

## *Pallbearers*

Quinton Jamal Akheem Granby    DeAnte T. Turner  
Quinton Ramone Granby        Devon Sills  
Albert D. Granby, Jr.          Robert E. Granby

## *Floral Bearers*

Combined Ushers

## *Acknowledgement*

Thank you for your kind expressions of sympathy. The love you have shown has given us great comfort during this difficult time. It is deeply appreciated and will forever be remembered by the family of William A. Granby Sr.

Also, we would like to give a special thanks to Dr. Gregory Warth, and his team at Premier Medical for many years of dedicated care, as well as the nurses on the Oncology floor at Sentara Virginia Beach General Hospital. Your compassion and willingness to go above and beyond the call of duty, extended our father's life. Words cannot express the gratitude we feel.



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## *Celebrating the Life of*



**Deacon William Anderson Granby, Sr.**

***Sunrise - October 7, 1937 ~ Sunset - April 2, 2022***

**Thursday, April 7, 2022 - 11:00AM**

New Hope Baptist Church  
395 Old Great Neck Road  
Virginia Beach, VA 23454

**Rev. Dr. Luther S. Allen, III - Officiant**

First Lynnhaven Baptist Church  
2744 Robert Jackson Dr.  
Virginia Beach, VA 23452

## Obituary

Charlie Clifton Granby, Sr. and Katie Lyons Granby had their second son, William Anderson Granby, Sr. in 1937, ten years after his sister, Katie (who recently passed away). He was one of 15 children and grew up in the St. John community in Edenton, NC. He was doted on by all of his siblings and particularly spoiled by his sisters who overly protected him. Like most boys in the country, he went to work in the restaurants in Virginia Beach when he became of age. He worked for Nellie Sears who owned Nell's Take Out Bar. After her passing he rented the building from her brother and changed the name to "Granby's Chicken in the Box." Other jobs included work at Terrara Terrace in Jacksonville, NC, Newport News Shipyard and Valley Poultry in Norfolk, VA. Around 1979, he started Granby's Lawn Service with his son, Michael, and operated this business through 2019 when he retired. He enjoyed cooking, gardening, fishing on the pier and boating with his friends. He also enjoyed reciting poems from memory; a favorite poem was "Twas The Night Before Christmas". He was a part of the "Golden Corral Gang" – they met on Mondays faithfully until the pandemic hit, where they ate a lot and talked even more.

He was a member of First Lynnhaven Baptist Church, where he taught Sunday School, Ushered and was a Deacon. He was one of the founders of Rehoboth Baptist Church.

He was married to Mary Elizabeth (Rodgers) Granby for 63 years. To this union were born five children: William Anderson Granby, Jr., Jacqueline Elizabeth Granby Conley, Dora Mae Granby, Cora Faye Granby-Parker (Gene), and Michael Warren Granby (Shawna). Other children include William Earl Johnson (Kathy), Alan LaVerne Curtis (Sandra) and Cornelius Curtis, Sr. (Khadijah). He also leaves 18 beloved grandchildren and 19 great-grandchildren. Also left to cherish his memories are his 5 siblings, Marjorie Treadwell of Jacksonville, NC, Rosa Harrell of Zion, IL, John Granby (Bettye) of Virginia Beach, VA, Mary Hoggard (William) of Chesapeake, VA and James Granby (Sandra) of Tyner, NC. William also leaves a host of nieces, nephews and cousins as well as many special friends.

He was pre-deceased by his seven sisters: Margaret Stevenson, Cora Burton, Katie Crest, Dorothy Granby, Janie Granby, Gloria Cobb and Barbara Granby; two brothers: Charlie Granby and Washington Lyons.

The memory of William, Uncle Buddy, Buddy, Little Buddy, William Anderson, Bill, My Daddy, Grandpa, Brother Granby, Deacon Granby will always be remembered for his loving generosity towards all those who crossed his path and will live on through his children, grandchildren, great-grandchildren, family, friends and everyone he helped and loved. He was blessed with a long and fruitful life, surrounded by those who meant the most to him.

"I have fought the good fight, I have finished my course, I have kept the faith".  
2 Timothy 4:7

## Order of Service

Musical Prelude. . . . .Mrs. Ruby M. Pool

Processional. . . . .Ministers and Family

Hymn of Comfort. . . . .Mrs. Ruby M. Pool

Old Testament: **Isaiah 64:6.** . . . . Pastor William L. Crest  
More Than Conqueror's Church

New Testament: **2 Timothy 4:7-8.** . . . . Rev. Dr. Jeremy McQueen Sr.

Prayer of Comfort. . . . .Deacon Anthony Stanton  
First Lynnhaven Baptist Church

Solo. . . . . Deacon Rodney Lyons, Nephew  
First Baptist Missionary Church Hertford

Acknowledgements and Obituary. . . . . Mrs. Velma Wilson

### Special Poem

Devante Granby-Etheridge, Simeon Granby (Great-Grandsons)

Expressions (Please limit to 2 mins.)

Deacon, Usher, Sibling, Children

Grand-Children, Friend

Solo. . . . .Devyn Granby, Grand-daughter

Resolution. . . . .Mrs. Calandra Goode, FLBC Church Clerk

Selection. . . . . Mrs. Maxine McQueen, Family Friend

Eulogy. . . . .Rev. Dr. Luther S. Allen III, Pastor  
First Lynnhaven Baptist Church

Mortician Moments. . . . . Beach Funeral and Cremation Services

Recessional. . . . . Ministers and Family

Interment. . . . . Colonial Grove Memorial Park  
Virginia Beach, VA

### Repat

E. Ray Cox Convocation Center

