



## Ray Edward Stokes

August 30, 1948 - January 30, 2003

Ray Edward Stokes, son of the late Milton E. Stokes, II and Annie M. Stokes, was born on August 30, 1948 in Baltimore, Maryland. He departed this life on January 30, 2003 after a lengthy illness. From his parents a strong work ethic and love of knowledge was instilled, Ray worked hard and excelled. Ray graduated from Morgan State University and University of Maryland Law School. Through out his college years he managed to juggle his family life, a full time college load of classes while frequently working several full time jobs. Soon after graduation from Law School he was appointed to the position of Assistant State's Attorney with the State of Maryland. Several years later Ray started a very successful private law practice. At one point Ray had offices in Baltimore City and on Maryland's Eastern Shore. He was the first African American lawyer in Maryland to advertise his legal services on television. Over the years Ray had the good fortune to work with a dependable and loyal staff. Of particular note were his dedicated assistant and friend Marcella Lynch. Ray married the former Joyce Scott, and out of that union two lovely daughters were born, Erica and Raynia. Ray maintained a close and loving relationship with his former in laws. Ray shared his wisdom with his daughters and that guidance assisted them through out their lives. He loved to spend Sundays with Aric his beloved grandson. Ray was proud of his grandson and Aric loved helping his "Pop-Pop" Ray. On August 15, 2001, Ray married the former Theresa Thompson. Ray and Terri shared many mutual interests. They were both avid theatre buffs who enjoyed the latest Broadway show of the

local play. They enjoyed gourmet dining, shopping, music, and reading. Ray and Terri loved to travel and their favorite destination was St. Thomas. They also enjoyed many quiet nights together listening to opera on PBS. Most importantly, they shared a strong friendship and their life together was happy and complete.

# Tribute Wall



“ *Ray Edward Stokes*

March 25, 2023 at 10:25 AM



“ *Ray Edward Stokes*

October 13, 2022 at 08:33 AM



“ *I NEVER GO TO MEET YOU DADDY BUT I KNEW OF YOUR LOVE FOR ME THROUGH YOU CARE AND CARDS TO ME. I LOVE YOU DADDY. YOUR BABY GIRL TALYNN R. O'NEAL-STOKES###imported-begin##TALYNN O'NEAL-STOKES###imported-end##*

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“ *My prayers are with you and your family during your time of grief.###imported-begin##Tammy Scott###imported-end##*

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“ *Earth has no sorrow that heaven cannot heal. My thoughts and prayers are with you in this your time of sorrow.###imported-begin##Judge Marcella A. Holland###imported-end##*

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“ *May God bless you in your time of sorrow. Ray was loved by many and we will all miss him dearly. Remember his laughters and all the joy he has brought into our hearts.##imported-begin##A Dear Friend##imported-end##*

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“ *May our lord Jesus Christ and God our father comfort your hearts and give you strength.##imported-begin##Sheila Sparrow##imported-end##*

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“ *Healing happens slowly over weeks and months and years and even then, there will be days when memories call fresh tears. A song, a scent, or photograph keeps your heart in touch; with all that you so treasured in the one you miss so much. Live with your good memories, as they will add to your comfort, which comes from knowing that your grief is shared and understood.##imported-begin##The March Family and Staff##imported-end##*

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