



Robert Clinton Irving, Sr.

May 8, 1939 - July 1, 2013

Family was his love,
Friends were his treasure.
Administration was his profession
Golf was his passion,
Table Games were his fascination,
And Faith was his comfort.

Robert Clinton Irving, Sr. was the son of the late Prince and Marion Irving. He was born in Norfolk, Virginia and was preceded in death by his son, Robert C. Irving, Jr. Robert accepted Jesus Christ at an early age and was baptized at First Calvary Baptist Church in his home town. Robert was educated in the public schools system of Norfolk, Virginia.

As a young boy, he truly showed potential in management and entrepreneurship. This potential was evidenced through his craftiness to create his own jobs of various types, selling papers, books and even lemonade, among other things. Robert was a graduate of Booker T. Washington High School in Norfolk, VA. Upon graduation, Robert moved to Brooklyn, New York and attended R.C.A. Institute of Electronics and Management.

In 1960, Bob married Evadnie Anna Wilkie and from this union they became

the proud parents of four children, Robert C. Jr., Clinton J., Ronald D. and Miriam L. Irving. He eventually moved his family to the state of Massachusetts where he was employed with the federal government. He resided in Salem, Massachusetts with his family and worked in Boston.

Later, Robert was promoted from Equal Opportunity Assistant to Equal Opportunity Employment Officer at the Defense General Supply Center in Richmond, Virginia. As the Equal Opportunity Officer and Deputy Director of Human Resources, Robert Irving made a powerful and lasting impact on the quality of service provided to Bellwood's managers and employees. When he arrived in 1975, the Defense Supply Center was immersed in a federal class action suit. He worked closely with the Civilian Personnel Office, Office of Counsel and federal attorneys in preparing for DGSC defense over a 24 year span.

Robert Clinton Irving, Sr., an icon and trend setter, in the world of equal opportunity for almost one quarter of a century. He led by example and was a critical member of Bellwood's senior management team. He met difficult challenges head on and led his subordinate managers and their staffs through many cultural transformations. Managers were well served by his uncanny ability to get to the heart of issues and mediate solutions that create "win-win" situations. For his numerous achievements, Robert Clinton Irving, Sr. was inducted into The Defense Logistics Hall of Fame on April 27, 2006.

Bob, became a member of St. Paul's Baptist Church and served on many committees including the Credit Union. While working on the Credit Union he served on the Supervisory Committee, Marketing Committee and the Board of Directors. He also served as the President of the Credit Union.

Robert Clinton Irving, Sr. leaves to cherish his memory, a loving and devoted wife, Evadnie A. Irving; a daughter, Miriam I. Richardson; two sons, Clinton

J., Ronald D. (Navon) Irving; five grandchildren; Kimberly Irving, Sean and Bryan Richardson; Brandon and Robert, II Irving. One great-grandchild; Stephanie Richardson; sister, Rev. June A. Hunter; brother, Wayne Irving, Rose Kendred and two devoted friends; David L. Hoggard, Craig Bryant, Willie Ransom, Bob Lamb and Spiro Kontinopoulos.

Cemetery Details

Riverview Cemetery

1401 S. Randolph Street
Richmond, VA 23220

Previous Events

Public Viewing

JUL 3. 12:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

March Funeral Home -Laburnum Chapel
2110 E. Laburnum Ave.
Richmond, VA 23222

Family Hour

JUL 3. 6:00 PM - 7:00 PM (ET)

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Service

JUL 5. 11:00 AM (ET)

St. Paul's Baptist Church
4247 Creighton Road
Richmond, VA 23223

Tribute Wall



“ *Robert Clinton Irving, Sr.*

October 13, 2022 at 08:33 AM



“ *Our deepest sympathy is given to you and your family in the passing of your husband. Though the pain of losing a loved one is hard to bear the memory of the joyful times will always be there. God will bring you through it. Love you, Floyd and Linda*

Floyd and Linda Marable - July 08, 2013 at 08:45 AM



“ *Please accept my sincere condolences for the lost of your dear loved one. The Bible teaches that the dead will live again. While Jesus was on earth, he showed that he is able to resurrect the dead. Under the rule of his Kingdom, the heavenly King Jesus Christ will resurrect untold numbers of people to life here on earth, but under peaceful and righteous conditions. (Acts 24:15; 2 Peter 3:13)*

M. Hodge - July 05, 2013 at 12:54 PM

JB

“ *Mrs. Irving and the Irving Family,*

You have my deepest sympathy on the lost of your love one. My memories of Mr. Irving are filled with laughter and jokes. He was a very kind man who always made me feel like apart of the Irving family. May God continue to give all of you strength in your time of sorrow.

Janet (Jaybird)

Janet Lunsford Bowser - July 04, 2013 at 05:52 AM

SB

“ *May the memories and love you shared with your loved one comfort you at this time of sorrow. My prayers are with you, the family, at this time.*

*Shirley Pugh Butts
BTW class of 1957*

Shirley Pugh Butts - July 03, 2013 at 08:50 PM



“ *Aunt June,*

My condolences for the loss of your brother. You and Uncle Bobby had a lot in common, as evidenced by your dedication to his comfort. May you be comforted by your strong spiritual belief.

Love, Phyllis

Phyllis Stewart-Ruffin - July 03, 2013 at 01:08 PM



“ Aunt Eva, Cousin Jeff, Cousin Ronald, Cousin Miriam:

You were blessed with a self-less husband and father who got pleasure from making others happy. I was able to share in your blessing by Uncle Bobby encouraging and supporting me throughout my federal career, in fact throughout my life. May the great memories of him comfort you through his homecoming service. Heaven is the place for my Uncle Bobby, who is at peace and hopefully can feel the love of his family and friends.

Love and God bless you, Phyllis

Phyllis Stewart-Ruffin - July 03, 2013 at 12:37 PM

RA

“ *I am so sorry for your loss. Uncle Bobby was a one of a kind. He was filled with love and joy and everyone around him felt it. He will be missed.*

With love from the Artigas Family: Rhiannon, Antonio, Nick, and Isabela.

Rhiannon Artigas - July 02, 2013 at 09:17 PM

HS

“ *To the Family:*
We are deeply sadden to hear of your lost. You have our deepest sympathy. Death leaves a heart ache no man can heal, love leaves memories no one can steal hold on to your precious memories.
Herbert and Shirley Shannon
Classmate of Booker T. Washington Class 1957

Herbert Shannon - July 02, 2013 at 04:48 PM



“ 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.

March Funeral Homes - July 02, 2013 at 01:42 PM