



George Ratliff Jr.

August 12, 1950 - October 31, 2011

GEORGE RATLIFF JR., son of the late George W. Ratliff Sr. and the late Doris Sadie Swann, passed away at Maryland General Hospital during the morning of October 31, 2011, as a result of complications from a long illness.

Mr. Ratliff, a lifelong native of Baltimore, Maryland was born on August 12, 1950. He received his formal education in the Baltimore City Public School System.

He was a retired railroad employee having served the Conrail Railroad from June 7, 1972 until he was declared disabled on December 12, 1986.

George Jr. was an excellent musician. During the sixties he had his own band, the Fingertips. His other hobbies included collective movies, videos, video games, video game systems, pictures, books and music. He enjoyed these activities but his love was for people. He was a member of New Shiloh Baptist Church for fifteen years. He was until in marriage to Lori Renee McCallum on November 23, 1995.

George raised seventeen foster children and was a mentor to his nieces, nephews and the neighborhood children.

He was preceded in death by four brothers, Charles Johnson Jr., Ronald

Lamont Taylor, Robert Swann Jr. and William Swann.

He leaves to cherish his memory: his loving wife, Lori Renee Ratliff; nine children, Tracy Smith, Michael Ratliff, George Ratliff III, Ricky Ratliff, Wanda Ratliff Dunston, Joseph Ratliff, Che' Grady, Lamar McCallum all of Baltimore, Maryland and Niticia Ratliff from Vallejo, California; four brothers, James and Percy Swann of Bamberg, South Carolina, Joseph Swann of Baltimore, Maryland and Limos Lawrence of Atlanta, Georgia; four sisters, Pearl Mason of Durham, North Carolina, Arleen Gladden, Darleen Jones and Christa Phillips of Baltimore, Maryland; one son-in-law, William Dunston; one daughter-in-law, Janine Harris; sixteen grandchildren, Nakira Cox, Sean Evans Jr., Aurikshawna Ratliff, Raykiya Ratliff, Lanika Hines, Ricky Ratliff Jr., Jordan Ratliff, George Ratliff IV, Justin Ratliff, Tynesha Taylor, Deaundray Taylor and Lathan Diggs II; one great-grandchild, Sincere Wyatt; his devoted family-in-laws, include mothers, Ethel Larkins and Rita Hardy; fathers, John Larkins and Sherman Hardy; sisters and brothers, Michael Larkins, Ayesha Larkins, Eugene Hardy II, Diane Bazemore, Lois Hardy, Bernadette Simmons, Kenneth Simmons, Richard Hardy, Virginia Hardy, Catherine Hardy, Brenda Holloman, Deon Holloman, Gwendolyn Johnson, Wayne Johnson Sr., Donald Hardy, Marilyn Hardy, Yvette Washington, Rodney Washington, Ronald Phillips, Sally Swann, Michael Jones and Donald Gladden; and a host of other relatives, nieces, nephews and close friends.

Cemetery Details

Woodlawn Cemetery

2130 Woodlawn Drive
Baltimore, MD 21207

Previous Events

Public Viewing

NOV 7. 8:30 AM - 8:00 PM (ET)

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

Family Hour

NOV 7. 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM (ET)

March Funeral Homes - West Baltimore
4300 Wabash Avenue
Baltimore, MD 21215
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Service

NOV 8. 11:00 AM (ET)

New Shiloh Baptist Church
2100 N. Monroe Street
baltimore, MD 21216

Wake

NOV 8. 10:30 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

New Shiloh Baptist Church
2100 N. Monroe Street
baltimore, MD 21216

Tribute Wall



“ *George Ratliff Jr.*

October 13, 2022 at 08:33 AM



“ *I miss u god father so much* 😞😞😞😞😞

shaniqua - August 12, 2019 at 03:55 AM



“ *TRACY SMITH lit a candle in memory of George Ratliff Jr.*



TRACY SMITH - September 08, 2018 at 07:04 PM



I MISS MY DAD SO MUCH. CONTINUE TO REST RAT...

TRACY SMITH - September 08, 2018 at 07:05 PM

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“ HOW AM I SITN HERE JUST THINKING ABOUT U AND KNOWING I CANT TALK TO U OR HEAR UR VOICE JUST MAKES ME CRY ALL OVER AGAIN. I MISS OUR CONVERSATIONS. I THANK U FOR BN NOT ONLY MY DAD BUT A GREAT FRIEND. ITS BEEN HARD, THE COUNTLESS , SLEEPLESS NIGHTS HAVE TAKEN TOLE ON ME. IM UP JUST ABOUT EVERY NIGHT CUZ I CANT SLEEP. JUST KNOW N DEATH U R LOVED N MISSED SO VERY MUCH. CONTINUE TO REST PEACEFULLY. I THINK BACK TO WHEN I WAS 25 N U TOLD ME I BETTER CALL U DAD...I LAUGHED BUT IMMA SAY THIS NOW I MISS U DAD....

TRACY SMITH - June 25, 2018 at 05:49 AM

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“ I miss my dad soooo much. Need a father daughter talk right about now. Rest n Paradise Rat.....

Tracy Smith (daughter) - September 14, 2014 at 01:55 PM

DA

“ My deepest sympathy to the family. May the memories shared be a source of comfort. Please find comfort in knowing "the God of all comfort" promises to reunite as with our loved ones by means of the resurrection hope in the Bible at Acts 24:15.

Delores Allen - December 09, 2011 at 05:02 AM

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THANK YOU MISS DELORES ALLEN

TRACY SMITH DAUGHTER - February 20, 2017 at 08:22 PM

LJ

“ Dearest Symaphy to Arleen and Family of Mr. Ratliff Jr.

i send my condolences to you all, with sadness may Jehovah hold your hearts to be strong at this ttime of loss.

*Deepest Sympathy
Linda Johnson of HCR Roland Park*

Linda Johnson - November 07, 2011 at 06:06 AM

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THANK YOU MISS LINDA JOHNSON

TRACY SMITH DAUGHTER - February 20, 2017 at 08:23 PM

MJ

“ *I would like to express my condolences to the family on the loss of your loved one. May the God of Peace, Jehovah, help to ease your grief and always be beside you as you continue on through life.*

Hoping it helps to know that others care and share your loss.

(John 5:28-29) Do not marvel at this, because the hour is coming in which all those in the memorial tombs will hear his voice and come out, those who did good things to a resurrection of life, those who practiced vile things to a resurrection of judgment.

With Deepest Sympathy

M. Johnson - November 03, 2011 at 08:24 AM

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THANK YOU M. JOHNSON

TRACY SMITH DAUGHTER - February 20, 2017 at 08:23 PM

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“ We eagerly await the day when our loving Creator will reverse the process of human sickness and death. In the meantime, you can be assured that our loving Father will help you to endure the burden of your aches and pains because “he cares for you.” (1 Peter 5:7)

Karolyn Nichols - November 02, 2011 at 09:43 AM

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THANK YOU MRS KAROLYN NICHOLS

TRACY SMITH DAUGHTER - February 20, 2017 at 08:24 PM

DA

“ Please accept my heartfelt sympathies in the loss of your dear loved one. How comforting in knowing Almighty God has not only the power but also the desire to resurrect our loved ones. Jesus himself said: "Do not marvel at this, because the hour is coming in which all those in the memorial tombs will hear his voice and come out." John 5:28,29

Delores Allen - November 02, 2011 at 06:00 AM

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THANK YOU MRS DELORES ALLEN

TRACY SMITH DAUGHTER - February 20, 2017 at 08:24 PM

PL

“ I am so sorry for your loss. The death of a loved one is such a painful time. Only God truly understands the depth of your pain, and he offers comfort and hope to each of you at this most difficult time. Please read Isaiah 26:19, Psalm 37:29 and John Chapter 11.

Peggy Land - November 01, 2011 at 09:30 PM

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THANK YOU MISS PEGGY LAND

TRACY SMITH DAUGHTER - February 20, 2017 at 08:25 PM



“ *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 - November 01, 2011 at 08:59 AM

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THANK YOU MARCH FUNERAL HOMES FOR YOUR SERVICES. YOU DID MY DAD WONDERFUL. I APPRECIATE ALL OF THE CARE..

TRACY SMITH DAUGHTER - February 20, 2017 at 08:26 PM