



Benjamin G. Glenn Sr.

January 28, 1951 - May 30, 2015

Benjamin Gregory Glenn, Sr. was born on January 28, 1951 in Baltimore, MD to the late Irene Wells and the late Benjamin Norman Glenn. Although born in Baltimore, Ben spent the first five years of his life, as well as many summers, in South Carolina on his grand-mother Olivia's farm. Ben continued to love South throughout his life.

Ben was educated in the public school systems of Baltimore City and Anne Arundel County. He graduated from Arundel High School. Soon thereafter, he entered into the Carpenters Apprenticeship Program where he became certified as a Journeyman Carpenter after completing the 4 year program. Under the mentorship of his uncle Edward "Kit" Glenn, Ben was elected President of Carpenters Local 544, where he served in that capacity for over 2 decades.

In addition to his love of Christ, Ben loved music and sang in several bands starting with "Little Nate and the Dell Tones" from 1968-1972. In 1973 he joined "The Zebra Band" and later he formed the "Person to Person" Band where he was the lead singer until 1986.

Ben's trade as a carpenter opened many doors. He was elected President of the Carpenter's Union local 544 and served in that capacity for many years. Ben served as COPE Director of the Metropolitan Baltimore Council AFL-CIO

Union for 7 years. Later Ben was appointed International Representative for the International Brotherhood of Carpenters and Joiners of America. He was the first African American to hold such a high position in UBC.

His successes as a union leader led to an entry into politics. Ben was elected Vice Chair of the Baltimore City Planning Commission and in 2014 ascended to the office of President of Maryland State Planning Commission. Closer to home, Ben was also "appointed" Treasurer of the campaign finance department of "Friends of Cheryl Glenn." Ben was his wife Cheryl's biggest advocate and a constant partner in politics. Ben and Cheryl were a true life partnership!

Ben was a devoted husband, family man, and an extraordinary father. When he married the love of his life Cheryl on October 27, 1990 he brought his daughter Karen and sons Benjamin, Jr. and Steven to the union. As a result of the union Ben became "Pop Pop" to daughters D. Nikila "Niki" Savage and Cheron "Yodi" Bishop. Ben and Cheryl were also blessed to "parent" their granddaughter, Taylor N. Bishop. Ben instilled his faith and love of Christ in all of his children and grandchildren. Family was more important than anything, except God, and he spent countless hours constantly teaching his children and grandchildren the importance of preparing yourself for life. Most importantly, he never stopped preaching & teaching that you must have your own relationship with God, and if you do that, you will be successful in life.

Always looking out for his family, Ben utilized his exemplary carpentry skills in rehabbing a newly purchased home for his new family. In recent years, these skills were further used to build and complete a beautiful 3 story addition to the family home. That addition was for the sole purpose of bringing people together to eat, worship God, and just fellowship with each other.

Ben had a true love of children. He inspired and mentored all of the young

people that he encountered. He also had a positive impact on everyone he met. Ben's spirit of generosity was clearly demonstrated through his sharing of his time, wisdom, faith, skills, and finances. Ben always told his wife Cheryl that "how you live, is how you will die". Ben's transition to Heaven truly exemplified that; there was no pain, no suffering, but a smile on his beautiful face.

Ben's beautiful memories will live on in the hearts of: his devoted wife of almost 25 years, Cheryl; Daughters, D. Nikila Savage, Karen Glenn, Cheron (Yodi) Bishop and Taylor N. Bishop; Sons, Benjamin, Jr. (Benji), Steven, and Michael A. (Mike-Mike) Savage, Aaron J. (Debo) Savage, Brandon T. (Bran-Bran) Savage, Joshua M. Savage, David W. Bowman 4, and Kamal I. Glenn; Granddaughters Jessica Bishop, Keyona I. Bowman, and Karrine Lyons-Glenn. He leaves to cherish his memory: Brother, Quentin Glenn; Sisters, Greta Theresa Hines, Ervine "Peanut" Thomas, Arlene "Fuzzy" Walls, Lauren "Dinky" Wells and Cynthia Leah Glenn, who preceded him in death. He also leaves behind his devoted sisters-in-law, Joyce Smith, Tiffany Glenn, and Darlene Milling-Bey; brothers-in-law with whom he had a very special friendship, Larry Hines and Jerome L. Jennings. Ben enjoyed a very close relationship with his nephews Quinn White (Deena) and Jerome G. Jennings (Cortina), niece Marie White; cousins Geneva Boone and Dorothea Adams; special friends Shirley & Alton Hill, Spencer & Juanita Carter, John Grimm, Billy Halbert (Kathi), Eliis & Renee Harris, Alfred & Harriet McDuffie, Retired Baltimore City Councilwoman Agnes Welch and City Councilman William "Pete" Welch, and William Mulroney (Colleen). The union family also had a few special friendships with Ben and they are: Loretta Johnson (AFT), Glen & Sharon Middleton (AFSCME), Ernie & Dot Grecco (AFL-CIO), Frank & Geri Spencer (Carpenters), Mike and Joanne Capelli (Carpenters), Bill Michaelowski (Carpenters), Steve & Caroline Flynn, and a host of other family and friends.

Cemetery Details

Woodlawn Cemetery

2130 Woodlawn Drive
Baltimore, MD 21207

Previous Events

Public Viewing

JUN 5. 8:30 AM - 8:00 PM (ET)

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

Family Hour

JUN 5. 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM (ET)

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Wake

JUN 6. 9:30 AM - 10:30 AM (ET)

Mt. Pleasant Church and Ministries
6000 Radecke Avenue
Balto, MD 21206

Service

JUN 6. 10:30 AM (ET)

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Tribute Wall



“ Benjamin G. Glenn Sr.

October 13, 2022 at 08:33 AM



“ Magnificent Life Spray was purchased for the family of Benjamin G. Glenn Sr..



June 05, 2015 at 11:26 AM



“ Petersen Aluminum Corporation purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Benjamin G. Glenn Sr..



Petersen Aluminum Corporation - June 04, 2015 at 10:58 AM



“ Gardenville Neighborhood Association purchased the Lily and Rose Tribute Spray for the family of Benjamin G. Glenn Sr..



Gardenville Neighborhood Association - June 03, 2015 at 01:59 PM



“ *Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Benjamin G. Glenn Sr..*



June 03, 2015 at 01:02 PM



“ *Basket of Joy was purchased for the family of Benjamin G. Glenn Sr..*



June 03, 2015 at 11:16 AM



“ *Garden Accent Stone - "Wherever a Beautiful Soul..." was purchased for the family of Benjamin G. Glenn Sr..*



June 03, 2015 at 11:13 AM



“ *Frank Spencer and Staff, UBCJA Eastern District purchased the Serene Reflections Bouquet for the family of Benjamin G. Glenn Sr..*



Frank Spencer and Staff, UBCJA Eastern District - June 03, 2015 at 10:59 AM

US

“ *United Brotherhood of Carpenters Resident Officers and Staff purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Benjamin G. Glenn Sr..*



United Brotherhood of Carpenters Resident Officers and Staff - June 03, 2015 at 10:05 AM

CD

“ *Carol Davis lit a candle in memory of Benjamin G. Glenn Sr.*



Carol Davis - June 03, 2015 at 09:58 AM

LM

“ *our prayers are with the Glenn family at this time sorry for your loss of cousins Ben may God bless the whole family .
Lawrence&Robbie Martin*



Lawrence & Robbie Martin - June 03, 2015 at 08:51 AM

BH

“ *Ben was a wonderful person. Kind, gentle, dedicated and probably one of the nicest people I have ever met. I send prayers to the family and ask them to remember the happy times.*

Bea Harris - June 02, 2015 at 07:23 PM

BH

“ *Ben was as fine a man as I have ever known. All of us who knew him are better people for it.*

Bill Halbert

Bill Halbert - June 02, 2015 at 05:58 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 - June 02, 2015 at 03:24 PM