



Willie Wallace Baker

March 24, 1944 - January 15, 2012

On Sunday, January 15, 2012, Our Lord touched the hand of His son, WILLIE WALLACE and said, "Come home my child and rest. Your suffering is no more."

Wallace, born on March 24, 1944, was the first of four sons born to Willie and Fairmean Baker in Baltimore, Maryland. He began his Christian experience as a child and was baptized at Zion Baptist Church in East Baltimore. During his high school years, he served as a Junior Deacon and was later a scout leader.

He received his education in the public schools of Baltimore City. He attended Baltimore City College High School, graduating in 1962. Upon graduation he entered into what was then Morgan State College. While there, he was very active in civic and social clubs and organizations, including the NAACP. In his junior year at Morgan, he was elected Class President.

Also at Morgan, Wallace was initiated into the Beta Alpha Chapter of Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Inc. in October of 1963. After graduation he joined Delta Lambda Chapter and later was a charter member of Rho Tau Lambda Chapter on November 8, 2008.

While at Morgan State, Wallace was in the advanced R.O.T.C. Program. He was commissioned as a 2nd Lieutenant serving his country as a Military

Intelligence Officer with the United States Army while in Vietnam. He was honorably discharged after completion of his two years of Service.

After returning home from the service, Wallace married his high school sweetheart, Artrice Diane Holeman on January 25, 1969. From this union one child was born, W. Wallace Baker.

Wallace began his employment at the Department of Natural Resources and retired from the Department of Environment as the EEO Director after twenty-eight years of service.

A life long learner and advocate for self development, Wallace finally completed his educational pursuits by obtaining his Doctor of Philosophy (Ph. D) in human Resource Management.

If you knew Wallace, you knew he was a people person and a jokester. He enjoyed lively conversation and was a great debater. He never met a conversation he didn't like. He always had something to say, an opinion to share, and often talked over others just to make his point. He was a kind and responsible man of substance. Wallace was an avid reader, buying and reading four to five newspapers every Sunday. Learning and reading were some of his greatest passions in life. He was an excellent cook and enjoyed entertaining. Wallace was a consummate "GQ" man because of his style, speech and spirit.

Though his sudden departure has saddened us all, he will be fondly remembered and greatly missed.

Wallace leaves to mourn: his wife of forty-three years, Diane; his son, Wallace; his brother, Walter; his Alpha Brothers; and host of other relatives and friends.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Willie and Fairmean Baker and two brothers, Wess and William Baker.

Cemetery Details

Garrison Forest Veterans

11501 Garrison Forest Road
Owings Mills, MD

Previous Events

Public Viewing

JAN 23. 8:30 AM - 8:00 PM (ET)

March Funeral Homes - East Baltimore
1101 East North Avenue
Baltimore, MD 21202
(410) 727-3300
info@marchfh.com

Wake

JAN 24. 10:00 AM - 10:30 AM (ET)

Zion Baptist Church
1700 N. Caroline Street
Baltimore, MD 21205

Service

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Tribute Wall



“ *Willie Wallace Baker*

October 13, 2022 at 08:33 AM



“ *I'm so sorry for your loss and would like to offer my condolences to your family. Death is such a terrible thing for a family to go through, I actually lost my mom 3yrs ago. I'm truly grateful that I have the truth about death and look forward to the future when there will be a resurrection of both the righteous and the unrighteous.”—ACTS 24:15. I'm sure you would love to see your loved one again in the coming Paradise here on earth! Again so sorry for your loss!!*

Ms Springer - January 29, 2012 at 11:08 AM



“ *To the family and others--Bro. Wallace was quite the inspiration and helped with my transition to MDE and growth in state government. Witnessing his character and skill in the workplace while benefitting from his friendship have been invaluable to me. His humor, personal style, strength and candor will never be forgotten. Know that he made a positive difference in so many people's lives. Be emboldened by those experiences and memories. He remains a great man.*

*--R. McIntire
Former colleague & fraternity brother*

Richard McIntire - January 24, 2012 at 12:18 PM

JB

I must echo Bro. McIntire's comments about Bro. Baker. I only learned today of his passing and want to express my deepest sympathy in his passing. It has been a number of years since we last saw each other at the Montgomery Park Business Center, but I will remember his smile, sense of humor, pleseant personailty, and his wise counsel as his greatest attributes. He is gone from this life, but his kindness and manily deeds for all mankind will forever burn bright.

*Bro. James Butler
Maryland Lottery*

James Butler - January 25, 2012 at 08:30 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 - January 24, 2012 at 11:12 AM