



## James E. Whitley

January 21, 1950 - January 18, 2018

James Eddie Whitley, son of Mattie Elizabeth Burnette and Willie Whitley, was born on January 21, 1950 in Baltimore, Maryland. He departed this life and entered into eternal rest on Thursday, January 18, 2018 at the VA Community Living and Rehabilitation Center in Baltimore, Maryland.

Eddie was educated in the Baltimore City Public School System. He joined the United States Marine Corps on September 17, 1969 and served in the Vietnam War as Corporal in the 7th Engineer Battalion Infantry Division and earned his Rifle Marksman Badge, Vietnam Service Medal and the National Defense Service Medal. He also served in the National Guard as a Military Policeman. He later worked at Bethlehem Steel Company and then on June 5, 1972 began working at the Baltimore City Jail.

After serving as a city employee for about 16 years, Eddie took interest in Vocational Skills Training with People Encouraging People where he worked as a Quality Control Supervisor until retiring in 2006 due to health problems. Eddie joined New Mt. Zion Holy Temple of God in 2014 where he accomplished any task presented. He loved the special events where he could prepare snowballs for the community and church members. He had plans on working in the Food Pantry, but his health prevented him from accomplishing this goal.

He loved music, especially Oldies; movies like, "Sister Act I & II" "Norbit" and "The Green Mile" just to name a few. He also enjoyed fishing, playing pinochle, crafting, sculpting, painting, assisting with his childrens' and grandchildrens' school projects in which he completely took over, and traveling with family.

He was preceded in death by his daughter. Setella T. Whitley (Missy 2012). Eddie's memory will be cherished by his devoted and loving wife of 29 years Larvern V. Whitley; his mother Mattie E. Burnette; mother-in-law Olive V. Hosey; fathers' in law James Lee Van McLaurin and Ben Hosey Jr; sister-in-law Cynthia A. Johnson; 5 daughters Vernetta S. Whitley (Shawn), Trina T. Rodriquez, Stacey V. Smith, Stephanie M. Whitley and Lauren E. Whitley; 2 sons'-in-law Kenneth T.J. Smith, Sr. and Felix Rodriguez; 11 grandchildren John Carter, Shamira Marshall, Jamira Marshall, Karl L. Walker Jr., Jemeesa Yarborough, Jacqueena Yarborough, Jewell Bremer, Kenneth T.J. Smith., Stacey A. Smith, Christian A. Smith, and Joshua I. Smith; 4 great-grandchildren; Kaneira, Daequan, Taeshaun and Kynley; 2 nephews Dennis Flood Jr. and Melvin C. Johnson Jr.; 1 niece, Courtney R. Johnson, and a host of aunts, uncles, cousins, and friends.

# Cemetery Details

## Garrison Forest Veterans

11501 Garrison Forest Road  
Owings Mills, MD

# Previous Events

## viewing

JAN 31. 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

JAN 31. 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM (ET)

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## Wake

FEB 1. 10:30 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

Zion Deliverence Center  
5101 Reistertown road  
baltimore, MD

## Service

FEB 1. 11:00 AM (ET)

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# Tribute Wall



“ *James E. Whitley*

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October 13, 2022 at 08:33 AM



“ *May the God of all comfort, comfort you in your tribulation. 2Cor  
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**tony bennett** - February 03, 2018 at 06:07 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** - January 26, 2018 at 12:46 PM