



Alfred Watts

February 22, 1925 - December 8, 2016

ALFRED WATTS, son of the late Samuel Watts and Nellie Watts, was born on February 22, 1925 in Baltimore, Maryland. He departed from this earth on December 8, 2016 after a brief illness.

At the age of 18 before completing high school, he joined the United States Navy where he reached the rank of Petty Officer. After the Navy, he met and married the former Elizabeth Simms, which resulted in five children.

He became employed at the Bethlehem Steel Company for over forty years. While at Bethlehem Steel, he completed his high school education and graduated 3rd in his class from Douglass High Night school. He joined New Psalmist Baptist Church where he later became a well-known Deacon. To his close Deacon crew, he was known as "Papa Smurf". He made numerous friends wherever he went and will be sorely missed.

His hobbies were dancing, going to concerts, travelling and watching sports. His sister Dorthell recalls being at a party and dancing with him. While they were doing the Jitterbug, he swung her between his legs so hard that she slid on the linoleum covered floor and didn't stop until she was under the coffee table. Everything that had a strap on her was broken.

He was beloved by his family and friends. He leaves to mourn: his children:

Priscilla Keys, Melvinda Jones, Lawrence Simms, Carolyn Samuels; one son-in-law: Preston Samuels; two sisters: Dorthell W. Bowman and Mary L. Watts; nine grandchildren; and a host of relatives and friends

Cemetery Details

Arbutus Memorial Park Cemetery

1101 Sulphur Spring Road
Baltimore, MD 21227

Previous Events

Public Viewing

DEC 16. 8:30 AM - 8:00 PM (ET)

March Funeral Homes - West Baltimore
4300 Wabash Avenue
Baltimore, MD 21215
(410) 542-2400
info@marchfh.com

Wake

DEC 17. 11:00 AM - 11:30 AM (ET)

New Psalmist Baptist Church
6020 Marian Dr.
Baltimore, MD

Service

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Tribute Wall



“ *Alfred Watts*

October 13, 2022 at 08:33 AM



“ *With my deepest condolences to the family of Mr. Alfred Watts. May the Almighty, the God of tender mercies and of all comfort, who comforts us in all our trials, (2Corinthians1:3,4) comfort you and your family in this time of need.*

D Barnes - December 15, 2016 at 10:44 AM



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Larry - December 14, 2016 at 07:48 AM



“ *My name is Alfred Watts. I was named after my Uncle who just passed away. Uncle Alfred was blessed with a very long 91 years of life. And he did it his way. That's the beauty of his life. He lived it the way he wanted it to be. I should be so lucky to live like my namesake. Good bye Uncle Alfred.*

Alfred Watts - December 13, 2016 at 11:13 AM

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“ As a little boy, my memories of "Pop-pop" are of a man who worked very hard, loved his wife, enjoyed a good laugh and had a strong sense discipline.

As an man, I came to know Pop-pop as a man who loved the Lord, and encouraged other to follow Christ as he followed Christ. The laughter was still there, but his sometimes stern exterior was softened, and he expressed compassion for lost souls.

In 1984, he invited my then girlfriend and I to visit his church (New Psalmist Baptist). We accepted his invitation, became members and that 11 year experience contributed to our spiritual growth and foundation in a way that changed us forever.

Shortly after we were married, Pop-pop came over to our little apartment for dinner. He gave us a Bible, told us to love the Lord, and to love each other. The rest he said, "will take care of itself". That was the best advice. 30 years later we are still married and together we are deeply rooted in our Christian faith, and continue in a love that can only be sustained by God.

We can never forget the gift you gave to us.

Thank you, Pop-pop.

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larry - December 13, 2016 at 06:04 AM

DA

“ I am so sorry for your loss . John 5 : 21,28,29

D Allen - December 12, 2016 at 06:42 AM



“ 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 - December 10, 2016 at 03:10 PM