



Columbus Oliver Sr.

July 13, 1939 - February 21, 2020

Columbus (Ben) Oliver, son of the late Ben and Cora Oliver, was born on July 13, 1939, in Summerton of Clarendon County, South Carolina. He peacefully transitioned this life on Friday, February 21, 2020. Columbus received his early education from the Scott's Branch Elementary School in Summerton. After migrating to Baltimore, he attended the Frederick Douglass High School until he enlisted in the U.S Army, where he was honorably discharged. Columbus met and married Betty Jean Handy on March 16, 1993. Columbus often talked about his days of picking cotton in the fields of South Carolina. He held several jobs in Baltimore, including: S.T.A. of Baltimore, Inc., manager at Guilford Parking, and Shell Mini Mart. Columbus accepted the Lord Jesus Christ at an early age and was baptized at the Mt. Moriah Baptist Church. Later he joined the Shiloh Baptist Church, under the leadership of Dr. Harold Carter, Sr. In 1993, he moved his membership to the First Abyssinia Baptist Church, under the leadership of Dr. Anthony R. Williams. On July 19, 2015, Columbus became a founding member of the Abundant Grace Baptist Church, under the leadership of Dr. Alfred W. Boddie. One of his greatest joys was singing with the AGBC Choir, in which he would sing, "You Must Come in at the Door." Columbus enjoyed hunting, fishing, boating, playing the horses, and the lottery. Columbus was a kind and gentle man that loved his family, especially his brothers, sisters and children. He was preceded in death by Columbus Jr., Rosita Oliver, and Paula Oliver.

Columbus leaves to cherish his memory: his loving wife, Betty Handy- Oliver; one daughter, Sondra Richardson; one stepdaughter, La' Shone (Sean) Fullerton; nine siblings, Abbie McKnight, Willene Ball, Preston (Diane) Oliver, Maxine Oliver, Ilene Barksdale, Kay Reid, Jerome Oliver, Trisha (Steven) Wright, and Francine Ilunga; two aunts, Leola Magwood and Hester Dominick; one uncle, Richard Oliver; two grandsons; two granddaughters; four great grandchildren; and a host of nieces, nephews, other relatives and friends.

Cemetery Details

Woodlawn Cemetery

Previous Events

viewing

FEB **25**. 3:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

March Funeral Homes - West Baltimore
4300 Wabash Avenue
Baltimore, MD 21215
(410) 542-2400
info@marchfh.com

Wake

FEB **26**. 10:00 AM - 10:30 AM (ET)

March Life Tribute Center
5616 Old Court Rd.
Randallstown, MD

Service

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Tribute Wall



“ *Columbus Oliver Sr.*

October 13, 2022 at 08:33 AM



“ *We are sending our Condolence and prayers for the Oliver Family. Betty, we love you and wish we could be there to share your loss. Remember, Weeping may endure for a night, but Joy will come in the morning.*

Love, Frank & Elouise Bennett

Elouise Bennett - February 24, 2020 at 05:19 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 23, 2020 at 10:09 AM