



Jerome F. Bailey

August 12, 1943 - April 5, 2012

“There are things in life we cannot understand, but we must trust God and be guided by His hand. All who have God’s blessings can rest safely in His care for He promises safe passage on the wings of faith and prayer.”

JEROME FLOYD BAILEY was born on August 12, 1943 to the late Hilda and Sylvester Bailey. He was educated in the public schools of Virginia and later attended evening school here in Baltimore, Maryland. He earned his Associate of Arts Degree from the Community College of Baltimore.

He served his country honorably in the United States Air Force from 1968 until 1972.

On June 15, 1970 he married the former Lillie Vlinder Stephenson and from this union one son, Jerome Bailey, II, was born.

Jerome was baptized at an early age and accepted Christ while he attended the Levi Baptist Church in Green Bay, Virginia. After relocating to Maryland, he joined Zion Baptist Church in 1989.

Upon entering the workforce he was employed by Western Electric from 1972 to 1985 at which time the corporation relocated. He then secured employment with Gordon Mohr, Inc. in 1987 as a truck driver and remained there until May

of 2006.

Bonkie, as he was affectionately known, was a gentleman of small stature, but a big heart. He was the driver of the family. If you needed a ride or directions he was the one to call. He and Larry had a business arrangement — if you needed help in moving, Bonkie was the one! With the soft-spoken voice and the patience of Job accompanied by a huge smile, he was there to help anyone in need. Whenever in despair, he would use his wonderful sense of humor to tell a joke that would get you smiling. After a long day of work or even at lunch, when he needed a break, his mantra was, “It’s five o’clock somewhere!” His humor and patience made you believe things weren’t as bad as they seemed. He maintained that positive disposition down to his last day.

All in the family loved “Uncle Bonkie.” He enjoyed spending all of his non-working hours with “Day-Day” and “Key,” his grandchildren.

Jerome is survived by: his wife, Linda; son, Jerome II; two grandchildren, Dashawn and Keyona; eight sisters, five brothers; mother-in-law, two sisters-in-law and three brothers-in-law; his son’s fiancée, Ann Blume; numerous aunts, uncles and a host of nieces, nephews, cousins and friends.

Previous Events

Public Viewing

APR 11. 8:30 AM - 8:00 PM (ET)

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1101 East North Avenue
Baltimore, MD 21202
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Wake

APR 12. 9:00 AM - 9:30 AM (ET)

Zion Baptist Church
1700 N. Caroline Street
Baltimore, MD 21205

Service

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Tribute Wall



“ *Jerome F. Bailey*

October 13, 2022 at 08:33 AM



“ *I'm so sorry for your loss and would like to offer my condolences to your family. Death is such a terrible thing for a family to go through, I actually lost my mom 3yrs ago. I'm truly grateful that I have the truth about death and look forward to the future when there will be "a resurrection of both the righteous and the unrighteous."—ACTS 24:15. I'm sure you would love to see your loved one again in the coming Paradise here on earth! Again so sorry for your loss!!*

Ms Springer - April 10, 2012 at 05:42 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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