



Samuel Tonkins

August 20, 1927 - August 1, 2018

Samuel Jonathan Tonkins, son of the late Phillip and Lucinda Bellamy Tonkins, stepson of Annie Tonkins, after a brief illness departed this life on Wednesday, August 1, 2018.

Sam was born August 20, 1927 in Baltimore, MD, the youngest of two. He was also affectionately known as "Uncle Sam" by his family. Sam graduated from Frederick Douglass High School, Baltimore, MD in June 1945. After graduation Sam joined the Merchant Marines and traveled the world. In 1950 he was drafted into the U.S. Army and later joined the Army Reserves in 1952. He was honorably discharged in December 1956 with the rank of Corporal.

As a child Sam attended Macedonia Baptist Church with his family.

Sam worked various jobs as a bus driver, at the Chesapeake Rug Company and at TwinPines Country Club before joining the United States Postal Service from which he retired as a Supervisor in 1985. Following his retirement, he started a second career with First National Bank as a courier and later oversaw the purchase and management of the Garrison/Liberty Heights Shopping Strip.

Sam and Carole "Patty" Arnett married on October 2, 1965 and from this

union a daughter was born, Marsha Jean Tonkins. During retirement, Sam enjoyed his time spent with his family and close friends, taking long walks, watching old Westerns and listening to jazz particularly his favorite artist Oscar Peterson.

Left to honor and cherish his life and legacy are: his loving wife of 52 years, Carole Patricia Arnett Tonkins; one daughter, Marsha Tonkins; one grandson Maximilian Nathaniel Tonkins-Silvie; one nephew, William "Phil" Tonkins, Sr. (Judy); two grandnephews Dr. William Phillip Tonkins Jr. (Doretha) and Kevin Lamont Tonkins and many nieces, nephews, other relatives, and special friends.

Previous Events

viewing

AUG 9. 2:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

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Wake

AUG 10. 2:00 PM - 2:30 PM (ET)

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Service

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Tribute Wall



“ *Samuel Tonkins*

October 13, 2022 at 08:33 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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