



## Earl B. Stevenson

June 20, 1967 - February 5, 2003

The Love you gave is something that no one can explain, It was made o deep devotion and of sacrifice and pain.It was endless and unselfish and enduring come what may,And death cannot destroy it, or take that love away.Earl Bernard Stevenson, better known as Earl the Pearl, was born June 20, 1967 to Arnold and Yvette Stevenson in Baltimore, Maryland. He quietly departed this life on Wednesday, February 5, 2003.Earl received his academic education in the Howard County Public Schools. He attended Scaggsville School and graduated from Cedar Lane School in Columbia in 1988. Earl looked forward to reuniting with lifelong friends at the annual school reunion.On September 25, 1985 Earl, along with his brother Tony, was baptized at First Baptist Church of Guilford. He took great joy in waking his father each Sunday at 7:00 a.m. to attend the 8:00 a.m. church service.Without the assistance of an alarm clock, Earl started each day at 6:00 a.m. His self-appointed responsibility was to watch the weather. Earl routinely reported weather conditions to family and friends. That was just one of Earl's act of love for that day. Each precious day ended at 9:00 p.m. Between 6:00 a.m. and 9:00 p.m., Earl spent every second giving his all and all, modeling a strong work ethic and spreading love and joy.Earl's places of employment were arranged by the ARC of Howard County and tardiness for work was out of the question; therefore, he rose religiously at 6:00 and by 7:00 a.m. he was ready to be picked up by his van. Earl presently was employed by Scientific Specialties. A job was more a responsibility. It was a

time to develop relationships. He radiated when discussing the various places he had worked such as Friendly, Woodward & Lothrop, Howard County Public Schools, Roy Rogers and Kohl's and Super Fresh, Earl never forgot the names of people with whom he had worked and enjoyed reunions with them. He loved and was loved in return. This love became quite evident in 1995 when in an audience of hundreds and to the pleasure and pride of his parents and family, Earl Bernard Stevenson received a standing ovation when named Citizen of the Year by the ARC of Howard County. Upon entering the door from work, Earl immediately called his grandparents and close family members. His love for family and a special relationship with his late brother, Tony, was never ending. Earl remembered every family special event and relished attending them with his parents. Whether by car, train or plane, Earl enjoyed the family reunions; however, this year's family reunion was extra special. Earl had his first plane ride and the opportunity to visit with his brother Tony's best friend Robert Moon, and his family in Atlanta, Georgia. Earl acknowledged periods of absence from being in his presence and was determined to catch up on lost time. It was because of this love that Earl became known as the "family detective". He delved until each and every question was answered and would converse with family and friends of all ages. The conversation ended only when all his questions were answered before 9:00 p.m. Everyone knew that at 9:00 p.m. brought closure to Earl's day. No amount of coaxing could persuade Earl to stay up any longer. He had to rest up for his next day of love. For relaxation, Earl participated in a variety of events for Special Olympics: basketball, swimming, and track and field. He also kept track of his collection of baseball hats. He had well over a hundred caps obtained from both purchases and as gifts from friends. Earl could tell you who gave him each hat and why that hat was special to him. The highlight of every day for Earl was spending time with his mother and father. There was no trip, whether going to the store, attending events, or leaving town, that was too short or too long. Frequently during these family outings, people would yell out "Hey, Earl", Earl made an impression on people wherever he went.

Therefore, because of his numerous jobs, family excursions, or just being around town, people came up to greet Earl. To know Earl, was to love Earl and receive love in return. Earl leaves to reflect on his life of love: devoted parents, Arnold and Yvette Stevenson; grandparents, Miller and Mattie Stevenson and Arthur Woodford; seven aunts, Yvonne Cunion, Deborah Whitaker, Sheila Woodford, Rayna Woodford, Shenetta Bowling and Sheltise Woodford; six uncles, Montel Cunion, Ryland Whitaker, Dudley Stevenson, Arthur Woodford, Jr., Robert Bowling and Jason Woodford; a host of great aunts and uncles, nieces, nephews, cousins and friends.

# Tribute Wall



“ *Earl B. Stevenson*

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“ *Earl B. Stevenson*

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“ Although I have never had the pleasure of working directly with Arnold, I have come to know him throughout the years since we both work for the same company. I met Arnold's son Earl on two separate occasions (at Columbia Mall) and I could tell the admiration they had for each other. I know for a fact that Arnold adored both his children. I think he had a really special place in his heart for Earl and it was obvious. When I saw them both at Columbia Mall, Arnold introduced me to his son Earl and I could tell he was beaming as a proud Father will. I thought to myself, what a blessing from God this child has been to Arnold and his wife. It was so evident to me. I can only imagine how deeply saddened Arnold and his wife were by the passing of both their sons. I know that they are in a better place and have the complete love and peace that only God can provide. I ask God to bless Yvette and Arnold and give them a sense of peace and calm to get through such a difficult time. If Earl is anything like his mother and father, I know he went straight to Heaven and will be richly rewarded. Everyone here at Northrop Grumman knows Arnold Stevenson. He is so well thought of. I have only seen Arnold with a big smile on his face and never heard him say a bad or unkind word about anyone. How blessed he is. I feel very lucky that I have had the opportunity to know Arnold because he radiates kindness and laughter. God bless both Yvette and Arnold and may He as only God can, give them the strength they need to live and walk by faith.##imported-begin##Debbie Cadden##imported-end##

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“ Arnold and Yvette, Knowing Earl has been a blessing and inspiration to our entire family. When God intertwined our families, Earl became a brother and son to us. He demonstrated to us what true unconditional love means. We learned so much from him. Earl will always be a part of us and with us.##imported-begin##Dolan & Anita##imported-end##

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“ Dear Arnold and Yvette, I'm not sure why God allows certain things to happen, but I do know that if He brings you to it, He will bring you through it. I cannot say that I understand your pain but I do grieve with you and I am always here for you. I encourage you to continue to trust in the Lord. Prov 3:5-6 tells us to "Trust in the Lord with all of our heart and lean not on our own understanding. In all your ways acknowledgement Him and He will direct our paths." If you continue to trust and serve Him, he WILL fill your void. I am so pleased to have friends like you two and to have had the pleasure to meet Earl. I am so proud of Him. Not only did he do wonderful things here, he is right now doing wonderful things before the Saviour. He is standing in the presence of the Father. Thank God this isn't the end. For one day we will all be caught up and then we will have that awesome Holy Ghost reunion. Be encouraged. Love you both, Cindy Bowman-Roots##imported-begin##Cindy Bowman-Roots##imported-end##

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“ Arnold & Yvette, My thoughts and prayers have been with you. I never had the pleasure of meeting Earl, he will be missed. I too am a believer that there is a reason things happen. God has special plans for Earl and Tony. God Bless You! Dawn Serio (friend and co-worker of Arnold and Bill Stone at Northrop Grumman)###imported-begin###Dawn Serio###imported-end###

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“ Arnold, You and Yvette and your family are in my prayers. Phyllis###imported-begin###Phyllis Wolfe###imported-end###

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“ Yvette & Arnold, Liz and I were so saddened to here of the loss of Earl. Your unyeilding strength and belief in God will hold to in great honor and provide a model for others to live by. Our sincere sympathies and prayers are with you. Liz and Mark Littleton###imported-begin###Mark Littleton###imported-end###

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“ I have been blessed by reading about Earl. He was a truly gifted and handsome young man.I can tell that he enjoyed life and lived it to the fullest. One thing we had in common is that nine o'clock bedtime.Before my husband's death I was no good after nine:-)My prayer is that God will always bless you wonderful people.I beleive that God would not bring us to it, if he couldn't bring us through it. We will all hold on to God's hand, and someday we will join our love ones in heaven. I love you both. I thank God for placing you all in our lives.###imported-begin###Tressa Stone###imported-end###

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“ Dear Family, I am a friend of Yvonne's and have been in your presence many times. Willie, Stacey and I send you our deepest sympathy. Remember that others care.##imported-begin##Golden Watters##imported-end##

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“ You are in our prayers##imported-begin##Marvine & Karla Harris##imported-end##

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“ I am Nick Girardi's secretary. I have had the complete pleasure of knowing Earl from going to the Reunion Dances for the last five years. Earl was always a gentlemen and it was a pleasure to see him each year. Many people at school are so sorry to hear of Earl's passing. I have heard several cute stories about Earl from Yvonne Poole. Rick Wheeler is very sad but he is able to smile when he talks about Earl. I enjoyed learning more about Earl from the brochure Nick brought back from the service today. God Bless you and may your memories of Earl help you smile and go on! Sincerely, Maggie Blackwell##imported-begin##Maggie Blackwell##imported-end##

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