



Major Bethea

June 25, 1928 - September 9, 2009

MAJOR BETHEA, son of the late Johnnie and Lola Bethea, was born on August 25, 1928 in Dillon, South Carolina. He graduated from Roland, North Carolina. He attended Shiloh Baptist Church in Roland, N.C. where he accepted Jesus Christ as his personal Savior. Major left home at an early age and entered into the military. He enlisted into the military in 1954 as a Military Policeman, having a Presidential Campaign Medal. Later during the years, he retired from the military with full honors. On October 16, 1968 Major met and married Shirley Peays. This was a happy and glorious union lasting forty-one years, keeping the marriage vows made "til death do us part." Major was very devoted to his family. He was always there to lend a helping hand. He would enjoy seeing the grands and great-grands come to the house. Major would always talk to them as well as other family members, trying to get them to enlist into some branch of the military which several did. He was also about education and not foolishness. On Wednesday evening, at 5:10 p.m., September 9, 2009 at St. Joseph Hospital in Towson, Maryland, God opened heaven's gate to welcome our beloved one to join Him and His angels. His departure from this life will live on in our hearts and minds forever, a day that left us with only the memory of a person we loved dearly. These memories left us with vivid images of his unique personality. He leaves to cherish his memory: a loving and devoted wife, Shirley Bethea; son, Larry Turner of Baltimore, MD; daughter, Naomi Watters (John) of Edgewood, MD; five grandchildren and three great-grandchildren; two sisters, Rachel Collins of VA

and Jane McNeil of Lumberton, NC; brother, Rainey McNeil of Fairmount, NC; mother-in-law, Ada Peays; a host of nieces, nephews, cousins, other relatives and friends.

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“ *Major Bethea*

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“ *I would like to convey my condolences for the loss of your loved one. The Bible teaches about a future time when all those who have fallen asleep in death will live again by means of a resurrection to life on a paradise earth (John5:28-29, Psalm37:11,29). May you find solace in the God of all comfort (2Cor1:3-4) and he will sustain you during this difficult time (Psalm55:22). Warmest regards.##imported-begin##C. Murphy##imported-end##*

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“ *May the joys you knew, and the love you shared bring warm memories to your heart. To Dawn Wooten and family. May the family show their love to one another during this sad time. Love Aunt Tina and Uncle Willie Barney, Orlando, Fl##imported-begin##Tina w. Barney##imported-end##*

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“ *I would like to express my deepest sympathy to Mrs. Dawn Wooten and her family, you are in our prayers.##imported-begin##Jo-Anne H. Williams##imported-end##*

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“ *Death is something that we will never get use to because God's Word refers to it as 'the last enemy'. May you find comfort in knowing that our loving Heavenly Father Jehovah promises us that very soon, he will by means of his son Christ Jesus, bring our 'enemy to nothing' (1Corinthians 15:26). What a wonderful day that will be!*###imported-begin##Kevin Jackson###imported-end##

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“ *My condolences goes out to the family of Mr. Bethea its a great loss when some one we love dies, may you find hope and comfort in the bible at John 5:28,29 because soon we can see our dear love one , that is a day we all can not wait to see. Derek*###imported-begin##D. Farmer###imported-end##

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“ *I would like to express my condolences to Mr. Bethea's family and friends. The loss of a dearly loved one can be painful and difficult to bear; that's why the Bible calls death an "enemy." But, please be assured that God promises to do away with that enemy and all the pain it causes, according to First Corinthians 15:26 and Revelation 21:4. Yes, these are the promises of God, who cannot lie.-Titus 1:2. I hope you continue to find comfort in God's Word of Truth, the Bible.*###imported-begin##Valerie Johnson###imported-end##

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