



## Willie Paul Minigan

June 3, 1929 - October 16, 2017

Many people saw our daddy as a quiet man who pretty much stayed to himself. Unless you were his children, you many not have ever know that our daddy was a Hero. We give respect to the man that not only put his family first; but, also fought for our Country in the United States Army.

Our Super Hero, Willie Minigan and to others also known as "Paul" and "Sonny Don't Run," was born on June 3, 1929 to Reatha Minigan. He lived in Darlington, SC with his mother and younger brother Frank Minigan. Daddy, as we called him, would often tell us about his younger years and the love his mother had for the both of them. Early on, daddy knew they were very poor. One of his biggest problems was when the rent man came around month after month collecting money for the shack they called home. "It was life in a strange time" as he would put it. He was determined to move our grandmother and uncle away from that environment. You see, our daddy was about making moves that made a difference. He referred to it as "Charting His Own Course". At the end of 5th grade, daddy charted his course by leaving school and joining the United States Army. During is service time, daddy received an allotment for himself and sent money home to his mother. He risked his life to make a better way for our grandmother and uncle. That's where the story of our Super Hero Soldier begins...

According to daddy's DD214 service tag #EA14-208-322, he was a member of

the United States Army Private Second Class. Daddy's military occupation was Mortar Assistant. He was an indirect fire infantryman and a member of the Mortar Combat 12th Infantry. In other words, our daddy was on the front lines and he handled the most powerful and longest range of any weapon in the infantry unit. His firearm was a MKM M1 Rifle 46. Only our brother Duke knows what this means, but were sure it was something powerful as daddy was that type of guy. He always wanted and demanded "The Top of the Line".

Daddy served in World War II, where he received the World War II Victory Medal and the Army of Occupation Medal (Japan); He reenlisted and served in the Korean War, where he received the Korean Service War Medal with 3 Bronze Stars; United Nations Service Medal; Counter Intelligence Badge; Occupational Medal (Japan), Occupational Medal (Germany) and the National Defense Service Medal. Our daddy received an Honorable Discharge on January 26, 1954. Not many children get to have a real life Super Hero...but we did.

Early in his transition back to civilian life, daddy relocated to Baltimore, MD. He obtained his GED and gained employment with the United States Postal Service, where he served 32 years until retirement in 1988. Our daddy loved his job. We can't remember a day when he was out of work. Following retirement he took a job at the Sheraton Hotel Airport.

Our daddy found a new love when his first baby boy "Candy" was born. Later, he met and married the late Cecelia Minigan. Our daddy loved our mamma. OMG did he love our mamma. Together, they had three additional children Sha, Pam "The Other One", and Duke. We would show you our childhood pictures that daddy still had hanging on the wall, but someone may laugh at Duke's big head and he'll want to get up to show off how good he looks now.

Our daddy was fun loving and loved to make us happy. When we were little

we loved hiding behind the couch waiting for him to walk in from work to surprise him and welcome him home. He would always bring home Tasty Cakes which we loved. Later, daddy adopted Lacha, our baby sister and our brother Nate (deceased) along with Shawn, Poochie and Willie. Daddy was loved by all of his children.

Our daddy was a special kind of guy. Those who knew him, know exactly what we mean. He loved his two best friends Mr. Jack Daniels & Troll (his human like dog). Daddy also loved to sing. Many of you don't know he authored two songs "Inka Winka" and "Don'tya, Don'tya, Wanna Go Home Now".

On October 16, 2017, our "Slow Walking, Fast Talking Good Looking Boy" as he often referred to himself, went home to find our mother... We can hear him saying these words... "Cecelia, I've been Sitting on the Dock of the Bay"... Our daddy will tell her how he never stopped loving her. We know he has already asked her "Where We Going with This" then he gave her that soft laugh. OMG we will miss this man...

We can hear him calling all of his children by name right now: William Minigan, Sharon Minigan, Pamela (Terrence) Finley, Derek (Tiffany) Minigan, Talacha Phillips, Darlene Overton, Shawn Phillips and Willie (linda) Gladney, saying "Tell Sha to Stop all that Talk About Fighting". Now he's call his Granchildren: Daedra Minigan, TaSharra Minigan, Kailen Minigan, Carl Blocker, Lashay Minigan, Terence Finley Jr., Tory Finley, Tyree Finley, Derek C. Minigan Jr., Derek R. Minigan, Alexis Salmon, Nia LeGree, Rufus, LeGree, RayShawn LeGree, Khani LeGree, and Brittnie Overton telling them "Don't let Nobody Put That Dam Blanket Down On The Ground" Daddy would also call his great-grands...Zarie and Harlee, his two apple dumplings and the three samurai worriers Waun, Vaun, & Quan along with a host of new babies and other family and friends (of Virginia Avenue) including his goddaughter Dena Tuggle

saying..."Give My Love to Everybody and Keep a Little for Yourself"

# Cemetery Details

## Garrison Forest Veterans

11501 Garrison Forest Road  
Owings Mills, MD

# Previous Events

## Public Viewing

NOV 2. 2:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

March Funeral Homes - West Baltimore  
4300 Wabash Avenue  
Baltimore, MD 21215  
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## Wake

NOV 3. 11:00 AM - 11:30 AM (ET)

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## Service

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# Tribute Wall



“ *Willie Paul Minigan*

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October 13, 2022 at 08:33 AM



“ *I am so sorry to hear of the loss of your loved one and offer sincere condolences to the family .May you be comforted by many fond memories and by knowing God provides comfort (2Corinthians 1:3,4).*

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**A.** - October 29, 2017 at 06:34 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.*

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**March Funeral Homes** - October 26, 2017 at 08:45 AM