



Ross Norwood

August 23, 1935 - March 10, 2024

ROSS NORWOOD was born on August 23, 1935 in Waxhaw, North Carolina to the late Heath and Whitelaw (Kilgo) Norwood. He departed this life on March 10, 2024 after a series of illnesses.

He attended Waxhaw public schools, graduating from Waxhaw High School, and he had fond memories of working on his family's farm. After moving to Charlotte, North Carolina, he met and married Cora Lee Williams in 1958. They had one child, then divorced in 1961. By the mid-1960s, Ross moved to Baltimore where he worked for a Sealy Mattress manufacturing facility, among other jobs, including rental property repair and maintenance. For over ten years he lived near Johns Hopkins Hospital in East Baltimore, where in his spare time he found and repaired discarded bicycles for children in the neighborhood.

On June 30, 1979, he married Juanita Lyles and moved to Northwest Baltimore, where he became active in civic organizations, including the Communities Planning & Housing Association (CPHA). He was presented a Lifetime Achievement Award from the Park Heights Networking Community in 1996.

Despite an increasing loss of vision since his teenage years, Ross was accomplished in many personal endeavors. He was a talented musician who loved blues, jazz and gospel music. He played guitar in several groups, and one night he was a backup player for James Brown. In 1982, he completed training in auto mechanics through the Maryland Rehabilitation Center and was employed in the field for several years. He enjoyed working with his hands on all kinds of home repair projects, and away from home he had a special love for fishing. He also attended workshops in computing and life skills at Blind Industries & Services of Maryland.

Ross was co-founder of the House of Prayer of Restoration church, where he served as Deacon. He had also been a member of the Evangelical Baptist Church.

He was preceded in death by Juanita Lyles Norwood and Cora Lee Williams Norwood Jackson (Maurice) Hubbard, as well as sisters Blanche Pitts, Mayo Lavern Kilgo-Earl, Virginia Shippy, and Stella Norwood, and one brother Robert Lee Norwood. Ross leaves to cherish his memories: a loving daughter, Sherry Norwood-(Eugene) Phelps; a devoted son, Brian Davis Lyles; two granddaughters, six great-grandchildren and two great-great grandchildren; a brother James McGee; a great uncle Walker Norwood, Jr.; a sister-in-law Sarah Norwood; a special cousin Lundeen Cureton; and a host of other cousins, nieces, nephews, other relatives and friends.

Cemetery Details

King Memorial Park

8710 Dogwood Road
Baltimore, MD 21244

Previous Events

Public Viewing

MAR 18. 4:00 PM - 6:00 PM (ET)

March Funeral Home - West
4300 Wabash Avenue
Baltimore, MD 21215

Wake

MAR 19. 11:00 AM - 11:30 AM (ET)

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Tribute Wall



“ *March Funeral Homes created a Webcast for Funeral on Ross Norwood in memory of Ross Norwood*



March Funeral Homes - March 12, 2024 at 08:43 AM

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“ *I send my condolences to Mr. Norwood's family. I enjoyed working with Mr. Norwood at Citizens Planning and Housing Association. He was a wonderful man who was very dedicated to improving the community. I remember him fondly and send my warm regards. Hathaway Ferebee*



Hathaway Ferebee - March 18, 2024 at 05:26 PM

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“ *Gentle Care Home Health Services purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Ross Norwood.*



Gentle Care Home Health Services - March 17, 2024 at 06:47 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 - March 11, 2024 at 05:00 PM