



William J. Staples

July 8, 1926 - September 22, 2006

WILLIAM JUNIOR STAPLES was born on July 8, 1926 to the late Asa and Nannie Staples in Prince Edward County, Virginia. He was the second-born and oldest son of their six children. He received his early education in the Prince Edward County Public School System. After moving to Baltimore with his parents and siblings in the 1940s, he later desired to and joined the United States Naval Service on April 3, 1944. A veteran of World War II, he was stationed in Great Lakes Naval Supply Depot, where his rating was earned as an AS, S2/C S 1/C. Upon completion of his service duties, he was given an honorable discharge at United States Naval Personnel Separation Center in Cambridge, Maryland; and received the Pacific Theater Ribbon, American Theater Ribbon and the Victory Medal. On July 1, 1949, he met and married his devoted wife of 42 years, Laura Mae White Staples, who preceded him in death. From this union, two children were born; one son, Wilson, who preceded him in death, and one daughter, Lavone. Mr. Staples also had one brother, Samuel Staples who preceded him in death. On July 14, 1961, he was led by God to join the Faith Baptist Church under the leadership of the late Dr. Walter Ellis Paige, and he also served under the current pastor, Dr. Gregory Maddox. He served faithfully on the Male Usher Ministry, Male Chorus and Sunday School Ministry, until his health no longer allowed him to. William was a loving and committed father, grandfather and great-grandfather whose presence will be deeply missed. Quieted in spirit, his love for the Lord was extended and expressed through his favorite scriptures,

Psalm 23 and Psalm 121, and his favorite hymn, "Jesus Keep Me Near The Cross." On Friday, September 22, 2006, William entered his heavenly home. He leaves to cherish his memory: a devoted, loving daughter and son-in-law, Lavone and Raymond Ellis, Sr.; daughter, Letitia Herring; three devoted grandchildren, Rakisha, Tanya and Raymond Ellis, Jr.; two loving great-grandchildren, Taniyah and A'Naye; one brother and sister-in-law, Charlie Lynn and Doris Staples; three sisters, Cornelia Watkins, Emma Pembroke and Jennie Staples; and a host of nieces, nephews, friends, and a supportive church family, the Faith Baptist Church.

Tribute Wall



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“ *To the family and friends: Please accept my sincere condolences for your loss. I too have lost loved ones in death. Even though we know that death is inevitable, it is still difficult to accept. God’s original purpose was not for us to ever die. The thought of death is heartwrenching to us and it always will be because Jehovah God has created within us the keen desire to live forever. We never get used to death. We feel deep down in our hearts that this should not happen because, “Even time indefinite he (God) has put in their heart,” says Ecclesiastes 3:11. One of the wonderful parts of his plan is the hope of the resurrection of dead loved ones. (John 5:25, 28, 29). Just imagine our loved one coming back to life in the most beautiful earthly paradise you could ever imagine! Wouldn’t it be wonderful to greet them, tears of joy running down your faces and knowing that you will never lose them in death again. Please be assured that Jehovah God loves us and wants the best for us. Take comfort in the promise that he has given us at (Rev. 21: 3-5) of a new earth where there will be no more death. These promises have brought comfort to millions. I wish the same for you.##imported-begin##Senita Swann##imported-end##*

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