



Preston H. Roney

February 20, 1926 - November 30, 2004

On February 20, 1926 in John A. Andrews Hospital, Tuskegee Institute, Alabama, Preston Harvey Roney began life's journey. He was the second of four children and the only son of Preston Sr., and Blanche Dawson Roney. "Bud", as he was affectionately called by his father, received his early education at the Tuskegee Institute Laboratory School and the Crispus Attucks High School in Indianapolis, Indiana. One of his high school graduation gifts was a summons to serve his country during World War, II. He served in the U. S. Navy until the close of the war when he was honorably discharged. As a young Navy veteran he began his college career at West Virginia State College. Transferring to Indiana University as a sophomore, Preston received the Bachelor of Arts degree and the Master of Arts Degree in Education from Indiana U. Mr. Roney was also a John Hay Fellow in Humanities. During the early seventies the Rockefeller Foundation named Mr. Roney as cohort of twenty outstanding administrators in the United States destined to reshape public education. He retired in 1992 from the Baltimore Public School System where his administrative roles included Regional Superintendent and serving as a mentor to some of Baltimore's best school administrators and citizens. When Preston moved his family to Baltimore, Grace Presbyterian Church became their church home. He was and ordained Presbyterian Elder, a former Sunday School Superintendent and served on numerous local and national church committees. He enjoyed working with the Evangelism Ministry, the John T. Colbert Chapter of Presbyterian Men, singing in the Chancel Choir

and loved to cook for different Grace Church events. Mr. Roney gave back to the community through his affiliations with the Boy Scouts of America, the Optimists, the American Red Cross, Associated Black Charities, the Alliance of Black School Administrators, the Association of Supervision and Curriculum Development and the T and T Golf Club. As a T and T Golf Club member, he helped to organize golf tournaments for scholarships and other charities and coached young people interested in learning more about golf. He was a fifty plus year's member of Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity and a 33rd Degree Prince Hall Mason. Preston is survived by his loving wife of fifty years, Gwendolyn Hurtt Roney. Treasuring his memory, also, is his daughter, Tanya Roney Debnam, his grandchildren, Trevor, Travis, Tyana and Joseph Tyler (J.T.); sisters, Dr. Blanche Dobbs and Lillian Mooney; nephews, Phillip Snorden (Lorraine), Richard Wharton (Sandra), John Wharton, and Julian and Stanley Mooney; nieces, Kandy Dobbs Outlaw (Gary) and Jacquelyn Brooks (Charles) and great nieces and nephews. He was predeceased by his son, Todd Duane; his older sister, Harriett Snorden and nephew Solomon Mooney.

Tribute Wall



“ Preston H. Roney

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“ My deepest sympathy during your time of sorrow but know that the God of comfort is with you all during this time of tribulation. (2Corinthian 1:3-4) Due to the many unforeseen occurrences that brings tragedy to our lives Jehovah God promises one day soon Death will be no more (Rev 21:3-4) and his son Jesus Christ have been given the authority to bring all those in the memorial tombs back to life. John 5:28-29 Just think there will come a time not only will death be no more but Jehovah promises that no one will have to say I'm sick according to Isaiah 33:24. I feel the need to express these words of hope because so many of us today treasure the gift of life and we do all we can to maintain it to hold on to it. That is why it hurts so badly when our loved ones die. With so many of us desiring life today no matter how good or bad it is we still want life here on earth. No one looks forward to that time of death. That is why I am under obligation by the spirit and love of God to share that hope that is in our near future that the righteous shall inherit the earth and reside upon it forever according to Psalms 37: 29 along with the above stated promises on a paradise and peaceful earth. We all can hold true to this everlasting promise because Isaiah states all the words Jehovah have spoken **WILL NOT RETURN WITHOUT RESULTS**. What a wonderful prospect for our future especially enlight of the fact that Hebrews 6:18 States of God, it is **IMPOSSIBLE** for him to lie.##imported-begin##Carter##imported-end##

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I remember Mr Roney and his wife Gwendolyn when they lived in Indianapolis Indiana. Mrs Roney was my eighth grade English teacher at School 26 I also remember when they moved to California. I am now a retired teacher, 78 years old. Mr and Mrs Roney were a striking couple when they were young educators, I thought about her today , I see that they both have passed, I lost track of them both. Their memories will remain with me always.

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“ Hello Family & Friends, I am so sorry to hear of your loss and I am offering my condolences. The scriptures can be of great comfort to us all. I am reminded of the scripture at Revelation 21:3,4 where Almighty God says that he is going to wipe the tears from our eyes and death will be no more neither will mourning nor crying nor pain be any more. May you be comforted by this scripture.##imported-begin##Sophia Briscoe##imported-end##

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“ I was blessed to have known you.##imported-begin##Raymond Holland##imported-end##

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