

## *Pallbearers*

Dennis Williams  
Brandon Williams  
Pete Malbon

Lamont Williams  
Antonio Watters  
Nick Pona

## *The Day God Called You Home*

God looked around His Garden  
And He found an empty space.  
He then looked down upon this earth,  
And saw your tired face.  
He put His arms around you  
And lifted you to rest.  
God's garden must be beautiful  
He always takes the best.  
He saw that the road was getting rough  
And the hills are hard to climb  
So He closed your weary eyelids  
And whispered, "Peace be Thine".  
It broke our hearts to lose you  
But you didn't go alone  
For part of us went with you  
That day God called you home.



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## *Celebrating the Life of Howard Andrew Goffigan, Jr.*



*Sunrise*  
*April 2, 1957*

*Sunset*  
*January 17, 2018*

**11AM**

**Thursday, January 25, 2018**  
**First Lynnhaven Baptist Church**  
**2744 Robert Jackson Drive**  
**Virginia Beach, VA 23453**

**Rev. Luther S. Allen, III ~ Senior Pastor**  
**Officiating**

## *Life Reflections*

*God saw that the road was getting rough, and the hills were hard to climb,  
so He gently closed the loving eyes of Howard A. Goffigan, Jr  
and kindly whispered; "Peace Be Thine!"*

Howard Andrew Goffigan, Jr., of Virginia Beach, Virginia departed this life unexpectedly on January 17, 2018. He was the oldest of four children born to the LaRose L. Goffigan and the late Howard A. Goffigan, Sr. on April 2, 1957.

He was educated in the Virginia Beach Public School system. Howard worked at Sentara Virginia Beach General Hospital for many years. While there, he made many friends and was well liked by doctors, nurses, and other support staff. After leaving the hospital, he worked various jobs before settling with Excel Paving Corporation, where he was employed at the time of his passing. Howard was very dependable, and he was a hard worker.

Like his father, Howard loved fishing. Whenever he had the time, he would spend hours at the Lynnhaven Fishing Pier. He was also an avid reader of all types of genre. He and his sister Joan would often trade books since she was an avid reader too and they shared the same interests. Howard loved his daughters and was extremely proud of them. But most of all, Howard loved to spend time with his family, especially his mother, LaRose. He would try to visit her every day even when you could tell he was extremely tired.

Howard was predeceased by his daughter, Demetria Goffigan. He leaves to cherish his memory, his mother, LaRose Goffigan; four daughters, Kesha Goffigan, Adrienne Laconia (Nico), Kelly Goffigan (fiancé, William Hagler) and Brandy C. Goffigan (Daniel Jacobson); four grandchildren, Keyshellya Goffigan, Shawntel Brumley, Gabriel Hagler and Isabella Laconia; two great-grandchildren, Kyrie Taylor and Kameron Taylor; two sisters, Wanda Pona and Joan Stephens (Arnold); one brother, Robin Goffigan; several nieces and nephews, six aunts; three uncles; his companion of 24 years, Brenda Williams and her children, Maryann Hall, Dennis Williams and Leon Williams; and a host of cousins, other relatives and friends.

## *Order of Celebration*

<i>Processional</i>	<i>Clergy &amp; Family</i>
<i>Hymn of Comfort</i>	<i>Rev. Dr. James Harris</i>
<i>Scripture Reading</i>	<i>Rev. Dr. Demetrius Harris</i>
	<i>Old Testament</i>
	<i>New Testament</i>
<i>Prayer of Comfort</i>	
<i>Musical Selection</i>	<i>Minister Rydell Mason</i>
<i>Reflections of Love ~ limit 2 min.</i>	<i>Family and Friends</i>
<i>Silent Reading of Obituary ~ soft music</i>	
<i>Sermonic Solo</i>	<i>Minister Rydell Mason</i>
<i>Eulogy</i>	<i>Rev. Luther S. Allen, III</i> <i>Senior Pastor</i>
<i>Mortician's Brief</i>	<i>Beach Funeral Services Staff</i>
<i>Recessional</i>	<i>"I'll Fly Away" #432</i>

## *Repast*

*The family will receive guests and friends for a fellowship repast immediately following the service in the church fellowship hall.*

## *Expressions of Gratitude*

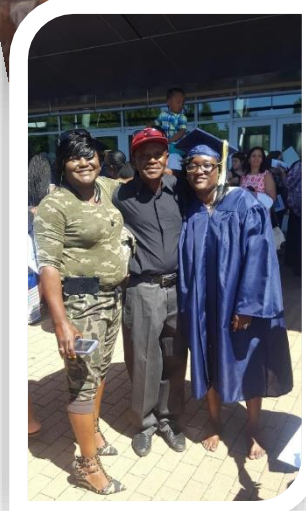
*The Family of the late Howard Andrew Goffigan, Jr. deeply appreciates the many thoughtful deeds, expressions of love and all other acts of kindness shown during the transitioning of our loved one. Your prayers and words of encouragement have been a great source of comfort and peace to us all. May God continue to bless each one of you.*

*-- The Family*

## *Family Reflections*



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*You gave no one a last farewell,  
 Nor ever said good-bye.  
 You were gone before we knew it,  
 And only God knows why.  
 A million times we will miss you.  
 A million times we will cry.  
 If love alone could have saved you.  
 You never would have died.  
 In life, we loved you dearly,  
 In death, we love you still.  
 In our hearts you hold a place,  
 No one else can fill.  
 It broke our hearts to lose you,  
 But you didn't go alone,  
 For part of us went with you,  
 The day God took you home.  
 We will meet again someday  
 I know in a better place.*



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