



## Gordon D. Quarles

February 13, 1933 - October 16, 2019

Gordon D. Quarles, affectionately known by family and friends as, “Lil Bro” and “Mr. G,” peacefully transitioned to his permanent home with the Lord on the 16th day of October 2019. He was surrounded by loved ones.

Gordon was the second son of the late Narcissus Tynes and James Thomas Quarles, Sr. He was born in Baltimore, Maryland, on February 13, 1933, and he received his academic education in the Baltimore Public School system.

Three brothers, Edward, Lloyd and James Jr., preceded him in death.

Gordon enlisted in the United States Marine Corps. He served his nation well and was honorably discharged from the Marines in 1954. After completing his tour of duty, Gordon returned to Baltimore, where he worked as an orderly at Mercy Hospital. He accepted an offer to work at Western Electric in 1957 where he began his career as a machine operator.

Gordon married Jean Redman of West Virginia, who brought one daughter, Gwendolyn, to their union. One son, Steven, was born. Gordon and Jean separated and later divorced.

During his 28 years at Western Electric, Gordon was best known for his friendly spirit, love for music and jovial personality. His many co-workers will always remember him as a friend.

The Lord gave Gordon his best birthday present in February of 1963 while working at Western Electric, where he met the love of his life, Rosetta. He often told the story of how he knew at first glance that he would ask her to be his partner for life. Gordon blessed Rosetta with the nickname “Will” to

distinguish her from her cousins who shared the name "Billy," which was her nickname growing up. They remained inseparable for over 52 years. To their union, one daughter Angela was born.

Affectionately known by his neighbors as the "Mayor of the Block," Gordon was the neighborhood watchman, philosopher, custodian, and grill master. He also loved to go fishing with buddies, Clyde, Jimmy, Hyatt, Bernard and Phil, who he affectionately referred to as, "The Rookie." A lover of animals, Gordon's favorite dogs were Fred and Max. The squirrels and birds could always count on him for a meal in the front yard. He will be remembered for his novel expressions, the most notable of which was, "That's my ruling and 10/4!"

His retirement in 1984 from Western Electric allowed him more of an opportunity to spend on his favorite past time of listening to all genres of music. From Frank Sinatra to Frankie Lymon, Billy Eckstine to Billy Ray Cyrus, Dionne Warwick to Dion and the Belmonts, James Brown to Jamie Johnson, to James Cleveland.

After years of attending various houses of worship, Gordon finally found a church home at First Christian Community Baptist Church, under the leadership of the late Reverend Ernest Humphrey, where he was baptized in the name of the Father and of the Son and the Holy Spirit. Reverend Dr. Alphonso Tucker, who was an Associate Minister at the time, performed the baptism.

He leaves to cherish his memory, his loving wife, "Will"/Rosetta; daughter, Gwendolyn; son, Steven (Gloria); daughter, Angela (Demitri); brother, Leon; sister-in law, Margaret; grandsons, John, Steven, Abdul; granddaughter, Rhonda (Justin); great friends and neighbors, Lorenzo, Maple; and a host of great grandchildren, nieces, nephews, family, 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

## viewing

OCT **22**. 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

OCT **22**. 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM (ET)

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

## Wake

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OCT **23**. 10:30 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

First Christian Community Baptist Church  
4116 Groveland Avenue  
Baltimore, MD 21215

## Service

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OCT **23**. 11:00 AM (ET)

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# Tribute Wall



“ *Gordon D. Quarles*

October 13, 2022 at 08:33 AM



“ *Angela and Family - What a beautiful write-up of your Dad's life! I hadn't met him, but feel close to him through our discussions about him, and my having similar life experiences. I believe he was blessed by you and your family being there for him and easing him tenderly into God's care. My heartfelt condolences, Frank Tavenner*

**Frank Tavenner** - October 23, 2019 at 11:42 AM



“ *Paula Foote lit a candle in memory of Gordon D. Quarles*



**Paula Foote** - October 22, 2019 at 10:55 AM



“ *Your friend from MITRE - Kim and Lawrence Johnson purchased the Emerald Garden Basket for the family of Gordon D. Quarles.*



**Your friend from MITRE - Kim and Lawrence Johnson** -  
October 22, 2019 at 08:22 AM



“ *Lovely One Spathiphyllum Plant was purchased for the family of Gordon D. Quarles.*



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October 22, 2019 at 08:02 AM



“ *To the family of Gordon Quarles, May the Holy Spirit comfort you at this time.*

*From: Elder Theresa Ward*

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**Theresa Ward** - October 21, 2019 at 06:58 PM



“ *May the peace that comes from the memories of love shared comfort you now and in the days ahead.*

*With Love,*

*Valerie Redman Gebre-Amlak*

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**Valerie Gebre-Amlak** - October 19, 2019 at 06:51 PM



“ *Though very little can be said when sorrow touches the heart, this brings you all the sympathy that friendship can impart. With deepest sympathy. A thought to comfort you.*

*With love,*

*Debra Redman (Gordan's niece)*

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**Debra Redman** - October 19, 2019 at 03:54 PM

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“ *May Brother Quarles rest in Peace with the Heavenly Father. May God comfort and keep Sister Quarles as she goes through. We love you and are here for you.*



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**Mae Williams** - October 18, 2019 at 06:26 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.*

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**March Funeral Homes** - October 17, 2019 at 03:02 PM