



Willie Oneal Porterfield

December 25, 1925 - February 15, 2018

Willie Oneal Porterfield was born on December 25, 1925 in Swansea, South Carolina to the late Ellis and Leola (Williams) Porterfield.

Brother Porterfield was educated in the South Carolina school system. He proudly served in the United States Army from 1945 until 1947. He was awarded two bronze stars for his valor in the Battle of Normandy. He was one of the first African American troops to liberate the concentration camps in France.

At an early age, Willie accepted the Lord Jesus Christ as his Savior at Mt. Moriah Baptist Church in Swansea, SC.

On March 1, 1947, upon returning from his military tour of WWII, Willie married the love of his life, Ethel Clay Glover (who preceded him in death). From this union one daughter, Dorothy, was born in South Carolina. After moving to Baltimore, five more children were added to this union: Rosa, Morris, Loretta, Vanessa, and Marcelus.

Willie was employed with the Bethlehem Steel Corp from 1949 until he retired in 1983. He was a faithful member of Christian Memorial Church where he proudly served on the usher board, as treasurer, until his health began to fail.

Willie loved to watch baseball games and take his children to baseball games. He and Ethel always took their children for long drives after Sunday dinners. He was a good neighbor and loved to garden. His lawn was the best-looking lawn on the block!

Dad, as he was affectionately called by all family members, was protective of all his children and grandchildren. Dad was a stickler for education and saw that each child graduated on time from high school and college. He also became the school bus driver for all of his grandchildren. He watched over each of his grandchildren until they became old enough to care for themselves.

He leaves to cherish his memory: his six devoted children: Dorothy, Rosa, Morris (Cora), Loretta (Dwight), Vanessa, and Marcelus (Junko); thirteen dear grandchildren, Casella (Craig), Montressa, Markeith, Oneika, Michael Lee, Anthony (Elizabeth), Alvin Jr. (Jocelyn), Daryl (Desiree'), Morris Jr., Amber, Stephen, David, and Kai; thirteen sweet great-grandchildren, Jordon, Cayla, Arrin, Drew, Troy, Aryan, Cameron, Andrea, Leighann, Reid, Athena, Delaney, and Apollo; two sisters, Jesse Pearl Henderson and Ethel Jones of Cleveland, Ohio; one brother, Johnny Porterfield of Colorado; four sisters-in-law, Helen Porterfield, Mert Porterfield, Maggie Bell Porterfield all of South Carolina and Elizabeth Glover of Baltimore; and a host of other relatives and friends.

Cemetery Details

Garrison Forest Veterans

11501 Garrison Forest Road
Owings Mills, MD

Previous Events

viewing

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

March Funeral Homes - West Baltimore
4300 Wabash Avenue
Baltimore, MD 21215
(410) 542-2400
info@marchfh.com

Family Hour

FEB 23. 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM (ET)

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Wake

FEB 24. 10:30 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

Christian Memorial Baptist
W.North Ave. and Payson Street
Baltimore, MD

Service

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Tribute Wall



“ *Willie Oneal Porterfield*

October 13, 2022 at 08:33 AM



“ *Thanks for the memories, I remember my father Printice Murphy & Willie Portifield was friends and belonged to the same lodge. I knew him all my life Good Man! Rest In Peace and my condolences to the family!*

David Murphy



David Murphy - February 24, 2018 at 09:13 PM



“ *Respectfully, your nepehew, James Porterfield purchased the Joyful Memory for the family of Willie Oneal Porterfield.*



Respectfully, your nepehew, James Porterfield - February 19, 2018 at 10:44 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 - February 19, 2018 at 06:12 PM