



Cornelius Hood Jr.

September 15, 1942 - July 5, 2022

Cornelius Hood, Jr. was born on September 15, 1942, in Richmond, Virginia to the late Cornelius Hood, Sr., and Virginia Rhem Hood.

He accepted Christ as a young man. Cornelius worshipped at St. Marks Church of Christ Disciples of Christ for many years.

Cornelius' father sent him to Kinston, North Carolina to live with his paternal grandmother for high school. He graduated from Adkin High School in Kinston. There he met the love of his life, best friend, and high school sweetheart, Cecilie Ann Dudley, which he later married.

Cornelius served 30 years and was memorialize as one of the first African American Fireman in the Richmond, Virginia Fire department. "Butch" as his family and friends often referred to him passed this life peacefully surrounded by his family in his home on July 5, 2022, at the age of 79.

Despite the sadness of his passing, Butch lived a life of great gratitude and blessings. He loved to fish and sing beautiful melodies with the love of his life Cecilie. Butch had been singing since high school and was member of the schools drama club and choir, and oh boy could he sing! He was so much fun to be around because he had an innate ability to make people laugh, it just

came naturally to him. And what an infectious laugh he had.

When we talk about the gifts Butch left behind, his eldest daughter Stephanie can attest to a time when he took her out for a drive to show her what the less fortunate side of the world looked like. One vivid memory was of a homeless man dad didn't hesitate to help and gave money and told her never judge a person down on their luck. Butch was a giver and often gave to family and friends even when he didn't have much himself. If the term he'll give you the shirt off his back was a person, it would be Butch. He blessed his children with the gift of giving in a way that we try to make random acts of kindness a part of our life's routine. He will be missed beyond measure.

He leaves to cherish his memory a caring and devoted wife, Cecilie Hood; four children, Reginald Hood (Shirley), Cornelius Hood III (Tina), Stephanie Giles (Mike), and Saron Clifton (Tony); adored grandchildren, Shawn Freeman, Brandon Hood, Michael Giles, Cornelius "Trey" Hood IV and Roman Giles; in-laws, John Dudley (Barbara), Deloris Reddick (Linwood), Henry "Dapp" Dudley, Bishop Alphonso E. Dudley (Deborah), Larry Dudley (Cathy), Ernest Chapman and Herman Aytche; and a host of other relatives and friends.

To have touched so many lives bears testament to the fact that his purpose was divine.

Cemetery Details

Roselawn Memory Gardens

13389 Mountain Road
Glen Allen, VA 23059

Previous Events

Visitation

JUL **29.** 9:30 AM - 4:30 PM (ET)

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

Celebration of Life with livestreaming available

JUL **30.** 1:00 PM (ET)

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

Tribute Wall



“ To View the Webcast of the Funeral for Cornelius Hood Jr., Please Click the Link below.



March Funeral Homes - July 21, 2022 at 04:57 PM

DD

A truly beautiful Celebration Of Life . Rest Easy Brother-In-Love, for we shall see you in the morning.

Deborah Murrell Dudley - July 30, 2022 at 03:37 PM



“ *Cornelius Hood Jr.*

October 13, 2022 at 08:33 AM

NB

“ *My deepest condolences to the entire Hood family. Cornelius showed all of us your men what class and grace looks like...he made all of us better men, dads, and brothers by the way he lived....we will carry that legacy always....now he is with the Angels doing more of the same. Rest in peace dear cousin. Nick Brown and family..*

Nick Brown - July 30, 2022 at 08:36 PM

TT

“ Family please accept my heartfelt sympathies during this difficult time, my thoughts are with you.



thomasina Thomas - July 30, 2022 at 04:43 PM

JJ

“ To The Hood Family, My Condolences and Prayers are with you. As I sit here in the fire station watching this home going service for Cousin Hood listening to the reflections and memories I can't help but to laugh and cry at the same time. The memories of Cousin Hood will never be forgotten. I am proud to say he was a great husband and father to his family. I will truly miss his stories and jokes. I always looked forward to hearing them for hours at a time. His knowledge of life will always lead you in the right direction. My Love will always be with you!

With Love,

Firefighter James R Rhem Jr

Engine 208 B Shift

Chesterfield, Virginia

James R Rhem Jr - July 30, 2022 at 02:31 PM

DK

“ Fam, I wish I was there today with you. Cornelius; or as I affectionately called him Hood, was 1 in a million! His life is a lesson in what a legacy a man can build and leave for all to admire! I will always remember Cornelius. Every time I drive through the Richmond, VA Area the first person I would think about was Hood. I will keep Cecil and all of you sons and daughters in my prayers. Love you and hope to see each of you in the near future.

Derek Kelley - July 30, 2022 at 01:30 PM

HA

“ *My condolences to our family. Sorry I will not be able to make it. My heart is with you all. Sad day for our family.*

Herman Aytche - July 30, 2022 at 11:59 AM

ED

“ *Praying family, as you face your challenges. God will provide every comfort, comfort and strength you need. Just lean on the Everlasting Arm of Jesus Christ.*

Evangeline Dixon - July 30, 2022 at 10:15 AM

ED

“ *Evangeline Dixon lit a candle in memory of Cornelius Hood Jr.*



Evangeline Dixon - July 30, 2022 at 09:43 AM

ED

Praying for you family as you face your challenges each day. You can and will find strength in the Lord.

Evangeline Dixon - July 30, 2022 at 09:46 AM

GH

“ *Geraldine Hart And Smith Family And Hood lit a candle in memory of Cornelius Hood Jr.*



Geraldine Hart and Smith family and Hood - July 28, 2022 at 04:44 PM

GH

“GERALDINE HART HIS FIRST COUSIN IN OHIO, MAY MEMORIES YOU CHERISH OF BRIGHTER AND HAPPIER DAYS HELP TO EASE YOUR SORROW AND COMFORT YOU ALWAYS. I WILL MISS BUTCH AS I CALLED HIM, HE CALLED ME AND WOULD SAY MY DEAR COUSIN I LOVE YOU AND WANT TO SEE YOU SO WE CAN LAUGH ABOUT OLD TIMES, HE WILL BE MISSED BY ME AND I WILL REMEMBER THE GOOD OLDS WE SPENT TOGETHER SMILING AND LAUGHING. GOG GIVE THE FAMILY STRENGTH TO GO ON. AN ESPECIALLY HIS WIFE, I LOVE YOU TOO.

GERALDINE HART - July 27, 2022 at 10:15 AM

CC

The Chapman send there Condolences to the Hood family .Remember all the Father wisdom that he share with you and all of us .My beautiful uncle you will be truly be missed by us . May God comfort the family with his arms around you and your beautiful family . I will never forget the beautiful smile on your face and laughter and a scripture you quoted long time ago and told me never forget I told you that one.

Cynthia Chapman - July 30, 2022 at 01:18 PM

CL

“Your wisdom and understanding shaped our foundation. My prayer is that the Lord light your path for brighter future of Glory beyond.
Cornelius Hood III



Cornelius Hood III - July 26, 2022 at 01:10 PM

JH

“ I never work in the same fire company with Cornelius but did work at many fires with him. We were on the same hiring list together in December 1965. He was a good man and firefighter. Rest in peace brother.



JOHN HINANT - July 24, 2022 at 12:55 PM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Cornelius Hood Jr..



July 21, 2022 at 09:38 AM

KS

“ *The Foreman Family sends their love, hugs, prayers and support to the Hood Family at this difficult time. Our family patriarch, Dr. Steve Foreman, served with Mr. Hood in the Richmond, Virginia Fire Department. What a blessing he was to so many.*



May God continue to bless and keep you in His loving care. We are praying continually for your peace, understanding and strength.

With Warm Regards and Sincere Sympathy,

*~ The Foreman Family ~
Drs. Steve & Olivia Foreman
Deacon Otis & Kimberly Smith
Pastor Gary & Lady LaTanya Foreman
Pastor Isaac & Elder Tonya Edgerton
Stevie & Bonnie Foreman
Monique Foreman & Family
and the ALCC Church Family*

Kimberly F. Smith - July 20, 2022 at 08:35 PM

CL

Thanks 😊 Foreman family, I believe that it was the invitation of Salvation for all family members gathered at one of the family Union s prayer my Uncle and Pastor from North Carolina made, is one of the differences for my Dad's salvation, we must believe the Lord for that and that my Dad is in the Father's hand now. This brings me much comfort. Thank you all for your thoughtfulness and prayers for the Hood family. Cornelius Hood I'll

Cornelius Hood III - July 26, 2022 at 12:57 PM

JA

“ Uncle Cornelius, you will shortly be missed...you laughter, your smile, the fact that you always brought a sparkle of joy to everyone lives with your humerus nature. I thank you for being an excellent husband for many years to my beautiful aunt Cecile and great father to my cousins Stephanie and Sharon. Love you uncle, give a hug in Heaven to my mom in, aunt Gloria, aunt Georgia, uncle Donald, sousin Cory, and Sydney.
Love you cousins Stephanie and Sharon and my prayers for you all God contonues to strengthen, comfort, and healing for Auntie Cee-C during this most difficult time of beareavment. We all share in your loss.



Janet Allen - July 19, 2022 at 07:05 PM

JA

Typo errors: cousins, continues

Janet Allen - July 19, 2022 at 07:07 PM

CO

“ Colleen lit a candle in memory of Cornelius Hood Jr.



Colleen - July 19, 2022 at 06:35 PM

CO

“ That laugh! Those stories! The singing! Gonna miss it all!! Love you uncle💕💕💕

Colleen - July 19, 2022 at 06:33 PM

SC

“ Sharon Clifton sent a virtual gift in memory of Cornelius Hood Jr.



Sharon Clifton - July 19, 2022 at 01:41 PM

SC

“ Sharon Clifton lit a candle in memory of Cornelius Hood Jr.



Sharon Clifton - July 19, 2022 at 01:39 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 - July 18, 2022 at 05:49 PM

SH

My deepest sympathies go out to you, my friend. May you find comfort and peace during this difficult time.

Sherita - July 19, 2022 at 07:02 PM