



Melvin "Ike" Stubbs

August 11, 1925 - October 11, 2014

Melvin Edward Stubbs, aka "Ike", was born on August 11, 1925 in Gloucester, Virginia to the late James Edward and Mary Susan Page Stubbs. He was called by the Lord on October 11, 2014. Melvin or "Ike" was "Special" from the very beginning. "Ike" grew up in Baltimore, Maryland where he attended PS#111, JHS#130 and FDHS#450. He excelled academically, receiving several honors, graduating from Frederick Douglass High School in 1942, at age 16. He received a scholarship to Lincoln University but enrolled at Coppin Teachers College in September 1942.

"Ike" was drafted into the military service in 1943 during his sophomore year at the then Coppin Teachers College. Following his basic training at Keesler Air Force Base in Mississippi, he served at bases in Texas, Colorado and Illinois. "Ike" then went to Tuskegee Air Force Base in Alabama where he became a tail gunner with the bomber squadron of the Tuskegee Airmen. He was honorably discharged in 1946, and enrolled in Howard University where he completed the requirement for law school. Ike was graduated from the University of Maryland Law School in 1951.

Among his accomplishments, as he would put it, "Ike" promoted the Trineers, Slappy White and Damita Joe. He was a clocker at the Pimlico Race Track where he owned two race horses, Sonny Pratt and Woody Guntharp. He was a good golfer and a skillful card player and photographer. In 1994, he ran for MD Senate in District #40.

"Ike" was a life learner and believed in education. He always questioned and

urged his nieces, nephews and cousins to pursue education to the fullest. He loved and enjoyed his family and friends.

He leaves to cherish his memory: his brother, Wesley Stubbs of Atlanta, GA; his sister, Audrey (Semuel) May; his nephews, Eric (Sharon) May, Stuart (Pia) May, Morehead City, NC; his niece, Weslie (Earl) Robinson of Atlanta, GA; three grand-nieces, Melyssa May of Raleigh, NC, Raychel May of Wilmington, NC and Erin Robinson of Atlanta, GA; a grand- nephew, Eric May of White Marsh; a devoted cousin, David Coleman; and a host of other relatives and friends.

Cemetery Details

Garrison Forest Veterans

11501 Garrison Forest Road
Owings Mills, MD

Previous Events

Public Viewing

OCT **23**. 8:30 AM - 8:00 PM (ET)

March Funeral Homes - West Baltimore
4300 Wabash Avenue
Baltimore, MD 21215
(410) 542-2400
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Family Hour

OCT **23**. 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM (ET)

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Wake

OCT **24**. 11:30 AM - 12:00 PM (ET)

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Service

OCT **24**. 12:00 PM (ET)

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Tribute Wall



“ *Melvin "Ike" Stubbs*

October 13, 2022 at 08:33 AM



“ *One of my Dad's (Biddy Wood) dear friends. Always the official photographer at his many events. Because of "Ike" I have pictures of cherished memories.
May he rest in peace. Another great example of a life well lived.
Jimmy and Robin Wood*

james wood - November 07, 2014 at 05:29 AM

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“ *Saddened to have just learned the other day about Mr. Ike's passing.*

I knew for almost 20 years on Pennsylvania Avenue as a neighbor, elder, and a friend before he passed away.

Before my community nonprofit even got started back in 1996, Mr. Ike had already been busy for years keeping the park clean at our intersection of Pennsylvania Avenue and Presstman Street. Every day - even during some of our block's toughest years with drug dealing and violence - he was out picking up trash and tending to his building (even in his 80s he'd still go up on the roof to clear off snow).

He was a good and interesting man and I learned a lot from him about the history, politics, and culture of our neighborhood. Cherished his support of my growth in the community and also as a musician. Definitely a man who will be missed.

Was able to setup an video interview with him on October 3 - just a week before he passed - and hope to get that footage to share with people soon.

- Todd Marcus



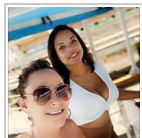
Todd Marcus - October 27, 2014 at 09:24 PM

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“ 6 files added to the album *New Album Name*



Stuart May - October 20, 2014 at 08:18 PM



“ *He was my great uncle and he was GREAT I wish I could have spent more time with him .. He loved music and our family ... I will miss him very much*

Raychel May - October 17, 2014 at 12:06 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.*

March Funeral Homes - October 15, 2014 at 04:05 PM