



Ivan Craig Armstrong

May 14, 1966 - May 29, 2015

Ivan Craig Armstrong, the beloved son of Josephine E. Armstrong and the late Virgil Ray Gardner, Jr. was born May 14, 1966. He departed his life here on earth on May 29, 2015 at his home in Richmond, VA surrounded by family. He was preceded in death by his aunt Lula “Mommy” Gardner, and grandfather Joseph W. Armstrong.

His life began in Snow Hill, MD where he attended the public schools of Worcester County. In 1979 the family moved to Parksley, VA and attended the public schools of Accomack County. Upon graduating from Arcadia High in 1984 he enrolled in Virginia Union University in Richmond, VA and graduated in 1989 with a BA degree in Communications / Broadcasting.

Ivan began his spiritual growth at the Mt. Zion Missionary Baptist Church in Snow Hill, MD. Upon moving to Virginia he worshipped and was baptized at Metompkin Baptist Church in Parksley, VA. At the time of his death he was a member of St. Peter Baptist Church in Glen Allen, VA.

He was very committed to community and civic involvement and upon graduation from college he was initiated into the Xi Delta Lambda Chapter of Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Inc. Ivan remained enthusiastic and engaged in fraternal life until his death.

Upon leaving the Eastern Shore, he was later to reside in Raleigh, NC and Stone Mountain, GA but it was Richmond, VA that became his “second” home. Ivan used his communication skills for many years as a Sales Representative working for major corporations such as Verizon and at the time his health began to fail he was employed in sales by Tyco Securities.

He will be remembered for his sport interests and affiliations. As a youth he played basketball, baseball, and football and played competitively throughout middle and high school. During college he fell in love with golf and always enjoyed the competition “on the greens” with his “golfing buddies” along the East Coast.

He was a die-hard football “Rams” fan, a die-hard VUU Panthers fan and Ivan rarely missed a CIAA tournament or VUU homecoming. In addition to playing sports, he coached in the Chamberlayne Youth Basketball League and was a fully engaged parent on the sideline at Henrico youth basketball and football games.

He had a strong work ethic and was dedicated to his family and any endeavor

he set out to complete and thus positively affected the lives of many people. In September 2001, Ivan and Carol Carson were married and two sons resulted from this union.

He leaves in mourning his wife, Carol; daughter Chelsea M. Armstrong of Hampton, VA; sons, Joseph and Sabian Armstrong of Richmond, VA; mother, Josephine Armstrong of Parksley, VA; brothers, Rodney (Tara) Armstrong of Snow Hill, MD and Jared Armstrong of Fruitland, MD; maternal grandmother, Emma Waters of Salisbury, MD; paternal grandparents Virgil and Lulabelle Gardner, Sr. of Fruitland, MD; aunts, Yvonne Armstrong of Lithonia, GA, Deborah Smith of Wilmington, DE, Cheryl Dorsey of Salisbury, MD, Patricia Gardner of Fruitland, MD, Idella (Joseph) Drummond of Greenwood, DE, and Vanessa (Jessie) Gillette of Woodbridge, VA; uncles, Michael (Edith) Armstrong of Norfolk, VA, Duane Armstrong of Snow Hill, MD, Wayne (Debbie) Gardner of Salisbury, MD, and William (Jeanette) of Princess Anne, MD; and a host of cousins, nieces, nephews, other relatives and friends.

Cemetery Details

Mt. Zion Missionary Baptist Church Cemetery

410 Dighton Ave.
Snow Hill, MD 21863

Previous Events

Public Viewing

JUN 3. 9:00 AM - 8:00 PM (ET)

March Funeral Home -Laburnum Chapel
2110 E. Laburnum Ave.
Richmond, VA 23222

Family Hour

JUN 3. 6:00 PM - 7:00 PM (ET)

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2110 E. Laburnum Avenue
Richmond, VA 23222
(804) 321-4200
info@marchfh.com
<https://www.marchfuneralhomevirginia.com/>

Service

JUN 4. 2:00 PM (ET)

St. Peter Baptist Church
2040 Mountain Road
VA 23030

Tribute Wall



“ *Ivan Craig Armstrong*

October 13, 2022 at 08:33 AM



“ *I am sorry for your loss please read John5:28,29 it will help you find comfort and cope with you loss I know how it feel to lose a love one in death, may God be with you.*

Gay lee baker - June 05, 2015 at 12:23 PM



“ *Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Ivan Craig Armstrong.*



June 04, 2015 at 01:24 PM



“ *To Carol and the entire Armstrong family. It's with my sincere condolences to you. My prayers of continuous strength and peace during this difficult time.*

Blessings Anita Pouncy Young

Anita Pouncy Young - June 04, 2015 at 11:57 AM

YB

“ *My prayers of comfort and peace to the Armstrong family. Ivan was a wonderful Coworker and Brother of Alpha Phi Alpha. Blessings from Yolanda Brannen - Verizon Coworker and member of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc.*



Yolanda Brannen - June 03, 2015 at 05:19 PM

FA

“ *Frances Atkinson lit a candle in memory of Ivan Craig Armstrong*



Frances Atkinson - June 03, 2015 at 09:51 AM

FA

To Carol and family I send my deepest sympathy to you and your family. Ivan is resting peacefully with his father Jesus Christ in heaven. We will keep you in our prayers. God Bless!! Rex and Frances Atkinson.

Frances Atkinson - June 03, 2015 at 09:57 AM

BH

To Josephine and family, we send our condolences. May the God of all comfort and consolation sustain and strengthen you. You are in our prayers. God cares! Bishop Alexander & Barbara Hardy

Barbara Hardy - June 03, 2015 at 03:48 PM

TT

“ Sending my prayers to Carol and family. May you take comfort knowing an angel is watching over you. Ivan was such a wonderful and kind person. He was like a big brother to me when we worked together at Crestar/SunTrust Bank in Richmond. It was a lot of us in the Consumer Finance Group and we all became like family. Ivan had such an infectious spirit, always full of smiles, laughter and just a joy to be around. He will truly be missed by many.



*Teneta Thompson
Alpharetta, GA*

Teneta Thompson - June 03, 2015 at 08:43 AM

TD

“ TO THE ARMSTONG FAMILY. I'VE BEEN KNOWING IVAN MOST OF MY LIFE. WE WENT PARKSLEY MIDDLE SCHOOL & ARCADIA HIGH SCHOOL TOGETHER. I REMEMBER WATCHING YOU AND RODNEY RUNNING UP AND DOWN THE BASKETBALL COURT. I CAN'T BELIEVE YOU ARE GONE. BUT THE WORD OF THE LORD SAYS TO BE ABSENT FROM THE BODY IS TO PRESENT WITH THE LORD. IT'S YOUR TIME TO REST. FAMILY LIFT UP YOUR EYES TO THE HILL WHICH COMETH YOUR HELP, YOUR HELP & STRENGHT WILL COME FROM THE LORD. PRAYING FOR YOU.....JESUS IS STILL LORD

THERESA BIBBINS DAVIS - June 02, 2015 at 01:27 PM

DD

“ I was hurt by the sad news that you were no longer here. Ivan you meant a lot to me. Your guidance to me over the years beginning when I really got to know you my freshman year at VUU. I can not even begin to imagine what it will mean now that you are no longer there. I will miss you a lot; our sports discussions and debates, your advice and suggestions. Ivan, I love you brother and until I see you again Rest in Paradise.

Deitrick Downing

Deitrick Downing - June 02, 2015 at 11:39 AM

MM

“ From 8th Grade throughout High School, Ivan was A Great Person and Friend, always Warm, Welcomed Hugs and A Remarkable Smile. To Ms. Josephine, Rodney, Jared and Family, Rest Assure No Burden has been Put Upon You that You can't Bear! Classmate '84, Melisa "BabyGirl" White-Marshall

Melisa "BabyGirl" Marshall - June 02, 2015 at 10:49 AM

MW

“ Sending my heartfelt condolences to the family and friends who loved Ivan so much. Hold on to the memories to sustain you in the days ahead. Though absent from the body, his tremendous spirit will live on. Take your rest in sweet peace.

Michelle Johnson White - June 02, 2015 at 05:15 AM

DB

“ We grew up playing basketball and football at Ross St. and swimming in the Pocomoke River and playing football on the ice in the Byrd Park and going to Shad Land State Park all of those memories will never be lost love man R.I.P. Ivan Armstrong

Dwight Beckett - June 02, 2015 at 01:26 AM

BP

“ *My prayers are with Josephine Armstrong, mother of Ivan. Know that God shall always keep you in perfect peace.*

*Bertha C. Purnell
Berlin, MD*



Bertha C Purnell - June 01, 2015 at 06:11 PM

An'Jou
Skipper-
Johnson

“ *Ivan, what an awesome and kind spirit. I will miss your smile and will always cherish our chats, especially our early morning FB chats. You are definitely loved, and will always be in my heart. Family, know that you are in my prayers through this most difficult time. I encourage you to be strong.*

*Much Love....
Peace and Blessings,
An'Jou C. Skipper-Johnson
VUU Classmate*

An'Jou Skipper-Johnson - June 01, 2015 at 04:22 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 - June 01, 2015 at 01:32 PM