



## Raymond E. Dates

August 7, 1915 - May 13, 2004

Sorrow befell us, glory revived us and grace sustains us. On May 13, 2004, Raymond Eugene Dates joined our Lord and Savior and his wife, Edna Irene Dates. He fought his way through a stroke and several heart attacks, but when called he answered and left to join them. He passed as courageously and quietly as he lived. Raymond was born August 7, 1915 to Thomas and Malinda Dates, of Reedsville, Virginia. In his senior year at Julius Rosenwald High School, his family suffered the untimely passing of his father. He finished school, but during that year, he worked before and after school to provide financial assistance for his mother and younger siblings. After graduation a call came at a neighbor's house that a job was available in Baltimore, MD. It was a Friday and he would need to be there on Monday morning to apply for the job. He solicited a ride and was waiting on the stoop of the employer Monday morning. He got the job!! During World War II, he served four years in the U.S. Army. He was sent to Germany by boat, achieved the rank of Sergeant and was honorably discharged. After the military, he worked in the Baltimore shipyards, but decided he wanted to do something else. Therefore, he attended night school and became a skilled carpenter. He then joined the Federal Government, working for the General Services Administration. After 33 years of service, he retired. He also worked on the side, doing home improvement jobs throughout the city. In addition, he combined a work with his love for baseball and roasted peanuts—he sold peanuts during the home games at Memorial Stadium. Raymond met Irene Howard, from Mollusk, VA;

she was a friend of his sister, Mildred. They later joined in marriage, which continued for over forty years before God called her home on December 5, 1995. From their union three children were born. The family shared many times together going to Oriole baseball games, visiting the zoo, taking Sunday drives, attending neighborhood block parties and spending summer vacations in their hometowns. Since they were believers in Jesus Christ, they became members of the New Shiloh Baptist Church and were members in good standing until both their deaths. The family shared many times together going to Oriole baseball games, visiting the zoo, taking Sunday drives, attending neighborhood block parties and spending summer vacations in their hometowns. Since they were believers in Jesus Christ, they became members of the New Shiloh Baptist Church and were members in good standing until both their deaths. They were more actively members of the Shiloh Benefit Club of MD (a fundraising organization for his home church in Reedsville, VA). Many years were spent serving the organization and participating in their events and trips. Raymond received a service award from the organization for his faithful service. He leaves to mourn: his daughters, Ray Paige and Carolyn Blackwell; son, Steven Dates; grandchildren, Kelley Blackwell, Stefon and Davon Dates; siblings, Sylvester Dates and Shirley Basker; in-laws, William Blackwell, Dineshea Dates and Jean dates; his buddy/cousin, Lillie Robinson; nieces, nephews, cousins, neighbors and friends. We were blessed by his committed spirit and thank him for a job well done.

# Tribute Wall



“ *Raymond E. Dates*

March 25, 2023 at 10:25 AM



“ *Raymond E. Dates*

October 13, 2022 at 08:33 AM



“ *To the family of Raymond Dates, please accept my sincere condolences during this time of your loss. Please read and find comfort in Psalms 34:18; John 5:28,29 and Rev. 21:3,4. God has promised to do away with death and the pain that it causes. May these words be of comfort to the family.##imported-begin##McNeil##imported-end##*

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“ *My deepest sympathy during your time of sorrow but knows 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 have been given the authority to bring all those in the memorial tombs back to life. John 5:28-29 What a wonderful prospect for our future.##imported-begin##Carter##imported-end##*

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“ I'm so sorry about your dad. I was just trying to find you through the web when I came upon the news. It would be great to hear from you to renew contact.##imported-begin##Bruce McGee##imported-end##

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“ My sincere regrets on the passing of Mr. Dates. Please find comfort in the scriptures at Rev. 21:3,4; John 5:28,29; 1 Cor. 15:26##imported-begin##Sophia Briscoe##imported-end##

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“ To the family of Mr. Dates, We offer our sincere sympathy to you. We know the pain and sorrow that death brings but may you find comfort from the words found in the Bible at John 5:28, 29. Please read what it says there when you get a chance.##imported-begin##Debi Pindell##imported-end##

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“ Ray,Carolyn,Steven and the Dates family you have my sympathy in the passing of your love one. I will keep you in my prayers and thoughts.##imported-begin##Bobbie Falcon Griffin##imported-end##

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“ *May the Lord send comfort and peace your way to help aid you during these difficult times. We love you all. Romans 8:28*##imported-begin##Tynia Wainwright##imported-end##

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“ *Ralph and I were so sorry to hear about Mr. Dates. May you and your family find comfort in the Lord. Ralph & Pearl Neverdon*##imported-begin##Pearl Neverdon##imported-end##

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“ *WISHING YOU AND YOURS PEACE OF MIND AND HOPING YOU KNOW MY WARMEST THOUGHTS GO OUT TO YOU IN YOUR TIME OF LOSS AND GOD'S PEACE AND LOVE COMFORT YOU.*##imported-begin##LILLIE M ROWE##imported-end##

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“ *TO THE DATES FAMILY MAY HEAVEN FOREVER SMILE UPON YOU AND GOD BLESS EACH OF YOU KEEP YOUR MUND STAYED ON JESUS HE WILL TAKE CARE OF YOU LUCILLE PATTERSON LILLIE DATES DAUGHTER*##imported-begin##Lucille Patterson##imported-end##

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