



Bobby E. Drayton

January 1, 1937 - February 1, 2016

Bobby E. Drayton born in Montgomery, Alabama on January 11, 1937, the first of 4 children born to Catherine Drayton, departed this life on February 1, 2016 in his home with his wife of 51 years at his bedside.

At a young age, Bobby and his family moved from Montgomery to Louisville, Kentucky where he attended public school. After graduating high school, he attended Central State University as a music major but transferred to Howard University where he earned a Bachelor of Science degree in 1965 and afterwards a Doctor of Dental Surgery in 1969. He also served in the U.S. Army and received an honorable discharge, during which time one of his most memorable events was serving in the Health Center at the Dr. Martin Luther King, "I Have Dream" March in 1963.

After graduating from dental school, Bobby taught at the Howard University School of Dentistry for one year. He later opened a private practice where he serviced the East Baltimore Community until 2011. After closing his practice, he decided to go into semi-retirement and work 2 days per week with Mumby and Simmons Dental Consultants. Soon, twice a week became five days a week. And, when asked by his family with heads shaking, "Why??" Bobby would graciously smile and say, "Retirement is not mentioned in The Bible."

Bobby was a lifetime learner, continuing to attend professional development

seminars in the field of dentistry, studying acupuncture, and completing a 3-year course in Bible Studies from The Baltimore School of The Bible. Dabbling in entrepreneurship, he would try his hand in a number of adventures through the years, from selling Amway to owning an apartment building. One of his most notable professional achievements was being elected as the first African American to serve as president of the American Dental Association of Baltimore.

An active member of Forest Park Community Church since 1972, Bobby served as treasurer, adult Sunday School teacher, Elder, and lastly singing in the choir. He loved his church family.

He is survived by the love of his life, Peggy Cardwell Drayton; his son Michael Emanuel Drayton (Veronica Drayton); his daughter Catherine Drayton-Barber (Timothy Barber); Siblings Brother Rippert Roberts and Charlotte Howard; Grandchildren Anja Drayton, Phoenix Barber, and Skye Barber; eight sister-in-laws and one brother-in-law; a host of nieces and nephews, extended family, and many caring church members.

His favorite bible verse was Proverbs 3:5, "Trust in the LORD with all your heart, and do not lean on your own understanding."

Previous Events

Public Viewing

FEB 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

Graveside Service at First Union Baptist Church Cemetery

FEB 6. 11:00 AM (ET)

Woodlawn Cemetery
2130 Woodlawn Drive
Baltimore, MD 21207

Memorial Service

FEB 6. 12:00 PM (ET)

Forest Park Community Church
3805 Fairview Avenue
Baltimore, MD 21216

Tribute Wall



“ Bobby E. Drayton

October 13, 2022 at 08:33 AM



“ I am so sorry to hear of Dr. Drayton's passing he was one of the sweetest people I knew. Not only was he our family dentist but it seems we always ended up in the same circles. I left him working in corrections I asked him was he following me to corrections. He truly will he will be missed family I can truly say he loved you all after our greetings we would begin to talk about our families. I know this is hard I lost my dad in November 2015 it's still hard. But God and time, God and time will take the pain away.

Dorothy Dukes - February 09, 2016 at 12:51 PM



“ Bobby Drayton was a true friend and Brother in Christ. I always enjoyed being in Bobby's presence and felt a special bond as fellow believers. Bobby was an encourager, and a role model to everyone. There are few men like him and he will be missed but not forgotten. I am proud to say that he was my friend.
E. Gayles

Ernest Gayles - February 05, 2016 at 11:01 PM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Bobby E. Drayton.



February 05, 2016 at 06:53 PM

LC

“ Hello Daryton's. I would like to send my fellow feeling to you all in your loss that breaks the circle of life, our Heavenly Father cares for u all. And is there for you all with comfort needed at this time,may all the cherish times to gather help in the days to come,

lillian crosby - February 05, 2016 at 03:10 PM

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“ Dr. Drayton is a great person who always had a smile and encouraging word to share. He was my dentist since the mid seventies. As a matter of fact, all of my family members and close friends, were his very pleased patients. Dr. Drayton was excellent at his craft and putting you at ease. I enjoy our many talks which often centered on our families and church. Know you were truly oved. Dr. Drayton really loved the Lord, and often clarified things from the Bible that were not clear to me. I feel blessed that God had our paths to cross. Dr Drayton is my friend. I wish all of you God's peace and comfort as you go forward. Know that you have an extra special angel who is smiling down on you from up above.
God Bless and Keep You.
Peggy Sterling

Peggy Sterling - February 04, 2016 at 05:09 PM

DA

“ I am so sorry for your loss . John 5 : 28,29

D Allen - February 04, 2016 at 06:16 AM

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“ I have had the pleasure of working with Dr. Drayton for the past 8 years. I found him to be one of the nicest individuals that I have ever met. He was kind and gentle with an excellent sense of humor. Even when speaking with him over the telephone, you heard a smile. I am very sorry to hear of his transition; however, I know that God was satisfied with his journey and called him to his eternal rest. He will be missed terribly, but I am comforted that by God's Grace he did not have to suffer long. To the Drayton family, I will remember you in my prayers and ask that God sustain you through this difficult time.

Peace and Blessings,

Debra Ogle

Managing Director, Mumby & Simmons Dental Consultants

Debra Ogle - February 03, 2016 at 02:33 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 03, 2016 at 10:49 AM