



Albert Baxter Peterson

May 25, 1919 - February 13, 2018

Albert Baxter “Pete” Peterson peacefully departed this life on February 13, 2018. He was born on May 25, 1923, to Zack and Emma Peterson of Marion, South Carolina.

At a young age, he relocated with his family to Richmond, Virginia where he attended Richmond Public Schools.

He joined the United States Army Air Corp after high school and became an airplane mechanic in Tuskegee Alabama. Always a diligent worker following his years of service in the military he was employed by McGuire Veterans Administration Hospital. He retired as a Laboratory Technician after 30 years of dedicated service.

In 1943, he met and married Gaynelle Shepperson. Their 65 years marriage remained until her passing in 2009. To this union two daughters were born, Vivian Alberta and Joyce Ann.

As an adult he was baptized and became a member of the Mount Olivet Baptist Church.

Somewhat of a Renaissance Man, during his lifetime. He wore many hats. He was the owner and operator of Wood Street Market and later 35th Street

Market. He was the first black member of the Richfood Food Distribution Center. He was a Licensed Real Estate Agent with the brokerage firm of W. E. Robinson Real Estate Company.

As a very civic and community minded man he organized voting precinct #67, (now known as District 7) in the East End of Richmond. He also assisted in organizing the Richmond Crusade for Voters. Pete was also a member of and active participant in the East End Civic League where his leadership was recognized and awarded.

Kind and good-natured, his welcoming demeanor and quite assertiveness made him greatly respected. He was knowledgeable and always willing to have an in-depth conversation. He was an attentive listener as well as a skilled debater. He played and taught chess to others thereby influencing and encouraging others to be thinkers.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Gaynelle Shepperson Peterson; daughter, Vivian Peterson Hunt and a great grandson, Taylor "TJ" Johnson. He is survived by his beloved daughter and long-time caregiver, Joyce Peterson Libron; two grandchildren, Douglas Anthony Hunt and Shana Gayle Hunt-Johnson (Bill); two great-grandchildren, Tatum Hunter Johnson and Skylar Vivian Johnson and a host of other relatives and friends.

In his almost 95 years, Albert "Pete" Peterson made an indelible mark on all of those he encountered. He will be greatly missed.

One good man can make a difference.
He can set an example that others
want to follow in the way he leads,
the way he loves, the way he lives.

The encouraging words he speaks
can turn doubt and worry into confidence and courage
And he can change a life just by being part of it.

Cemetery Details

Forest Lawn Cemetery

4000 Pilots Lane
Richmond, VA 23222

Previous Events

viewing

FEB **19**. 9:00 AM - 8:00 PM (ET)

March Funeral Home-Laburnum Ave.
2110 E. Laburnum Ave.
Richmond, VA 23222

Service

FEB **20**. 11:00 AM (ET)

March Funeral Home -Laburnum Chapel
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Richmond, VA 23222

Tribute Wall



“ *Albert Baxter Peterson*

October 13, 2022 at 08:33 AM



“ *Thelma Morgan lit a candle in memory of Albert Baxter Peterson*



Thelma Morgan - February 19, 2018 at 08:00 PM



“ *Earth Has No Sorrow That Heaven Cannot Heal! Joyce , I am sending you Love, Prayer and Sympathy on the Loss of Your Beloved Father Mr. Peterson. You are always going to know the Love that death does not destroy and remember that no Man is Dead until there is no one left to Speak His Name. I will ask that God continue to bless you and your family and I will be with you in spirit as I have a horrible cold and cannot be with you physically. Stay strong and remain that beautiful daughter that you always have been and always will be. Love Always, La-Verne Ellis*



La-verne Ellis - February 19, 2018 at 10:41 AM

ST

“ Miss Joyce. We were saddened to hear the loss of your dear daddy. We can remember the good times and the candy he and your mother would always give us when we visited. Earth has no sorrow that Heaven cannot heal. We're praying for your comfort during this difficult time.
Love Stephanie, Joanie and Jew Jew Pollard



Stephanie - February 15, 2018 at 09:44 PM

CQ

“ Charles Quinichett lit a candle in memory of Albert Baxter Peterson



Charles Quinichett - February 15, 2018 at 09:31 PM

RE

“ In sweetest memory, Love, Renee Eddleton



Renee Eddleton - February 15, 2018 at 05:44 PM

JA

“ Joyce so sorry about the passing of your father. I pray that God comfort you and your family

Joyce Aikor-Richardson - February 14, 2018 at 03:32 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 - February 14, 2018 at 02:17 PM