



## Roger Bryan

March 26, 1922 - October 21, 2020

Roger Bryan, Sr. transitioned peacefully to eternal rest on October 21, 2020. He was born on March 26, 1922 in Cambridge, Maryland to the late James Robert Bryan and Ada Rebecca Wilson Bryan. He was the youngest of six children, who preceded him in death.

Roger attended the public schools in Dorchester County, Maryland where he was active in academic and extra curriculum activities while at Frederick Douglass St. Clair High School. He was a member of the King Solomon's Honor Society, a member of the first band organized at St. Clair, and a member of the basketball teams from 1937-1939. He graduated from St. Clair in 1939.

Roger attended Morgan State College in Baltimore, Maryland where he graduated with a B.S. Degree in Physical Education and from Columbia University in New York with a Masters of Arts Degree in Administration and Supervision. He accumulated advance credits beyond his MA Degree at other institutions.

He married the late Wiona Ballard and from this marriage they became parents to Portia, Simmone, Roger, Jr., Daun, Cheryl, and James. Roger later married Helen Powell and they became parents to Marsha.

Roger spent three years in the armed services during World War II. He served in the 370th Infantry, 370th Regimental Band and the 301st Army Ground Forces, which served in the Europe Theatre of Operations. The 370th Band led the V.E. Day Parade in Reams, France in 1945.

The highlights of his career included organizing a tackle football team for the first time at Woodson High School in Crisfield, Maryland, organizing a baseball team while at Benedict College, coaching Moton High School to nine State Championships during his eleven-year tenure and initiating a gymnastic program in elementary schools in Howard County, Maryland. He was a teacher in Somerset County, Talbot County, Howard County and also at Benedict College in Columbia, South Carolina. Roger enjoyed watching the young minds that he taught mature and become productive citizens. He still remained in touch with many of his former players.

Roger retired from the Howard County Public School System on July 1, 1983. During his tenure there, he taught elementary school physical education and later became the area supervisor for physical education.

In his early years he was a member of Waugh Methodist Church in Cambridge, Maryland. After moving to Baltimore, Maryland, he became a member of St. John's United Methodist Church which merged with Elderslie St. Andrews United Methodist Church. In retirement, he spent much of his time, talent and treasure helping his church where he served as a trustee, worship committee member, Pastor-Parish Chairperson, choir member and chair of the Black History Month Activities.

Roger will truly be missed by many he touched. His legacy will endure for years to come. He leaves to cherish his memory : His wife, Helen Powell Bryan, two sons: Roger (Sharon) Bryan, Jr. and James Robert (Kimberly)

Bryan, three daughters: Daun Bryan Davis, Cheryl Bryan Hill and Marsha Bryan Brunson, 16 grandchildren, 22 great-grandchildren, 5 great-great grandchildren, brother-in-law, Sherley O. Powell, sister-in-law , Florence Powell, a special cousin-in-law, Elva Allen, and several nieces, nephews, cousins and other relatives and friends.

In lieu of flowers the family request donations be made to the Alzheimer's Association of Central Maryland at;

[https://act.alz.org/site/Donation2?df\\_id=32112&32112.donation=form1&s\\_affid=83](https://act.alz.org/site/Donation2?df_id=32112&32112.donation=form1&s_affid=83)

# Cemetery Details

## Waugh Cemetery

701 Wright Street  
Cambridge, MD 21613

# Previous Events

## viewing

OCT **24**. 10:00 AM - 12:00 PM (ET)

March Funeral Homes - West Baltimore  
4300 Wabash Avenue  
Baltimore, MD 21215  
(410) 542-2400  
info@marchfh.com

## Wake

OCT **27**. 9:00 AM - 9:30 AM (ET)

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## Service

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# Tribute Wall



“ To View the Webcast of the Funeral for Roger Bryan, Please Click the Link below.



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**March Funeral Homes** - October 27, 2020 at 08:27 AM



“ *Roger Bryan*

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October 13, 2022 at 08:33 AM



“ *I will never forget what an awesome gym teacher at Northfield Elementary Hubba Hubba peace 🙌*

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**Mariet Mccrumb Hamlet** - April 10, 2021 at 12:16 PM



“ *To the Bryan Family: Our deepest condolences on your loss. Treasure the memories of your loved one.*

*Edward & Debra Parker*

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**Edward Parker** - October 29, 2020 at 12:13 AM

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“ *The loss of Brother Roger Bryan deeply saddens Elderslie St Andrews. He will be truly missed. Mr. Bryan leaves our church a rich legacy of commitment and faith in the possibilities of a loving God. Someone so special can never be forgotten*

*When someone you love becomes a memory, that memory becomes a treasure.*

*Mrs. Bryan may you and your family experience peace to bring comfort, the courage to face the days ahead, and loving memories to forever hold in your heart.*

*With Deepest Sympathy and Love,*

*Rev. Denise Norfleet-Walker and your Elderslie St Andrews Family*



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**Rev. Denise Henrietta Norfleet-Walker** - October 26, 2020 at 11:59 PM

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“ *Uncle Roger was my dad's closest friend for more than 80 years. My memories are of their laughter as they reminisced about their life in their beloved Cambridge, MD. I am sure that when he reached the afterlife, his good friend was waiting there to greet him. May he rest in peace and may you find comfort in your good memories of him.*

*--Amber Davis*

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**Amber Davis** - October 26, 2020 at 04:50 PM

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“ To Roger Jr. and Family-I wish to offer my deepest condolences to you in the passing of your father. I remember Mr. Bryan as a refined, stately and very kind gentleman. Despite his many accomplishments, he was a humble person who was encouraging and always willing to help others. Though a member of Elderslie-St. Andrews UMC, he was a friend of Christ UMC in East Baltimore where you serve faithfully. Your late cousin Cortez and Rev. Myrtle Travers Harrison (your father's sister) are also remembered fondly. I am praying for the family, knowing that Mr. Bryan rests in the Lord, and that Our Father, God is able to sustain you through this time. Yours in Christ.

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**Shirley Faulcon** - October 25, 2020 at 05:25 PM

BF

“ **BUISE FAMILY** sent a virtual gift in memory of Roger Bryan



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**BUISE FAMILY** - October 24, 2020 at 03:01 PM

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“ Warren and I came to know Mr. Roger over 25 years after St. John's UMC merged with Elderslie St. Andrews. My lasting memory indelible memory is, my Mother's (Irene) Mr. Roger asked what could he do to help. He told my Mother's ministerial robe (her burial shroud) to be quickly cleaned, picked it up and paid for the cleaning. I have never forgotten his unselfish act of kindness, after having known him and Mrs. Bryan only period at that time. Mr. & Mrs. Bryan took us for our historical tour of the Eastern shore. He loved the Eastern shore and it's rich history. Warren and Irene will greatly miss him, especially our Ravens talks. Farewell old soldier. Save us a seat at the Table.

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**Irene Patterson** - October 23, 2020 at 03:50 PM



“ Basket of Memories was purchased for the family of Roger Bryan.



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October 23, 2020 at 01:29 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.

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**March Funeral Homes** - October 22, 2020 at 09:16 AM