



## William Fair

August 20, 1924 - February 4, 2005

William N. Fair, Jr., son of the late William N. Fair, Sr. and the late Estelle (McQuarters) Fair, was born on August 20, 1924 in Winnsboro, South Carolina. He was the oldest of ten children. He was preceded in death by his brothers, Emanuel, Purnell and Samuel, and a sister, Verdella Byrd.

William received his education in the public schools of Baltimore City, entering the United States Army just before his senior graduation from the Paul Laurence Dunbar High School, Class of 1943. Willie or Willie Norman, as he was fondly called by his siblings and friends, was an avid sportsman in high school and in the Armed Services where his accomplishments as an Athletic Supervisor in the States and abroad were documented in awards and certificates. He spent more than twenty years in the service-four years in the U.S. Army and eighteen years in the Air Force, serving in World War II and Korean Conflict. As a civilian, between military tours, he worked in the athletic programs at the Chick Webb Center. After retiring from the military he worked as a building inspector for Baltimore City and for the Smelkinson Corporation.

Willie met and married the late Irene Constance Givens and through this union was born one son, William, and his uniting with two stepdaughters, Betty Lou and Beverly. The marriage ended in divorce. In later years, he met and married the former Laverne Gaither, uniting him with a stepson, Pete. As a youngster,

Willie attended the Faith Baptist Church and joined the Christian Army when he committed his life to Jesus Christ. He united with the fellowship of the Israel Baptist Church and was baptized on March 31, 1972 under the leadership of the late Rev. Dr. Edmond D. Meade, Sr. He sang on the Senior Choir, served as Trustee, taught Sunday school and worked with youth of the Baptist Training Union (B.T.U.), until his health would not allow him to attend. After the church's addition of a disabled accessible ramp, Willie was able to return to worship and on March 3, 1985, he was restored to the fellowship of Israel under the leadership of Rev. Harlie Walden Wilson, II, attending faithfully until his health, again, prohibited him to attend.

Willie was a very loving and patient person who rarely complained. Always mentoring and telling stories of his many, many travels and experiences, he often encouraged the youth in the family to explore broader horizons without fear. On February 4, 2005, after a lengthy illness, God called Willie Norman home from his earthly labor to heavenly reward.

He will truly be missed by all who loved and knew him.

William leaves to cherish his memory, one son, William, III; one devoted brother, Nathaniel; four caring sisters, Mary Fair, Naomi Harvell, Juanita Fair and Larinea Trusty; one aunt, Mary Mathias; many loving nieces, nephews and cousins; a loving and devoted stepdaughter, Beverly Reid; a faithful caregiver, Mrs. Claudia Fleming, and many, many close friends.

# Tribute Wall



“ *William Fair*

March 25, 2023 at 10:25 AM



“ *William Fair*

October 13, 2022 at 08:33 AM



“ *My deepest sympathy during your time of sorrow but knows that the God of comfort is with you all during this time of tribulation. (2Corinthian 1:3-4) Due to the many unforeseen occurrences that brings tragedy to our lives Jehovah God promises one day soon Death will be no more (Rev 21:3-4) and his son have been given the authority to bring all those in the memorial tombs back to life. John 5:28-29 What a wonderful prospect for our future.##imported-begin##Carter##imported-end##*

July 02, 2010 at 02:21 PM



“ *I am so sorry for your loss.##imported-begin##Ruth##imported-end##*

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“ Please accept my condolences for the loss of your loved one. Daniel 12:2 says- " And there will be many of those asleep in the ground of dust who will wake up." May you receive much comfort and strength from this divinely inspired promise until it occurs.##imported-begin##Sharon Hill##imported-end##

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“ Hello Family & Friends , I am so sorry to hear of your loss and I am offering my condolences. The scriptures can be of great comfort to us all. I am reminded of the scripture at John 5:28,29 where Jesus says "Do not marvel at this, because the hour is coming in which all those in the memorial tombs will hear his voice and come out." May you be comforted by this scripture.##imported-begin##Sophia Briscoe##imported-end##

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“ My condolences are with your family.I'm very sorry to hear about your loss. Although no words of sympathy can ease the loss you bear, God's Word will bring you comfort and help grief disappear, so on this God of comfort call, tell Him your every care, He will help you to endure. (Isaiah 25:8....Revelation 21:4). May you find comfort in precious memories of a life lived to it's fullest.##imported-begin##Josephine##imported-end##

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“ *God Knows best and God is always in control. As long as we keep our hands in God's hands he will always work it out. I'm not just praying for you, I'm praying with. Love vicki Fair-holmes, In God We Trust##imported-begin##Vicki Fair -Holmes##imported-end##*

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