



William Byrd,

February 11, 1928 - June 6, 2009

Funeral service will take place at 11:00 a.m. Friday, June 12, 2009 at Zion Missionary Baptist Church, 721 Johnson Street. Pastor Rodrick A. Smith will officiate with interment in Forest Lawn Cemetery. Friends may call at the Browne's Mortuary, 441 North Jefferson Avenue, on Thursday from 2:00 until 8:00 p.m. Deacon William Byrd, Sr. passed away Saturday, June 6, 2009 at the age of 81 years. He was born February 11, 1928 in Baird, MS, the son of Alberta (Jiles) and John Byrd. He was a member of Zion Missionary Baptist Church, where he served as the Minister of Music and on the Deacon Board for many years. He was employed by Rose Pest Solutions for 25 years. Deacon Byrd leaves to cherish his memory, his wife of 62 years, Mary Lue Byrd; six daughters, Mildred Byrd, Barbara (Lunnie) Wright, Bertha (Tom) Jones, Durham, NC, Heleana (Curtis) Robinson, Minnie Green, Darlene (Larry) Byrd-Young; three sons, Sharman (Annie) Byrd, William Byrd, Jr., and Terry Byrd; 21 grandchildren in Saginaw, MI, four in Shreveport, LA and two in Durham, NC; 56 great-grandchildren and two great-great-grandchildren; grandmother, Odie Lee Harris; many nieces, nephews, cousins and friends, including special relatives, the Washington family. He was preceded in death by a son, Robert; daughter, Dorothy; his parents, Alberta and John Byrd; brothers, John Jr. and Nathaniel; sister, Dorothy; grandchildren, Shawnta, Delmar and LaMarkus.

Tribute Wall



“ *Donshella Roberts lit a candle in memory of William Byrd,*



Donshella Roberts - February 17, 2014 at 10:04 AM

LD

“ *To the entire Byrd family,*

My prayers are with you during your time of bereavement. May you rest in the peace knowing Mr. Byrd is rejoicing with his Heavenly Father! I am so happy that I had the pleasure of knowing him! God Bless you all!
Latrice Dozier

Latrice Dozier - June 06, 2009 at 12:00 AM

JB

“ *He was very loving and caring man he loved his family very much, he will be missed by all that love him and knew him.*

Jo Ella Berrien-Green - June 06, 2009 at 12:00 AM

RI

“ In my career at Rose, I truly believe that Bill Byrd is one of the most loyal, caring, committed individuals I have known. During his 25 years with Rose, he demonstrated his care for both clients and coworkers, led his team with integrity, and always sought to perform at his best for the benefit of those who took their lead from him. His love for others was returned in kind, and he will truly be missed. I am confident God will take him gently in his loving arms, as Bill did with so many others that he knew or for whom he took responsibility. God bless Bill, and we are grateful for memories of him to cherish.

Russ Ives - June 06, 2009 at 12:00 AM

TV

“ Ms. Darlene and family,

Words can not express the sorrow I felt when I heard that Mr. Byrd passed away. He will truly be missed by all but is having a joyous reunion with his Lord and savior. Rest in God's arms to get you thru this hard time.

Tonia Vasquez - June 06, 2009 at 12:00 AM

VJ

“ SORRY THAT WE CAN'T BE THERE TO COMFORT YOU ALL IN YOUR TIME OF SORROW PAPA BYRD WILL TRULY BE MISSED FOR HE WAS THE FATHER OF THE NEIGHBORHOOD,KNOW THAT YOU ALL ARE IN OUR PRAYERS AND THAT WE HAVE A DEEP LOVE WITHIN FOR YOU ALL,CAST ALL YOUR WORRIES AND CARES UPON THE LORD FOR HE CARES FOR YOU.

*LIVING FOR AND LOVING THE LORD
VICKI L. JEFFRIES & FAMILY*

Vicki L. Jeffries - June 06, 2009 at 12:00 AM

DM

“ *My prayers are with you and your family*

Diedra Miller - June 06, 2009 at 12:00 AM

LW

“ *Darlene, Mildred, and family I extend to you my deepest heart felt sympathy as well as my prayers during this time of grieving. I pray that you remember and treasure the good times when times of missing your Dad come. He has raised wonderful children and imparted a spiritual legacy into his grand-children. Know that God will never leave you nor forsake you. He will give you peace, restore your joy and allow you to smile again. One day at a time!!*

Lula Woodard - June 06, 2009 at 12:00 AM

MR

“ *TO THE WHOLE FAMILY I FEEL THE LOST DEEPLY YOU WERE AND STILL JUST LIKE FAMILY. TO BE ABSENT FROM THE BODY IS TO BE PRESENT WITH THE LORD. TAKE ONE DAY AT A TIME AND KNOW GOS IS ABLE TO DO ALL BUT FAIL. YOU ARE IN MY PRAYERS EACH AND EVERY DAY. LOVE YA. MITTIE & FAMILY*

MITTIE RUSSELL - June 06, 2009 at 12:00 AM

JW

“ To my extended Family, I will miss Papa Byrd, I alway come by to see them both when I'm visiting back home. Mama Byrd this does not mean I will not come by to see you. To the chidren's please keep the rememerance of his love for all of you, stay together and prayer together and never forget his love for you. Tears and pain will go away. God has him home with him now he will be miss here on earth but,I know he is smiling down on us, we will see him soon, may god bless you all.

Joanne Langston Walker - June 06, 2009 at 12:00 AM