



William M. Downing

May 28, 1946 - May 22, 2005

William Matthew Downing Sr. (better known as Jit) was born to the late Beatrice and Maggie Downing on May 28, 1946 in Roper, North Carolina. William departed this earthly life on May 22, 2005 in the arms of his Beloved daughter Regina Downing. William attended public schools in Washington County, North Carolina. He later came to Baltimore, Maryland where he met and married Vernice Spencer Downing who preceded him in death on February 2, 2005. William and Vernice devoted over thirty-seven years to their marriage. William was a humble yet quiet and loving man who loved his family dearly. He would do anything he could to help anyone who needed him. Before God called William home his greatest concern was that his children would be okay. William worked at Bethlehem Steel for a number of years until his health declined. William leaves behind to cherish his memory: a daughter, Regina Downing; a son, William Downing Jr. and his wife Lakeyta; a stepdaughter, Sharon Whitney and her husband Lewis; a brother, Wade Downing and his wife Rosanna; and a sister Sarah Lucas. Raised as his sisters are: Annie James and her husband Freeman and Annie Knox and her husband William. He also leaves: two aunts, Eva Smallwood and Pauline Bowles; three uncles, Monnie Downing Sr., John Smallwood, Doc Downing; and eight grandchildren. Through marriage, he also leaves eight sisters-in-law, and five brothers-in-law, Mamie Whitney, Charolette Whitney, Roosevelt and Luvenia Spencer, James and Ella Channel, Lewis and Annie Bell, Sarah Spencer, Preston and Arthelia Spencer and Freeman and Cecilia Spencer; a

host of nieces, nephews, cousins and friends.

Tribute Wall



“ *William M. Downing*

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“ *William M. Downing*

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“ *To the family, please accept my sincere condolences during this time of your loss. Please read and find comfort in Psalms 34:18; John 5:28,29 and Rev. 21:3,4. God promises to do away with death and the pain that it causes. May these scriptures bring you strength and encouragement during your time of sorrow.##imported-begin##Sean##imported-end##*

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“ *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##*

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“Dad, all your pain is now over. Rest in our havenly Father's arms with no worries. Love your Daughter##imported-begin##Regina Downing##imported-end##

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“Please accept my condolences on the passing of the one that you loved. The Bible at Hosea 13:14 says "From the hand of Sheol (mankind's common grave) I shall redeem them; from death I shall recover them. Where are your stings, O Death? Where is your destructiveness, O Sheol?" Take comfort in this scripture knowing that soon death will be a thing of the past and you will see your loved one again (John 5:28,29) by means of a resurrection that Jesus Christ spoke of when he was on earth.##imported-begin##Sophia Briscoe##imported-end##

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“May God Bless You and your Family.##imported-begin##Robert &Randall Seibold##imported-end##

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