



## James R. Tilghman

November 5, 1915 - March 10, 2014

On Monday, March 10, 2014, God called Randolph and said, "My good and faithful servant, come home. Well done." JAMES RANDOLPH TILGHMAN, the son of the late James and Susie Tilghman, was born November 5, 1915 in Baltimore, MD. He was the second eldest of four children — sisters Beatrice and Phyllis, and a younger brother, William, all of whom are now deceased. James, lovingly known as Randolph, was educated in Baltimore City schools. His father died when he was a very young boy. To the surprise of his family, Randolph announced that he was "Now the man of the family", and from that point on, he assumed many adult responsibilities and carried them out successfully.

After the death of his father, Randolph and his family moved to Wilson Park. Randolph held several jobs. He had a paper route and later worked as a delivery boy for a drugstore. First, he made deliveries by bicycle; later the job "became glamorous" and deliveries were made on a three-wheel motorcycle. Randolph learned to respect money and started to budget so that he could not only take care of his needs, but also help many of his family members. He managed money so well he was able to buy a car while still a teenager. Later he became a shipping clerk at HAAS Clothing Factory, a job he had until he went in the Army.

Later he married Dorothy Rusk, and became "Pop" to sons, Harold Sr., Hubert, Donald and daughter Charlotte, all of whom are deceased. After serving in the Army, he went to work at the U. S. Postal Service. A devoted

son, Randolph sacrificed his lunch break to take his mother to the doctor. Family members saw how dependable he was and asked him to look after them and their affairs. And guess what? He did. When Randolph retired from the post office, he planned to travel with Dorothy, his wife of 51 years. They enjoyed traveling, card parties, dancing and shared many other interests. Unfortunately, Dorothy became stricken with Alzheimer's and required a lengthy period of care. He was a devoted husband and took care of her until her death with the support of their grandson Harold Rusk, also known as "Butch", who resided with them in their family home.

Randolph was a devoted member of Douglas Memorial Community Church for many years. He served on the Usher Board B, worked at the credit union, delivered Meals on Wheels, was an avid bowler and pinochle player, and music lover. His community service included serving as Block Captain of Rosemont Neighborhood Improvement Association member, Past Master of King David Lodge #18 (raised, November 1959; Worshipful Master 1969-70), and Member of Hiram Consistory #2, and Grand Inspector General (33° Degree), Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite, Prince Hall Affiliation.

Randolph has been a wonderful son, brother, uncle, husband, grandfather, nephew and friend. He has always shown unconditional love to family and friends. In addition, he was a source of inspiration and offered advice to many. To cherish his loving memory, he leaves to mourn: close niece Rosetta Jackson; nephew, Robert Hill and wife Audrey Hill; special grandson, Harold Rusk "Butch"; granddaughters, Michelle, Dorothy, Lisa, Christine, Sheila, Donna, Sandra, Pamela, Nancy, Traci and Terri; and a host of other family members and friends.

# Cemetery Details

## Garrison Forest Veterans

11501 Garrison Forest Road  
Owings Mills, MD

# Previous Events

## Public Viewing

MAR 20. 8:30 AM - 8:00 PM (ET)

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

## Wake

MAR 21. 10:30 AM - 11:30 AM (ET)

Douglas Memorial  
1325 Madison Avenue  
Baltimore, MD

## Service

MAR 21. 11:30 AM (ET)

Douglas Memorial  
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Baltimore, MD



# Tribute Wall



“ *James R. Tilghman*

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October 13, 2022 at 08:33 AM



“ *Our family would like to express condolences to The Tilgman Family. May you find comfort from Jehovah God's Word The Bible where He promises our dear loved ones a resurrection to a restored beautiful paradise earth. He even assures us at 1 Corinthians 15:26 that "the last enemy death will be brought to nothing". Our prayers are with your family.*

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**linn & family** - March 17, 2014 at 03:16 PM

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“ Please accept my sincere condolences for your loss. Death is the enemy of all mankind, yet when it touches us personally, few find the comfort they search for. The doctrines that are taught concerning death find their origins from men and not the Bible. As a result, they fail to leave those who are grieving with comfort or a hope. They do however, leave many with unanswered questions. The response that "God works in mysterious ways" or that "God needed another angel", does not satisfy the spiritual needs of those who are grieving. However, many have found comfort in the pages of God's word the Bible (2 Corinthians 1:3, 4). In God's word we find the promise that we can be reunited with our loved ones (John 5:28,29; Acts 24:15). The Bible tells us where this happy reunion will take place (Psalm 37: 11, 29; Matthew 5:5). We are told why we die (Genesis 3:17-19; Romans 5:12), and that the God of the Bible will end death forever (Isaiah 25:8; Revelation 21:3,4). Learning the truth about Jehovah, the God of the Bible (Psalm 83:18), God's Kingdom (Daniel 2:44), and the state of those who have died (Ecclesiastes 9:5), is the start to finding true comfort concerning loved ones who are sleeping in death (John 11:11-14; John 8:32. It is of vital importance to learn what the Bible really teaches concerning death. For more information please visit the website [jw.org](http://jw.org).

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**A Friend** - March 17, 2014 at 12:44 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** - March 15, 2014 at 07:53 AM