



## Raymond Franklin Washington Sr.

February 3, 1936 - April 5, 2020

Raymond Franklin Washington Sr. was born February 3, 1936 to the late John Frank & Henrietta Washington. He was preceded in death by his wife Maggie L Washington and son Raymond Franklin Washington Jr.

Raymond was educated in the New Kent school system, after graduating from New Kent Training School he enlisted in the U.S. Air Force, he received the rank of sergeant. While in the Air Force he took studies in Business Law from University of Southern California.

Raymond married Maggie L. McCollough on January 15, 1957, from this union there were 4 boys: Raymond Jr (deceased), Michael, Brian and Dwayne.

Raymond loved the Lord and joined Rising Mt Zion at a very early age and continued to be a faithful member until his untimely death. He served as usher, sung in the choir, Sunday School Superintendent. He also was a Deacon, a trustee and the church treasurer. He was also past president of the literary Progressive Sunday School Union of New Kent and vicinity.

After being Honorably discharged from the U.S. Air Force he was employed by Defense General Supply Center in Richmond, Va. He started as a WG-3 Laborer and went on to become a GS-12 Assistant Chief of the warehousing

Div. II where he received numerous awards and special recognitions. He traveled extensively and attended USC where he studied Business Law, he never missed an opportunity to take a class or continue his education to advance in his field. He retired after 34 years of loyal service, he only missed 3 weeks from work due to a brief illness. Raymond was not one to sit still he drove charter bus for Williams Bus and in September 1990 he established Ray's Express Courier Service, which he continued to run until his death.

Raymond was Past Master for over 50 years and Assist. Secretary of Friendship #19 Prince Hill Affiliated, and F& AM Masons.

He leaves to cherish his memories,; 3 sons Michael (Felecia), Brian (Pearlie) and Dwayne.; 3 God children Marlesha Coston, Premiere Coston and Michael Greene. He was affectionately known as Papa to his 12 grandchildren; Raymond III (Teanesha), Raynard, Dwayne Jr, Brian Jr, Tiffany (William), Brandy, Michael II (Rashonda), Tiara (Adam), David, Matthew, Alexis and Kandis; 17 great-grandchildren; 4 sisters Edna Conway, Dorothy Dabney, Louise Washington, Viola Washington and 2 brothers James Washington, Sr. and Bernard Washington as well as a hosts of cousins, nieces, nephews and countless friends. Caretaker Pamela Johnson.

Raymond favorite song was "May the works I've done speak for me", truly he has lived a long, rewarding and fruitful life and was a true blessing and a loyal soldier in God's Army.

Raymond favorite Bible verse was Galatians 6:9; Let us not become weary in doing good, for at the proper time we will reap a harvest if we do not give up.

# Cemetery Details

## **Forest Lawn Cemetery**

4000 Pilots Lane  
Richmond, VA 23222

# Tribute Wall



“ To View the Webcast of the Funeral for Raymond Franklin Washington, Sr, Please Click the Link below.



March Funeral Homes - April 09, 2020 at 09:07 PM

CG

*My prayers are with the family. Cherry Gates*

Cherry Gates - April 10, 2020 at 12:04 PM



“ Raymond Franklin Washington Sr.

October 13, 2022 at 08:33 AM

DL

“ *"Blessed are they that mourn: for they shall be comforted." Matthew 5:4 KJV*

*Pastor Douglas E. Smith  
Mt. Olive Baptist Church  
Barhamsville, Virginia*



Delores Lee - April 11, 2020 at 01:30 PM

SB

“ *Sandy Bloomfield lit a candle in memory of Raymond Franklin Washington Sr.*

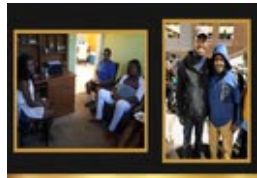


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**Sandy Bloomfield** - April 11, 2020 at 12:29 PM



“ *1 file added to the album Memoriam Slideshow*



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**Felecia Drew Washington** - April 10, 2020 at 04:13 PM

SS

“ *Mr. Ray had such a sweet spirit, he was our courier on Wednesdays and Fridays and we looked forward to him coming. He would start saying morning to all as he entered the door and left saying goodbye the same way. I used to tell the ladies at my job he was my Papa and when I read his obituary and saw he was a Papa it warmed my heart. We will greatly miss him and send our condolences to his family.*

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**Stacey Shelton** - April 10, 2020 at 02:59 PM

CW

“ Uncle Raymond, you were always like a father to me and a positive, encouraging force in my life. I will never forget the day you taught me how to tie my tie for church. That small gesture meant the world to me at that time. (Thank You) I thank God for you and how you have touched so many lives in the name of Jesus Christ. As a fellow Comrade in Arms, I will never let your memory or contributions be forgotten. My prayers, thoughts and support goes out to Michael, Keith, Dwayne and their families. You will be missed. Rest in Peace! Love, Your Nephew, Clyde.

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**Clyde Washington** - April 10, 2020 at 01:40 PM

EJ

“ My prayers go out to all of you. I am thankful for the kindness and love that Raymond Washington, Sr. always extended. He was always cheerful and ready to extend a helping hand. He had a can do attitude and it was passed that on to his family. May God Bless, surround and keep you all in His loving arms.

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**Ericka Johnson** - April 10, 2020 at 12:59 PM

JW

“ We extend our deepest condolences and prayers to all of you.  
Blessings and love,  
Eugene and Joyce Williams

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**Joyce Williams** - April 10, 2020 at 11:46 AM

AG

“ Pa-Pa there are so many good things I could say about you, but there is not enough room in this column, but you were the “BEST” grandfather there ever was. You always took our 2 Raymond (especially) everywhere, I kinda let Raynard stay under his Mama, but you just invested so much time and wisdom in them both. God only knows I couldn't never “Thank” you enough. May you Rest In Peace and just know you family will remain solid because you “invested” in them all. May heaven doors open wide and may God say “Well Done”.



Arlene Bloomfield Garnett - April 10, 2020 at 11:20 AM

James  
Harris III

“ Mr. Washington was one of those neighborhood Dad's who would take the time from his busy schedule to not only spend time encouraging his sons but to also encourage all the neighborhood kids. He spent time showing us how to swing a bat and throw a football and he always did it with a smile. Rest in PEACE Mr. Washington.  
James E Harris III

James Harris III - April 10, 2020 at 10:26 AM

KP

“ Kenneth Pankey lit a candle in memory of Raymond Franklin Washington Sr.



Kenneth Pankey - April 10, 2020 at 07:37 AM

TP

“ Keeping the family in my prayers. Mr. Raymond was so full of life & I'm honored to have had the opportunity to meet him. He will truly be missed.



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**Theresa Pleasant** - April 09, 2020 at 10:04 PM

AB

“ I pray that God will provide peace and comfort to the family of Past Master Raymond Washington. He was a true mason and will be missed by all. I extend my deepest sympathy.

*Past Master Al Baker  
Friendship 19*

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**Al Baker** - April 09, 2020 at 09:10 PM

SY

“ Deacon Washington was a true man of God and pillar in the body of Christ. His sergeant's heart showed his appreciation for life and relationships. His legacy shall live on in every he touched. Peace and comfort be upon the family and Rising Mount Zion Baptist Church of New Kent.  
Love,



*Pastor Young and Second Liberty Baptist Church*

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**Sean Young** - April 09, 2020 at 08:16 PM

SA

“ Raymond, a true friend, will surely be missed by me & my husband. While being a part of RMZ Raymond worked with me as I learned the different aspects of church organization. He didn't let me fail in anyway, but shared all that he knew as I studied under Pastor Crook. My husband will miss him as they shared small talk when he would see him doing his job. Although our hearts are heavy we say to you Rest Raymond Rest, May the work you've done speak for you.

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**Senior Pastor Barbara Allen** - April 09, 2020 at 07:43 PM

BC

“ Raymond will truly be missed by anyone who ever met or knew him. While working alongside him as former pastor, I have never met anyone so positive and friendly to everyone. Raymond would give and encourage everyone no matter what they thought of him. If every Christian would practice and live as christ has taught ,as raymond did . Remember this, True friends are missed but never gone. I will miss my friend but I will always remember him and his works

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**Bishop A. Lee Crook** - April 09, 2020 at 05:38 PM

AL

“ *To the Family:*

*Your father left a permanent imprint on the hearts of everyone who had the pleasure of knowing him. Your father was a father like figure to so many over the years and the interest he had in youth was amazing. How I remember the softball games, trips to Kings Dominion and especially the one visit to the State Fair riding the Noah's Ark with his grandson. What a laugh!! All of our hearts are heavy at this time but we know that Deacon Washington is resting with the Almighty in whom he loved and worshiped. He will be greatly missed by so many who will treasure his memory.*



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**Alfreda A. Lewis** - April 09, 2020 at 12:58 PM

SC

“ *Sasha Conway lit a candle in memory of Raymond Franklin Washington Sr.*



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**Sasha Conway** - April 09, 2020 at 12:06 PM

SS

“ *Stephanie Scott lit a candle in memory of Raymond Franklin Washington Sr.*



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**Stephanie Scott** - April 09, 2020 at 11:56 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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**March Funeral Homes** - April 08, 2020 at 10:33 AM