



## James Neely

May 6, 1941 - April 14, 2022

James Frederick “Bop” Neely, Sr. was born May 6, 1941 to the late Jesse James Neely and Versie Neely in Sharon, South Carolina.

“Bop” as his family called him received his education in Sharon, South Carolina and loved working on cars. He later became an over the road truck driver and married the late Iris Mary Richardson of Baltimore, Maryland and from that union they had 4 children Jason, James, Jr., Nichelle and Heath.

Neely enjoyed many things from riding motorcycles with the Charm City Riders to camping with the Maryland Van Council and his best friends, the late Effie and James “Spike” Harris, fishing, grilling, bowling and baseball with friends from Donald’s Bar. After becoming a member of the Road Master Vanners, he became known to many as the “Moon Dog”.

Neely loved to cook and sing for everyone and after becoming a member of the Merritt Park Baptist Church in Dundalk, Maryland, he joined their choir. He was the singing Crab steamer.

He was preceded in death by his son, Jason; grandson, Antonio; brothers, Ulysses Currence and Mozel Neely; and 3 sisters, Mildred Burris, Hattie Bankhead and Celestine Neely.

Surviving to cherish so many years of love and memories is his wife, Delilah; sons, James Neely, Jr. and Heath Neely (Umi) of Japan; his daughter, Nichelle Watson (Lawrence); stepson, Harold Richardson (Tamara), stepdaughter; special granddaughters, Tkeyah and Brittney; grandsons, James Antonio and Heath Jr.; great-grandsons, Xavier and Hamza; other relatives and friends.

# Cemetery Details

## Private

Baltimore, MD

# Previous Events

## Public Viewing (All are welcome to attend)

APR **23**. 2:00 PM - 4:00 PM (ET)

March Funeral Home - East  
1101 E. North Avenue  
Baltimore, MD 21202

## Wake & Public Viewing

APR **25**. 2:00 PM - 2:30 PM (ET)

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## Service

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# Tribute Wall



“ *To View the Webcast of the Funeral for James Neely, Please Click the Link below.*



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**March Funeral Homes** - April 24, 2022 at 02:27 AM



“ *James Neely*

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October 13, 2022 at 08:33 AM



“ *My Husband and I didn't know Mr. James and his wife only by seeing them in church, but everytime they came in church he would always wave too us, I thought that was so sweet of him. We are going to miss him.*

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**Ellen Lloyd** - April 21, 2022 at 10:24 AM



“ *James Neely will be missed in church. He had a beautiful voice when he would sing songs in church on Sundays. You will be greatly missed by all of us from Merritt Park Church. My deepest sympathy to the Neely family .*

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**Linda Cugler** - April 20, 2022 at 11:20 AM

KP

“ *Mr. Neely was a very nice man, and my father adored him. Mr. Neely's smile also shined through his eyes. Loved his bass voice when he sang in the choir. I would see him wipe away tears when a song touched his heart. He will surely be missed. We love you Mrs. Delilah, and praying for the entire family.* ❤️

Karen Polanowski - April 19, 2022 at 12:35 PM

DW

“ *Diane White sent a virtual gift in memory of James Neely*



Diane white - April 18, 2022 at 06:27 PM

DL

“ *Debbie Lee lit a candle in memory of James Neely*



Debbie Lee - April 18, 2022 at 04:04 PM

DL

*Rest well Neely in your new Heavenly Home.*

Debbie Lee - April 18, 2022 at 04:05 PM

RW

“ *Posted on Easter Sunday 2022*  
*James was a faithful member of the Merritt Park Baptist Church. If there was work to be done, James would always be there. He loved to cook at church outings and was a friend to all. We will miss his smile and his friendship. From Dr. Wright and members of the Merritt Park Baptist Church.*  
*Dr. Wright*

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**Ronald Wright** - April 17, 2022 at 03:36 PM



“ *Dale Baker lit a candle in memory of James Neely*



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**Dale Baker** - April 16, 2022 at 09:24 AM

EB

“ *Elizabeth Brown lit a candle in memory of James Neely*



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**Elizabeth Brown** - April 16, 2022 at 08:40 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.*

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**March Funeral Homes** - April 15, 2022 at 11:07 AM