



George Edward Footman

November 28, 1929 - August 2, 2020

George Edward Footman was born November 28, 1929 in Johnsonville, South Carolina. He departed this life after a brief illness on Sunday, August 2, 2020 at the age of 90. George was the eldest son of the late Cyrus and Ceetha (Barr) Footman. He had one brother, Thomas James Footman, who preceded him in death.

He attended school in Johnsonville, South Carolina. As a black child growing up during segregation, George often spoke about many obstacles that included facing prejudice, harassment, and racism. Public school transportation was not afforded to black students, so he would have to travel miles daily with his brother to school by foot. George and his brother would sometimes run and hide in ditches to protect themselves from bus riders who would throw rocks and being berated by the white children riding the bus as they walked to and from school. Oftentimes, he would have to physically carry his brother in order to safely escape because he suffered from asthma and could not run.

His family worked as sharecroppers, cotton pickers, and did other laborious jobs in order to make ends meet. In search of a better life for the family, his parents relocated their family up north to Baltimore, Maryland in an attempt to provide them with better social and economic opportunities. The family moved in with his mother's sister, the late Lessie White and her family. The two families shared a small row home in East Baltimore on Biddle Street. George attended Dunbar High School. When he first arrived he was teased about being from the "country". But it wasn't long before he became acclimated to his new metropolitan environment and was able to develop friendships that lasted for many many years.

In 1951, he met the love of his life Pearl Phoebia Barr. At the age of 21, he went through great pains to gain her affection. He was great gentlemen and asked permission from her father for her hand in marriage. He married Pearl on July 14, 1951. One year and one day later they welcomed their first child; their beloved Carolyn. In the years to follow they welcomed three more children; Cynthia, Cheryl and Timothy.

George worked as a Teamster truck driver; and also work part-time as a taxi driver to provide for his family. He was known for his expert mapping and navigation

skills. It was later in life that he accepted the Lord as his personal Savior and became a member of First United Church under the leadership of Bishop Monroe R. Saunders, Sr. On the day he was saved, he walked home from Copley Road feeling like he was “walking on air” because he was so overcome with joy.

As his love for the Lord flourished, he set his intentions on being of service to the church. For many years he served as the church’s van driver escorting the congregation’s senior citizen members to and from church service. He would often share stories with his family about the fun times spent in the transportation ministry. George was later appointed deacon. As a longtime member, George received many awards for his service to the church including the Man of Valor Award.

George was a loving husband, phenomenal provider, a model father, and a nurturing grandfather and great-grandfather. He was also a reliable friend and neighbor who was loved and well respected by all who knew him. He was selfless and humble; a man of wisdom, distinction, and integrity. He will sorely be missed.

He was preceded in death by his; wife of 67 years Pearl Phoebe Footman, daughter Carolyn Footman, and brother Thomas James Footman. He is survived by: his children; Cynthia Young, Cheryl Rich (Gregory Rich), Timothy Footman; grandchildren, Duane Young, Derek Young, Ashley Rich, Erika Young, Brennae Nixon, and Brittany Rich; his great-grandchildren, Donovan Young, Duane Young Jr., Desiree Young, Jerome Golphin Jr., Nyla Nixon, Sabali Colvin, Justin Nixon Jr., Jasiri Colvin; along with a host of other family members and friends.

Events

AUG **Viewing** 02:00PM - 04:00PM

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March Life Tribute Center, P.A. – Randallstown
5616 Old Court Road, Windsor Mill, MD, US, 21244

AUG **Wake** 11:00AM - 12:00PM

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AUG **Service** 12:00PM

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Comments



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March Life Tribute Centers - August 10, 2020 at 08:43 PM



“ My deepest sympathy and prayers to the Footman family. Deacon Footman was a kind and gentle man. I will always remember him as one of the pillars at First United Church. Always welcoming, always a smile each time I saw him. Deacon Footman and Sis Pearl along with a few other favorites were model parents that I looked up to. They both are missed but never will be forgotten. Dear God please comfort and bless the family, in Jesus Name, Amen.
Gladys Richardson Potts aka Ladybug

gladys potts - August 12, 2020 at 03:12 PM



“ I am the granddaughter of the late Mr. Nathaniel Footman Sr. who was the 1st cousin of the late Mr. George E. Footman. His father and my father's mother were siblings who were raised in a family of strong faith. So I am sending you all sincere prayers of comfort and know that God will always be there to comfort you. Mr. George has joined the ancestors and is now in the arms of our Lord and Savior.

Ms. Oneita Footman of Syracuse, New York



Oneita Footman - August 11, 2020 at 05:52 AM



“ Take comfort in knowing our heavenly Father has reunited mom & dad. You are blessed for all you have done in the care of your dad.

Gerri Gardner - August 08, 2020 at 10:36 AM