



Berris Cunningham

May 12, 1938 - February 19, 2003

On May 12, 1938, Berris H. C. Cunningham was born to the proud parents of Jasper Cunningham and Leleith Miller Douglas in Clarendon, Jamaica, West Indies. He came to the United States in 1952 and resided in New York City and later in Hartford, Connecticut. In Hartford, Berris was a plumbing and heating contractor. In 1979, Berris moved to Baltimore, Maryland where he continued to work as plumbing and heating contractor and helped to develop major projects throughout the Baltimore-Washington region. Berris served his country in the United States Army and the National Guard for 22 years in both active and reserve duty. At the rank of Master Sergeant he received an Honorable Discharge in 1980. Berris leaves to mourn his wife of 31 years, Velma Cunningham; his stepfather, Frederick Douglas, Sr.; his sons, Berris Jr., Brian and Chad; his daughters, Terri Alderman, Michele Davis, Stefanie, Shawana and Rebecca Cunningham; four brothers, Winston Miller, Lewis Timoll, Donald Cunningham and Frederick Douglas, Jr.; three sisters, Yvonne and Lucille Douglas and Melody Carter; seven grandchildren, DaShone and Kajmhere Hughey, Ashley Cunningham, Philicia, Phillip and Payne Davis and Ashlynn Cunningham; first cousins, Larry Miller, Lloyd Morgan, Barbara Tummings and Leleith Ricketts and a host of nephews, nieces, other relatives and a multitude of friends.

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“ *Berris Cunningham*

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“ *I Met Berris at Doc.Home in 1992 He is a very Peacefull Person I will Always Remember BERRIS.##imported-begin##zelda##imported-end##*

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“ *A true friend gone forever I met berris in 1992 he was always fun to be around he love is families HElove to play domino I play his last game on jan 04/0 we didnt get to say goood bye solong friend May you rest in the arms of the lord /english##imported-begin##english##imported-end##*

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“ *##imported-begin##Nichelle##imported-end##*

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“ It says in the bible that once the soul is absent from the the body it is in the presence of GOD. I know u are with GOD because u where one of the great ones. I remember when i first met you. I was maybe 15 years old and i came down to Connecticut for Melody and Arthur wedding celebration, and you where toasting them on the mic. U said this toast will not be complete unless we hear from this gentleman, and for the life in me i did not know u where talking about me. U handed me the mic and told me to speak and assured me it would be ok i was so embarrassed and nervous but i spoke anyway and i will never forget the warmth i felt from u and your family. It still stays with me to this day and it will never be fogotten. THANK YOU! Berris for all the warmth and the laughter over the years u will be greatly missed. To the family he may be gone from sight and touch now but he will always be seen and felt in your hearts. May GOD bless you and keep u in this trying time.##imported-begin##Andre Carter##imported-end##

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“ Death before Dishonor, that's what you would always say, I remember it clearly, like it was yesterday, even though for many years we have gone our separate ways, though you no longer walk amongst us, your spirt will always remain, may the wings of the Angels embrace you as you guide the ones you love, may your children find comfort in knowing you watch them from above, Farewell sweet prince, as you start your new day, Death before dishonor, that's what you would always say. May peace be with you and may God bless and comfort your family.##imported-begin##Dolly##imported-end##

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“ GOD knows when we need Him He hears our caring prayers And, throug our faith, He gives us strength. We will miss you, Love your Sister-in-law, Brenda###imported-begin###Brenda Whiting###imported-end##

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“ I never dreamed you'd leave in summer I thought you would go then come back home I thought the cold would leave by summer But my quiet nights will be spent alone. You said there would be warm love in springtime That was when you started to be cold I never dreamed you'd leave in summer But now I find myself all alone. You said then you'd be the life in autumn Said you'd be the one to see the way I never dreamed you'd leave in summer. But now I find my love has gone away. Why didn't you stay? I love you.###imported-begin###Tanisha Whiting###imported-end##

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“ I don't know what to say. I can not believe that you are not here anymore. I keep thinking to myself that you will walk in that door and tell me a story about your day. It's hard for me I mean I need you daddy. You were you suppose to be there. You were suppose to be at my graduation and my wedding. But I know I can not be mad at you because I know it was not in your hands. I love you so much. I miss you daddy.###imported-begin###Rebecca Cunningham###imported-end##

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“ *A FATHERS' LOVE IS FOREVER My dear father, though we lived separate. You were always in my thoughts. Far or near, close or apart. You always did and always will hold a special place in my heart. I will miss your stories of your military days, I will miss our special talks. As I hold on to those precious memories, I know your at peace where you lay. A FATHER'S LOVE IS FOREVER I LOVE YOU YOUR DAUGHTER , TERRI*##imported-begin##Terri (Cunningham) Alderman##imported-end##

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“ *To My Departed Father: So many years have passed...and yet still we wonder...we wonder but we forgive for each of us have been wronged but we know that there existed a love that transcended pain, that overcame distance, that bridged time..and it is that love that flows through my veins. You gave me your name and with every passing day I remember you. When I awake and look in the mirror, I forever see you...and now you are gone....again. But unlike the past, I know I will see you again. For you told me you believed. So go! Finally enjoy freedom...enjoy the best years of your life which lie ahead...rest easy knowing that those who love you are happy for you and now envy you. Do not look back for your pain on this earth has ended. For so long you wanted to be free and how happy I am that you are now at peace. For this life is where pain resides, where regret festers, where sin entraps. You are free from the bondage of a life that deep inside ended a long time ago. How happy you must be to be with the Father. To be in a blissful forever. I long to see you and when it is time for me to see you I will run to you for nothing or no one shall keep us apart...until then...Peace be with you. To My Family: "Listen! I am telling you a mystery: We will not all fall asleep, but we will all be changed, in a moment, in the twinkling of an eye, at the last trumpet. For the trumpet will sound, and the dead will be raised incorruptible, and we will be changed." But God speaks again and again, though people do not recognize it. He speaks in dreams, in visions of the night when deep sleep falls on people as they lie in bed. He whispers in their ear and terrifies them with his warning. He causes them to change their minds; he keeps them from pride. He keeps them from the grave, from crossing over the river of death. Or God disciplines people with sickness and pain, with ceaseless aching in their bones. They lose their appetite and do not care for even the most delicious food. They waste away to skin and bones. They are at death's door; the angels of death wait for them. "But if a special messenger from heaven is there to intercede for a person, to declare that he is upright, God will be gracious and say, 'Set him free. Do not make him die, for I have found a ransom for his life.' Then his body will become as healthy as a child's, firm and youthful again. When he prays to God, he will be accepted. And God will*

*receive him with joy and restore him to good standing. He will declare to his friends, 'I sinned, but it was not worth it. God rescued me from the grave, and now my life is filled with light.' "Yes, God often does these things for people. He rescues them from the grave so they may live in the light of the living. My Brothers and Sisters and extended family members, your messenger is now in place. Mercy and Grace can be yours as well. May you all have peace in your hearts and God's blessing in your life. Don't let the messenger fail to intercede on your behalf for no one knows their moment. Terri, Micki, Stefanie. Brian, Chad, Shauna and Rebecca, I am here for you until it is my time to be with Dad. My heart is heavy with your burdens and though I am far away, I am but a phone call and a prayer away from being by your side. Love, Berris Cunningham Jr. 407-363-0838 *excerpts from the KJV Bible*##imported-begin##Berris Cunningham Jr.##imported-end##*

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“*Dad, I love you. During your 64 years on Earth the Lord has blessed you with a strong work ethic. You loved God, your family, the military, and work. I will adopt your work ethic and continue to do the best that I can. Jesus is alive; therefore, you are alive. Your soul is not in a state of sleep. You are with God, Jesus, your mother, your father and several relatives. Jesus has promised us all eternal life. "Behold, I come quickly; and my reward is with me, to give every man according as his work shall be. I am the Alpha and the Omega, the beginning and the end, the first and the last. Blessed are they that do his commandments, that they may have the right to the tree of life, and may enter in through the gates into the city." - Revelation 22 I will see you again with the Lord. Love Brian##imported-begin##Brian Cunningham##imported-end##*

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“ This was my uncle, he was here on earth now he is with God and now I know he is still in good hands. One love to everyone and to everybody keep your head up and never give up.##imported-begin##Jonathan Carter##imported-end##

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“ A splendid man has been delivered unto our father. I thank God for the time he was allowed to share with us. In my later years, I did not see much of Uncle Berris. But the strength, wisdom and courage of this man lived with me throughout my life. Loved by all, and dearly by me. I regret only that my children did not know an Uncle Berris. But they will. I will make sure of that. Our thoughts and prayers are with the Cunningham family in this moment of loss. God knows what is best for all of us and we pray that you and all of us continue to have the patience, and courage to help us understand God's will for us in our days ahead. May God Bless you all. A cousin from afar, but not far in our hearts. Love always, Paul 'd-o-g' I love you, Uncle Berris.##imported-begin##Paul Miller and Family##imported-end##

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“ Our deepest sympathy in the loss of Berris. We are all one family and will dearly miss his presence, laughter and warm conversations. Please let us know if we can help in anyway at anytime. Love & Prayers##imported-begin##Stephanie & Mrs. Anderson##imported-end##

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