

Obituary

Dawson (Dossie) Lee Burnett's life was filled with "firsts!" Born in Camden, Arkansas, he was first of the three offspring of Amanda Burnett Carter and first grandchild of William and Caroline Carter Burnett who retained guardianship of him. They served as Deacon and Deaconess at St. Paul Baptist Church, Ft. Wayne, Indiana where Bro. Burnett joined, attended and served faithfully with them.

Known fondly as PeeWee, he grew up with his aunts and uncles who were more like his brothers and sisters. He received four letters playing football and basketball and graduated fourth in his high school class. After graduation, he joined the U. S. Army, was stationed in Japan and recalled being part of one of the first Negro army units to integrate the army at the start of the Korean War. They literally found themselves, without weapons, being turned back at the DMZ (North Korean Border). After four years in the military, he attended Hampton Institute, played football two years and graduated with a Bachelor's Degree in Accounting. He became the first black professional to integrate the civil service, beginning his career at Erie Army Depot in Ohio. After its closure, he worked for a short time at the depot and returned to civil service as Chief of Reports & Analysis in Cost Accounting, APG, Md. He retired in August 1995 as Deputy Defense Accounting Officer & Chief of The Accounting Division. He met and married the love of his life, Betty Lou Tharp, Ft. Wayne, Indiana. After moving to Maryland, the family joined Mt. Zion under the pastorate of the late Rev. Milton Phillips. He became a member of The Trustees Ministry and financial staff and served faithfully. He was also a proud member of Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Incorporated Iota Lambda Grad Chapter, The Masonic Lodge and life member of the NAACP and American Legion.

He was a stoic family member who felt the Good Lord worked things out well for him. He held dear fond memories of helping rear his grandchildren, Ayana Burnett, Charles (CJ) Sabino III, Jazmyn Sabino, Michael Parham, Jerome Parham and great grandson and namesake, Dawson Burnett-Paul. He felt he lived a full life though predeceased by his wife and son, Dorsey. Left to cherish memories, in addition to those mentioned above, are daughters, Deborah (Thomas) Arrington and Jocelyn (Jerome) Parham and son, Virgil Burnett; grand-daughter Destiny James; great-grandchildren Spirit Burnett, Cenislee Sabino and Jocelyn Young and a host of nieces, nephews, other relatives and friends.

Order Of Service

Presiding.....Min. Stephen Washington

- Prelude.....Musician
- *Processional.....Clergy & Family
- *Congregational Hymn.....#164.....I Have Decided to Follow Jesus
- Scripture Reading
Old Testament.....Jeremiah 29:11-13.....Rev. Ashton Chambers
New Testament..1 Thessalonians 4:13-18...Deacon George Hargrove
- Prayer Of Comfort.....Rev. Dennis Marshall
- Selection.....Sis. Donna Chambers
- Family Memories.....Sis. Deborah Arrington
- Words Of Comfort.....Visiting Clergy
(Please Limit To Two Minutes!)
- Selection.....Combined Choir
- Condolences & Acknowledgements.....Sis. Agnes Minor
- Obituary.....Read Silently
- Selection.....Combined Choir
- Eulogy.....Pastor James C. Williams, Sr.
- Invitation To Discipleship.....Pastor James C. Williams, Sr.
- Selection.....The Choir
- *Benediction.....Pastor James C. Williams, Sr.
- *Recessional.....Pastor James C. Williams, Sr.
*Congregation Stands
- "You grieve because you love and while love changes, it never ends!"***

PALLBEARERS

Mr. Richard Carey Mr. Trevor Chin Mr. James Clark
Mr. Van Jones Mr. Gregory Stansbury Mr. Macon Tucker, Jr.

HONORARY PALLBEARERS

Mr. Anayan Arrington Mr. Terrell Arrington Mr. Jerome Parham
Mr. Michael Parham Mr. Charles Sabino III Mr. Virgil Tharp

FLORAL BEARERS

Ushers Of Mt. Zion

DEATH IS ONLY A PART OF LIFE

We enter this world from "The Great Unknown"
And God gives each SPIRIT a form of its own
And endows this form with a heart and soul,
To spur man on to his ultimate goal.....
For all men are born to RETURN as they CAME,
And birth and death are in essence the same.
And man is but born to die and arise,
For beyond this world in beauty there lies
The purpose of death which is but to gain,
Life everlasting in GOD'S GREAT DOMAIN.....
And no one need make this journey alone,
For God promised to take care of HIS own.
Helen Steiner Rice

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

The family wishes to extend our sincere gratitude for the love and many acts of kindness and caring shown during this time of bereavement.

PROFESSIONAL SERVICES ENTRUSTED TO LISA SCOTT FUNERAL HOME, P. A.

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Havre de Grace, Maryland 21078

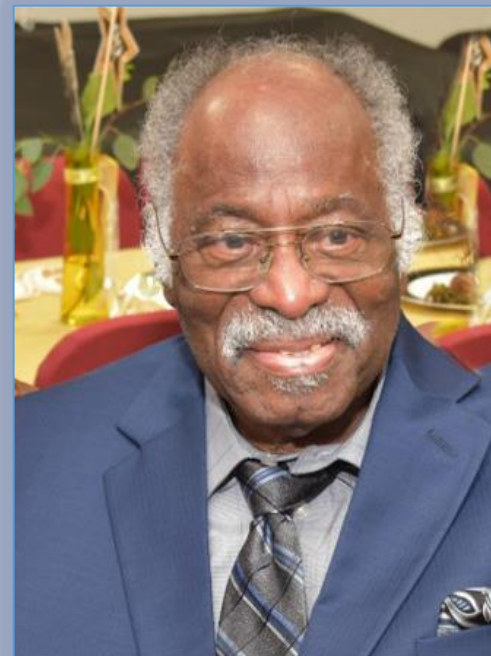
INTERMENT

ST. JAMES UNITED CEMETERY
HAVRE DE GRACE, MARYLAND 21078

Home Going Service For

Sunrise: September 28, 1929

Sunset: February 15, 2020



Dawson (Dossie) Lee Burnett

February 24, 2020

Viewing: 10:00 A. M.

Service: 12:00 NOON

Mt. Zion Baptist Church
520 Lewis Street
Havre de Grace, Maryland 21078
Rev. James C. Williams, Sr., Pastor