

Pallbearers

Brothers of the Community

Flower Bearers

Church Ushers

*The man I called Ernest, my brother,
You are someone who was there for me
The man I called brother
Yes you always cared*

*The man I called brother
You made me smile when times were blue
The man I called brother
Was someone very true*

*The man I called brother
We were very head strong & close
The man I called brother
Was always there for me*

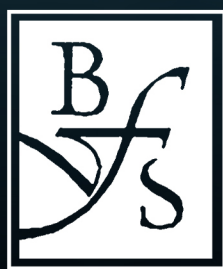
*The man I called brother
Was a Blessing from God above
The man I called brother
Is the man, my brother that I'll always love*

I am not going to say goodbye brother I will see you later...

Love Always, Cathy

Acknowledgement

We, the family of Mr. Ernest George Minns, would like to express our sincere appreciation and gratefulness for all acts of kindness shown to us during the passing of our loved one. It is indeed a blessing to be showered with so much love and support from our many family and friends. We ask for your continued prayers as we embark upon this journey without him.



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A CELEBRATION OF LIFE FOR




Ernest GEORGE MINNS

DECEMBER 2, 1952 ~ JULY 26, 2019

FRIDAY, AUGUST 2, 2019 – 6:00PM

New Jerusalem Church of God In Christ
118 Bishop Thoroughgood Avenue - Virginia Beach, VA 23451

Pastor Jason Knight, Officiating



We Remember George

E. George Minns went home to be with his Heavenly Father on Friday, July 26, 2019 at Virginia Beach General Hospital. Born in 1952, George was the loving son of the late George W. and Mary B. Minns.

He was a graduate of Floyd E. Kellam High School and completed 2 years at Tidewater Community College for real estate and taxation. George was a member of Mt. Zion AME Church where he served on the Senior Usher Board and the Lay Organization. Starting as a young boy, he loved to be outside fixing things. He turned this into a passion and became a self-employed contractor in Property Management. He also followed in his family's footsteps by becoming a mason.

Known to many in the community, he will be remembered as a civil rights activist, leader and an advocate for racial justice with over a 20-year record of impressive victories but most importantly a friend. He was the President of the NAACP Virginia Beach branch from 1987 to 1997. In the 90's, George worked hard for the establishment of the Virginia Beach Minority Business Council and the Virginia Beach Human Rights Commission. He was instrumental in helping to get the first African Americans on the Bench as well as getting state and local black officials elected. As a Virginia Beach native, George loved his community and the preservation of its history. He was the President of the Seatack Community Civic League from 2010 to 2018, where he established Mr. and Mrs. Seatack in 2013.

"Seatack" found its name from the words "Sea Attack", based on British Warships firing canon-balls inland in the 1700s. "Seatack" is the oldest African American community in the United States. Before the Coast Guard was established, Seatack was patrolling the seas with their own version of lifesavers. According to George, the Seatack Community was founded in the late 1700s or early 1800s by free African Caribbean men. He believed that growing up in Seatack gave him an opportunity to experience a well self-sufficient community. He said, "The community worked together and met the needs of the community without outside influences. They grew and hunted their own food and constructed their own buildings." The history of this community and the impact he was able to leave, meant everything to George.

He stated, "Therefore, today, I continue to demand that our God given freedoms to own and use our land; to educate our children; to enjoy all of our rights... I am the third generation of the Minns Family that originally settled in Seatack, Virginia in 1889. This is also why your history is so important." George also loved how Seatack affected his life. "Seatack is more than dirt and buildings... it's in your bones ... it's in your mind, in your heart. It's your soul."

George has gone on to be with his parents, along with his siblings: sister, Ernestine Neal; brother, Timothy Burrell; foster brothers, Raleigh Lee Holly Jr., and Willie Lee Holley, Sr.

He leaves to cherish his memory, his former spouse, Kim M. Crump; daughter, Mary Elizabeth Minns; son, George Wilford Minns, II (Leslie); sister, Catherine Burrell Nance (Clifford); aunt, Geneva Wills; nieces; Keeunsha Burrell and Bree Lawrence Jackson; nephews; Michael Neal, Parris Lawrence-Jackson, and Ishmal Lawrence; and a host of other relatives and friends.

Order of Service

VIEWING
4:00 PM -6:00 PM

OPENING PRAYER
Pastor Jason Knight

REFLECTIONS
(2 minutes please)

READING OF THE OBITUARY
(Soft Music)

MUSICAL SELECTION
The Gregory Brothers

CLOSING PRAYER
Pastor Jason Knight

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