



Byron Monte Stith Jr.

June 11, 1974 - June 11, 2019

Byron Monte` Stith, Jr. was born on June 27, 1974 to Byron and Rose Stith of Richmond, Virginia. He accepted Christ at an early age at Rising Mount Zion Baptist Church of Richmond, where he was an usher and sang in the choir. Byron graduated from Varina High School in 1992, where he represented his High School in the Battle of the Brains and sat first chair cello in the school orchestra. He also played for the Junior Symphony of Richmond and sat first chair cello in the Spring Fling for the Junior Symphony of Richmond and sat first chair cello in the Spring Fling at James Madison University. Byron's musical talents also included the piano, of which he had recitals on Sundays at Virginia Union University. He spent his summers at the University of Virginia, participating in enrichment programs. Upon graduating, Byron received a full academic scholarship to the University of Virginia, where he majored in English and French. During his matriculation, he studied aboard in Paris through James Madison University International Studies Program. Upon graduating from the University of Virginia, he enrolled at the University of Miami Law School. It was during this time that he became ill.

Instead of returning to law school, Byron decided to attend Piedmont Virginia Community College, where he earned a certificate in Human Services. He also worked as Peer Clinician for Virginia Supportive Housing. In this capacity, he assisted chronically homeless individuals diagnosed with mental illness and reoccurring disorders by implementing the housing first model of

recovery-oriented services. Byron also was the outreach and advocacy coordinator of the Virginia Organization of Consumers Asserting Leadership (VOCAL). He then was appointed as a Disability Advocacy Specialist with the National Disability Rights Network, where he was responsible for providing training and technical assistance on outreach. He had extensive experience advocating on behalf of people with disabilities, including participation in Virginia's Supreme Court Commission on Mental Health Law Reform. He was a member of the PAIMI Council Commission for the Community Integration of People with Disabilities, Mental Health Planning Council, and the Coalition for Virginians with Mental Disabilities.

Byron was considered a Hero in the Mental Health Community.

Byron was preceded in death by his paternal grandfather, Louis Stith, Sr.

Byron leaves to cherish: his parents, Byron Stith, Sr. and Rose Stith; his brother Bobby Stith and sister Rhonda Gonzalez. He also leaves his maternal grandparents, Harvey, Sr. and Goldie Johnson; parental grandmother, Willa Stith; and numerous aunts, uncles, nieces, nephews, cousins; including the devoted, Fred Durant; and friends: including the devoted Lamorya Briggs.

Cemetery Details

Oakwood Cemetery

3101 Nine Mile Road
Richmond, VA 23223

Previous Events

Visitation

JUN 18. 9:00 AM - 8:00 PM (ET)

March Funeral Home-Laburnum Ave.
2110 E. Laburnum Ave.
Richmond, VA 23222

Family Hour

JUN 18. 6:00 PM - 7:00 PM (ET)

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Celebration of Life

JUN 19. 11:00 AM (ET)

March Funeral Home -Laburnum Chapel
2110 E. Laburnum Ave.
Richmond, VA 23222

Tribute Wall



“ *Byron was a good friend of mine. He was a very nice man.* ”

Michael Copertino - November 13, 2023 at 12:15 PM



“ *Byron Monte Stith Jr.* ”

October 13, 2022 at 08:33 AM



“ *Lavender Reflections Spray was purchased for the family of Byron Monte Stith Jr..* ”



June 17, 2019 at 04:45 PM



“ *I'm going to miss you Uncle B calling to see what I fixed so your mom could bring you a plate. You always called to check on your nephew for that I will miss also. Love you Uncle B.* ”
Joy

Joy Carrington - June 17, 2019 at 04:40 PM



“ *Grief can be hard, but our special memories help us cope. Remembering you and your loved one today and always.* ”



Vilma.Short - June 14, 2019 at 09:32 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 14, 2019 at 10:06 AM