



Herman E. Cheeks

December 3, 1931 - February 27, 2022

On Sunday, February 27, 2022, HERMAN ELIJAH CHEEKS, known as “Sonny,” transitioned to be with his heavenly Father at age 90. Herman was born December 3, 1931 in Clarksville, Virginia to the late Elijah Cheeks and late Emma Cheeks-Spencer.

Herman attended public school in Clarksville, Virginia, and his family moved to Baltimore, Maryland in 1942. Herman’s first job was delivering prescriptions for a local Dundalk pharmacy. While delivering prescriptions to the Evans’ household, he met the love of his life, Mary Evans that courtship developed into a proposal of marriage. Herman and Mary were married on December 23, 1950 by the late Rev. Nathaniel Mondie, and out of this union was born six children.

Herman began employment in the tin mill at Bethlehem Steel in Sparrows Point, Maryland on August 2, 1951 where he remained until he retired on January 28, 1994. Herman was a dedicated and hard worker, and no matter what the weather or time of day, he went to work. He worked for 43 years, and trained others.

During 1968, Herman and Mary decided to move their family from Turner Station, and was the first family to integrate the neighborhood in Dundalk area.

Herman was baptized at an early age, and became a member of the Galilee Baptist Church in 1943. He was a faithful member, and joined the trustee board. Herman was dedicated and received acknowledgement on June 16, 2002 for assisting with obtaining a side ramp for the church. He served faithfully until his illness. Herman loved the Lord, and set the strong foundation for his family, God being the head of the household. Herman loved to read the Bible, and Psalm 23 was one of many scriptures that Herman would recite.

Herman was a dedicated husband, “Daddy”, “Pop Pop”, father-in-law, brother, brother-in-law, and uncle. He was a father figure for others, and his loving message to his children

was, “You all stick together and take care of Momma.” Herman loved family, and Mary was his, “Baby,” who he loved dearly for 71 years, and she would say, “Baby, I love you with all my heart.” Their 50th wedding anniversary was a special day with family and friends. He took great joy being surrounded by his children, grandchildren, nieces, nephews, cousins, and friends at family gatherings.

Herman loved his snacks, and before he would eat anything, he would pray over it, even if it was only one potato chip. Herman loved to take vacations with his family which included his grandchildren.

His favorite sports teams were the Ravens and the Orioles.

Herman was hospitalized during December 2018, and after surgeries and being in care facilities, God blessed him to return home with his family on April 17, 2020 under the care of Johns Hopkins Home-Based Medicine. Herman had an original song that he would sing almost every day, “Jesus Jesus, Jesus” praising Him and never complaining.

Herman was preceded in death by his sons, Herman Elijah Cheeks Jr., Herman Clinton Cheeks and daughter, Dianne Jenkins. Herman leaves to cherish his memory: wife, Mary Cheeks; daughters, Rosetta Cheeks, Teresa Cheeks-Johnson and Brenda Cheeks; sons-in-law, Edwin Jenkins Sr. and Maurice Johnson; grandchildren, Edwin Jenkins Jr., Latrondra Jenkins, Anthony Jenkins, Teresa Arthur, Brian Cheeks, Brenda Lynette Cheeks; great-grandchildren, Elizah Jenkins and Airik Jenkins; brother, William “Pete” Cheeks; sister-in-law, Genevieve McComas; sister, Hattie Mae Riddick; brother-in-law, Leeroy Brooks and wife Michelle Brooks; special family friend, Harold Carter; nieces, nephews, and host of other relatives and friends.

Cemetery Details

Holley Hill

Chase, MD

Previous Events

Wake

MAR 12. 10:30 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

Galilee Baptist Church
2440 N. Point Road
Baltimore, MD 21222

Service

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Tribute Wall

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“ Love you Unc'... you were always there for us as a strong and dutiful leader of the family. You would stop by everyday... sometimes twice a day :) to check on Nanny. You taught me what it means to be a SON. Thanks for all your loving care and dedication... your Nephew Junior (Leonard Williamson). Rest in Heavenly Peace !

Leonard Williams - March 23 at 11:50 AM

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“ To Mother Cheeks, Teresa, Rosetta and Brenda, and the rest of the Cheeks family: We are thinking of and praying for all of you. Mr. Herman was a wonderful example to us. We were always so touched by his love and admiration of our daughter...she appreciated it, as well. You are our family and our hearts are broken along with yours. However, we are so happy to know that you share the same hope we have in Christ. Mr. Herman knew the Savior and is now in the presence of Almighty God. What a blessing to know we will see him again and never have to say GOODBYE anymore. Please know how much we love each of you...thank you for being such a special family. Love, Teny and Rob Pringle (and Kayla)



Robert and Michelle Pringle - March 11 at 01:03 PM



“ We the March Family and Staff wish to extend our deepest and heartfelt sympathy in the passing of your loved one. Our prayers go out to you and your family in your time of loss. We know and understand that you have received many expressions of love and we will continue to lift you up in prayer. May the memories you cherish of brighter and happier days help to ease your sorrow and comfort you always.

March Funeral Homes - March 01 at 02:17 PM