



Bennie Watson Jr

November 19, 1948 - October 20, 2017

Bennie Watson, Jr, native Washingtonian, passed away peacefully on Thursday, October 19, 2017 at Washington Adventist Hospital. He was preceded in death by his parents, Bennie Watson, Sr. and Dorothy (Dida) Watson.

He graduated from Chamberlain Vocational High School in June 1968. After high school, he attended Catholic University as an Art major. He was employed by the DC Dept of Public Works and held various positions, with numerous responsibilities over the years including: Metro construction, downtown zoning, snow removal, surveying and drafting. He supervised summer and permanent employees working on damage assessment and also supervised Maintenance Divisions of sidewalk and alley contracts. Over the years, Bennie received Special recognition for excellence and outstanding performance and received annual award certificates. He was appointed to the Personnel Hiring Review Board which reviewed resumes and made recommendations to the Dept Chair. He retired in November 2003 with 35 years of dedicated service as a Construction Engineer Technician/Quality Control Officer.

He was affectionately known as "Poopa" by many people. He enjoyed music, oldies, doo woop, singing, dancing, fishing, drawing and collecting antiques. He was an avid Redskin fan and never missed watching a game. He loved to have a good time and his smile and laugh could fill any room.

He was a member of Chamberlain Alumni Association, Neighborhood Watch

for Allison St and other Civic and Social Organizations. He was a member of New Hope Free Will Baptist Church where he diligently served on the Usher Board, before declining in health. He also enjoyed visiting Christ Deliverance Community Church.

He was preceded in death by 2 sisters, Forstina (Cookie) Parson, Bernice Henderson and 1 brother, Jarius Watson. He is survived by 2 children whom he loved dearly, his daughter, Delece Scott (Porky) of Jacksonville, FL and a son, Bennie Watson, III, (Bebo) of Silver Spring, MD. He has one granddaughter, Cary Smyzer and 2 great grand daughters, Aubrey Ware and Averie Lawson of Clarksville, TN. His surviving sister, A. Delores Wiggins, whom he affectionately called "my sister Doosie". He had 4 nieces, Telita Butler (Gary), Selece Bowman (Steven) and Selentia Moore (Anthony) and Larry Green (Willie) and 2 nephews, Carl Henderson and Melvin Parson, Jr. He also had a special bond with a Great niece Tia'Lavon Hill and 2 nephews Joseph Butler and Stanford Bowman.

He was well loved in his neighborhood and had many longtime neighbors who will miss him dearly. Among those are Sharon Walker and Billy Fleming, He has a host of other relatives and friends and a very dear and devoted friend Shirlene Wilson, who was by his side to the very end.

Previous Events

Visitation

OCT **28**. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

New Hope Freewill Baptist Church
754 11th Street SE
Washington, DC 20003

Service

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Tribute Wall

MB

“ *Bennie was my mentor, and a true friend. He helped me grow as a young Project Engineer, and taught me how to fish. He even helped me, and my young family when we needed a place to stay. Bless him and his family. I will never forget him.*

Mark Brooks - January 03 at 10:24 AM

EC

“ *WOW.....when I heard that Ben had passed I was shocked. He loved his oldies, dancing and watching the redskins on TV. May GOD be with his kids and grandchildren. Rest in Peace Ben.*



Elaine Cooper - September 17, 2018 at 03:58 PM

DB

“ *I,m sad to hear of the passing of my longtime co-worker and friend for 50 years, poppa poppa. "King Fish" Bennie always made my day more enjoyable and A nicer person would be hard to find! Rest in peace my friend.*

Dan Brown

dan brown - November 22, 2017 at 05:46 PM

CW

“ To Bennie Watson, III, your Sister Bennie, Jr.'s Sister: Our Prayers are with you at this time and always. We are saddened to know that our dear friend has left us; however, we know that God was ready for him. He has been a true friend to us for many years and we will miss calling him and visiting him each time we are in DC.
From Clarence and Doris Williams; Collierville, TN.



Clarence & Doris Williams - October 26, 2017 at 09:29 PM

ZF

“ Zula Franklin lit a candle in memory of Bennie Watson Jr



Zula Franklin - October 26, 2017 at 12:26 AM

ZF

“ You were a great friend, gonna miss You. Condolences to the family!!!

Zula Franklin - October 26, 2017 at 12:25 AM