



Tommie Whelchel

October 18, 1942 - December 4, 2010

On Saturday, December 4, 2010 TOMMIE JAMES WHELCHER was set free into the loving arms of God. Tommie Whelchel was the fourth child born to the late Z.L. and Elizabeth Whelchel on October 18, 1942 in Gainesville, Georgia.

Everybody loved Tommie. There was an instant bond when you met him. Tommie was a soft spoken, caring, kind and sensitive person; just a likeable guy. He was slow to anger and separated himself from argumentative situations.

Tommie was raised in a very warm and loving family environment. His parents were always supportive of him during his difficult times. Tommie received his education in the Baltimore City Public School System. In June, 1960 Tommie graduated in the first Technical Class at Caver Vocational Technical High School. He received many certificates which entitled him to wear the "C" for varsity baseball, basketball and football.

After graduation, Tommie joined the United States Air Force where he became an Air Policeman. With an honorable discharge, Tommie returned home and started employment at the Goodwill industries, Maryland National Bank and the United States Post Office.

Finally, he decided to go back to school receiving two A.A. Degrees from the

Community College of Baltimore (Harbor Campus). He then went to Coppin State College where he received his Bachelor of Science Degree in Applied Psychology and going on to received numerous certificates from Coppin and was also Dean's List.

Tommie was so proud when he was employed as a counselor with Johns Hopkins Hospital/Changing Directions Rehabilitation Center. He helped mainstream clients back to society. During his employment, he received awards and certificates for his performance. Tommie's dream was to build and operate a shelter for homeless men.

Tommie enjoyed collecting 50's and 60's records. He would listen to his music for hours. He was an excellent hand dancer. Two highlights in Tommie's life were marrying his long time companion, Phyllis Williams, and becoming a baptized member at New Shiloh Baptist Church.

Tommie was just a good hearted and modest person who loved helping others and asking for nothing in return.

Tommie leaves to cherish his memory: sons, Thomas Whelchel and Andre Rogers; daughters, Denise Merrick and Robin Whelchel; stepdaughter, Pamela Hunter; mother-in-law, Margaret Dickson; brother, Carlton Whelchel; sisters Betty Hubbard, Barbara Freeman, Jean Tolson and Janice Whelchel; uncle, Rev. W.L. Whelchel (Rebeksh); aunts, Ornie Lee Whelchel and Mattie Lee Hudson; sister-in-law, Aurelia Whelchel (Charlie) and Bernice Whelchel (Carlton). He is also survived by one granddaughter, three grandsons, one great-granddaughter and a host of other relatives and friends.

Tommie was preceded in death by his brother, Charlie Louis Whelchel.

Cemetery Details

Garrison Forest Veterans

11501 Garrison Forest Road
Owings Mills, MD

Previous Events

Public Viewing

DEC 13. 12:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

March Funeral Homes - West Baltimore
4300 Wabash Avenue
Baltimore, MD 21215
(410) 542-2400
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Wake

DEC 14. 11:30 AM - 12:00 PM (ET)

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Service

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Tribute Wall



“ *Tommie Whelchel*

October 13, 2022 at 08:33 AM



“ *Tommie was the best grandfather ever and I will miss him.*

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“ *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 - December 07, 2010 at 12:16 PM