



Dr. William Finlayson

September 1, 1924 - May 11, 2026

No obituary found for this tribute.

Previous Events

Visitation Only

MAY **22.** 5:00 PM - 8:00 PM (CT)

Abundant Faith Church of Integrity
7830 W. Good hope Road
Milwaukee, WI

Visitation

MAY **23.** 9:00 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

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Funeral Service

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Tribute Wall

DS

“ Dr. Finlayson will always have a place in my heart. I met Dr. Finlayson when I was a teenager through my mother, Glorious Malone. My mother work with Mrs. Finlayson at Veterans Hospital. We Visited the Finlayson's home many times and they where always happy to see us. My parents bought a home not to far from them and we rode the school bus with their sons, even though we went to different schools . Over the years, I had kids and doctor Finlayson delivered them and my grandkids. I will always remember when I went into labor with my second daughter, and the nurse told me he was on the way to the hospital. As they were wheeling me into the operating room, the elevator door is opening and Dr. Finlayson changing into his scrubs on the elevator, saying I will be there in a minute. I have so many wonderful memories of Dr. Finlayson. He also delivered my sister Daphne's kids. To the Finlayson family we love you and as the days go by hold on to all the wonderful memories of your dad. He was truly loved and respected. He will remain in your hearts for ever.

Denise Malone Suttle - May 24 at 01:34 PM

TS

“ I am so bless to have Dr. Finlayson not only delivering myself but, my three younger sisters. My Mother adored him so much she practically made him her primary doctor 🙏. I had to keep that track record going and he laid hands on my oldest son and took gentle care of me during my second pregnancy. I spoke with him 2015 and he laughed when I said my mom name Carrie Mae. Our family is so grateful to God for Dr. Finlayson.

Theresa Sebree - May 22 at 10:09 PM

CO

“ *Connie lit a candle in memory of Dr. William Finlayson*



Connie - May 22 at 06:39 PM

CO

You were my Dr for many years 🙏 for family God says a righteous man will have eternal life

Connie - May 22 at 06:43 PM

TR

“ *Dr. Bill Finlayson and his wife, Edith, were both, pillars of our community. They opened both their doors and their hearts to everyone who knew them. They embraced everyone with joy and assistance if and when needed. While they or their generosity will never be replaced, we should vow to be as devoted and live the life that he so graciously lived.*

Terri/John Ridley - May 22 at 03:30 PM

ES

“ *Embodiment Yoga students and staff purchased the Care and Compassion Spray for the family of Dr. William Finlayson.*



Embodiment Yoga students and staff - May 22 at 09:57 AM

LT

“ Lorraine Tyler-Truss purchased the Serene Retre at for the family of Dr. William Finlayson.



Lorraine Tyler-Truss - May 21 at 01:00 PM

LT

“ My sincere condolences to the family of Dr. William Finlayson. His dedication to the medical profession and to the community was most admirable. He will truly be missed, but the contributions he made will continue to impact the city of Milwaukee.



Lorraine Tyler-Truss

Lorraine Truss - May 21 at 12:43 PM

SK

My sincere and heartfelt condolences to the family of Dr. William Finlayson, one who a dedicated, well knowledgeable and great addition to the medical field in Milwaukee and especially to Black Women and the Community at large. He will be greatly missed. I am sure Lord has welcomed him saying, "Well Don't My Servants" God Bless you family.

Sharon Kerrens - May 23 at 11:41 AM

DI

“ To Dr. William Finlayson’s family; an outstanding physician, important civil rights leader, a beloved father of two sons, a beloved wife. From myself and my wife, Dr. Finlayson was a great mentor and friend. We have been truly blessed by having such a wonderful friend in our life.



*Dr. George P. King, II
Dr. Pamela Thomas-King*

Dr, George P. King, II - May 19 at 08:46 PM

AH

“ My condolence's to my family. You all are in my prayers

Antoinette Herron - May 19 at 01:09 PM

SA

“ My condolence to Dr. William Finlayson family I remembered when his office was located on 4th and north Ave and the office on 20th and capital Dr.was the office he retired from. Dr FINLAYSON DELIVERED MY 2 SON'S IN 1968,1970 AT ST.JOSEPH HOSPITAL. HE WAS A KIND AND PLEASANT DR. HE WILL TRULY BE MISS.Rip. Sharon Allen

Sharon Allen - May 18 at 07:56 PM

HB

“*Dr. Finlayson remains an example of excellence in achievement in our hearts & soul. His dedication to the condition & growth in the community continues in legendary fashion. Along with other pioneers, like Doctors Dale, Lane & Maxwell & Dentists Floyd Campbell & Peter Murrell, they tended the growth & condition of Bronzeville as Milwaukee swelled during The Great Migration. I was honored to call Dr. Finlayson my Friend, and his Son's my Brothers.*

Henry W. Brown III (aka AMINIFU)

324 S. Beverly Drive

Beverly Hills, CA 90212

Henry Brown - May 18 at 02:08 PM

“Forever etched in my mind are the early Saturday mornings I spent attending the W.E.B. Du Bois Club— a youth mentoring initiative. I will never forget my first time meeting Dr. Finlayson, a firm, mentally agile, honorable man and a gentle soul. He was deeply intentional about what he wanted me to accomplish and what he expected me to carry out as my personal responsibility. He wanted me to take my education seriously and excel as best as I could. He wanted me to become “someone”— a valuable and useful asset to society and to our Black communities. He expected me to absorb and apply his wisdom (and the positive influence of others) to become an exceptional example of a successful Black man that he had already believed I was destined to be from the first moment we shook hands.

When I realized what a privilege it was to join Dr. Finlayson and his colleagues on Saturday mornings in the second-floor conference room of the North Milwaukee State Bank, I knew he had a special place in his heart for empowering and equipping youth. A person who would share their corporate conference room and expose oblivious, inner-city Milwaukee youth to banking and other corporate spaces... on a Saturday morning... is certainly a person committed to developing Black excellence. That conference room was a place where Dr. Finlayson would invite other Black leaders in Milwaukee to host master classes on academics, leadership, finance, and career development. Most importantly, it was a space for discussions about personal development, cultivating a sense of belonging, and building courage and competence within ourselves.

Only God knows how astonished I was when I learned that this great man was also the doctor who delivered my older sister, Darlene Renae Goines-McKnight, many years before I was born. I think it's safe to say that my sister was brought into this world by “good hands,” given that she, too, has achieved a notable level of personal success and Black excellence. It was at this moment that I knew Dr. Finlayson was no ordinary person; he was a crucial figure whose reputation, success, and care left an indelible mark on the

city of Milwaukee.

When the Common Council held the 5th Street renaming ceremony to recognize Dr. Finlayson's legacy, he proclaimed that he believed the community deserved the services he gave, and that Milwaukee was a great city in which he would play a part to make it even greater. Dr. Finlayson did exactly as he said, and because of his loving memory, we have yet another reason to proudly refer to our great city of Milwaukee as "Greater Milwaukee."

My sincere love, regards, and condolences go out to his family.

I also pay tribute to Dr. John Ridley III, MD, whose wisdom, many contributions, and advocacy helped me achieve the goals I set for myself.

*Kyle Williams, Esq.
Fisk University, 2018*

Kyle Williams, Esq. - May 17 at 03:20 PM

ER

*My sincere condolences to the family. Dr. Finlayson became my doctor when I was 15 years old. I was pregnant and afraid. Dr. Finlayson did not judge me, instead, he took care of me. He talked with me about choices, options, best care and my future. He was so kind and he remained my doctor. 16 years later when I was pregnant with my 2nd child, he met with me and my husband about the best possible care. He delivered my 2nd child on May 11, 1991. Dr. Finlayson took excellent care and remained my OB until his retirement. The world was better place with him in it. I know God has given him his crown. God bless Dr. Finlayson. I loved him.
Mrs. Erma Russell.*

Erma Russell - May 20 at 10:43 AM

GK

My sincere condolences to the family of Dr. Finlayson. Thirty-nine years ago in March 1987, I was hospitalized at Mt. Sinai Hospital fighting for the life of my unborn child as well as my life. Dr. Finlayson was covering for Dr, Parker, he came to see me and reassured me that everthing was going to be alright. After a five (5) week hospitalization, I delivered a healthy baby boy.

I am ever grateful for his compassion and loving bedside manner and his reassurances.

May God continue to bless your family in your time of bereavement.

Mrs. Gwendolyn Knight-Ford

Gwendolyn Knight-Ford - May 22 at 12:08 PM