



George T. Bess Sr.

December 12, 1925 - June 30, 2018

GEORGE T. BESS, SR., son of the late Annie K and C Jefferson Bess, was born December 12, 1925 in Bayboro, North Carolina. At age 14, he moved with his mother, brothers and sister to Norfolk, Virginia, where he received diploma from Booker T. Washington High School. He received his Bachelor of Science degree in Sociology from what was then Florida A&M College (now University), located in Tallahassee, Florida and Master of Science degree in Education and Vocational Guidance from Hampton Institute (now University), Hampton, Virginia. George married the love of his life, Barbara Ann Green, on April 1, 1956, and from this union two sons were born, George Jr. and Michael.

George's work experience included G.S. clerk at the United States Naval Base in Norfolk, Virginia; Mail Clerk at the United States Post Office in Norfolk, Virginia; Elementary School Teacher in the Portsmouth and Norfolk public school systems; Real Estate Salesman for Maurice C. Colette, Inc. in Norfolk; National Urban League Eleanor Roosevelt Intern; Director of the National Urban League Leadership Development Project; Coordinator of Student Affairs Baltimore City Community College; Consultant for the United States Development of Labor (developing man power programs). After retirement, he operated Asburton Aquatic Systems, a pond and landscaping company. This proved to be too taxing but led to the development of "Pondscapers" (a group comprised of a residential pond keepers in West Baltimore) as well as a site

for welcomed visitation from pre-level middle/high school students and church groups.

He was honored with a photographic visit from National Geographic resulting in a picture story in Baltimore Magazine. Included among George's citations are the following. Certificate from Eleanor Roosevelt Memorial Foundation for completion of two year training in the profession of intergroup relations; Certificate from the National Association of Intergroup Relations (NAIRO); Certificate of appreciation from Youth Motivation Program "...in recognition of his outstanding contribution to the plans for progress task force it on Youth Motivation, and its program to enlighten minority high school and college students concerning the expanding opportunities and industry, and to inspire, and inspire them with the confidence to seek careers in the current market."

George was a superb cook and the official daily family "chef". He also took pride in cultivating a backyard vegetable garden, grape vines and fruit trees. However, perhaps the hobby in which he derived the most pride was that of his beautiful aquatic gardens.

He was a member of the following organizations: P AARP, NAACP, National Urban League, National Aquarium in Baltimore, Baltimore Zoo, National Wildlife Federation, Delgents (support group of Delicado's, Inc.) and Connecting Link. He was inducted in the Upsilon Psi Chapter of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity Inc. in 1949, was currently a member of the Graduate Chapter of Pi Omega and active with all QUE mentors.

Besides his devoted wife, Barbara and two sons, George Jr. and Michael, he is survived by: five grandchildren, Joelle, Nigel, Makayla, Lauren and Erin; sister, Hettie B. Lockett; nephews, Donald Lockett, Isaac Lockett, Howard Bess, Jr., Charles Bess and Daniel Bess, Jr.; nieces, Juanita Cunningham, Cheryl Lockett, Debra Branch and Tracy Holloway; daughter-in-law, Jacquetta

Bess; ex-daughters, Sade' Baderinwa and Nicole Foster; grand nephews, grand nieces, and a host of other relatives 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

Wake

JUL 6. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

The New All Saints Roman Catholic Church
4408 Liberty Heights Avenue
Baltimore, MD

Memorial Service

JUL 6. 11:00 AM (ET)

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Tribute Wall



“ *George T. Bess Sr.*

October 13, 2022 at 08:33 AM



“ *My deepest and most sincere condolences to the family. I wish you all the very best. He was an exceptional human being and a top notch advisor. Although 92 years is a great run, I am certain that he will be sorely missed.*

Regards, Gary Logan

Gary Logan - July 08, 2018 at 09:35 PM



“ *To the Family,
Please accept our condolences. Many of us have been down this road. We wish to share with you what has helped us to be sustained. Relying on the God of all comfort. At Isaiah 25:8 Almighty God promises to swallowing up death forever. Only then will we be able to enjoy our loved ones for an eternity.*

Family Howard - July 04, 2018 at 08:23 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 - July 02, 2018 at 01:01 PM