



Benjamin Cromwell, Sr

October 25, 1921 - February 23, 2014

BENJAMIN CROMWELL was born on October 25, 1921, in James Island, South Carolina to the late Joseph and Florine Cromwell. He was the third child of eleven born to them, and the oldest son. He went home to be with the Lord, on February 23, 2014, after a lengthy illness.

Benji-go, as he was affectionately called throughout his life, received his early education in the James Island Public School System of Charleston, South Carolina.

In 1942, Benjamin joined the U. S. Navy and served in the Fifth Fleet, South Atlantic, during World War II. He received an honorable discharge in 1948, and served in the Navy Reserves for two years. He was married to the late Alberta Cromwell, while on a ten day leave. From this union that lasted over 65 years, six children were born. Seeking a better life, they left Charleston, South Carolina and relocated to Baltimore, Maryland.

As a member of Greater St. John Baptist Church, he was a diligent worker on the Deacon Board until his health began to fail. He always prayed that the Lord would let him live to see all of his children grow up. He would look at the family and say, "And look what I have... children, grands and great-grands. Look what God has done for me."

Benji-go held a job as a construction worker before gaining employment with

Bethlehem Steel. He was a faithful worker for over 30 years at the Blooming Mill. Always seeking ways to improve the quality of life for his family, he also sold fish and produce throughout the Turner Station community and surrounding areas.

He enjoyed gardening, and spending time with his family and friends. He was loving and hard-working, and showed love to those he came in contact with. You did not have to be his child to be welcomed into the Cromwell home. He and his wife would make sure you were well-fed and content. The Cromwell hospitality was known throughout the neighborhood.

Benjamin leaves to mourn: his sons, Harold (Angela), Yusef Shahid (Gloria), William (Deborah) and daughter, Velma Peny-Smith (Michael); his sister, grandchildren and great-grandchildren. His passing has left a void in the hearts of many.

Cemetery Details

Garrison Forest Veterans

11501 Garrison Forest Road
Owings Mills, MD

Previous Events

Public Viewing

MAR 4. 8:30 AM - 8:00 PM (ET)

March Funeral Homes - East Baltimore
1101 East North Avenue
Baltimore, MD 21202
(410) 727-3300
info@marchfh.com

Wake

MAR 5. 10:30 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

Greater St. John Baptist ***
209 Walnut ave
Dundalk, MD 21222

Service

MAR 5. 11:00 AM (ET)

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Tribute Wall



“ Benjamin Cromwell, Sr

October 13, 2022 at 08:33 AM



“ Please accept my sincere condolences for your loss. Death is the enemy of all mankind, yet when it touches us personally, few find the comfort they search for. The doctrines that are taught concerning death find their origins from men and not the Bible. As a result, they fail to leave those who are grieving with comfort or a hope. They do however, leave many with unanswered questions. The response that "God works in mysterious ways" or that "God needed another angel", does not satisfy the spiritual needs of those who are grieving. However, many have found comfort in the pages of God's word the Bible (2 Corinthians 1:3, 4). In God's word we find the promise that we can be reunited with our loved ones (John 5:28,29; Acts 24:15). The Bible tells us where this happy reunion will take place (Psalm 37: 11, 29; Matthew 5:5). We are told why we die (Genesis 3:17-19; Romans 5:12), and that the God of the Bible will end death forever (Isaiah 25:8; Revelation 21:3,4). Learning the truth about Jehovah, the God of the Bible (Psalm 83:18), God's Kingdom (Daniel 2:44), and the state of those who have died (Ecclesiastes 9:5), is the start to finding true comfort concerning loved ones who are sleeping in death (John 11:11-14; John 8:32. It is of vital importance to learn what the Bible really teaches concerning death. For more information please visit the website jw.org.

A Friend - March 17, 2014 at 03:10 AM

Natalie
Prosser
McCoy

“ I am so sorry for your loss. May "the God of all comfort" (2 Corinthians 1:3,4) comfort and soothe your heart. His promises, found in the Holy Scriptures, can offer much hope. It assures us at John 5:28,29 that our loved ones will be remembered and brought back to life in the resurrection. Please allow God's Word to strengthen you and help you to endure this most difficult time.

Natalie Prosser McCoy - February 28, 2014 at 09:49 PM

CL

“ I loved Mr. Benjamin Cromwell like a father. I will always remember my last visits with him and his beloved wife Mrs. Alberta Cromwell. I would make sure that every time I visited Baltimore during my travels around the world and coming back home; to call and announce my coming. He was in great pain but never failed to come down stairs when she called him and told him I was there. He was a great listener and wise man. I respected him highly knowing the wonderful job he had done with raising his family to adults. His children represents the best a natural man can offer. He was more than a common man to me, he was a Saint. Always just before I concluded my visits we would pray together. He served God well in life and I believe he has gone to serve him in glory. God told one of his disciples he would make him a fisher of men, he also gave that promise to Mr. Benjamin Cromwell. He was a tr'sue fisher man in more ways than one. To his family he leaves behind I pray you live the life as he did; honoring God and him your father and friend on earth. We loved him and adored him but God loved him more and He has taken the earthly fisherman to the port of glory there to fish no more. No more pain and sorrow for Mr. Cromwell. I will love and remember him until we meet again in God's mansion.

Carlton Lewisl - February 27, 2014 at 05:06 AM

LB

“ We send our condolences to the Cromwell Family. The Turner Station Community loved Mr. Ben the entrepreneur and business man. I personally enjoyed all day fishing trips with Mr. Ben and Mr Paul Jefferson, my father in law. I encourage the Family to share those great memories of Mr. Ben-- the fisherman, the Family man, the gardener, the deacon, the business man, and the friend to multitudes.

God Bless you all,
The Bannerman Family

Larry Bannerman - February 26, 2014 at 02:33 PM

LF

“ Our family would like to express our condolences to your family. May you find comfort from Jehovah God's Word The Bible. He assures us at 1 Corinthians 15:26 that "the last enemy death will be brought to nothing". Our prayers are with your family.

linn & family - February 26, 2014 at 12:35 PM

FA

“ To the Family of Benjamin Cromwell Sr.
I was reading about the death of your family member and i wanted to write to say how sorry i was to read of it. The bible gives us comfort though. It tells us at Romans 5:12 that death entered the world because Adam sinned and we came from him. But God knows that we have the desire to live so He has set forth a promise in the bible. It says at Isaiah 25:8 that God will swallow up death forever. So we are just waiting for the time when God will carry out his promises. Well I hope that these scriptures have been of encouragement to you. If you have any comments or questions please e-mail me.

Faye - February 25, 2014 at 03:51 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 25, 2014 at 03:20 PM

MJ

My heart goes out to you of the loss of your beloved one, Mr. Ben. Mr. Ben was a homeboy from South Carolina. Him and my father were very good friends the late James Jefferson. My first memory of Mr. Ben was in S.C. when he use to sell seafood. . So you know I have known him a long time. Also he and my uncle have been next t door neighbors forever. The last time I saw him he was sitting on his porch. God has truly Blessed this family my letting you fave Mr. Ben for just a long time. Rejoice.

Mikki Jefferson - March 05, 2014 at 08:02 AM