



Rev. Dr. William Ulysses Booker Sr.

January 18, 1928 - April 20, 2023

William Ulysses Booker, Sr., affectionately known as Dinkie, was born on January 18, 1928. He was the youngest of 8 children born to the late Lewis and Viola Booker. He is a product of Richmond Public Schools and a graduate of the Evans-Smith Religious Studies Program at Virginia Union University School of Theology.

Dinkie was born to be a businessman. He began his entrepreneurship, while in his teens, with a shoe shine parlor at the corner of Cowardin Avenue and Hull Street.

After working in several other businesses, including a lengthy career at Southside Loan, he became the founder and owner of Quick Drive-In Seafood on Hull St., which he operated for 27 years. He valued his customers and was known for allowing them to purchase a hot fish sandwich or hard shell crabs and pay later.

Later in life he shared the love of Jesus as he shined shoes at Spit Dye and Shine, a business owned by his brother-in-law, at Richmond International Airport.

Dinkie dedicated his life to Jesus at an early age but was called to the ministry in May 1976 and ordained in 1982. Rev. Booker received an Honorary Doctor

of Divinity from the Higher Learning Bible Seminary on May 16, 2004.

Rev. Booker was a founding member of Koinonia Christian Church, where he served as Church Administrator and Chairman of the Trustee Ministry. He also served as Church Treasurer for over 20 years and he and his wife were instrumental in acquiring the property where the church presently resides.

A life-long South Side resident, Rev. Booker cared deeply for his community. He was founder of the Hull Street Midlothian Civic Association where he served as president for a number of years. He served the City of Richmond as a member of the Welfare Advisory Board, the Mayor's Committee for Changing the City Charter, and two terms on the City Planning Commission. He was a candidate for City Council in 1986.

Rev. Booker was a member of Hobson Lodge #23, Prince Hall Affiliation for 73 years and, in his younger years, enjoyed spending time with his fraternal brothers. At his death, he was the oldest member of the fraternal organization.

He was married to the late Rev. Dr. Marjorie Leeper Booker. Together they had 3 beautiful children, Phyllis Booker Hendrick Bell (Chauncey), William Ulysses Booker, Jr. (Lynda), and Jacqueline Booker Walker. They were also blessed with 8 grandchildren; Chris Booker-Carlisle (Dante), TaLisa W. Peterson (Barry Sr.), Ollie Hendrick Jr. (Monica), Micha B. Graves, Jahmal Walker (Keshana), Amaya Hendrick, Shannon Bell, and JaRod Hendrick; 20 great-grandchildren and 1 great-great grandchild.

In addition, he leaves to mourn a host of relatives and friends, including devoted nephews and nieces; Barry Booker (Esther), Brian Booker (Brenda), LaShirl Howlette (Ronald), Arlita Cooper (Michael), and Ardith Brown (Dana).

Rev. Booker was smart, logical, wise, honest, and a hard-working family man with integrity.

He was dedicated and committed to whatever he put his hand to. He was well

loved and respected. He was a mentor to many and many called him “Dad”. His commitment to hard work, integrity and love for his fellow man will continue to inspire generations to come.

He truly loved the Lord and believed that “what you do speaks louder than what you say”.

Rev. Booker celebrated his 95th birthday this year. He became ill in February and after a brief hospital stay went to be with the Lord on April 20th.

We celebrate “A Life Well Lived”.

Cemetery Details

Maury Cemetery

2700 Maury Street
Richmond, VA 23224

Previous Events

Visitation

MAY 1. 9:30 AM - 7:00 PM (ET)

March Funeral Home -Laburnum Chapel
2110 E. Laburnum Ave.
Richmond, VA 23222

Family Hour

MAY 1. 6:00 PM - 7:00 PM (ET)

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Celebration of Life with livestreaming available

MAY 2. 12:00 PM (ET)

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Tribute Wall



“ *March Funeral Homes created a To View the Webcast of the Funeral for Rev. Dr. William "Dinkie" Booker, Sr., Please Click the Link below. in memory of Rev. Dr. William Ulysses Booker Sr.*



March Funeral Homes - April 25, 2023 at 10:16 AM

KS

“ *To the Family: Please know my thoughts and prayers are with you during your time of sorrow. Karen Smith-DuPont*



Karen Smith - May 01, 2023 at 11:14 PM

RJ

“ *Renita, Jadah, Justin, Joshua,& Jayson purchased the Heavenly Light for the family of Rev. Dr. William Ulysses Booker Sr..*



Renita, Jadah, Justin, Joshua,& Jayson - May 01, 2023 at 07:56 PM

DF

“ William & Linda. Prayers to and the family. I had the pleasure of serving with your Dad on the Zoning Appeals Board for the City of Richmond. Mr. Booker was always willing to help and shared information with me when I was a new member. He will be missed.

Doretha Fowlkes - May 01, 2023 at 02:22 PM

BF

“ On behalf of the Bullock and Heaven families, we are truly saddened by your loss. Weeping may endure for a night but joy comes in the morning. Earth has no sorrow that Heaven cannot heal. We pray that God will grant our family peace and comfort during this time of bereavement.

Love,
The Bullock and Heaven Family

Bullock and Heaven Family - May 01, 2023 at 11:56 AM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Rev. Dr. William Ulysses Booker Sr..



May 01, 2023 at 11:52 AM

DS

“ To the family of Dr. Booker,

Please accept my condolences and prayers for each of you and especially for the Keith & Wanda Lipscomb family.

Another of God's soldiers has gone from work to reward.

Deborah Sudduth



DEBORAH J SUDDUTH - May 01, 2023 at 11:21 AM

MW

“ Margaret R Warren lit a candle in memory of Rev. Dr. William Ulysses Booker Sr.



Margaret R Warren - April 30, 2023 at 07:12 PM



“ Rainbow Of Remembrance Spray was purchased for the family of Rev. Dr. William Ulysses Booker Sr..



April 30, 2023 at 05:10 PM



“ *Serene Retreat was purchased for the family of Rev. Dr. William Ulysses Booker Sr..*



April 29, 2023 at 04:59 PM



“ *Please accept our deepest condolences for the loss of your father. Your father's life's accomplishments are very impressive. The loss of a love is never easy, my family and I will keep you in our prayers during this most difficult time. His wings are spread in protection of your journey may they always keep you safe. We sincerely wish your family all the best.*

Sincerely,

*Joe, Phe and Charles Montgomery
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Joe Montgomery - April 29, 2023 at 11:08 AM



“ *Audrey Cummings-Johnson lit a candle in memory of Rev. Dr. William Ulysses Booker Sr.*



Audrey Cummings-Johnson - April 29, 2023 at 09:26 AM



With Loving and Caring Thoughts, Remembering a Life Well-Lived.

Audrey Cummings-Johnson - April 29, 2023 at 09:28 AM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Rev. Dr. William Ulysses Booker Sr..



April 29, 2023 at 07:04 AM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Rev. Dr. William Ulysses Booker Sr..



April 26, 2023 at 07:50 PM



“ NOW REV. DR. BOOKER YOUR DECEMBERS WILL BE AS PLEASANT AS MAY!
Past District Deputy Grand Master, Learmon Moore

Learmon Moore - April 26, 2023 at 12:21 PM



“ Karen Leeper Bennett, Leroy Bennett, Jabari Bennett and Asha Bennett offer our sincerest condolences to the entire family of Reverend Dr. William Ulysses Booker. Our beloved Uncle Dinkie held the banner and carried the torch for our family until God called you home. Uncle Dinkie represented for us a legacy of loving parents and family rich in tradition and deeply rooted in love. We love you and will miss you as you join the angels of your kin. Rest in peace Uncle Dinkie. What a beautiful picture with a loving smile. God bless.

Kaen Bennett - April 23, 2023 at 12:58 AM

NP

“ On behalf of Jack and Jill of America, INC, the Richmond Chapter, we lift the family up in prayers and praise. We extend condolences to our chapter member, Chris Carlisle, as well as her family. May the Lord be with you and comfort you.

The Members of Jack and Jill (Richmond Chapter)

Nikki Adkins Powell - April 22, 2023 at 09:47 PM

FB

“ Friends of the Pearl, Atlantic Beach purchased the Strength & Solace Spray for the family of Rev. Dr. William Ulysses Booker Sr..



Friends of the Pearl, Atlantic Beach - April 22, 2023 at 04:59 PM

NC

“ National Epicureans, Inc-Henrico Chapter purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Rev. Dr. William Ulysses Booker Sr..



National Epicureans, Inc-Henrico Chapter - April 22, 2023 at 11:26 AM

CC

“ 🙏❤️ May the Grace of Our Father be with each family /friends member as you walk the journey of Grief BUT don't stay there, Celebrate Mr Booker Life , a life Well lived❤️🙏 Peace/Love

Charlotte Crewe - April 22, 2023 at 08:28 AM

MD

“ My deepest condolences for our Father to all at KCC church family and to his family and relatives 🙏🙏🙏❤️

Ms. Cynthia S. Dixon - April 21, 2023 at 12:26 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.

March Funeral Homes - April 20, 2023 at 02:47 PM

DF

My deepest sympathies to your family in the loss of your father 🙏
Dorothy Nelson Fuller

Dorothy Fuller - April 30, 2023 at 05:17 AM

MW

Dear Family,
As you travel this last journey with your beloved Dad. he leaves behind MEMORIES that melt your heart; HAPPINESS that lit up your life and LOVE that never stops growing.
Dad's heart beautifully expressed the heart of God and the tender ministry of the Holy Spirit-helping, caring, comforting, compassion, love and kindness not only to his family but to all who had the good fortune of meeting him. With God's love, peace, blessings and grace, Dad has gone home to his Heavenly Father. He will always remain in your hearts .
Love you much,
Margaret Warren

Margaret Warren - April 30, 2023 at 02:08 PM