

WILLIAM C. BARBER

A Celebration of Life



Sunrise - May 2, 1928

SUNSET - AUGUST 10, 2020

**Thursday,
August 20, 2020**

Friends & Family
Viewing Hour: 10:00-11:00 am
Service: 11 am

Service

**Ralph Williams II Funeral Service Chapel
6503 Old Branch Ave, Temple Hills, MD 20748**

**Officiating: Pastor Oscar Broadie Jr.
Senior Pastor Carmody Hills Baptist Church
6501 Seat Pleasant Dr. Capitol Heights Md. 20743**



Obituary



William Cyphus Barber, the baby of three children born to the late Jesse and Annabelle Barber, entered this world on May 2, 1928, in Rock Hill, South Carolina. Ninety-two years later, on Monday, August, 10, 2020, the Lord called him to his heavenly home.

William gave his life to Christ at a young age. He was baptized, married and worshiped for many years at Ebenezer Baptist Church in Washington, DC. Later, joining Mt Victory Baptist Church in Seat Pleasant, MD, with his wife until her death.

He was formally educated in the District of Columbia public schools. William joined the United States Army in 1950 and was assigned to the 188 Airborne Infantry Regiment, Fort Campbell, Kentucky. He often talked about his military career as a paratrooper and jumping out of airplanes. William was honored when in 2010, Captain Rod Cunningham, US Army, presented him with a plaque honoring his career during the Korean conflict.

William was married to his childhood sweetheart, the late Cynthia Sylvia Davis for over 40 years until her death in 1994. From this union, God blessed them with seven children.

He held several positions in the private sector before starting his federal career at the Executive Office of the President, Office of Administration, proudly displaying annual pictures of him and the Presidents. After retiring in 1990 as a Labor supervisor, William and his wife, Cynthia, opened the Capitol Hill Laundromat which they operated together until her death. He continued to operate the laundromat retiring in 2013.

Although William loved the Washington Nationals and the Washington Redskins, his passion was watching old western on TV.

William was devoted to an deeply loved by his immediate and extended family. A very kindhearted person, he would do whatever he could to help anyone. Many family members, friends and strangers have been the recipients of his generosity. William's legacy of goodness, kindness, wisdom and his willingness to help others will be most remembered.

He was preceded in death by: four sons; Everett Louis, Michael Dana, Terrence Keith and Trent Mark Barber; one daughter, Michele Kim Elliott; two siblings, Theresa Epps and Adolphus Barber.

William leaves to cherish and carry on his legacy, two loving and devoted children, Beverly White and Avery Barber; sons in-law, Sherron Tyrone White and Robert Elliott; daughters in-law, Jean Barber and Mia Crockett-Barber; 15 grandchildren; Everett (Shaun), Dana, Ralph, Shaun (Felicia), Doreatha, Dominic, Jerome, Lamar (Quiana), Avasha, Terrence, Crystal, Tiffany, LaTonya, Donnell, Sydney; two adopted grandchildren, Marion Marion and Venetta Hamilton; 31 great grandchildren; 15 great-great grandchildren; sister in-law, Cordilla Davis, and a host of nieces, nephews, other relatives and friends.

ORDER OF SERVICE



Hymn of Praise

Congregation "I Love to Praise His Name"

Scripture Reading

Old Testament-Psalms 23-Marion Marion

New Testament-John 14:1-4 Crystal Barber

Prayer

Makhai Barber

Musical Selection

"Going Up Yonder"- James Murphy

Expressions of Love

Beverly White, Daughter

Donnell Bullock, Grandson

Ashley Barber, Great Grand Daughter

Jamaya Barber, Great Great Grand daughter

Gail Brown. Family Friend

Acknowledgements

Ladonna Etheridge

Reading of Obituary

Tiffany White

Musical Selection

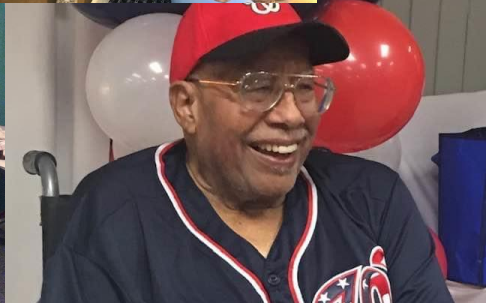
"Precious Lord"- James Murphy

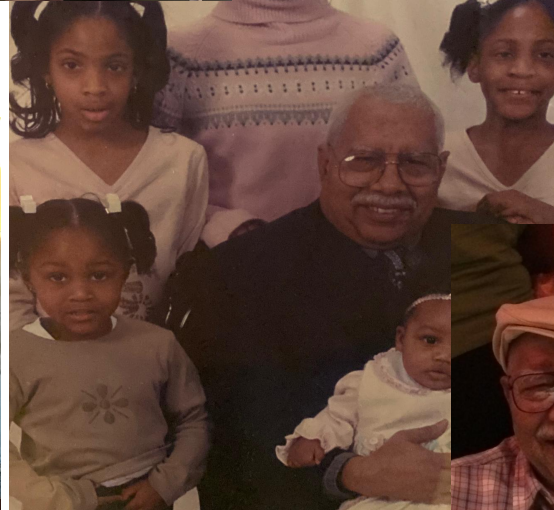
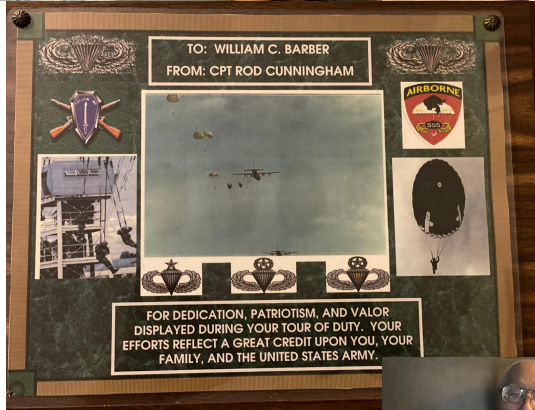
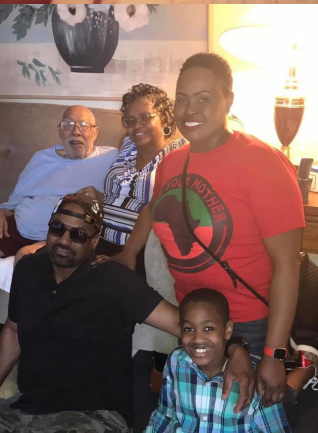
Message of Comfort

Benediction & Reccesional

Pastor Oscar Broadie Jr

"Malachi 4:6: "He will turn the hearts of the fathers to their children, and the hearts of the children to their fathers."





Poem For My Granddad

I know we are all feeling a little bit sad that we've lost our Granddad, our friend, and our dad. Together we have cried an ocean of tears as we feel so empty and hold many fears. But Granddad would want us to know he's in a good place And that he's watching us all with a smile on his face, as we have made him so proud, as proud as can be That he has raised such a beautiful and special family.

Thinking back now, I really must say I feel lucky and privileged to have known Granddad to this day. For in my life, you have played a special part. The memories I will treasure and keep close to my heart.

For me, I am glad I was able to spend many holidays and birthdays with Granddad. And for all of us, be grateful, his life is now complete. To each one of us he has loved and cared.

As a family, be thankful for the good times we shared. Although he has gone, we will always be together, and his spirit will live on in each one of us forever.

When you look to the sky, look for the brightest star, as that will be Granddad looking down on us from afar.

And now I would like to thank the good Lord above. For blessing us with our Granddad, with his kindness and love. Dear God, if it is not too much fuss, take extra special care of our Granddad, for he is very dear to us. Granddad if you are listening, say a prayer for us every day. Be sure to protect us and guide us on our way. We know when God called you, you had to go, but we want you to know, Granddad, we miss you and love you so.

**A Fallen Limb
(Author Unknown)**

**A limb has fallen from the fallen from the family tree.
I keep hearing a voice that says "Grieve not for me.
Remember the best times, the laughter, the songs.
The good life I lived while I was strong.
Continue my heritage, I'm counting on you
Keep smiling and surely the sun will shine through.
My mind is at ease, my soul is at rest.
Remembering all, how I truly was blessed.
Continue traditions, no matter how small.
Go on with your life, don't worry about falls.
I miss you all dearly, so keep up your chin
Until the day comes, we're together again.**



**God saw him getting tired, and a cure was not to be So he put His arms around him and
whispered, "Come to Me,
With tearful eyes we watched him slowly fade away. Although we loved him dearly, we
could not make him stay. A golden heart stopped beating, hard working hands put to
rest, God broke our hearts to us, He only takes the best. Submitted by Doretha**

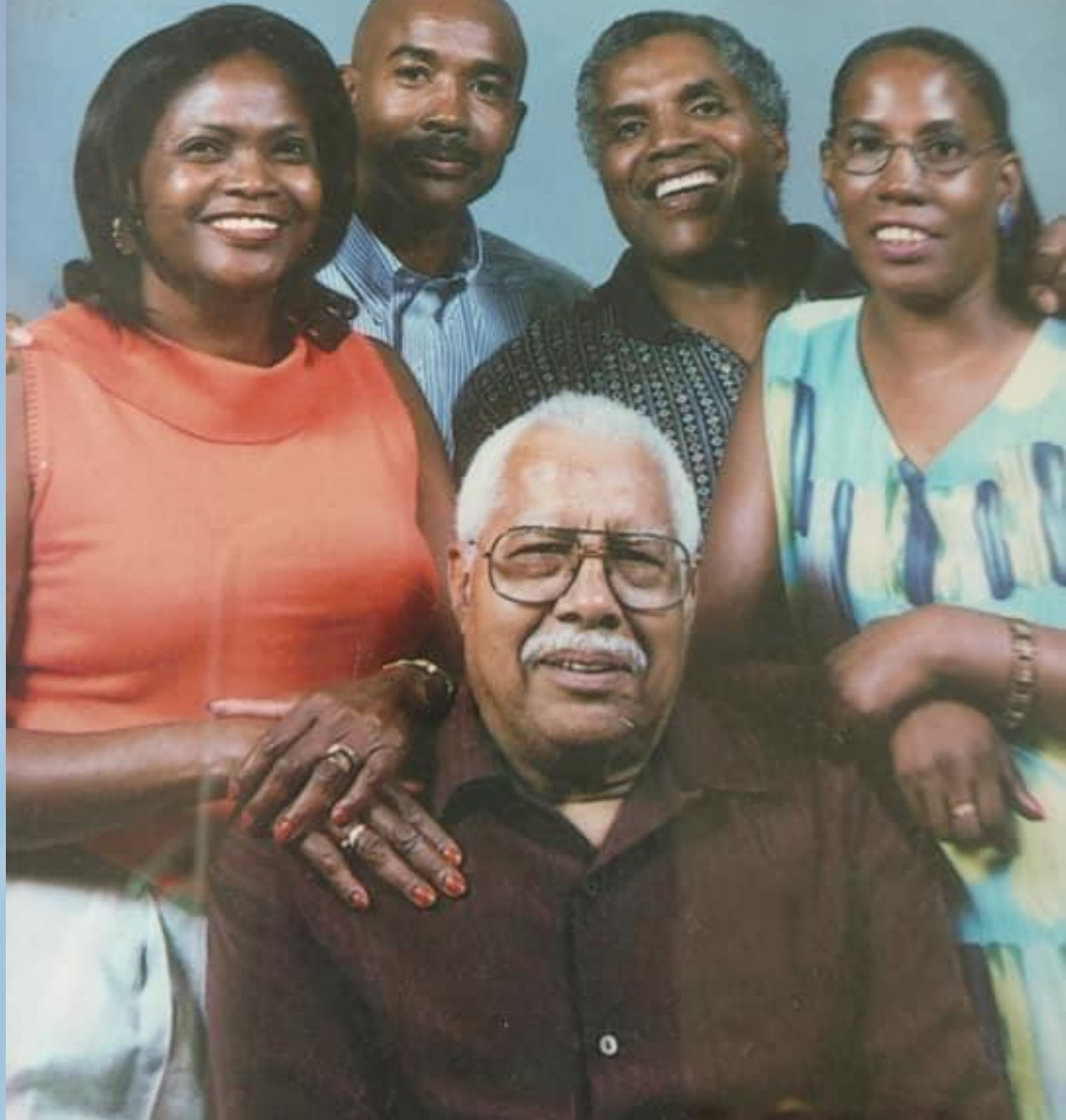


My Dad

**A Father's touch, A Daddy's kiss
A grieving Daughter,
you're greatly missed.
An empty house, An empty couch,
A Fathers love, no longer there.
A broken heart, Tear filled eyes.
Another soul in the sky.
The times we shared,
The laughs we had,
Things I miss when I think of
MY DAD
Beverly**

Miss my Dad

**He loved me for who I was and accepted me for who I was striving to become. Dads are strong for a
reason. Their strength gives us a sense of protection. Now that you are in heaven Dad, I know you will
continue to protect me. Thanks for being my Dad. I will always love and miss you until we meet again.
Avery**



Acknowledgements

We would like to
thank each of you for your prayers, support, love and expressions of kindness
and comfort extended during our bereavement.
All of your efforts are highly appreciated. May God, who sustains us all, pour out His
blessing upon you.

For the love
and patience when caring for our Dad; a
very special thanks to our niece, Dana Johnson

The Family

Arrangements Entrusted to:
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Private Burial Interment
Cheltenham Cemetery
8000 Woodyard Road
Clinton MD 20735