



William C. Basilio

November 6, 1936 - February 20, 2016

William Claude Basilio was born on November 6, 1936 to the late Sabaro Basilio and Lillian Jackson. He departed this life suddenly after a lengthy illness on February 20, 2016.

He was educated in the Baltimore City Public School system. As a young child who loved horses, he worked as an “Arabber”-a Baltimore horse and wagon tradition. This is where he was nicknamed “China”. But he was affectionately known by his Family as “Junior”. He was a member of Greater New Hope Baptist Church. He believed in working hard which led him to the Navy in 1954. As one of the ships chefs, it was there that he found his passion for cooking. He was a chef at many local hotels and restaurants after the Navy. China was an excellent cook and took pride in making delicious food for his family and friends.

China worked for the Baltimore City Department of Public Works for 30 years. He started off as a sanitation worker and was promoted up to a supervisor during his career where he eventually retired.

China was always “sharply” dressed, smelling good and driving a nice car. He loved dogs and watching the Animal channels. He loved to laugh and to make people laugh. His smile and personality would always light up a room.

On June 14, 1966 William married Queen Brown. From this union two sons were born, Antonio and Derek.

On September 2, 1981 William married Evangeline Hardy. From this union one daughter was born: Leetice.

He was preceded in death by two children: Debbie and Brandon. And three siblings: Doris, Thomas (Buddy), and Emma.

He is survived by seven children: William (Billy), Jeffery (Bo), Antonio (Tony), Derek (Duckie), Leetice, Sabaro and Solace; four grandchildren: Shaudon, Dominic, Marcellus and Delanei. Two great grandchildren: Alexa and Dominic Jr.; six siblings: Gloria, Avon, Wilbert, Muro, Maureen and Laverne; along with a host of nieces, nephews, cousins and friends.

Previous Events

Public Viewing

FEB **26**. 8:30 AM - 5:00 PM (ET)

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Wake

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Tribute Wall



“ *William C. Basilio*

October 13, 2022 at 08:33 AM



“ *I am so sorry to hear about the passing of your most precious loved one William Basilio. I pray that your hearts will find the peace it needs during this most difficult time and that you will know how much others care and share your pain. How good to know that our loving heavenly father has promised to bring all those who have died back to life by means of the resurrection. John5:28-29 What a wonderful time that will be! We will have the chance to see those that we love again! All praise to our Great Loving and Compassionate Heavenly Father Jehovah and his son Jesus Christ whose death made all things possible! Once again I am truly sorry for your loss!*

Joy - February 26, 2016 at 01:32 PM

PA

“ *To: Leetice & Family*

*Our hearts are reaching out to you,
for what you're going through;
we're thinking of you frequently
and praying for you, too.*

*If there's something we can do,
anything at all,*

*Think of us thinking of you,
And don't hesitate to call.*

*Our prayers are with you and your family may God continue to keep
you.*

*From: Finance Department
(DPSCS)*

Our Prayers are with you



Princess Anderson - February 25, 2016 at 02:24 PM

TP

“ *My deepest sympathy for the loss of your loved one. It is painful
losing someone in death. Thankfully the Most High God has
promised to undo the pain of death forever in the very near future.
(Rev.21:4 ; Isaiah 25:8) May knowledge of these help to bring peace
and comfort to you during this difficult time.*

T. Parker - February 23, 2016 at 05:40 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 - February 22, 2016 at 05:54 PM

GT

To My a Brothers, Sisters, Niece and Nephews in the passing of Junior, Daddy or China as he was lovingly called. Although our hearts are heavy, we are thankful for our faith and trust in God who sustains us. He alone knows the number of our days. I'm unable to physically be there with you all but know my love, thoughts and prayers are with you. Be encouraged knowing that "Weeping may endure for a night but Joy comes in the morning." Psalm 30:5

*Lovingly Yours
Sister and Aunt*

Gloria Taylor

Gloria Taylor - February 24, 2016 at 04:58 PM

B(

My uncle Junior I will miss you, but indeed you are now in a better place. No more pain, no more suffering, but sweetly in the arms of Jesus. I can imagine you singing in the choir! Oh, how you used to love to sing! Rest in peace, my uncle! Lovingly submitted, your niece, Amelia..Homestead, FL

Bishop Gloria Redd (Amelia) - February 24, 2016 at 05:33 PM

AT

Dearest Family,

Let not our hearts be troubled because Junior fought a good fight, he kept the faith, he finished his course and has entered into his rest. I am so thankful for the time he has been in my life. In our quiet time of reflections, think on something he did or said that made you smile or even laugh. As I think on him, I remember how protective he was of his female relatives as we were growing up. No one was allowed to disrespect us or we'd tell China. As you gather for Junior's celebration of life, my thoughts and prayers are with you. I am so thankful for our Christian upbringing which now gives us comfort in the midst of this storm. Be Blessed My Family, knowing Earth has no sorrow that Heaven cannot heal. I Love You All

*Prophet Rudolph and Elder Alana Clayton (Rudy and Lana)
Homestead, FL*

Alana Taylor-Clayton - February 24, 2016 at 08:38 PM

LB

Daddy,

We've had some very good times together. You were HILARIOUS! I appreciate all the life's lessons that you taught me from a little Girl up to Womanhood. Thank you for loving me and for leaving me with those lessons that I can pass on to Delanei. You two would light up when you saw one another. You were so happy at the hospital when she was born. Thank you for giving me your sharp, funny and witty personality and thank you for giving me your no nonsense attitude! Everyone, including my Mom would say I acted just like you-which is mean at times & crazy. (Laughs!!) I will always remember our good times: how you would bring things up to my school for holiday parties, how you would cook things especially for me because I was so picky, how you would buy me the expensive designer clothes and sneakers when Ma said they were too much, how you would bang a big pot in the phone in telemarketers ears when they would call (Hilarious), how you would yell at my friends when I got in trouble in school "Leetice cannot have ANY phone calls! She is punished for 3 months" (How embarrassing), how you taught me how to cook, how you would make me walk back up the steps repeatedly if I thought about stomping, how you loved your Coogi sweaters, jewelry and Stacy Adams shoes. My list could go on for days! Just know that these are just some of the memories that I have of you to will make me laugh during this hard time and the coming days. I haven't had a moment to sit still and take this all in but I am so very sad. However, thankful that you aren't in anymore pain and are no longer suffering. I will miss your smile, your laugh and your infectious, witty charm. Thank you for being you!...I am grateful that you got to meet and know Derrick. You knew he was a hard worker and that Lanei and I were in good hands. Even though you won't be at our Wedding physically, we know your presence will be there. I love you and you knew it!

Forever Your Daddy's Girl! (Your Doobie) Tice

Lastly to my Family (Ma and Daddy's sides)-Words won't ever be able to truly convey my gratitude and how you all have come together for and with me to get everything taken care of. I will never forget this outpouring of love! Please know that I am grateful, that I am humbled by all of this and that I am so very appreciative. I know this is what Daddy would expect from us. I love you all and thank you for your prayers, calls and texts! To God be the Glory for the great things he has done!

Leetice Basilio - February 25, 2016 at 09:32 AM

RB

*China, thanks for the good times. "So much better than you know" .
With all my love and deepest sympathy. - Mona Basilio*

Ramona Basilio - February 26, 2016 at 07:15 PM