

CELEBRATING THE LIFE AND LEGACY OF



*Albert Douglas Winchester Jr.*

FEBREARY 2, 1940 - AUGUST 18, 2022

SEPTEMBER 10, 2022

Viewing 10: AM - Service 11:00 AM

Craig Memorial Community Church  
5305 Farmingdale Place  
Capitol Heights, MD 20743

Sherwood A. Walker, Pastor

# *Order of Service*

MINISTER MARY BRACEY, PRESIDING

Processional

Opening Selection

Sister Joyce Dickie

Scripture Reading  
Old Testament

Rev. Peggy Harrod

New Testament

Deacon Anita Walls (FBHP)

Prayer of Comfort

Rev. Stephanie Smallwood

Selection

Sister Queen Young

Church Paper

Trustee Gloria Jackson, Church Administrator

Acknowledgements

Trustee Tonya Hyder (FBHP)

Obituary

Please read Silently

Remarks/Reflections

*\*Please limit reflections to two minutes\**

James (Tommy) Thomas

Trustee Herman Harrod

Min. Margaret Graw (Sister)

Donnie Anderson

Trustee Nancy West (Daughter, FBHP)

Selection

Sister Christian Harris

Eulogist

Pastor, Sherwood A. Walker

Recessional

## *Interment*

National Harmony Memorial Park

## Obituary

**Albert Douglas Winchester, Jr.** affectionately known as "Al" began life's journey February 2, 1940, in Bridgeton New Jersey. He was the eldest of six children born to the late Albert Douglas Winchester, Sr., and Margaret Battle Winchester. On Thursday, August 18, 2022, he closed his eyes peacefully, quietly and went to be with the Lord. He was preceded in death by his parents Albert and Margaret Winchester and an infant brother Richard Allen Winchester.

He attended public schools in Bridgeton, New Jersey and graduated from Bridgeton High School in 1958. A few years after graduating high school, he relocated to Washington DC. After being employed by several companies, he began his career as one of the first African Americans to be employed by the DC Transit Authority (Metro) at the Bladensburg shop in NE, Washington DC, where he worked for 33 years as a Metro Bus Mechanic. He received many awards for his service during his employment. He retired from Metro in 2002.

In his early years he attended Union Temple Baptist Church, in Bridgeton, NJ. Al accepted Jesus Christ as his Lord and Savior and joined Craig Memorial Community Church. He was a dedicated and faithful member and at the time of his death he served as chairman of the Trustee Ministry. His favorite passage of scripture was Luke 10:30-37. He enjoyed his morning prayer and devotions.

Al developed a passion for the game of softball at an early age and played in the little league as a youth and continued to play in other leagues as an adult until the age of 79, where he hung up his ball and glove after winning the championship with a senior league in Montgomery County MD.

Al was a people person who never met a stranger. He was very outgoing. He enjoyed keeping all of his automobiles clean, listening to oldies music, dancing, spending time with family, friends and traveling.

He leaves to cherish his memories his wife of 35 years, Betty Jean Whitaker Winchester, daughters: Nancy D. West of Largo, Md, Wykema Jackson of Waldorf, MD, Connie Williams (Ronald) of Somerset NJ, Tonya Jones of Drexel, PA, son Quintin Hoover (Deanna) of Ocean Pines, Md. Stepdaughter LaVondra Morgan of Fort Washington, MD and stepson Dewayne Morgan of Rocky Mount, NC. Brothers Franklin Winchester (Janet) of Apex, NC, Gerald Winchester, of Clementon, NJ. Sisters Donna J. Thompson and Margaret Graw both of Bridgeton, NJ. Sisters-in-law Janet Winchester of Apex NC, Shelia Wiggins, Debbie Crudup of Rocky Mountain, NC and Glenda Dudley (Bishop Geoffrey) of O'Fallon Illinois. Brothers-in-law Sterling Hannah of Fort Washington, MD, Donald Whitaker (Bea) of Castalia, NC, Michael Hannah of Nashville, NC, Scott Jones (Rochelle) and Craig Jones (Tina) and William Jones (Gwen) all of Rocky Mount, NC. 11 grandchildren, 13 great grandchildren, 9 step grandchildren, and 10 step greatgrandchildren and a host of niece's nephews, relatives and friends.











My Heart is Broken



Love You Dad ❤️

Daughter Nancy





## *You Will Forever Be in My Heart*

Your love has blessed my life  
And I'm so grateful to God  
For choosing me to be your wife  
For 35 years. I couldn't count  
the happy times that you and I  
have shared, I couldn't count the  
many ways you've showed me that  
you cared, I couldn't count my loving  
thoughts and that's because they number  
in the thousands, for you're always on my  
mind. But just as long as memories last and  
wishes still would come true, my deepest  
thoughts will be continued in just three words.

I Love You  
Your Wife Jean (Puddin)

*Therefore, shall a man leave his  
Father and his mother, and shall  
Cleave unto his wife; and they  
Shall be one flesh.*

Genesis 2:24

## *Don't Grieve for Me*

Don't grieve for me, for now I'm free,  
I'm following the path God laid for me.  
I took His hand when I heard Him call,  
I turned my back and left it all. If my parting  
has left a void, then fill it with remembered joy  
A friendship shared, a laugh, a kiss, Ah yes, these things,  
I too will miss. Be not burdened with times of sorrow,  
Lavish the sunshine of tomorrow. My life's been full, I've savored much  
Good friends, good times, a loved one's touch. Perhaps my time seemed  
all too brief, don't length it now with undue grief.  
Lift up your hearts, and peace to thee - God wanted me now.

He set me free.

## *Pallbearers*

Grandsons

## *Floral Bearers*

Family & Friends

## *Acknowledgements*

The family wishes to thank you for your prayers, visits, phone calls and other acts of kindness. We acknowledge with deep appreciation, the wonderful outpouring of sympathy and warm consolation from our many relatives, friends and church family during this most difficult time. You have lifted our hearts with the love you have shown us. We pray that God will bless you and continue to be our light in this darkness.

NOTE: Private repast for immediate family members. However, we invite you to take home a special box lunch.

