



Ernest Wilson Stokes Jr.

April 6, 1933 - February 3, 2011

ERNEST W. STOKES, JR., son of the late Ernest W. Stokes, Sr. and Otelia Stokes, was born April 6, 1933 in Baltimore, Maryland. He departed this life on Thursday, February 3, 2011 after a lengthy illness.

He received his education in the Baltimore City School System. At the age of eighteen he joined the United States Air Force. He served four years and was honorably discharged. Ernest, Jr. was affectionately known as “Sonny Boy” and to his younger brothers, “Big Brother”. After returning to civilian life, he was employed by Stewart Department Store, which was located on center Street in downtown Baltimore. He retired from Stewart’s after thirty years of employment.

Sonny Boy, as his family and close friends referred to him, was a very self-reliant and independent man. He married Mattie Stokes, who preceded him in death in 1993. Sonny made numerous friends wherever he went and will be missed by all those who knew him. He traveled from house to house to make sure everyone in his family had turkey and a good Thanksgiving meal. He felt that was a time for families to be together.

Sonny helped raised his younger brothers and sisters. Two brothers preceded him in death, Alvin W. Stokes and Calvin W. Stokes. He was the guardian of his great-nieces, Venus Ricks-Kennedy and Shanise(Aminah) Wise-Bennett.

He also shared a very intimate and special relationship with his stepmother, Mabel Stokes- Larkins. A devoted and special cousin, Deloris C. Love, spent a lot of time caring for him and she acknowledged that, “he never complained”.

He leaves to mourn his life: his brothers, Anees Abdul-Rahim, Anthony Abdul-Wali, and Emmitt W. Stokes; two sisters, Fleicia Ann Stokes and Ernestine Stokes; one sister-in-law, Toresta Williams-Abdul-Rahim, all of Baltimore, Maryland; and a host of nephews, nieces, cousins, and friends.

Cemetery Details

King Memorial Park Cemetery - Grand Heritage Chapel & Mausoleum

8710 Dogwood Rd.
Baltimore, MD 21244
(410) 944-8300
info@kingmemorialpark.com
<https://www.KingMemorialPark.com>

Previous Events

Public Viewing

FEB 9. 8:30 AM - 8:00 PM (ET)

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

Wake

FEB 10. 11:30 AM - 12:00 PM (ET)

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Service

FEB 10. 12:00 PM (ET)

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Tribute Wall



“ *Ernest Wilson Stokes Jr.*

October 13, 2022 at 08:33 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.*

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