



Ben Henry Bradshaw Jr.

December 30, 1941 - April 6, 2018

Ben Henry Bradshaw, Jr., 76, of Henrico, Virginia departed this life Friday, April 6, 2018. He was the only child born to the late Bertha and Ben H. Bradshaw Sr. on December 30, 1941 in Richmond, Virginia.

He was a high school graduate from Maggie L. Walker High School in 1960. After high school, he enlisted in the United States Navy where he spent the next 4 years of his young adulthood life. During his tenure in the Navy, the country was at war in Vietnam. After returning, his first son was born. It was then that he decided not to re-enlist so that he could be there for his family. He furthered his education at Norfolk State University.

He was a member of St. Paul's Baptist Church for over 10 years where he enjoyed the uplifting sermons and fantastic gospel singing. Prior to St. Paul's, he started his spiritual base with Second Baptist Church. At Second Baptist, he was an active member and choir member for many years.

Ben began a career of over 30 years at Reynolds Metals Co. (now Alcoa). While there, he was able to put both of his sons through college. He worked several jobs before retiring as a Shipping Supervisor at Reynolds Metals Co. As he eased his way into retirement, he also worked part time as an airport shuttle transit driver for over 2 years. Ben was also an active member on the Maggie L. Walker High School alumni board.

In his leisure time, Ben enjoyed camping. He would spend many weekends relaxing at Indian Acres. Many times, he would also read "Western" novels in his spare time. He also enjoyed fishing with his friends that he would gather

on Saturday mornings to fish for hours on a boat. Often he would come back with what he considered the "catch of the day" which was dinner for the night. His other passion was watching various sporting events, baseball, football and basketball.

In his younger years, he coached his son Steven's little league baseball team for several years. He enjoyed teaching young kids the game to better their techniques. Ben also loved watching his boys, Steven and Michael play little league football. Over the years, he took several bus trips up to Washington, DC to see the Redskins play, since he was a huge Washington Redskins fan. When the season was over, he would often talk about how he couldn't wait for the football season to start again.

In addition, he loved to travel. He would go ANYWHERE if he could take an airplane. When he traveled, he lived to go cruising. He would often say that the best thing about cruising is the fantastic food.

He leaves to cherish his memory a loving and devoted wife of 22 years, Diane B. Bradshaw; sons, Steven D. Bradshaw (Nedra) and Michael B. Bradshaw (Sheila); stepchildren, Dr. Harry R. Thomas III, Cory A. Thomas; Sheree Wattie, Sontia Altamie; grandchildren, Aaron Bradshaw, Connor Wilson, Devin Wilson, Shanice Bradshaw, Corrine Bradshaw, Carman Bradshaw; and a host of other relatives and caring friends.

Cemetery Details

Veterans Cemetery at Amelia

10300 Pridesville Rd
Amelia, VA 23002

Previous Events

viewing

APR **12**. 9:00 AM - 8:00 PM (ET)

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

Service

APR **13**. 11:00 AM (ET)

St. Paul's Baptist Church
4247 Creighton Road
Richmond, VA 23223

Tribute Wall



“ *Ben Henry Bradshaw Jr.*

October 13, 2022 at 08:33 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.*

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