

Life Reflections

Morris Dorsey Gosnell was born April 30, 1942 and departed this life on July 4, 2021. He was the youngest of five, born from the union of James Nicholas Gosnell and Zelda Dorsey Gosnell.

Morris grew up in Baltimore City, Maryland and began his early childhood education in Baltimore City Public Schools. He finished his schooling at Edmondson High School. After attending Edmondson High School, he began his trucking career in the Baltimore region, driving for multiple companies. He soon fulfilled his passion, working with his hands, by becoming employed with Dolfield Warehouse Trucking/Regional Management in February 1979. In November 1986, he received a promotion and started his career at Gardenvillage Apartments and Townhomes as a Maintenance Worker. During employment with Gardenvillage, he was known to be a real character, he excelled at his job and had the tools to prove it! Keeping tools in his truck, car and van. He was affectionately known throughout the company as "Uncle Morris and "Mo". Morris prided himself in assisting anyone in need and at any given time, he could be called for advice or assistance with technical issues. After 40 years of dedicated service at Regional Management he finally retired, along with his tools.

Morris wed Shirley Smith Gosnell in 1964. They were together for 57 years before his beloved wife preceded him in death. From their union they had three children: Lisa Renee Gosnell, Morris Dorsey Gosnell Jr. (who preceded them in death) and Ian Maurice Gosnell. Morris loved to hunt, fish, play horseshoes and spend time with his family. He was also an avid marksman and competed in numerous tournaments. Morris loved to bake cakes and cook chipped beef on Sundays. During the early years of Morris and Shirley's marriage, they loved traveling out of state to visit family. Morris created a horseshoe pit in the backyard of their home and loved pitching shoes after work with friends and neighbors. Often he was teased by his family as being the "grumpy old man", however he was a great father and Pop Pop, always present when needed and never hesitated to give unselfishly when it came to his children and grandchildren. His presence will surely be missed by neighbors, beloved friends, co-workers and loving family.

Morris leaves to mourn his children; Lisa and Ian; one daughter-in-law, Tia N. Gosnell; one sister-in-law, Elvira A. Gosnell; seven grandchildren, Corey, Paris, Jasmere, Amaya, Miles, Kourtney and Samara; three great-grandchildren, Morris, Erin and Antonio, and a host of family and friends.