



John H. Torsell

September 21, 1922 - March 30, 2002

John Henry Torsell was born on September 21, 1922 in Catonsville, Maryland. John was the son of the late Joseph and Priscilla Dorsey. He departed this life on Saturday, March 30, 2002 at 9:30am. He was raised in Catonsville and attended Baltimore County Schools. He also attended Cordoza High School in Washington, D.C. He joined Grace A.M.E. Church as a child where he received his religious training and remained a member throughout his adult life. John was a Sergeant in the United States Army and served as a dispatcher from November 14, 1942 to June 3, 1947. He was wounded and hospitalized on November 11, 1942 while serving his country. He received the Asiatic Pacific Ribbon, the Philippine Liberation Ribbon, a World War II Victory Medal and the Purple Heart. He was honorably discharged. After being honorably discharged, John attended the Baltimore Construction Institute where he completed a course in Brick Masonry and received his diploma. John formed a band called "Dual Tones" and played in various clubs throughout Baltimore, Washington, D.C. and Virginia. He was known as "House Rocker." He played the piano and organ and also sang in the group. John also drove 18-wheeler tractor-trailers. He was employed through Teamsters Union #557. He worked for "Atlantic Coast & Freight Lines" and "Boss Linco Lines." He was employed thirty years until his retirement in June 1982. He was married to Frances Torsell. From this union were two children. He also has one daughter from a previous marriage. John was a member of the American Legion Post #263, Catonsville, Maryland for thirty-six years. He

worked as night house manager for the post. John leaves to mourn: his wife, Frances Torsell; three children, Carolyn V. Torsell, Lavern Torsell James and John Torsell, Jr.; two grandsons, Anthony M. James, Jr. and John Jovan Torsell; one sister-in-law, Jane Torsell; one son-in-law, Anthony M. James, Sr.; one daughter-in-law, Chanel M. Torsell and a host of relatives and friends.

Tribute Wall



“ *John H. Torsell*

March 25, 2023 at 10:25 AM



“ *John H. Torsell*

October 13, 2022 at 08:33 AM



“ *The richness of the human experience is in what is handed down from one life to the next –not simple things of mortar and stone, but memories of what one said or felt or did. Live with your good memories, as they will add to your comfort, which comes from knowing that your grief is shared and understood.##imported-begin##The March Family and Staff##imported-end##*

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