



Edward Carter Byrd

August 25, 1927 - January 30, 2018

Edward "Ned" Carter Byrd was born in Richmond, Virginia on August 25, 1927 to the late Louise C. and Leslie F. Byrd. He was the third of three children. He graduated from Armstrong High School in the "Class of 1944". He attended Tennessee State University for two years before joining the US Army in 1945 during World War II. When he returned from serving our country, he was employed by the US Postal Service in Richmond, Virginia.

On June 16, 1951 Ned was joined in holy matrimony to Berniss L. Payne. To this union was born their only child, Beverly P. Byrd.

Ned accepted Christ at an early age and was baptized at First African Baptist Church, Richmond, Virginia. After his marriage to Berniss, he joined Fifth Street Baptist Church, where he became a devoted member. He joined and continued to be a faithful member of the Brotherhood Bible Class and served on the Trustee Board as the Chairman of the Stewardship Committee. He was ordained as a Deacon on November 1, 1981. Ned always enjoyed being with people- talking, listening, helping and developing relationships with others. The Diaconate Ministry provided an opportunity for him to engage in all of the above.

Ned was an avid sports and music enthusiast. His love for jazz was always evident as he whistled along to his favorite songs. He played high school

football and basketball but his love of sports continued even after he stopped playing. He enjoyed taking Beverly along to Friday night football games when she was young. However, his biggest thrill came when he had the opportunity to attend NBA All-Star games and follow the NY Knicks.

He leaves to cherish his memory a loving and devoted wife of 66 years, Berniss P. Byrd and daughter Beverly B. Mills (Stephen); two grandchildren, Kristen N. Mills and Danielle A. Mills; two cousins, Joseph D. Horne and Nathaniel A. Horne; seven nieces, Sandra W. Davis, Denise W. Garcia (Manuel), Arlene Knight, Will Ann Williams, Paulette Williams, Diane H. Pierce (Raymond) and Allison G. Payne; two nephews, Russell M. Williams, Jr. (Janice) and Ralph K. Williams; and a host of great nieces, great nephews, friends and devoted caregiver Lucy Sarkodie.

Cemetery Details

Riverview Cemetery

1401 S. Randolph Street
Richmond, VA 23220

Previous Events

viewing

FEB 5. 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM (ET)

5th Street Baptist Church
2800 3rd Ave.
Richmond, VA 23222

Service

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Tribute Wall

RD

“Uncle Ned” was one of my father's best friends. They attended Tennessee State University together and played basketball there. They also joined the United States Army together, during World War II. Uncle Ned and Aunt Berniss were two of the most wonderful and kindest people that I've ever known. I have so many incredible memories of them, as well as of their daughter, Beverly. God bless their family.

Rudolph Dunn - April 19 at 05:12 AM



“ Edward Carter Byrd

October 13, 2022 at 08:33 AM

AW

“ While digitally editing subscriptions for the Richmond Planet, I came across a wedding announcement for a "Miss Gertrude Louise" and "Mr. Leslie F. Byrd" in December 1922. The announcement described what seemed to be a beautiful wedding for a beloved couple. I grew curious of who the Carter/Byrd families of Richmond and Newport News were and learned of Mr. E. Byrd's passing early this year. I extend my condolences for your loss. I'm familiar with the sliver of sadness that comes with celebrating a first Christmas without a loved one, and pray that you find comfort and joy in the memories. Merry Christmas to you all.

(Miss Adrienne W)

Adrienne W - December 24, 2018 at 11:43 AM

CP

“ *Byrd Family,*

My condolences to you on the passing of your loved one. He was one of a group employees who served as mentors to new employees entering the sometimes trying work environment of the USPS many years ago. My work experience was improved because of co-workers like "Ned" Byrd.

Carl Page, USPS Retired

Carl Page - February 05, 2018 at 07:42 AM



“ *Loving Lilies and Roses Bouquet was purchased for the family of Edward Carter Byrd.*



February 03, 2018 at 04:53 PM



“ *Sentiments of Serenity Spray was purchased for the family of Edward Carter Byrd.*



February 03, 2018 at 02:50 PM

MT

“ We wish to give our condolences to Deacon Berniss Byrd and family on the passing of Deacon Edward “Ned” Byrd. He was a kind, soft spoken individual who loved his church and church family. His many years of dedicated and faithful service to the Diaconate at Fifth Street Baptist Church will be greatly missed. We loved him, and we are assured that he has received his reward in Heaven. With sadden hearts,
Deacons Alfred & Mildred Thomas

Mildred Thomas - February 03, 2018 at 10:48 AM

SG

“ Sherri, LeRoy, James, Hannah and Grace purchased the Sapphire Skies Bouquet for the family of Edward Carter Byrd.



Sherri, LeRoy, James, Hannah and Grace - February 02, 2018 at 01:16 PM



“ We express our sincere condolences to your family as well as comfort from God's holy word at PS. 34:18.

Harris Family - February 02, 2018 at 10:39 AM



“ Fairest of All was purchased for the family of Edward Carter Byrd.



February 02, 2018 at 10:12 AM



“ *Loving Lilies and Roses Bouquet was purchased for the family of Edward Carter Byrd.*



February 02, 2018 at 09:47 AM



“ *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 01, 2018 at 02:54 PM