



Carl Willie Whitehead Sr.

May 3, 1937 - July 19, 2013

Carl Willie Whitehead, Sr., son of the late Moses and Maggie Whitehead was born on May 3, 1937 in South Hampton, Virginia. He departed this life on July 19, 2013 in Norfolk, Virginia. He was in Norfolk to visit his brother Crawford who was hospitalized because of illness. His brother Crawford departed this life later in the evening.

Carl Sr. graduated Hayden High School in Franklin, Virginia. He was very proud of his school and often told of the challenges young blacks faced while trying to obtain an education. Upon graduation from high school he joined the Army in the late fifties and was later assigned to the 82nd Airborne, Fort Bragg, North Carolina. The 82nd Airborne division was and still is the airborne infantry division of the United States Army specializing in parachute assault operations into denied areas. It is also known as the Presidential bodyguard division. He was promoted to the rank of Sergeant (E5) and was one of the first black noncommissioned officers, if not the first, in the 82nd. He would often say that you had to be crazy to jump out of a perfectly good aircraft. He often talked about the difficulties he experienced in an Army that was slow to recognize blacks as equals in spite of the military integration in 1948. He was very proud to serve his country. He told of stories where, while in his uniform, he was denied service because of the color of his skin. He briefly attended Morgan State College located in Baltimore, Maryland.

After his honorable discharge in the Army, he worked with his Uncle Joe in Baltimore City. He eventually settled down in Baltimore where he became an

independent home renovation contractor working for several real estate holding companies. He also worked with the private sector as well. He was last employed by Layton Properties, Inc. where he worked up until the day he died. He was an extremely hard worker and was serious about the quality of his work product. In 1961 he married the former Rosalie Malachie and their union produced two sons, Carl Jr. and Mark Sr. (now deceased). Upon the ending of their union, he married the former Patricia Fisher, where their union produced a daughter Carla. He also had a son; Troy Whitehead (now deceased).

He came from a large family with lots of siblings. He used to say that although they were not rich, he never felt that they were poor because they never missed a meal and never went hungry. He was blessed because he always tried to look after his siblings and his parents.

The Family Whitehead (Moses and Maggie Whitehead):

Hilda Marie Whitehead (deceased), Calvin Whitehead, Sr., Mabel Perkerson (deceased), Percell Whitehead (deceased), Moses Whitehead (deceased), Stafford Whitehead (deceased), Carl Whitehead, Sr. (deceased), Elsie Mae Williams (deceased), Robert "Tubby" Whitehead, Curtis Whitehead, Gladiola Howell (deceased), Crawford Whitehead (deceased), Joseph Whitehead (deceased), Rochelle Whitehead (deceased) and Mildred Alexander.

In addition, Carl Sr. leaves to cherish his memory: his grandsons Mark Jr., Carl III, Troy and Darious; his granddaughters Victoria, Carlyn and Femmie; as well as, two great grandchildren DaVon and Mirah and a host (a whole lot) of nieces, nephews and cousins.

Cemetery Details

Woodlawn Cemetery

2130 Woodlawn Drive
Baltimore, MD 21207

Previous Events

Public Viewing

AUG 2. 8:30 AM - 8:00 PM (ET)

March Funeral Homes - West Baltimore
4300 Wabash Avenue
Baltimore, MD 21215
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Wake

AUG 3. 11:30 AM - 12:00 PM (ET)

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Service

AUG 3. 12:00 PM (ET)

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Tribute Wall



“ *Carl Willie Whitehead Sr.*

October 13, 2022 at 08:33 AM



“ *To My Dear Friend Carl, Ms. Rosalie Whitehead, and Whitehead Related Family Members,
I am deeply sorry for your loss. About thirty years ago, I had the pleasure to meet Mr. Whitehead. I remember him to be a "Family Man" with a sense of pride for his home and family. Although small in stature, his presence commanded attention and respect. He always welcomed me in his home and was always very polite to me. I recall he loved sports and talking about current events and politics. As a father, I remember that he had a nurturing spirit that bonded him with his Sons who referred to him as "Pop."
I feel blessed to have made his acquaintance and have shared time in his life. Carl, I pray that your family stay strong and persevere. In a time where the Black male father figure in the home is rare, you are truly blessed to have had a father figure in your life.
God Bless you and your family.*


Jacqueline Harper

Jacqueline Harper - August 03, 2013 at 07:36 AM

RW

“ To my brother, you were the first of us to graduate from Hayden High School in Frankliln, VA and you raised the bar for us to follow. We tried to follow your fine example as we got our education. I will always remember Mrs. Vann addressing me as Carl Whitehead instead of Robert Whitehead. You were the leader and we were good followers though we never told you. I only spoke to you on Thursday, July 18, 20`13 for a brief period and your voice was strong little did I know that would be the last time we would speak. I believe in my heart that God assigned you a task and that He was happy in your response and He in His Wisdom saw that it was time to take you home and I'm sure you had made peace with Him before you left so suddenly, I won't say goodbye and I won't say so long I'll just say " I'll see you when I see you". Your brother Robert "Tubby" Whitehead.

Robert T Whitehead - August 02, 2013 at 10:59 AM

 Angela Royal

“ RIP Uncle Carl I will always remember your infectious laugh. Give my love to all the family up there in Heaven especially my Mom.
Love you

Angie

Angela Royal - August 01, 2013 at 10:09 AM

CW

“ RIP - Dad I remember right before we moved to Pennsylvania, Mommy brought me to see you. I think I was six. You had the song Carla My Love playing in the car. People thought i was crazy when I said my daddy made a song for me. I just recently discovered that it is real song. In my heart, its still the song my daddy made for me

Carla P Whitehead - July 28, 2013 at 05:59 PM

DW

“ *Diane Whitehead-Brown lit a candle in memory of Carl Willie Whitehead Sr.*



Diane Whitehead-Brown - July 28, 2013 at 05:21 AM

LH

“ *To my good buddy Carl Jr whom the two of us met while fighting hard and long over the far greater than average number of years to matriculate from Howard University with a B.S in Electrical engineering. But hey we were not alone and as we have both learned over the years the important thing was to finish. During that time one Thanksgiving holiday I was stuck in DC and Carl invited me to share the day with his family. That's when I met his dad after hearing for years Carl Jr recite all the important lessons his dad had taught him. Not growing up with a dad myself I was eager and pleased to finally meet Mr. Whitehead. He was the calm, level headed, and wise man that I had always imagined he would be. Proudly however my greatest memory of that day was that I was able to join Mr. Whitehead in winning what appeared to have been a long standing argument against his "electrical engineering" college educated son by providing a verbal explanation (and thus proof) that an incandescent light bulb being purely resistive does not draw current before or after the light switch is toggled. BOOYHAW!!!*

Lazar Harris - July 27, 2013 at 06:14 PM

MS

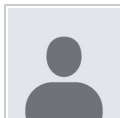
“ I'm so sorry for your loss and would like to offer my condolences to your family. Death is such a terrible thing for a family to go through, I actually lost my mom about 4yrs ago. I'm truly grateful that I have the truth about death and look forward to the future when there will be a resurrection of both the righteous and the unrighteous.”— ACTS 24:15. I'm sure you would love to see your dead loved one again in the coming Paradise here on earth! Again so sorry for your loss!!

Ms Springer - July 26, 2013 at 05:45 AM



“ 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 - July 25, 2013 at 11:00 AM



To my cousin Carl Jr. We as a family offer our sincere sympathy to you and your family. You are in our prayers. It's so wonderful to know that you know God who is the mender of all broken hearts. We are here for you.

Your cousin Val Murphy and family.

Julia Murphy - August 01, 2013 at 02:49 PM