



Bennie Lee Hughes

April 18, 1939 - February 23, 2023

Bennie Lee Hughes was born on April 18, 1939, in Jonesville, South Carolina. He was the youngest of five children born to Rev. Thomas and Mother Sallie S. Hughes Jr. After a brief illness Bennie was called from “Earth to Eternity” to be with the Lord on February 23, 2023.

Rev. Thomas and Mother Sallie S. Hughes Jr. moved their family to Baltimore, Maryland in 1955 where Bennie completed his education at Frederick Douglass High School. On November 19, 1961, he enlisted in the United States Army where he served until October 31, 1967, receiving an honorable discharge.

He married the love of his life, Helen O. Hughes on, August 31, 1968. They were married for almost 55 years at the time of his passing. They lived all their married lives in Baltimore, Maryland and since October 1972, 51 of those years were spent at their current home.

Bennie was employed as a Plant Manager with Kingly Manufacturing in Arbutus and remained with the company until they moved their operation to the Mid west. Taking the advisement of his brother Judson, Bennie applied for a position with the United States Post Office and worked at the Lutherville Timonium Office until he received a permanent position in Baltimore County, where he worked until he retired.

Bennie loved sports and even played softball for several years with

community leagues. When he no longer actively played the game, his love for sports did not stop.

He was a season ticket holder for the Baltimore Orioles. He also became a faithful supporter of football in Baltimore. He was a season ticket holder for the Baltimore Colts until that night when they moved away. Then he became a die hard fan and season ticket holder for the Baltimore Ravens until his health did not permit him to attend the games.

Bennie was a quiet man, often of few words. However, he let you know that he loved the Lord by the greeting he gave whenever anyone came to visit. His words were always that "God is Good!" His wife Helen said he loved reading the word of God. She shared that he was often found in his room or at the dining room table reading his Bible.

Bennie also loved his family. His parent's home was the central place for gatherings. He would show up and greet family with a hug and a kiss on the forehead and say, "Hey how are you doing?" Even during some of the difficult days of illness, when you walked into his room and called his name, he would place his hand on his chest, smile at you, and profess that "God is Good." Before you left, he would tell you that "he loved you."

Proceeding him in death are his Father Reverend Thomas Hughes, Jr. and Mother Sallie S. Hughes, his brothers, Thomas and Monroe Hughes and his sisters Alberta Smith and Gussie Watson.

Bennie leaves to mourn the love of his life, Helen O Hughes, older brother Judson, brother-in-law Alexander Watson and sister-in-law, Gayle M. Hughes. He also leaves his five nephews, Carl V. Smith (Sherri) of Baltimore, William O. Smith (Shoshanna) of Florida, Reginald Smith (Justine) of Ohio, John Hughes (Cynthia) of Maryland, Lester Speight of California, three nieces

Janice Atkinson, Leslie Green, and Deborah Smith, seven great nieces, three great nephews, two great-great nieces, one great-great nephew, and two God daughters - Leatrice (Lea) Perry-Carter of South Carolina and Hillary Wyatt of Baltimore, Maryland. He also leaves three friends for life – Maurice Harrison, Howard Tutman from the original YACs – Youngs Adults Club and Wallace Perry who was in his wedding. There are so many more we could mention, numerous cousins, extended family and friends who will miss “Gentle Ben.”

Cemetery Details

Garrison Forest Veterans

11501 Garrison Forest Road
Owings Mills, MD

Previous Events

Wake

MAR 20. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

March Life Tribute Center - Randallstown
5616 Old Court Road
Windsor Mill, MD

Service

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Tribute Wall



“ *March Funeral Homes created a Webcast of funeral for B in memory of Bennie Lee Hughes*



March Life Tribute Centers - March 13, 2023 at 08:34 PM

BC

We love u Bennie Lee from the Miller family from Greenwood S.C. Truly Miss u Cuz ❤️

Beverly Miller first cuz - March 22, 2023 at 02:59 AM

JA

Today, I really felt some kind of way. I didn't know that you would be on my heart like this Unc. I have to say, the Lord knows our relationship and truly, tears are flooding my heart. Nettie called you gentle Ben. My dad basically didn't agree with that, but your humbleness and your ability to "smile and wave" is what I am experiencing today. Facing various challenges -- job, family, and turning my spiritual life of back to the FIRE of the Holy Spirit. But why did your meekness come to my heart today? I needed it, and I needed these tears.

Janice - March 19, 2024 at 01:02 PM

JA

“ *1 file added to the album Bennie Picture Video*



Janice Atkinson - March 26, 2023 at 06:08 PM

SS

“ *Sending peace and blessings to you Helen. May Cousin Bennie rest with well with the ancestors!*

Sonya Sims and Sheronda Warren



Sonya Sims - March 22, 2023 at 08:50 PM

JC

“ *1 file added to the tribute wall*



Jacqueline Victoria Capel - March 21, 2023 at 04:16 PM

CA

“ *On behalf of the Rodgers' family, we extend our deepest condolences to cousin Helen and the rest of our family. May the love of God sustain you, may the peace of God keep you, and may the joy of God comfort you through this difficult time. We will miss cousin Bennie and his kind and gentle spirit. We will cherish the times we spent with him and all the memories made. Rest in peace, cousin, until we meet again on that glorious day of God's appearing.*



Camillia - March 20, 2023 at 08:23 AM

JC

“ I'm going to miss that Smile and easy-going personality along with the laugh you had. I'll always cherish my memories of you, Bennie. Love you, Cousin.

Jacqueline Victoria Capel - March 19, 2023 at 07:45 PM

EE

“ Edgar, Cyrille, and Michelle Early purchased the Blue Caribbean Bouquet for the family of Bennie Lee Hughes.



Edgar, Cyrille, and Michelle Early - March 18, 2023 at 10:46 AM

CS

“ Carl V Smith lit a candle in memory of Bennie Lee Hughes



Carl V Smith - March 16, 2023 at 01:11 PM

CS

Missing the walks and talks....

Carl V Smith - March 16, 2023 at 01:14 PM

LS

That's my dude...have been there in my corner many times...till we meet again Uncle Bennie say hello to everyone especially my mom and grandma, grandpa.... 🙏❤️🌈

Lester Speight - March 20, 2023 at 02:29 AM