



## Deacon Franklin O. Lilly

August 7, 1953 - December 8, 2019

Born Friday August 7, 1953 to Ludie Odell Lilly and Naomi Jackie Carree of Baltimore, MD He was the second child, Deacon Franklin Odell Lilly their only son lived a blessed sixty-six years. Franklin received his preliminary school education in Baltimore city public school systems where he graduated from June 7, 1972.

Franklin then enlisted in the United States Army on November 27, 1973, Stationed in Fort Riley, Kansas where he received his basic training to serve as a Military Officer and Sentry Dog Handler. He was then deployed to Korea where he trained police dogs and served for our country. He was Honorably discharged from the service receiving the National Defense Medal and the Good Conduct Medal, He would tell many stories of his tenure about his fellow comrades, the countless dog he trained, the culture in korea, as well as the food he loved to eat. Mr. Lilly went on to work for the Howard County Police Department, in September of 1977 as a Police Officer and Homicide Detective in which he retired from June 1996. He was a very dedicated no nonsense kind of man he loved his job and was very good at it he was honored many times for his dedication and service to HCPD so much that after retirement he returned right back to work the same June of 1996. Where he worked on the Hiring Board as a Background Investigator for an additional seventeen years. As I called the Howard County Police Department to notify them of my father's passing, I spoke to many whom he hired and worked alongside it was

amazing to know he made such a huge impact. Franklin was also a member of the Honorary Color Guard for the County.

Franklin affectionately known as “Frankie” enjoyed singing, dancing, Bowling, Fishing, His vehicles, Horseback riding, Parks, Football his favorite team was the Baltimore Ravens, Playing golf he called himself “Tiger Lilly”, He loved to hold his Niece, Grandchildren, and Daughter down and give them icky Kisses on their cheek as well as rub his beard on their faces. He was and loved to be the life of the party. He was apart of an amateur band called “The Equadors” as a youth. He also had a singing group with his cousins, Sister, and close friends. He adored family time he would BBQ anytime of year. In September of 1986 franklin became a parent to his only child, his pride and joy. He would affectionately call her princess or stinky, “my dad and I would sit in the den and watch football, wrestling and westerns for hours on end. He loved westerns” I also remember being a little girl standing on his feet dancing while he would sing My Girl to me by the Temptations his version.

Not too long after his mother’s passing He became a Ordained Deacon at his families church St. Joseph Freewill Baptist Church, He served on the deacons board under the leadership of Honorable Pastor Elder Thaddus B. Winky Sr. from the time of his dedication until his untimely passing he took his position in the church very seriously. Franklin was also a member of the men’s choir “Mighty Men” as well as a faithful servant of the lord. In 2007 Frank became a grandfather although he never had anymore children he was estatic to have a grandson and two granddaughters whom he admirably loved.

Frankie Impacted many lives and leaves us with many memories. He is survived by his beloved Daughter La’Toya Lilly of Baltimore, MD; His Granchildren: Logan Dooley, Brooke Dooley, Aubrey Dooley; His Sisters Deborah Lilly of Baltimore, MD; Theresa Butler of Baltimore, MD; His lifelong friend of 40 years Lucielle Addison, A host of Nieces ,Nephews, Extended

Family and Friends. Preceding in death his Grandfather Richard Evans; Grandmother Leola Evans; Mother Naomi Carree; Father Ludie Lilly; Uncle Richard Evans Jr.; Aunt Earlene Washington; Aunt Queen Esther Boots; Uncle David Lee Evans; Uncle Soloman Evans; Aunt Marion Crowder.

# Cemetery Details

## Garrison Forest Veterans

11501 Garrison Forest Road  
Owings Mills, MD

# Previous Events

## viewing

DEC 17. 8:30 AM - 8:00 PM (ET)

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

## Family Hour

DEC 17. 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM (ET)

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4300 Wabash Avenue  
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## Wake

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DEC 18. 10:30 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

St. Joseph Freewill Baptist Church  
1601 Rutland Avenue  
Baltimore, MD

## Service

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DEC 18. 11:00 AM (ET)

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Baltimore, MD

# Tribute Wall



“ *Deacon Franklin O. Lilly*

October 13, 2022 at 08:33 AM



“ *Strength & Solace Spray was purchased for the family of Deacon Franklin O. Lilly.*



December 14, 2019 at 03:28 PM



“ *Howard Co. Police Department and Police Foundation purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Deacon Franklin O. Lilly.*



**Howard Co. Police Department and Police Foundation -**  
December 12, 2019 at 10:46 AM

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“ *Condolences and prayers to the family on Frank's passing.*

*I worked with Frank as a member of the Howard County Police Department decades ago. He was dedicated and he had a 'no nonsense' attitude in dealing with all of the various conflicts and issues that a police officer deals with on a daily basis. Frank was a true professional and he helped to define the term.*

*On the other hand, among his peers Frank exhibited a wonderful sense of humor, a strong dedication to family and a very warm personality. He will truly be missed!*

*Jay Zumbrun*

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**Jay Zumbrun** - December 12, 2019 at 08:26 AM

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“ Please accept my deepest sympathies for your loss.

*I was heartbroken to hear the news of Frank's passing. We were classmates in Howard County Police Academy Recruit Class 6, and came out as rookies together on the old HCPD 4th platoon. I was with Frank when he received the IUPA LEO award (Law Enforcement Officer of the Year).*

*Frank was character in his own right. I remember his booming baritone voice, his hearty laugh and how he'd catch me after briefing with one story or another. We backed up one another on calls occasionally and I always knew I could count on him to be there. I trusted him without question.*

*That was long ago. I'm sorry we didn't keep in touch after our time together in Howard County. I will always remember him fondly.*

*Be at peace ole buddy, rest easy.  
Denny Uhler*



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**Dennis Uhler** - December 11, 2019 at 05:12 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.*

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**March Funeral Homes** - December 11, 2019 at 09:53 AM