



## Irving Lewis Crockett Sr.

May 23, 1933 - October 12, 2016

### Reflection of Life - The Journey

Deacon Irving Lewis Crockett, Sr., was born May 23, 1933 in Ellerson, VA, the third of seven children born to the late James H. and Sallie Meade Robinson Crockett. He was educated in Hanover County and trained as a machinist at the Richmond Technical Center.

Irving was baptized early in life, at what was then called, "The Mill Pond." After confessing Christ as his Lord and Savior, he was welcomed as a new member of First Union Baptist Church.

Having been brought up in a large Christian family, Irving was a firm believer in looking out for others and in living a life that demonstrated his belief in the gospel. To this end, he served in many capacities for both his church and the community. He sang in the church sanctuary choir for a period of time and, at the age of 25, was ordained a deacon, serving until his death. From 1985-2011, he served as chairman of the deacon ministry. He worked diligently to serve God, his family and his community with godly conviction and consistency until the Lord called him home on October 12, 2016.

Irving worked in downtown Richmond at the Seafood and Chicken Facility for a period, after which he began working for Greyhound Bus Lines as a

mechanic. In 1953, he was drafted into the US Army as a foot soldier, where he served for two years. After his time in the Army, Irving began working at Westvaco as a printer in their printing division. During his tenure, he was promoted to Shift Leader, supervising a team of six men; until retirement in 2000 after 43 years of service.

Shortly before he began his military service, Irving met his wife, Virginia (Ginny). At the time, Irving's brother Herbert was dating a cousin of Ginny's, and asked Irving to take him by his girl friend's house for a visit. When they arrived, Ginny's cousin introduced them. Though he hadn't planned on it, Irving was charmed by her hazel eyes, and found that he suddenly had an urge to stay and visit, too. They went out on their first date that night. Later that evening, Irving told his mother, "Mother, I do believe I just met the girl I'm going to marry!" He was love-struck. Irving and Virginia continued to date for the duration of his military service and on August 13, 1955, the two were married.

Irving's hobbies included fishing, hunting, traveling, and horseback riding. He was a member of Doc's Posse Riding Club for a number of years. Over the course of their marriage, he and Ginny were blessed to have traveled to 43 states, the District of Columbia and Canada. Irving also worked with the PTAs of Amelia Street and East End Elementary School of Mechanicsville, VA.

Irving was preceded in death by his parents, James H. and Sally R. Crockett, brother James "Sonny", William H. and sister Pearl. He leaves to celebrate his life: his devoted wife of 61 years, Virginia Henry Crockett; four loving children; Irving L. Jr. (Betty), Andrea C. Rich, Geraldine C. Baird (Steven), and Kevin M. (Andrea); nineteen grandchildren, six great-grandchildren, one goddaughter, Tawanda Jones (Stanley), two brothers, Herbert (Helen), George (Lillie), one sister, Adele Hooper, one sister-in-law, Geraldine Crockett, and a grand host of other family and friends who loved him dearly.

Irving, we will miss your ready laugh and easy smile, your booming voice, and the sincerity with which you loved and took delight in those around you.

Heaven's gain is most assuredly our loss.

# Cemetery Details

## First Union Baptist Church Cemetery

Mechanicsville, VA 23116

# Previous Events

## viewing

OCT 18. 9:00 AM - 8:00 PM (ET)

March Funeral Home-Laburnum Chapel  
Richmond, VA 23222

## Family Hour

OCT 18. 6:00 PM - 7:00 PM (ET)

March Funeral Home-Laburnum Chapel  
Richmond, VA 23222

## Service

OCT 19. 12:00 PM (ET)

First Union Baptist Church  
6231 Pole Green Road  
Mechanicsville, VA 23116

# Tribute Wall



“ *Irving Lewis Crockett Sr.*

October 13, 2022 at 08:33 AM



“ *Mrs. Crockett,*

*I want to express our Deepest Condolences to you and your Family! It was an honor and a privilege to know him. His firm handshake and deep voice were a source of comfort and confidence for us, through some of our most difficult times. Take comfort in knowing that he is rejoicing with our Lord and that all of the trials of this world are overcome... The Gover Family*

**Bob Gover** - October 18, 2016 at 11:05 AM



“ *My sincere condolences to the Crockett Family for the passing of Mr. Crockett. He was such a gentleman and I am so blessed to have the privilege to have known him. I will sincerely miss seeing him and chatting with him. He is with our God and at peace.*

*Michelle Connatser*

**Michelle Connatser** - October 18, 2016 at 10:24 AM



“ *My heartfelt condolence to the family. The loss of a loved one is never easy, however the MOST HIGH GOD has given an assured promise and hope concerning death. (Isaiah 25:8) May you too find comfort in reading GOD's words especially during this difficult time. (Psalms 55:22)*

**T. Parker** - October 17, 2016 at 05:51 AM

OP

“ Our thoughts and prayers are with you during the loss of your love one. Mr. Crockett was truly an awesome guy and it was always an honor to be in his presence. Morven Hunt Club will never be the same!

*The Pegrams  
Oscar, Maurice, and Ben*

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**Oscar Pegrans** - October 16, 2016 at 09:49 PM

TP

“ My heartfelt condolence to the family. May the MOST HIGH GOD comfort and sustain you during this difficult time. (Psalms 55:22)

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**T. Parker** - October 16, 2016 at 06:39 AM

HC

“ To: The Crockett Family

*We are truly sorry to hear of the loss of Deacon Crockett. We'll never forget the love and kindness he showed to our late grandfather, Deacon Robert Dandridge and our late mother, Dorothy Gaines, during their illness. We'll never forget all that he did for them both. May God give him eternal rest. May God give you, the family, strength to bear your loss. Please accept our sincere condolences.*

*Patricia Gaines Myrick (Pat)  
Robert Gaines (RP)  
Helen Gaines Coles*

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**Helen Coles** - October 15, 2016 at 03:52 PM

MR

“ Please accept my sincere condolences to you and your family on the loss of your dear loved one. Losing someone you love is devastating and the most difficult thing you will ever have to do. Almighty God Jehovah knows your pain and wants to comfort you. Words of comfort are found at 1Corinthians1:3,4, "God is the Father of tender mercies and the God of all comfort, who comforts us through our trials ". God did not create us to live in sadness and heartache. Revelation21:3,4 says:" And he will wipe out every tear from their eyes and death will be no more, no mourning nor outcry nor pain. The former things have passed away" This is a promise that soon God will fulfill. While we are waiting the fulfillment of this promise,may you find comfort to ease your pain through the beautiful memories you and your family have.

Sincerely  
Mrs.SFutch

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Mrs.SFutch - October 14, 2016 at 03:24 PM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Irving Lewis Crockett Sr..



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October 14, 2016 at 01:20 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 13, 2016 at 03:22 PM