



## Lennon L. Franklin Jr

October 3, 1935 - September 3, 2024

LENNON LEE FRANKLIN, JR. was born to the late Mr. Lennon Lee Franklin, Sr., and the late Mrs. Ida Mae Beachum in Emporia, VA on October 8, 1935. In conflict, the military officially recognized his birthday as October 9, 1935, and so did he. To add to the confusion, Lennon told his daughter that his birthday was

October 27th, and they celebrated his birthday on October 27th until he was at least 75 years old. This is one example of his humor. It came quick and easy for him.

Lennon was called “Sonny” by his family and “Frank” by his close friends. He attended Alexander Hamilton Vocational High School in New York City. He graduated and received his diploma in 1954. Immediately afterward, he enlisted in the United States Air Force. He proudly served during the Korean War into the beginning of the Vietnam War, where he was recognized for his service. After receiving an honorable discharge, he settled in Harlem where he met, and married Anna Franklin and they raised four children. The marriage was dissolved after many years, but they communicated and remained great friends until the end of his life. Lennon later met Martha (Keisha) Ann Bland and had one child. He mourned the untimely passing of Keisha on November 24, 1998, until the end of his life.

Lennon was innately smart and worked in various professions throughout the

early part of his life, but he found his calling later as a true-born entrepreneur! He knew how to be “creative” in business and established a successful career in real estate buying and flipping houses long before it was popular on HGTV. Lol! In his illness, he even asked his daughter to call the owner and see how much she wanted to sell “the building” hospital because it was a “money maker.” He enjoyed being what he jokingly called himself, “a Bossman.” He loved challenging work and was not afraid of it. However, more than that, he loved helping people who needed a hand. If he saw you trying, he would help! He loved his community and employed several people who lived in it. In turn, they respected and worked hard for him. They all looked out for each other.

Lennon was preceded in death by his sisters Lena Carter, Dorothy-Mae Boney, and Stella Matthews, his brothers Estea Franklin and Thomas Franklin, and his son Gregory Franklin.

Lennon leaves to cherish his memory: his sons, Leon Franklin, Raymond Franklin, Gary Franklin, Chris Franklin, and Charron Franklin; his devoted daughter, DeLinda Woodson; grandchildren, Genesis Franklin, Miracle Franklin, Damont Phipps, Chris Phipps; his dear and precious last remaining sister, Mary Lambert.

along with a village of grandchildren, great-grands and great-great-grandchildren, nieces, nephews, and other relatives, friends, and associates.

This is only a glimpse into the life that Lennon was so full of! We count it a blessing and all joy that God saw it befitting to let us all share in it!

“Rest in God’s Peace and Light”

# Cemetery Details

## King Memorial Park

8710 Dogwood Road  
Baltimore, MD 21244

# Previous Events

## Public Viewing

SEP 13. 4:00 PM - 6:00 PM (ET)

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

## Wake

SEP 14. 10:30 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

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## Celebration of life

SEP 14. 11:00 AM (ET)

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# Tribute Wall



“ *March Funeral Homes created a Webcast for Funeral on Lennon Lee Franklin, Jr. in memory of Lennon L. Franklin Jr*



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**March Funeral Homes** - September 10, 2024 at 10:47 AM

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“ *Paige Bailey Cooper lit a candle in memory of Lennon L. Franklin Jr*



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**Paige Bailey Cooper** - September 12, 2024 at 08:42 PM

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“ To the Family of Mr. Lennon L. Franklin our sincere heartfelt condolences to you all and may Our Heavenly Father keep you all in his embrace. Mr. Frank was and will always be remembered as a pillar of our East Baltimore community and a source of light, fairness, help, strength and more for so many. He touched lives, empowered people in the community as well strengthen his neighbors and neighborhood by leading the example of what living a good life can be. I would also like to say as a fellow Veteran I appreciate your service especially during the time when he served in Our Armed Forces. I salute you you have earned your Rest and Rest well in Our Heavenly Father's Embrace 🙏🕊️🕯️ thank you, thank, thank you..The Taylor, Butler Bailey -Cooper family

Paige Bailey Cooper - September 12, 2024 at 08:40 PM

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“ May the family of Mr. Frank find peace during this time of bereavement. Peace and blessings

Nedera Chapman - September 12, 2024 at 04:37 PM

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“ Kim & Carlos Skinner purchased the Fairest of All for the family of Lennon L. Franklin Jr.



Kim & Carlos Skinner - September 12, 2024 at 07:21 AM



“ *Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of Lennon L. Franklin Jr.*



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September 11, 2024 at 08:11 AM



“ *Lee & Pat Morrissey planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Lennon L. Franklin.*

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**Lee & Pat Morrissey** - September 11, 2024 at 08:11 AM



“ *TO THE ENTIRE FRANKLIN FAMILY. MY SINCEREST LOVE AND CONDOLENCES TO YOU IN THE TRANSITION OF OUR LOVED ONE LEONARD FRANKLIN. MAY GOD COMFORT YOU AND EASE YOUR IMMEASURABLE HEARTFELT SORROW  
LOVINGLY I AM,  
PEARL WILLIAMS - DAVIS  
PHILADELPHIA, PA*

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**Pearl Williams-Davis** - September 10, 2024 at 02:02 PM



“ *Condolence to The Frankin Family, From the Johnson's Richmond Va*

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**Betty Hicks** - September 07, 2024 at 01:38 PM



“ 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** - September 06, 2024 at 02:11 PM