



## Marion Scipio

May 9, 1922 - November 2, 2018

Marion Scipio was born on May 9, 1922 in Darlington, South Carolina. He entered into eternal peace on the afternoon of Friday, November 2, 2018. Scipio made his transition after a short illness surrounded by his family at the Maryland Veterans Hospital. He live a long, fruitful and glorious life.

At age 17, his older brother Robert brought him to Baltimore, shortly after joined the United States Army. He fought in World War II, and was a proud World War II Veteran. He was stationed in the Philippines. Soon after coming home from the war Scipio had his first daughter Deborah. He later met and married Evelyn Wiggins. From this union they had four daughters Judith, Cheryl, Karen and Robin and one son, Michael who preceded him in death.

Scipio, AKA (also known as) "Zip", "the Phillawhlee", and the black "Kenny Rogers," was a strong and compassionate man; he grew up during the height of The Depression. He would fondly recall his early years because he knew that there was something greater than that which was apparent. Scipio had faith at a very young age...that hard times would not last forever. He personified adopting life-long learning and embraces learning new ideas and skills. He viewed learning as intriguing and mental play. Scipio liked talking and meeting people, sharing information and gaining knowledge. He could talk for hours about politics, sports, and life in general. he would share stories from the age of three; he had a boundless memory and was very wise indeed.

Scipio was industrious and hardworking; he worked at Bethlehem Steel in Sparrows Point for over 50 years as a coke oven operator until retirement. After retirement, Scipio pursued many jobs for the love and interest; parking lot attendant, cab driver/hacking, and selling fruits and vegetables that he would haul from South Carolina. He was known as the "watermelon man." Scipio enjoyed gardening his own robust garden as well. He would make sure his daughters received their bundle of fresh fruits and vegetables every year. Scipio believed in eating healthy and he was a very good cook. Fresh peanuts were another one his favorites, and he would drive to Lexington Market on Saturdays to get them. Scipio enjoyed life, playing the lottery, hunting with his dogs, and dressing, he dressed exclusively from Brooks Brothers. He was always sharp and would admit he had expensive taste. Scipio was fiercely independent and held onto his independence until he could no longer do so.

He loved his home state of South Carolina. Scipio would drive home many times partaking in another one of his loves driving his cars (Deuce and Quarters, Cadillacs and a Chrysler). He enjoyed driving down south and he loved to south for its authenticity. Scipio drove home to South Carolina until he was almost 90. When he could no longer drive, his daughter Robin graciously took over and drove him home to South Carolina.

Scipio rededicated his life to Christ at the age of 70 where he proudly joined Enon Baptist Church and was baptized by Pastor Arnold W. Howard. He went to church as often as he could until he was no longer able to. He would often say: "I thank God every day and I feel truly blessed. I am blessed to have my beautiful daughters."

Scipio's memories and legacy of love will continue to be honored by his wife Delores; daughters: Deborah Scipio (Ricky), Judith Young (Oswald), Cheryl Hicks (Chris David), Karen Kalu (Jonathan), Robin Parke (Horace); two

sisters-in-law: Margaret Wiggins and Gladys Davis; one niece: Karen Williams; five grandsons: Derek Young (Tessa), Daryl Young, Daren Young, Brandon Parke (Candas), and Jonathan Kalu, Jr.; two granddaughters: Angella Foster (Marlo) and Brittany Kalu; eight great-grandsons and one great-granddaughter; one first cousin, Agnes of Darlington, SC; one life-long friend "Ms. Bunch" of North Carolina, other relatives from South Carolina and Philadelphia, and a host of other relatives and friends.

He was preceded in death by his mother Minnie Williams, son Michael Scipio, two brothers Robert Scipio and Earl Williams, and grandson Ryan Parke.

# Cemetery Details

## Garrison Forest Veterans

11501 Garrison Forest Road  
Owings Mills, MD

# Previous Events

## viewing

NOV 19. 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

NOV 19. 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM (ET)

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## Wake

NOV 20. 11:00 AM - 11:30 AM (ET)

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## Service

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# Tribute Wall



“ *Marion Scipio*

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October 13, 2022 at 08:33 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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*Know that God will comfort you during this time and the years to come. Thank God for 96 years of life he gave Marion on this earth . Continue to keep the fond memories of you dad close to your heart.  
Love you all  
Pauline Watson*

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**Pauline Watson** - November 19, 2018 at 05:27 PM