



Franklin Bethea

October 22, 1933 - February 14, 2002

Dr. Franklin Delano Bethea, son of the late James and Lumisha Bethea was born on October 22, 1933 in Dillon, South Carolina. He departed this life on February 14, 2002. He attended the public schools of Dillon and graduated from Gorden High School in 1953. After graduation, he entered the United States Army where he served as an Airborne Military Policeman in the famed 101st Airborne Division. He continued his education after service in the Army at Morgan State University. He earned a Bachelor of Science Degree in Chemistry and Math at Coppin State University and later returned to Morgan for a Masters of Science Degree. In 1962, he married the former Velma Edwards. From this union there were three children, Kristy Bethea Taylor (Michael), Franklin Delano II (Alice), and Mingo Bethea. Franklin Bethea taught in the Baltimore City Public Schools for 21 years (Garrison Middle School, West Baltimore Middle School, and Edmondson High School). He received a Doctorate of Nutritional Medicine Degree in 1987 from John Kennedy College and was an active member of the American Nutritional Society of Naturopathy. He believed in the right to natural healing and freedom in health care and practiced it. Franklin pursued many occupations in his adult life. He owned and operated four dry cleaning plants and tailor shops in the late 60's. He served as an insurance agent and practiced natural healing and consultation. His favorite hobby was designing and making clothes and riding his motorcycle. He was a member of the Banderleros Motorcycle Club. He leaves to mourn his wife of 40 years, Velma; two sons,

Franklin Bethea II (Alice) and Mingo Basil; a daughter, Kristy Taylor (Michael); five grandchildren, Ashley, Jessica, Alaina, Ian, and Brandon Gaines; two brothers, Dr. Kenneth Bethea (Doris) and Vernon Bethea (Moneen); a sister and brother-in-law, Ruth and Benjamin McLarin; two nieces, Dr. Allison Bethea and Joanna Griffith; a nephew, Kenneth E. Bethea II (Karen); and a host of relatives and friends.

Tribute Wall



“ *Franklin Bethea*

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“ *Sorry to here of your lost, May God provide you with the faith in the comming days###imported-begin##Jerome /Paula Stephens###imported-end##*

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“ *Dear Velma and Family Clyde and I share in your sorrow.May the happy years you had together and your love of GOD help you through these hours of grief. sincerely Barbara###imported-begin##Barbara R. Smith###imported-end##*

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“ *Please accept our condolences in this time of great sorrow for you. The love you shared will help sustain you and bring you peace.###imported-begin##The March Family and Staff###imported-end##*

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