



## Walter E. Stokes Jr

December 1, 1949 - April 18, 2020

WALTER EDWARD STOKES JR., son of the late Walter Edward Stokes Sr. and Louise Evangelline Bush, was born on December 1, 1949 in Baltimore, MD. He departed this life on April 18, 2020 after a short illness.

Walter Jr. received his formal education in the Baltimore City Public School System where he received his high school diploma from Edmondson High.

After High School, Walter Jr. enlisted in the United States Marine Corp., where he was sent to the Vietnam Conflict. While in Vietnam, Walter Jr. was injured in the line of duty and was awarded several commendations of ribbons and medals, including, the Purple Heart 1st Award, the Purple Heart Medal with 1 star, the Republic of Vietnam Cross of Gallantry and the Navy Commendation Medal with Valor for his act of heroism in combat, just to name a few. Prior to his military departure he achieved the rank of E-4 or Corporal.

After his military service, Walter Jr. worked several jobs to provide for his family initially at the Social Security Administration, as a barber at Ross' Barbershop, and as the Assistant Manager at K-Mart. Walter Jr. later retired after 30 years as a Supervisor of the Mail Handlers Unit at the United States Postal Service IMF building.

On July 12, 1975 he married the love of his life JoAnn Stokes. Out of this

wonderful union, they loved and cared for their children, Chenee, (who preceded him in death), Walter III, Dimitri and Trevon. The only thing Walter Jr. loved as much as his family, was his faith in Jesus Christ, which created his extended family at St. Gregory the Great Catholic Church and St. Bernardine Roman Catholic Church. While active in his church Walter Jr. celebrated his faith and participated in a host of clubs and activities, such as, the Legion of Mary, the Golden Ages, and the list goes on and on. In addition to his faith, Walter Jr. was an avid football fan (Raider Nation) and loved his old western movies.

Walter Jr. was preceded in death by his parents, Walter Sr. and Louise Stokes; his loving wife, JoAnn; daughter, Chenee; four brothers, Gilbert, Joseph, Robert and Edward and four sisters, Evelyn Stokes, Edna Denise Stokes, Veronica Brown and Teresa Watson.

He leaves to mourn: two sons, Walter III and Dimitri; one daughter, Trevon; one sister, Mary; one brother, Albert, two daughters-in-law, Tera and Kisha; eleven grandchildren, Duane, James III, Dimitri Jr., Zakiya, Kayla, Justin, Darius, Taliyah, Darrell, Brandon and Eric; four brothers-in-law, seven sisters-in-law and a host of nieces, nephews, cousins and other relatives and friends.

# Cemetery Details

## Garrison Forest Veterans

11501 Garrison Forest Road  
Owings Mills, MD

# Previous Events

## Service

**MAY 1 (ET)**

March Funeral Homes - West Baltimore  
4300 Wabash Avenue  
Baltimore, MD 21215  
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# Tribute Wall



“ *To View the Webcast of the Funeral for Walter E. Stokes Jr, Please Click the Link below.*



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**March Funeral Homes** - April 23, 2020 at 04:23 PM



“ *Walter E. Stokes Jr*

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October 13, 2022 at 08:33 AM



“ *Angela Stokes lit a candle in memory of Walter E. Stokes Jr*



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**Angela Stokes** - May 02, 2021 at 07:51 PM



“ *I bowled with Mr. Stokes, on weekly Saturday bowling league and got to know the man, away from the PO. He was such a down to earth man with great advice. It was my pleasure to know him as my supervisor and my friend!*

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**Pat Wilson** - July 21, 2020 at 08:40 PM

JD

“ *My dear classmate, is now attending the class reunion. He asked me for this picture and I couldn't find it. I found it today.  
St. Pius V, Class of 1964  
Til we all meet again, Joyce Dungee*



J. Dungee - May 09, 2020 at 08:57 AM

SM

“ *Mr. Stokes was one of my first supervisors at the post office. I can still hear him saying, "save your sick leave, its like money in the bank".My Condolences.*



stan mason - May 08, 2020 at 05:28 PM

JB

“ *I was truly saddened to hear of Walter's passing. Our friendship increased over the years as he joined the Men of St. Bernardine's in the various ministry activities throughout each year. A very genuine, loving, giving, and caring Man of God who freely shared his love and knowledge for Christ. A great man of wisdom whom I truly miss but will never forget.*

*My heartfelt prayers and condolences to the family. That God will continue to keep you sustain you now and for the days to come.*

*Peace & Blessings,  
James Butler, St. Bernardine RC Church*

James Butler - May 01, 2020 at 04:37 PM

SB

“ To the family of Cousin Walter, especially Cousin Al, I offer my deepest condolences and prayers. I just had a chance to re-connect w/some of my Baltimore family last year at Cousin Lois Valentine-Gladney's wake.

*My heartfelt condolences,  
Sharon A Bryant  
Wilmington DE 19801  
(Great-Aunt Tootsie/Louise & my grandmother, Elizabeth West were sisters)*

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**Sharon (Hoxter) Bryant** - May 01, 2020 at 12:45 PM

SB

*I also wanted to say,that I had the opportunity to connect again with Cousin Walter Stokes, Jr.*

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**Sharon (Hoxter) Bryant** - May 01, 2020 at 12:49 PM

MT

“ Mickey Thomas I will keep y'all in my prayers God bless your family

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**Mickey Thomas** - April 30, 2020 at 09:14 PM

RH

“ My sympathy and condolences to the Walter Stokes Family.  
Keeping you in my prayers.  
Rest In Peace.  
The Hicks Family

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**Rosalind Hicks** - April 30, 2020 at 06:42 PM

DH

“ My condolences to Family of Walter E Stokes. Keeping you in my prayers 🙏🙏🙏. He was a wonderful man & will be missed.

*Darlene Harris & Family*

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**Darlene Harris** - April 30, 2020 at 03:01 PM

VC

*I was truly sadden when I heard of the death of Mr stokes my condolences to his family i no he will be truly missed*

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**Val c** - May 02, 2020 at 04:06 AM

LS

“ *Walter Stokes was a great supervisor and friend. When I worked at the IMF In Linthicum Md I became ill due to the chemicals from the distribution mail machines. Mr. Stokes would call my husband and check on me. There were occasions where he visited and brought me fruit and flowers. My Husband and Stokes became friends. When he became involved in ministry at his church we visited his service one Sunday and he was so amazed that we came he shared a tear. RIP Mr. Stokes 🌺*

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**Linda Samuels** - April 29, 2020 at 07:04 PM

MS

*My thoughts and prayers go out to your family at the loss of Walter Stokes Jr. He was one of the most caring and fair people I've known. His work at the Post Office as well as his church St. Gregory the Great speaks volumes about the person/Christian he was. Rest Easy Stokes!*

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**Marcia Sneed** - May 01, 2020 at 08:05 AM

LS

“ *Linda Samuels lit a candle in memory of Walter E. Stokes Jr*



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**Linda Samuels** - April 29, 2020 at 06:56 PM

MS

*That's beautiful Linda!* 🙌

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**Marcia Sneed** - May 01, 2020 at 08:06 AM

LC

“ *Leetta and Charvel purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Walter E. Stokes Jr.*



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**Leetta and Charvel** - April 29, 2020 at 04:08 PM

MC

“ *Our Hearts and Prayers, go out to the Family in this time of Sorrow and Pain. May you find comfort in knowing that your love one is resting safely in Gods limitless memory ! Jesus said , Do not be Amazed at this ,for the hour is coming in which all those in the memorial tombs ,will hear his voice and come out ! {"John 5:28 " } Visit Online - JW.org*

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**mariposa canella** - April 29, 2020 at 10:57 AM

CS

“ *Charvel Stokes sent a virtual gift in memory of Walter E. Stokes Jr*



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**Charvel Stokes** - April 28, 2020 at 07:56 PM



“ *Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of Walter E. Stokes Jr.*



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April 28, 2020 at 04:01 PM

MO

“ *Monica Oliver lit a candle in memory of Walter E. Stokes Jr*



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**Monica Oliver** - April 27, 2020 at 02:17 PM

LE

“ Walter came into my life 40 years ago .He and his late wife JoAnn (Chicken) were my first friends in the Stokes Family ( . My late husband Robert Stokes was his oldest brother ) the four of us shared great times together. I will forever miss those times .Walter was a kind hearted man who loved God, his family ,and his St Gregory’s Church family. His work on earth is done and will be miss.The joy of his laughter ,of his love for me and Charvel will forever leave a special place in our heart ❤️ just for you Walter.

LeEtta - April 27, 2020 at 06:31 AM

LE

“ LeEtta lit a candle in memory of Walter E. Stokes Jr



LeEtta - April 27, 2020 at 05:11 AM

DB

“ 1 file added to the tribute wall



Deacon Wardell Paul Barksdale - April 25, 2020 at 10:23 PM

DB

Walter, we will miss you. We thank God for your service to so many, being a brother to me and many. Eternal rest granted to you and may you rest in peace.

Deacon Wardell Paul Barksdale - April 25, 2020 at 10:27 PM

DJ

*Walter, me [Danise] and Deacon Paul, you and Paul were/are my support during the first days, weeks, months of Rodger's passing I will miss your steady, calm, quiet, guidance. Rest In Power my dear Brother!*

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**DANISE JONES-DORSEY** - April 27, 2020 at 11:35 PM



“ *Heartfelt Sympathy From Catherine Potillo...*

*To my beloved Church Son, Thank you for your help, love and special things that you've done for me after the loss of my husband in 2001. I appreciated every act of kindness over the years. It was my honor and privilege to call you "SON".*

*Words cannot express how much I'm going to miss hearing you call me "Mother", your laughter and see your gentle smile. You will be forever in my heart and thoughts. REST IN PEACE, Your Church Mom, Catherine V. Potillo*

*To Walter's Family, Prayers of Comfort and Sincere Condolences for the loss of your loved one. He will be missed by his church family at St Gregory and all that loved him.*



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**Ms. Terry Potillo** - April 24, 2020 at 03:30 PM

DJ

“ *Dimitri and family as you consider the "mystery of death," lean on Jesus promise Matthew 5:4. I had the opportunity to accompany Walter when he visited the sick and shut-in. The persons who he visited eagerly anticipated his visits because he was respectful of their situation, brought news about the church, was genuinely concerned about them and their families! I was amazed at that one person embodied so much of God's goodness. Walter is a Eucharistic minister. Hence he included in his visits communion. Again all present felt "God's presence through Walter. I'm know Walter (my brother in Christ) is with our God whom he served while on earth.*  
*Danise*



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**DANISE JONES-DORSEY** - April 24, 2020 at 10:32 AM

TP

“ *Terry Potillo lit a candle in memory of Walter E. Stokes Jr*



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**Terry Potillo** - April 24, 2020 at 10:07 AM

TP

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**Terry Potillo** - April 24, 2020 at 10:22 AM

TP

“ 2 files added to the album Walter with his "Church Mom", St Gregory Friend Danice at Valentine Breakfast 2-8-2020 and friends



Terry Pottillo - April 24, 2020 at 09:55 AM

CG

“ Dimitri, Walter and the Stokes Family I send my heartfelt condolences to your family . May your dad Rest In Gods presence. Prayers of comfort and strength during this difficult time. Love Charlene

charlene Gamble - April 24, 2020 at 06:22 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 23, 2020 at 09:34 AM

MH

*DIMITRI, Our heartfelt condolences to you and the family. We will truly miss Walter's presence here at St. Gregory the Great Church. His laughter, his smile and ever presence, helping in whatever capacity he could. As one of Walter's "Christian Comrades" we will treasure our times together. May God grant you eternal rest my friend. I know you and Lee will try to see who's in charge next.*

*Peace and Love Marie Harvin & Family*

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**Marie Harvin** - April 26, 2020 at 04:01 PM