



## Sidney L. DeFord Jr.

March 25, 1935 - May 27, 2020

Death has caught us by surprise. Today, we must pause for a moment to celebrate, remember and mourn the passing of our “Dearly Departed”. Although the will to survive is greater than the will to die, there is no sorrow and no more pain. “Well done thy good and faithful servant.....” Sidney L. DeFord, Jr., son of the late Sidney L. DeFord, Sr.

and the late Rachel Pryor was born March 25, 1935 in Baltimore, Maryland. He departed this life May 27, 2020 after a short illness.

Sidney was educated in the Baltimore Public School System and received his general

education diploma from Samuel Coleridge School #122. Having the passion to serve his

country, Sidney enlisted in the United State Marines and served from November 23,

1953 to March 20, 1956. He was Honorably Discharged. Upon completing his military

service, Sidney had the desire to further his education by enrolling at Catonsville

Community College where he received an Associates of Arts Degree for general studies

in July 1973. With his education and drive to serve his country, Sidney then enlisted and

served in: the United States Army National Guard from 1977-1986 and United States Air

Force (Dover AFP, Delaware) stationed at Operation and Desert Shield/Storm” as “Sgt.

DeFord” serving as “Apprentice Air Transportation Specialist” from 1990 to 1996. Within

these branches of service, Sidney received several awards and accolades such as:

Korean Conflict Era and Peacetime Award, Lifetime Member award with outstanding

contributions to the 46th Squadron and Certificate of completion in the United States Air

Force Reserve Air Cargo Specialist Training. More notable mentions include; Air Force

Ribbons for “Superb Services”, National Defense Service Medal W/1 device and Air

Force Outstanding Unit Award.

Sidney loved working and held various positions with prestigious companies such

as Western Electric Company, Correctional Officer (various locations), and Federal

Protection Officer with the National Security Agency’s Department of Defense where

he retired his assigned badge #146 and after retirement was Blue Blazer Police Officer

with Northrop Grumman Environmental services.

His love for his country did not overshadow pursuing personal love. Sidney was joined

in Holy Matrimony with his friend, Rebecca Davis (Becky) on December 10, 1990. Thus,

their families were beautifully intertwined as one. Their bond was strong and

often

demonstrated in hosting parties, cookouts and dinners. Speaking of dinners,

Sidney

LOVED to eat. He looked forward to his wife's awesome cooking and often planned

what his next day's meal was going to be. He loved listening to oldies but goodies music

knowing all the words; watching "spaghetti westerns" (i.e. "The Good, the Bad and

the Ugly", Fist full of dollars, Once upon a time in the west, etc.), war movies, baseball

and football cheering on the Orioles and Ravens, reading the Bible and assorted books.

Wearing his military jacket and hat was an honor.

He leaves to cherish his memory: Devoted Wife, Rebecca DeFord; Five daughters,

Shelia, Teara, Desiree, Cynthia and Angela; One son, Eddie; Sister, Cecile DeFord,

Three Sisters-in-law; Five Grandchildren, Five Great-Grandchildren, Two Great-Great

Grandchildren and a host of relatives and friends.

# Previous Events

## Viewing

JUL 7. 2:00 PM - 4:00 PM (ET)

March Life Tribute Center - Randallstown  
5616 Old Court Road  
Windsor Mill, MD

## Wake

JUL 8. 10:30 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

March Life Tribute Center, P.A. - Randallstown  
5616 Old Court Road  
Windsor Mill, MD 21244  
(410) 655-0110  
<https://www.marchlifetributecenter.com>

## Service

JUL 8. 11:00 AM (ET)

March Life Tribute Center, P.A. - Randallstown  
5616 Old Court Road  
Windsor Mill, MD 21244  
(410) 655-0110  
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# Tribute Wall



“ *To View the Webcast of the Funeral for Sidney L. DeFord Jr., Please Click the Link below.*



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**March Funeral Homes** - July 08, 2020 at 10:27 AM



“ *Sidney L. DeFord Jr.*

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October 13, 2022 at 08:33 AM



“ *Becky and family,*

*Sidney was a nice and kind soul. Every time he would see me, he would always ask about my girls. My heartfelt condolences with you and your family. Take care and stay strong. May God ease your pain.*



*Valeria McCain*

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**Valeria McCain** - July 08, 2020 at 07:20 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Sidney L. DeFord Jr..*



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July 07, 2020 at 01:15 PM



“ *In Memory of Sidney L. Deford  
Bishop Luther & Lady Mary Moore*



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**Bishop Luther Moore** - July 04, 2020 at 07:27 PM



“ *The Lord has Comforted His People and will have Compassion upon them in their Sorrow  
..... Isaiah 49:13 Thinking of you and asking the Lord to strengthen your heart and comfort your soul. In Sympathy and Continue Prayer*



*Community Church of Christ Family  
Lady Mary E. Moore  
Bishop Luther C. Moore, Pastor*

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**Bishop Luther Moore** - July 04, 2020 at 07:23 PM

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“ My condolences to the family and prayers go out to you in the loss of your loved one. May God comfort you at this time and continue to walk with you . I will keep the family in prayers.

*Catherine Moore-DeFord*

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**Catherine Moore-DeFord** - July 01, 2020 at 04:55 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** - June 19, 2020 at 01:46 PM