



Robert Cowan

April 2, 1928 - October 5, 2008

Quiet decency, gentle reserve, loyal friend describe Robert Harold. Cowan. He was a good man who cared about people, listened to them and helped them whenever he could. The life that departed us on October 4, 2008 began in Kannapolis, Cabarrus County, North Carolina on April 2, 1928. The only child of Ruth Cowan Perry, Robert spent his childhood in Kannapolis where he was a member of Bethpage Presbyterian Church and later Marable Memorial A.M.E. Zion Church. He completed his formal education at George Washington Carver High School in 1946. Although a long time resident of Baltimore, Maryland, Robert was proud of his Kannapolis, North Carolina roots and returned often to visit family and friends. In the mid 1940's during the second great black migration, Robert left North Carolina to join his family in Buffalo, NY. He described Buffalo as the "coldest place on earth" and after a few short months, relocated to Baltimore, Maryland. In Baltimore he joined Pennsylvania Avenue A.M.E. Zion Church where he was a faithful member for the remainder of his life. After church one Sunday he met Ruth Ingram. They married on March 30, 1957 and had two lovely daughters Marjorie Lyn and Joan Elise. That union lasted 35 years when Ruth went home to be with God in the spring of 1992. In 1950 during the Korean conflict, Robert entered the United States Army. After active duty and time spent in the reserves he was honorably discharged and returned to civilian life. He had a long successful career as a supervisor with the State of Maryland at the Charles Hickey Training School for Boys. Robert fondly known as "Bob" or "Mr. Bob." Met

many lifelong friends during his military and civilian life. Robert lived a simple productive life. He enjoyed traveling around the country and was proud that he had seen Hawaii three times. Robert truly loved his neighborhood and his home on Winston Avenue. His favorite pastime was sitting on the porch talking with neighbors, listening to the Orioles on the radio and watching life proceed. He often reminisced about the backyard cookouts, rotating New Eve's parties and doing the neighborly things like shoveling snow from the blizzards of '66 and '79, putting up and taking down awnings, and hanging Christmas lights. The Winston Ave neighbors became family. Our family is truly grateful to the Spruill, Weaver, Cutis, Hill, Thomas, and Bonner, families for enriching his life. Many will remember Robert as a quiet decent man with solid Christian values. He liked nice things; good home cooked food and dressing well, but lived without pretense. His life represents the true measure of a man and he leaves us a legacy of grace, dignity and love. He leaves to cherish his memory: two daughters Marjorie Cowan Rallins and Joan Cowan Jones; four special grandchildren: Jordan Jones, Myles Rallins, Trent Rallins and Jada Jones; sons in law Clifford Rallins and Ulysses Jones; three nieces Dorothy Colette Jackson, Theodosia Allen and Callie Griffin; devoted companion Mary E. Allen and many cherished friends.

Tribute Wall



“ Robert Cowan

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“ To My Dear Friend Joan, I offer my sincere sympathy and heartfelt thoughts. I did not have an opportunity to meet your dad, however I know the sadness associated with the loss of one you love and care. I know you will receive a peace that surpasses all understanding through our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ by reading His Word. Please find a verse or chapter in the bible that gives you comfort and internal peace. Meditate on that verse/chapter and allow it to radiate your heart and soul and you will begin to have peace and joy that you may not understand how or why. Believe me I know this works. I still meditate and say everyday the verse that has given me comfort and most of all PEACE: Proverbs 3:5-6.
TRUST HIM!!!##imported-begin##Linda Carter##imported-end##

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“ To the family, I offer my sincere sympathy. Although it may seem like there is no comfort during this period, there really is a source of comfort for you. It is found in God's word, the Bible. Please take a minute and read John 5:28,29 and Acts 24:15. There it highlights the wonderful resurrection hope Jehovah holds out to us all. He is the comforter and promises at 2 Corinthians 1:3,4 to "comfort us in all our tribulation." Draw close to him and he will draw close to you (James 4:8).##imported-begin##Gwen Winston##imported-end##

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“ I send my warm and sincere condolences to the family at this most difficult time. It's so heartbreaking to lose someone we love in death, but in spite of the pain there is good news ahead. The bible lets us know that soon our loving heavenly father is going to end all sickness, tragedy, and death forever. No longer will death hang over our heads like a dark cloud, because 1st Cor 15:26 promises: "As the last enemy, death will be brought to nothing." Death truly is our worst enemy, but this is something Jehovah God never desired for us, so we can rest assured that when he makes this promise to swallow up death forever, we can trust that he will see his purpose through; because he is the God of truth who never fails to fulfill his word. Isaiah 25,8, and Isaiah 55:11. May you find much strength and comfort in his word, the bible.##imported-begin##Rita Johnson##imported-end##

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