



Benjamin F. Hamlin Sr.

March 29, 1933 - November 24, 2013

BENJAMIN FRANKLIN HAMLIN SR. was affectionately known to most as “Ben,” by his daughters, “The Bionic Man,” by one son, “My Main Man” and the other son, “Ole Fella.” He was born on March 29, 1933 in Darlington, South Carolina. He served in the United States Armed Forces after graduating from Mayo High School in 1951. He was the second son of the late Lilly Mae and Moses Sr. In 1952 he married Robiesenia Kirven, a devoted wife of fifty-five years, who preceded him in death; and out of that union four children were born: Deborah (James), Michelle (Napoleon Sr.), Benjamin Jr. and Michael (Beverly). In 1953 he joined Pennsylvania Avenue A.M.E. Zion Church at the age of twenty where he is still honored as a member. There, he has worked as a church trustee, chairman of the Van Ministry, member of the Parent Committee, member of the Senior Bridgades, and a member of the South Carolina Club. He became a steward for the church under the leadership of Bishop Coleman. He continued under the Bishop Strickland, and Dr. Dennis Proctor and lastly served faithfully under Dr. Lester McCorn. Mr. Hamlin has joyfully served on committees and outreach services for the church. In addition he has worked as an all season landscaper, but that was all. Benjamin was a hard, dedicated worker who worked for Bethlehem Steel in Baltimore, Maryland from 1952 until his retirement in 1995. He served diligently for local union as a shop steward. He has held various positions such as an assistant grievance representative, grievance committee member, member of the civil rights committee, and job evaluation representative. He

dealt strongly with civil rights while working under segregated and unjust conditions including separate locker rooms, bathrooms and eating facilities. He worked to end discrimination by working with the Congress of Racial Equality. He ultimately met with the U.S. Secretary of Labor to bring about changes to end unjust practices. Since Bethlehem Steel was receiving government contracts, the company was forced to stop Jim Crow conditions. Mr. Hamlin stood in solidarity with the coal miners in their labor disputes concerning working conditions and unsafe assignments. He was very proud of his participation in the March on Washington in August 1963 with Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Maintaining a schedule that can only be described as miraculous, Mr. Hamlin never faltered in his responsibility as a husband, a father, a family man, a church member, a good neighbor, a hard working employee, and an excellent example for others. He recognized the power of one voice and has always championed civil rights and the advancement of African Americans. Mr. Hamlin is a man of God filled with Christian love and joy. Brother Hamlin you are loved. He leaves to carry on his legacy: three grandchildren, Deidra, Napoleon Jr. and Jordan; four great-grandchildren, Jordyn, Sidney, Kaiden and Jodi; five sisters, Irene (the late James), Fostine (Leroy), Bertha, Lillie Mae (James) and Ethel (the late John); four brothers, (Moses Jr. preceded him in death) (Edna Mae), James Lee (Ada), Leroy, Rufus (Beverly); two sisters-in-law, Moronda and Moretta (Patrick); three brothers- in-law, (Thomas Sr. and wife Eleanor preceded him in death), Sam Jr. (Mattie) and Alton Jr. (Olivia); a devoted (stepmother, Sarah preceded him in death); devoted friend, Carrie Hamilton; two life-long friends, Aaron and Glenda; one godchild, Bradford; three adopted daughters, Nicole, Cookie and Jamica; and a host of nieces, nephews, other relatives and friends.

Cemetery Details

Druid Ridge

Previous Events

Public Viewing

DEC 1. 10:00 AM - 6:00 PM (ET)

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

Wake

DEC 2. 10:00 AM - 10:30 AM (ET)

Pennsylvania Avenue AME Zion
1128 Pennsylvania Avenue
Baltimore, MD 21201

Service

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Tribute Wall



“ *Benjamin F. Hamlin Sr.*

October 13, 2022 at 08:33 AM



“ *To The Hamlin Family: I am sorry to learn of the loss of your dear Benjamin. Please, take solace in the promises found in Gods' Word The Bible. There we learn at John 5:28-29, and Revelation 21:3-4 ,of a future time when sickness and death will end, and our Creator, will Resurrect our loved ones, that have fallen asleep in death. This is no mere fantasy. The Bible has nine documented and recorded cases of persons being brought back to life, this including Jesus himself. Those events would be proof of Jehovah Gods' ability to reverse death, and what he would do for mankind on a grand scale under his Kingdom (Matthew 6:9-10). This worldwide Resurrection will be to perfect life, on a restored Paradise earth (Isaiah 25:8 and Isaiah 55:10-11). May you draw much comfort from this very real hope. My very sincere condolences, Mrs. D. Ward, Detroit ,Michigan Much more Bible-based encouragement can be found at www.jw.org.*

Mrs. D. Ward - November 29, 2013 at 11:45 PM



“ *Our family would like to express 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."*

Linn & Family

Linn & Family - November 27, 2013 at 06:23 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 - November 26, 2013 at 08:53 AM