



William V. Gwathmey Sr.

March 11, 1932 - August 5, 2020

William “Bill” Vincent Gwathmey passed away unexpectedly on August 5, 2020 of natural causes. Born on March 11, 1932 in Manhattan, New York, he was the son of the late Gertrude Lee (Gwathmey) Mayfield.

Bill was educated in the Baltimore City Public School system, graduating in 1949. Although trained as a shoemaker, he worked in a variety of jobs (including over 12 years at General Motors) before returning to school in the 1960’s to pursue his technical interests. Bill first attended Baltimore Junior College (now Baltimore City Community College) and later graduated from the former Radio, Electronic, and Television School (RETS) that was located in Halethorpe, MD. After a brief stint in radio as both a board operator and announcer to gain experience, he was hired as a technician with the American Telephone and Telegraph (AT&T) Company. For the next 25 years until his retirement in 1989, Bill rose through the corporate ranks and eventually became one of the first African American supervisors in the Baltimore region. Later as a Field Instructor, he traveled extensively to conduct staff trainings on electrical transmission equipment at station sites both nationally and internationally. After his time with the telephone company, Bill continued to maintain an active lifestyle by keeping up with family, church events, and current affairs.

He was a 60 year member of Providence Baptist Church in Baltimore, staying particularly active in the Men’s ministry. Always making friends wherever he went, “Mr. Bill” as many called him was also known for being a great listener,

often saying that, "...a good pair of ears can wear out a thousand tongues." Bill is survived by his son Michael (Regina), his two grandchildren Marcia and Theodore, as well as a host of nieces, nephews and friends. He was preceded in death by his wife Margaret and sister Evelyn.

A graveside service will be held on Friday, August 14, 2020 at the Woodlawn Cemetery in Baltimore for only the immediate family due to COVID-19 concerns. However a memorial service is planned for Spring, 2021.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the Providence Baptist Church in Baltimore, Maryland <http://www.providencebaptistchurchinc.com/>

Cemetery Details

Woodlawn Cemetery

Previous Events

Grave Side Service

AUG **14**. 11:00 AM (ET)

Woodlawn Cemetery
2130 Woodlawn Drive
Baltimore, MD 21207

Tribute Wall



“ *William V. Gwathmey Sr.*

October 13, 2022 at 08:33 AM



“ *My God, my God. God has truly taken a good man from our equation. I for one will truly miss Mr. William, as I called him. While I was the evening attendant at Providence he and I had many intellectual conversations together. I considered him a wise man and loved to hear his voice. While he worked on our pictorial, he worked for perfection and wanted everyone to be included that could do it. I thank God for Mr. Gwathmey Sr.'s time here on earth. He will be greatly missed.*



Veronica Hunter - August 17, 2020 at 12:34 PM



He was such good friend of my parents and myself as well as a good neighbor. I remember him attending our parties and BBQs at our house next door on Durley Lane . When our lawns were overgrown he paid for the lawn care company to cut the grass. I'll miss him very much.

Christiaan Schildt - October 04, 2023 at 02:09 PM



“ *It's difficult to put into words what Bill meant to me. He was a mentor, role model, father figure and friend. He cannot be replaced and my heart aches at his loss. I can only believe that he lives on in another place to be reunited with us at a future time. He loved and was loved and that is the greatest experience we can have on this Earth. To my "brother" Michael, know that I am here and stand with you in your grief until we can smile again. Love, Elaine*

Elaine Wood - August 14, 2020 at 12:12 PM

NT

“ My family was sadden to learn of the passing of William "Bill" Gwathmey. He was a kind and friendly gentleman. Providence Baptist Church has lost a gentle giant . Rest in peace my friend. Our loss is heaven's gain.

Sincerely,

Jacqueline & Nathaniel Thomas & Family

Nathaniel & Jacqueline Thomas - August 14, 2020 at 09:01 AM

JM

“ Dear Familybof Dear Brother Bill
Always a kind, polite and respectful gentleman. Often seeing him at the world renowned "Area Players", attending worship and working in the kitchen. A gentle sole working to building the kingdom of God here on earth. Your presence will be missed but your spirit will not be forgotten. Rest in Heavenly Peace. 🕊️🎀👥
Heartfelt condolences to the family.
Joyce A Morton PBC



Joyce A Morton - August 13, 2020 at 08:00 PM

BR

“ Bill will always be remembered for his friendly attitude, kind regard for others and sense of humor. He was a faithful member of our church and the VAR Club. He will truly be missed. Barbara Roberts

Barbara Roberts - August 13, 2020 at 12:49 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 - August 11, 2020 at 03:23 PM

JC

Bill was always there when you needed him. I am still in shock. So easy going , such a friend. I will miss you by I will never ever forget you.

Love Judie Cephias

Judith Cephias - August 14, 2020 at 03:37 PM

JC

Not by. But but I will never forget you

Judith Cephias - August 14, 2020 at 03:39 PM

SC

On behalf of the entire Goode family we offer our deepest sympathy. Mr. Bill was a wonderful landlord. But he was also a kind and gentle friend. Heaven is truly getting an amazing angel. God Speed Mr. Bill.

Sandra Crawley - August 17, 2020 at 07:35 PM