



Donald E. Rogers Sr.

October 18, 1949 - May 13, 2018

Donald Edward Rogers, Sr., son of the late Richard Williams and Delores V. Rogers, was born on October 18, 1949 in Baltimore, Maryland. On Sunday, May 13, 2018 he transitioned from this life to begin his journey to his heavenly home. Donald received his education in Baltimore City Public Schools, receiving a General Education Diploma after attending Job Corps in Pennsylvania. He then enlisted in the United States Army in 1969 where he became a skilled sharp shooter and paratrooper. After serving in the Vietnam War, he received an honorable discharge in 1971. "Peanut", "Jake" or "Donald Duck", as he was affectionately known, worked for the University Hospital Medical System for over 20 years in housekeeping. Cleaning was one of his favorite things to do. He got great pleasure in family gatherings, listening to music, dancing, football, baseball and softball with the B2-Raiders in Druid Hill Park. He also passed the time away by assembling model planes and crabbing. Nobody could deny his love for Chinese food. So much so that he was often affectionately called "Geechie" for the amount of his white rice consumption. In August of 1972, he met the love of his life Jocelyn B. Coates and the two were united in holy matrimony August 25, 1973. Together they lovingly raised three children— Michael, Donald Jr. and Teaira. This gave him a new purpose and passion for living. Donald dedicated his life to Christ and was baptized on August 8, 2008. He continued his

journey to strengthen his relationship with God through worship as a member of the Gillis Memorial C.C. Church, Baltimore and service to others until the end. He was preceded in death by one son, Michael S. Tillman; his parents, Richard Williams and Delores V. Rogers; and one brother, Dwight Rogers. He leaves to cherish his memories a devoted wife of 46 years, Jocelyn B. Rogers; son, Donald E. Rogers, Jr.; daughter, Teaira Nicole Castro; devoted son-in-law, Huleo Castro; devoted daughter-in-law, Nicole Rogers; eight grand-children, Mikael, Ashley, Cyra, Donald III, Jordan, Taylor, Davanta and Nicholas; one great-grandchild, Zuri; four brothers, Charles, Richardo, Andra and Stanley; six sisters, Charlise, Denita, Zena, Tujuana, Andrea and Sarah; a loving mother-in-law, Ella Mae Coates; a best friend, Johnny Johnson; and a host of in-laws, aunts, uncles, nieces, nephews, other relatives and friends.

Cemetery Details

Garrison Forest Veterans

11501 Garrison Forest Road
Owings Mills, MD

Previous Events

viewing

MAY 17. 2:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

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

Family Hour

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

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Baltimore, MD 21215
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Wake

MAY 18. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

March Life Tribute Center, P.A. - Randallstown
5616 Old Court Road
Windsor Mill, MD 21244
(410) 655-0110
<https://www.marchlifetributecenter.com>

Service

MAY 18. 11:00 AM (ET)

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Tribute Wall



“ *Donald E. Rogers Sr.*

October 13, 2022 at 08:33 AM



“ *Uncle Donald we will miss you truly. I know you're in Heaven with our love ones 😭 I'll never forget you Love always Genia & family*



Genia Focus - May 18, 2018 at 11:22 AM



“ *Medium Dish Garden was purchased for the family of Donald E. Rogers Sr..*



May 17, 2018 at 04:51 PM



“ *Uncle Donald I have known you all my life. From the time of being born until now as a adult with my own family. You have always been a remarkable and loving person. Sometimes I use to look at you as being my dad at times because you were so great with lady, man and gumbe.. You will never be forgotten and truly missed.. My prayers go out to aunt Jocelyn and the family.. Rest easy unc theres no more suffering.. Love always Dawn Ennels*

Dawn - May 16, 2018 at 05:41 PM



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“ Praise The Lord, My heartfelt and deepest condolences to the wife and family. I am his former co-worker @ University Hospital and caregiver @ the VA. No more sickness , No more pain my friend. Peace Be Thine .
Peace and Love To All The Family . Linda Henry

Linda Henry - May 15, 2018 at 02:44 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 - May 15, 2018 at 11:05 AM