. Dunk’s hands and mind moved with a quiet precision. He spent a great portion of his time in the morgue, where his calm presence offered steady support to colleagues and medical residents. He carried a deep passion for helping others, a quality that defined his interactions with friends, colleagues, and strangers alike. A “random employee” often found him/herself drawn to him, seeking guidance or simply a listening ear. Beyond his histology duties, he was a partner in a funeral home, bringing a compassionate extension of care that echoed through both his professional duties and his personal life.

Leander and his wife were recognized by the State of New York for their exceptional work as foster parents. Their home was a place of refuge and love for many children who had felt abandoned, offering them stability and care. He loved fast cars, a hobby that reflected another side of his vibrant curiosity and zest for life. Yet, at his core, he remained a kind soul—a good friend, a beloved colleague, and a steady source of support. He would often share stories of North Carolina, where he grew up, recounting experiences of growing up Black in the 1950s. Those memories were not merely anecdotes but threads of resilience, humanity, and the evolving history he carried with grace.

Mr. Dunk’s legacy lives in the many people he touched: colleagues who benefited from his steady leadership, patients and families who were gently supported by his compassionate presence, and foster children whose lives were enriched by the care he and his wife

provided. He embodied service—both in the quiet, meticulous work of histology and autopsy, and in the broader acts of mentorship, advocacy, and generosity.

Leander Dunk's life was a tapestry of professional excellence, unwavering service, and deep humanity. He taught us that leadership can be quiet yet transformative, that helping others is a daily practice, and that kindness leaves a lasting imprint on every corridor of a workplace and every life it touches. I will miss you deeply my dear mentor and colleague of many years.

Arnaldo A Polanco - February 07 at 12:15 PM

AL

“ *For many decades Mr. Dunk was a valued employee and a member of a strong team of Laboratory and Pathology medicine at the VA Harbor Medical Center. People from every department would regularly visit the Histo- Lab in search for Mr. Dunk's attention and advise. Strong at heart, quiet but resilient he proudly stood up and cared for others. Well respected, he served as a role model for so many. He impressed us all. Will miss you now Mr. Dunk. May we meet again.*

Aneta Litwin - February 07 at 11:23 AM

DK

“ *Sorry to hear about the passing of Mr PeeWee. Praying for the family. The Doves from Dover. Nookie, Cheryl, Tricia, JL*

Della Koonce - February 07 at 09:22 AM

RM

“ *I was absolutely heartbroken to hear this news. Dunk you will be truly missed. S.I.P*

Renee Manning



RENEE MANNING - February 04 at 06:24 PM

JS

“ *TO THE DUNK FAMILY: I was so sorry to hear of the passing of Leander. He was my classmate and I will be praying for the family today and always.*



Jearline Harris Spence - January 29 at 11:16 AM

BM

“ *My deepest condolences to the family . Mr Dunk may you rest in peace .*
-Brittany Manning



Brittany Manning - January 28 at 04:51 PM

ZP

“ I’m heartbroken to hear that Mr. Dunk passed away this morning. I’ve known and worked with him since 2000—a dear friend whose quiet strength and kindness meant so much. A dedicated autopsy assistant and histotechnician in Pathology and Lab Medicine, he faced severe diabetes with incredible resilience and even survived COVID-19. I’ll always remember his contribution to the care of veterans in our department. My deepest condolences to his family and loved ones. Rest in peace, Mr. Dunk. You’ll be deeply missed.

Zhiheng Pei - January 28 at 10:03 AM

KD

“ The Dunk/Bryant/Daggs familt are in the prayers of The Holts Chapel A.M.E.Z. Church family ... we love you and pray your strength ❤️🙏👐

Karen L Dixon - January 24 at 07:42 PM

MG

“ My sincere condolences brother in law, u will surely b missed.

Michele, Robert & Wallace



Michele Gooding - January 24 at 10:25 AM