



## York Eggleston Jr.

December 21, 1932 - February 4, 2013

York Eggleston, Jr. was the third of eight children born December 21, 1932 to the late York and Ophelia Eggleston. In his early years, he joined Zion Baptist Church where his parents were members. He was educated in Baltimore City Public School and attended Paul Lawrence Dunbar Senior High School where he was a stellar athlete in many sports. He was elected to the Dunbar Hall of Fame for his outstanding football Skills. In February 1951 he graduated from Paul Lawrence Dunbar High School and entered the United States Marine Corp where he was on the boxing team, played football at Camp Lejeune, and was honorably discharged with the rank of sergeant in 1954.

York attended Morgan state University and the University of Maryland. He graduated from the University of Maryland with a degree in education. He worked as a science teacher for one year at Frederick Douglas Senior High School, but his first love was always sports. He accepted a position at Fairmount Hill Vocational High School as a Physical Education Teacher and Coach. He made a significant impact on the students at Fairmount Hill and enhanced the East Baltimore community by starting a football team for the neighborhood youth. The youth he worked with looked up to him, as he provided discipline, structure and a superb work ethic to equip them for their future.

York's family will always fondly remember him as a hard worker, firm, but

loving, very competitive in the sports of football, boxing, pool, horseshoes and basketball- even in playing jacks and pick-up sticks. He trained his children and youth he worked with “ to be the best that they could be.” He Combined a sense of humor on family camping trips as he taught unity, responsibility and survival skills. He was also an entrepreneur who owned several houses in the city. Using these houses, he put his sons, grandson and nephews to work, training and teaching them skills and instilling in them a commitment to excellence.

He leaves to cherish his memory, his loving and devoted wife, Bessie Eggleston; sons, Francis Thomas, Melvin Eggleston and York Eggleston; daughters, Deborah Wilson, Yolanda Grain and Shanta Church; son-in-law, Malcolm Grain; daughter-in-law, Mary Eggleston; brothers, Joseph Eggleston, George Eggleston and Robert Eggleston; sisters-in-law, Betty Eggleston, Alice Redd, Katherine Autry, and Regina Autry; brothers-in-law, James Autry and Jerome Redd; Godson, Pastor Charles Brooks; 14 grandchildren, 20 great grandchildren; and a host of nieces, nephews and friends. Preceding him in death are his sisters, Bertina White; Louise Mitchell and Ruth Kelly; and his brother, Willie Eggleston.

# Cemetery Details

## Garrison Forest Veterans

11501 Garrison Forest Road  
Owings Mills, MD

# Previous Events

## Public Viewing

FEB 13. 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

FEB 14. 10:30 AM - 11:30 AM (ET)

First Baptist of Pimlico \*\*  
5301 Beaufort Avenue  
Baltimore, MD

## Service

FEB 14. 11:30 AM (ET)

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# Tribute Wall



“ York Eggleston Jr.

October 13, 2022 at 08:33 AM



“ I started my teaching career at Fairmont High and developed a friendship with Mr. Eggleston. He taught me a lot about teaching and coaching basketball. We spent a lot of time playing badminton and he constantly beat me even when he was hurt. He was a good friend and very proud of his son who often showed up at school. He will be greatly missed.

Dan Lyons

Dan Lyons - April 29, 2015 at 05:45 PM



Dan - thanks so much for dropping a note...I just read it - 9 years later when looking at Dads memorial site with My Son, York V. I can truly remember him enjoying your friendship - when I showed up to school many years ago!

York Eggleston, IV - December 18, 2023 at 09:07 PM



“ My condolences to the family. May the spirit of God comfort you during this time!

Sabrina - March 11, 2013 at 11:25 AM

WC

“ I was saddened when I heard about the passing of Mr. Eggleston, I met him when I went to attend Fairmount Hill in 1971, h was the head of the physical education department. Mr. Eggleston was very firm the student body and a great coach for the sports team especially our basketball team, he taught them how to win and accept defeat, all the students loved him and knew what his expectations were, as students we would watch for him to be stationed outside of the gym, he was like a father to so many of us including the girls providing positive advice, what became most surprising to me was in the early years when I discovered the Mr. Eggleston was also from the Edmondson Village Community where I resided and grew up from 1969. He will truly be missed and thank you to his family for sharing him with us



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**Whilemina Cockerham** - February 24, 2013 at 05:52 PM

AV

“ My condolences go out to the family. This must be a difficult time for the family, losing someone that you loved. May you gain strength by the promise of Jesus Christ to restore our dead loved ones back to life with us on earth as stated at Matthew 5:5 and John 5:28, 29.

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**Annitta Verrett** - February 09, 2013 at 07:49 PM

WB

“ May the God of all comfort give you His comfort at this time, as you look to Him for strenght. Psalm 121:1-2. Keeping you and your family in our prayers. Wayne & Karen Brooks

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**Wayne & Karen Brooks** - February 09, 2013 at 03:43 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** - February 05, 2013 at 06:16 PM