



Vernon Charles Woodland Sr.

March 20, 1937 - June 22, 2017

Vernon Charles Woodland Sr. was born in Washington, DC on March 20, 1937, to Mary Magdalene and Raymond Burrough Woodland. Vernon attended DC public schools. In August of 1954, Vernon entered the United States Air Force. His interest in music came into fruition in his twenties, while in the Air Force as he and a group of talented singers formed a group known as the “Five Gems”.

Vernon was gifted, a raw talent. A beautiful melodic tenor voice with perfect pitch. After honorably discharging from service. Vernon was hired with the United States Department of Agriculture. Vernon was a true public servant.

He loved his community and was a people person. Vernon was a natural brilliant self-made man. He was also a self-taught man, who had the gifted knowledge of most any subject you could speak of. He was a true “soul brother”. In 1960, Vernon was blessed in marriage to Helen. During Vernon later years, he held various other jobs notably, as a DC cab driver and later a loyal associate with the Bloomingdale’s liquor stores, located in what is now known as the Bloomingdale neighborhood section of NW, Washington, DC. It is here, where Vernon’s, self-taught skills as an accountant first for Bloomingdale’s and later for hundreds of businesses and individuals over a span of decades including preparing a host of family members tax returns as well. It was again his raw talent as a mathematician that showed Vernon’s

unique ability to self-teach himself finance and accounting.

During his final years, Vernon became a community servant, providing countless services in financial management, accounting, and tax preparation. His motto was to serve his community and the least among us first. A public servant who gave and asked little in return. Vernon leaves to cherish his memory, wife, Helen, five children, Paula, Donald, Vernon Jr., Melvin, Annette, and one son who preceded him Edward, daughter -in law, Julie, son in-law Stanley, two brothers, Melvin and Paris, three sisters that preceded him Betty, Maryann and Cassandra, and host of grandchildren, relatives and friends.

Cemetery Details

Quantico National Cemetery

18424 Joplin Rd (Route 619)
Triangle, Prince William, VA 22172
(800) 535-1117
[http://www.cem.va.gov/cems/nchp/quantico.a
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Previous Events

Visitation

JUN 27. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

Johnson & Jenkins Funeral Home
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Service

JUN 27. 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM (ET)

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