



Desi A. Dillard, Sr.

August 16, 1975 - April 30, 2026

Desi A. Dillard Sr., age 50, passed away on April 30, 2026. Born in Cleveland, Ohio, on August 16, 1975, to Sharon Dillard and the late Ernest Jackson Sr. Desi was a man of quiet strength, deep loyalty, and a vibrant spirit that touched everyone he met.

Desi was often described as the "strong, quiet type." He was a man of keen observation who didn't need many words to make his presence known or his love felt. His style was unmistakable; a true "sneakerhead," he took immense pride in his collection of Air Jordans and was always impeccably dressed, often sporting his favorite Polo gear. His passions were as bold as his wardrobe, ranging from his love of cars to his unwavering loyalty as a "hardcore" Cleveland Browns fan.

At home, Desi was the heart of every gathering. He lived to host and entertain, finding his greatest joy in bringing people together. As "a self-appointed" Master Chef, his favorite dishes were chicken, rice, and gravy, and beef roast. Whether he was traveling to new places, enjoying a good movie, or relaxing with a Heineken or Modelo, Desi embraced life's simple pleasures with a cool, easy-going grace.

Desi's greatest legacy is his family. He is survived by his devoted wife, Alexandria, (Johnson) Dillard, and his loving mother, Sharon Dillard. He was the cherished father of Allantae Williams (Erin Harbison) and Desi "DJ" Dillard Jr., stepfather of Autumn Johnson and Diaja Chattman, and a doting grandfather to Luella. He also leaves behind his siblings, Ebony Dillard and

Richard Dillard, and a host of nieces and nephews: Dejah, Aiyana, Ariyana, Shannise, Chandru, Amir, and Alex.

He was preceded in death by his father, Ernest Jackson Sr., and his grandparents: Cleveland and Eloise Coles, Katie Wright, Edward Dillard, and Kathleen A. Gates.

Family and friends are invited to gather for a time of reflection and support on Monday, May 11, 2026, from 3:30 PM to 7:00 PM at Monreal Srnick Funeral Home, 35400 Curtis Blvd, Eastlake, OH 44095.

A funeral service will be held at the funeral home on Tuesday, May 12, 2026, at 10:00 AM.

Desi will be remembered for his observant nature, his impeccable style, and the profound, steady love he had for his family and friends.

Upcoming Events

Visitation

MAY 11. 3:30 PM - 7:00 PM (ET)

Monreal Srnick Funerals & Cremations
35400 Curtis Blvd.
Eastlake, OH 44095

Funeral Service

MAY 12. 10:00 AM - 12:00 PM (ET)

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Tribute Wall



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Desi A. Dillard, Sr..*



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