



Roman B. Franklin

June 9, 1962 - April 18, 2021

Roman Bernard Franklin, was the first offspring of a powerful union from John Victor Franklin (deceased) AND Virginia Lee Franklin (deceased). Franklin Warrior #1 was born on June 9, 1962 and abruptly and unexpectedly transitioned from this earthly plane on Sunday April 18, 2021.

Roman was educated in the Baltimore City Public Schools System and graduated from his loving Alma Mater Northern Senior High School with honors.

Roman was a superior athlete and was great at all predominant sports, but his main love was basketball. He played varsity basketball his junior and senior years at Northern High, where his abilities led to several scholarship from Pepperline University to Purdue. However, he accepted the scholarship offer with the University of Pittsburg at Bradford, where he studied electrical engineering. He left the University of Pittsburg at Bradford to pursue an opportunity at the University of Cincinnati as opposed to sitting out because of the transfer rule, he enlisted in the United States Army.

Roman served an overseas tour in Korea and was later stationed in Fort Polk, Louisiana. While in Louisiana, he met and married Anita McGoy and from that union, a precious beautiful soul Sharla Mechele Franklin was born; he was also father to the lovable Terrell Robinson.

After honorably leaving the U.S. Army, Roman returned to Baltimore to work for the Post Office and later the Fire Department as a fire fighter and a paramedic. During that time he met Donna Johnson and they had two beautiful children Roman Bernard Franklin Jr. and Ebony Nicole Franklin.

Roman stayed on the grind; he held various other occupations to include MTA Bus Operator and Building Maintenance Equipment Repair and Preventive Maintenance Supervisor at MET Laboratory. While at Met Lab, he graduated top of his class from RETS Technical Training Center with his HVAC license; where he utilized his skills to work on specialized equipment. After being employed with Met Lab for 10 years he moved on to Johns Hopkins University in the transportation Department as a Bus Operator.

Roman had many loves, first and foremost he loved GOD and was a faithful member of the Lord's church, lastly attending the Central Church of Christ congregation.

Roman loved his children and his family and he loved having gatherings with family and friends. He loved being the life of the party; always cracking jokes and making people laugh. He was a spectacular source of energy for any social event.

He loved to talk and was a great conversationalist he could speak adnauseam on almost any topic of interest, be it political, economic, business or religion.

Roman loved to cook and you could not tell him he wasn't a master on the grill, naming himself "Grill Master Chef Romane". He loved and was skilled at playing spades, pinochle and chess.

On February 25, 2021, he proposed and was engaged to marry the love of his

life Diana Denise Burrell. He was so excited about planning his wedding and couldn't wait to start his new life with his new wife and her family. He made sure to call everyone to announce that he was getting married.

Roman leaves to cherish his memories: two daughters, Shayla Franklin-Talley (Michael) and ebony Franklin; one son, Roman Franklin Jr.; Fiancee, Diana Burrell; two brothers, Mark (Kim) and Troy Franklin, Two Sisters, Stacy Curbean and Kelly Neal (Fred), One grandmother, Joy Elliott Artis; two aunts, Eloise Franklin and Pearline Miller (David); two uncles, Kevin LeMell Artis and Lang Elliott; Four nieces, Tiffany, Chikita, Destiny, and Mariah, one pup-niece Ginger five nephews, Bryan, Troy Jr. Xavier, Ajani (Brittany) and Cordell; four great nieces, Kennese, Chyne, Riley, and Kori; two great nephews, Braxton and Amani; two best friends Mookie and Moochie; and a host of other relatives and friends.

Cemetery Details

Garrison Forest Veterans

11501 Garrison Forest Road
Owings Mills, MD

Previous Events

viewing

APR 30. 9:00 AM - 12:00 PM (ET)

March Funeral Home - East
1101 E. North Avenue
Baltimore, MD 21202

Wake

APR 30. 11:30 AM - 12:00 PM (ET)

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Service

APR 30. 12:00 PM (ET)

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Tribute Wall



“ *To View the Webcast of the Funeral for Roman Franklin, Please Click the Link below.*



March Funeral Homes - April 21, 2021 at 09:46 AM

SW

So sorry for your loss, guys. Love you all.

Stephen (Rick) Walls - April 30, 2021 at 09:33 AM

RF

May the Lord cover and keep you during this time of loss.

Robert Ferguson - April 30, 2021 at 01:21 PM

JW

Our deepest condolences to the Franklin Family; may God continue to bless yall with His grace and mercy during your time of bereavement.

Jeffrey Winns - April 30, 2021 at 02:42 PM



“ *Roman B. Franklin*

October 13, 2022 at 08:33 AM

LA

“ So very sorry for your loss. Our prayers are with the Franklin Family.

Love

Clarence Allen & Family

1530 Sheffield Rd



Lisa Allen - April 30, 2021 at 09:09 PM

MV

“ My deepest condolences to the family. I will continue to keep you all in my prayers.



Michele Villines - April 30, 2021 at 08:36 PM

AT

“ I don't even know where to begin.

You weren't just my coworker/employee, You were an actually friend to me.

You were such an amazing person Rome. So knowledgeable, so full of life, so hearty, so humorous, so down to earth, so kind & loving.

The energy is so off here now because you were the one to liven this place up.

Now who's going to say "Hey Sunshine!" to me everyday?

Now who's going to give me advice on how to move about in this harsh world we in or how to invest my coins?

Who am I going to talk to about wedding plans now being that we were both engaged? I'm really really going to miss you Big Rome.

You were a one in a million type of spirit.

I will forever cherish you my friend.

Sleep In Peace.

Ant Thomas - April 30, 2021 at 10:40 AM



“ *Enchanted Cottage was purchased for the family of Roman B. Franklin.*



April 29, 2021 at 01:15 PM



“ *As you go through life's greatest sorrow the loss of someone you love, may your own faith in God sustain you and bring you comfort today, courage for tomorrow and ope in your heart always. Keeping your family in prayer, Ornetta Craig*

Ornetta Craig - April 29, 2021 at 12:23 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Roman B. Franklin.*



April 28, 2021 at 07:47 AM



“ *Love Crystal Dunn and Lisa Squire purchased the Sweet Tranquility Basket for the family of Roman B. Franklin.*



Love Crystal Dunn and Lisa Squire - April 27, 2021 at 06:45 PM

TT

“ *The Center For Restorative Therapies-PT/OT purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Roman B. Franklin.*



The Center For Restorative Therapies-PT/OT - April 27, 2021
at 04:29 PM

RH

“ *Sending love and prayers to the family and friends of the Late Roman Franklin. Family please continue to be encouraged. He will truly be missed @ JHH. Rhonda Graham Oncology Staff Member*



Rhonda - April 26, 2021 at 10:48 AM

CS

Coach Roman you truly will be missed. I'm going to treasure all of good times we shared. Rest on brother. Coach Stanback and family.

Coach Stanback - April 28, 2021 at 03:03 PM



“ *Florist Choice Bouquet was purchased for the family of Roman B. Franklin.*



April 23, 2021 at 06:28 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.

March Funeral Homes - April 20, 2021 at 08:44 AM