



## Roger N. Somerville

March 31, 1932 - April 18, 2012

Roger Nealius Somerville, son of the late Robert and Mary (Hicks) Somerville, was born on Thursday, March 31, 1932 in Macon, North Carolina. He went home to be with the Lord on Wednesday, April 18, 2012 after fighting a lengthy illness.

Roger attended Warren County High School in Wise, North Carolina. Upon completion of high school he was drafted into the Army and subsequently sent to fight in the Korean War. After finally being discharged, he relocated to Baltimore, Maryland where he soon met and married Janet Elizabeth (Hill). From that union were born a son Reginald Neal Somerville and a daughter Jacqueline Eileen Somerville. The family joined Mt. Lebanon Baptist Church in 1977. He was later appointed trustee and served in that position until his health started to decline.

As an employee of Bethlehem Steel Corporation, he worked alongside his brothers until he retired. Following retirement, Roger became actively involved with the 56th and 57th Tin Mill Club ( a social group of retired steel workers) where he spent time planning trips, selling tickets, and attending various events. He spent much of his free time with his grandchildren.

Roger saw life from a unique perspective and was quite generous about sharing his thoughts with his family and friends. I guess you could say he was

someone who seldom hesitated when it came to speaking his mind. He would say what he thought, in the very same manner he felt it, with absolutely no apology except to say, "I'm just calling a spade a spade." By the way, if you're wondering why there aren't many dates listed on this obituary associated with all of the significant events in Roger's life, his response to your inquiry would be, "because it's none of your business, that's why" (firmly stated). "Now tell me (spoken with a smile), is there anything else you want to know?" But, it was in knowing Roger, which enabled family and friends to truly love him.

Those closest to Roger expected to hear his opinions spoken in refrain- like a chorus of a song, repeated once, or twice, maybe even three times, and sometimes, maybe even for three days, but, once he finished, saying all that he felt needed to be said, Roger would turn around and do absolutely everything, and would give absolutely anything, to help a family member or a friend in need.

He was loyal to his commitments, and supportive of his family and friends. If he said he would do it, he did it, no matter the sacrifice. Roger was a man of principles, values and integrity.

He leaves to cherish his memories: his wife of forty-seven years, Janet; one son, Reginald and his wife Octavia; one daughter, Jacqueline Eileen Somerville; one sister, Mary Lorine Ackerman; one sister-in-law, Willie Somerville; two grandsons, Justin and Brandin; and one granddaughter, affectionately called "Princess Sierra." The following siblings preceded him in death: Hattie Somerville Hailey, Robert, Eddie and Charlie. He also leaves to cherish a host of nieces, nephews, and other relatives and friends.

# Cemetery Details

## Garrison Forest Veterans

11501 Garrison Forest Road  
Owings Mills, MD

# Previous Events

## Public Viewing

APR 26. 8:30 AM - 8:00 PM (ET)

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

## Family Hour

APR 26. 4:00 PM - 6:00 PM (ET)

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4300 Wabash Avenue  
Baltimore, MD 21215  
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## Wake

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APR 27. 10:30 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

Mt Lebanon Baptist Church  
2812 Reisterstown Rd  
Baltimore, MD 21215

## Service

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APR 27. 11:00 AM (ET)

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# Tribute Wall



“ *Roger N. Somerville*

October 13, 2022 at 08:33 AM



“ *Our heart and prayers go out to you and your family Reggie but I know for certain that God will strengthen and comfort you during these trying times.*

**Kevin Chapman** - April 26, 2012 at 10:32 AM



“ *Reggie, sorry to hear of your fathers passing. Know that you and your family are in our thoughts and prayers. May God bless and keep you all close to him during thim time.*  
*Anthony Toppins and family*

**anthony toppins** - April 24, 2012 at 09:48 PM



“ *To Officer Reginald Somerville,  
I was so sorry to hear of your father's passing. You and your family are in my thoughts and prayers. May God bless you all.*

*Sgt. Yvette Jacobs-Cook*

**Yvette Jacobos-Cook** - April 24, 2012 at 01:16 PM

MS

“ I'm so sorry for your loss and would like to offer my condolences to your family. Death is such a terrible thing for a family to go through, I actually lost my mom 3yrs ago. I'm truly grateful that I have the truth about death and look forward to the future when there will be "a resurrection of both the righteous and the unrighteous."—ACTS 24:15. I'm sure you would love to see your dead loved one again in the coming Paradise here on earth! Again so sorry for your loss!!

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**Ms Springer** - April 22, 2012 at 10:21 AM

DW

“ *"My condolences to the family,*

*Roger worked hard at the steel company, and I was an overpaid government worker. His cars were built by General Motors and my cars were built by Toyota. We disagreed about many things, but he was always there if and when I needed him. I was not related to him, but he was truly my friend. Like you, I will miss him.*

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**donald f. wicks** - April 20, 2012 at 08:36 PM

MH

“ *My condolences to the family,*

*During this time, may you find comfort in the scriptures at Rev 21:3,4 where Almighty God promises to remove sickness and death.*

*Only then will we be able to enjoy paradise conditions right here on earth.*

*I hope this will encourage and strengthen you during your time of bereavement.*

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**Mrs. Howard** - April 20, 2012 at 09:41 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 19, 2012 at 01:25 PM