

CELEBRATION OF LIFE



MICHAEL BURTON STATON and LEROY STATON

Friday, March 31, 2023

Visitation: 11:00 A.M. | **Celebration of Life:** 12:00 Noon

Queens Chapel United Methodist Church

7410 Old Muirkirk Road
Beltsville, Maryland 20705

Rev. Dr. William E. Butler, Senior Pastor
Rev. Dr. Angela Kittrell, Officiant

ORDER *Of Service*

Processional
Family

Prayer
Rev. Dr. Angela Kittrell

Selection-Psalmist: Sherlita Fox
My Soul Is Anchored In The Lord

Scripture Readings-Tiara Staton
Old Testament : Psalm 23
New Testament: Ecclesiastes 3: 1- 8

Prayer of Comfort
Shanequa Staton

Selection-Sherron "Sissi" Sutton
"I Won't Complain"

Reflections

Dennis Williams (Family friend)
Kimberly Briley (Cousin) on behalf of Ingrid
Queen Bello
Ronald (B.C.) Harris (Cousin)
James Carroll, Sr. (Family friend)
Kenneth Staton (Brother)

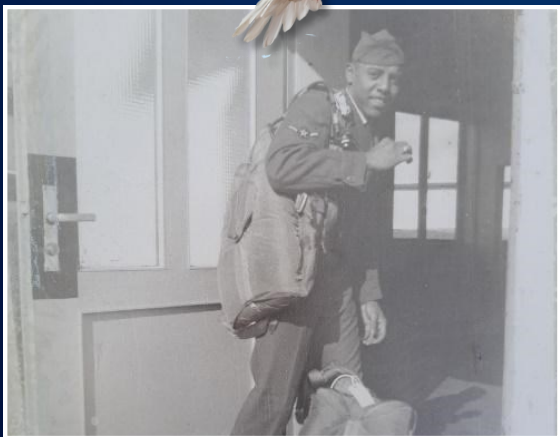
Reading of the Obituaries
Debbie Fletcher
Tracy Staton

Selection-Sherron " Sissi" Sutton
" His Eye Is On The Sparrow"

Eulogy
Rev. Dr. Angela Kittrell

Recessional
"I'll See You Again"

F O R E V E R I N O U R H E A R T S



Forever In Our Hearts

REMEMBERING MICHAEL

J U N E 1 7 , 1 9 5 6 | M A R C H 1 7 , 2 0 2 3

Michael Alexandria Burton Staton was born June 17, 1956, to the late J. C. Burton and Elizabeth Staton. He departed this life on Friday, March 17, 2023. Michael was educated in the Prince Georges County Public School system and graduated from Bowie Sr High School in 1974.

Michael was employed by H. Smith Paving Company for six years and worked various odd jobs over the years. He was also employed by Prince Georges County Public Schools as a custodian for four years. He was a dedicated and reliable worker who took pride in his work.

In his younger days, Michael played sports; softball, football and wrestling. He displayed his strength by mastering 100 pushups non-stop in one sitting. Michael had an infectious smile that would light up any room. You could expect a joke or a funny remark whenever you encountered him. He loved to make people smile and see them happy.

Michael loved family cookouts and being an entertainer. His brother Kenny had to be careful because Michael often took over his James Brown rehearsals and was one of the first and last on the dance floor at his cabarets. Michael was a good person. Even though Michael loved to entertain, he also enjoyed the comfort of being at home, working in the yard and helping family when and where he could. He loved the Lord and read the bible daily.

Michael leaves to cherish his loving memory: Son: Michael Burton, Jr.; Brother: Kenneth Staton; Brother-in-law: Charlie Baker; Nephews: Reginald L. Staton, Ricky Staton, Sr. (Tracy), Marvin Baker and Gerald Staton; Niece: Shirley Grant Wiggins and a host of great-nieces, great-nephews, cousins and friends. His memory will also be forever cherished by his special relationship with his cousin Ingrid Queen Bello.

Michael was preceded in death by: Father: J.C. Burton; Mother: Elizabeth Staton; Sister: Evelyn Baker and Brothers: Kevin Staton, Keith Burton Staton and Jasper(Jay) Staton.

"A Chapter Completed, A Page Turned, A Life Well Lived, A Rest Well Earned"





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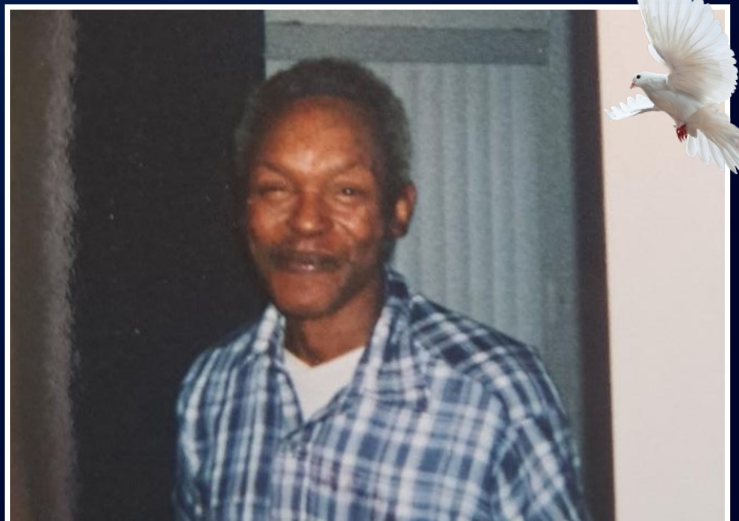
Don't grieve for me for I am free,
I'm following the path God laid for me.
I took His hand when I heard Him call,
I turned my back and left it all.

I could not stay another day,
to laugh, to live, to work or play.
Tasks left undone must stay that way,
I found my peace at the close of the day.
If parting has left you with a void,
then fill it with remembered joy.
A friendship shared, a laugh, a kiss, ah yes!!
these things I too shall miss.

Be not burdened with times of sorrow,
I wish you 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 lengthen it now with undue grief.
Lift up your heart and share with me,
God wanted me now, He set me FREE!!!!

*I fought a good fight.
I finished my course and I kept the faith.
I am ready for my crown of righteousness which
the Lord, the righteous judge,
shall give me. -2 Timothy 4:7-8*



R E M E M B E R I N G M I C H A E L

Forever In Our Hearts **REMEMBERING LEROY**

S E P T E M B E R 6 , 1 9 4 4 | M A R C H 1 8 , 2 0 2 3

Leroy Staton was born on September 6, 1944, to the late Zelmon and Elizabeth Staton. He departed this life suddenly on Saturday, March 18, 2023.

Leroy attended Prince George's County Public Schools and graduated from Fairmont Heights High School in Seat Pleasant, MD in 1962. After graduation, Leroy joined the US Air Force and served for four years until his honorable discharge. During his years served, Leroy was one of the few blacks to be apart of the paratroopers and specialized as a para rigger and para inspector. Leroy also served in the US Air Force Reserves for two years.

Following that, Leroy dedicated 27 years of civilian service in the federal government under the Department of Defense (DOD) at Andrews AFB. His unit at Andrews was apart of the survival unit and the 89th Airlift Wing "The Presidential Wing" aboard Air Force One where his exceptional skills as a master upholsterer were demonstrated. During his tenure in the US Air Force, Reserves and Federal Government, Leroy received numerous awards and accolades. He was also an active member of the NCO Club at Andrews. Leroy also played basketball while in the reserves and his team was called the Andrews AFB NCO Basketball team.

Leroy loved his corvettes and was a member of a Corvette Club called Vettes Underglass. He was called Lowrider and had personalized tags displaying Lowride.

Leroy was a football fan and loved his Dallas Cowboys. You couldn't get him to answer his telephone if Dallas lost the game.

Leroy loved family. He was a well-loved brother, uncle, cousin and friend. He was a quiet, humble and gentle giant. Leroy was willing to help anyone at any given time. He loved family gatherings, especially during the holidays. His favorites were yams and macaroni and cheese. If dessert included a chocolate cake, his favorite, he was in his happy place. His home was the source of many cookouts during the summer where family would gather to enjoy each other, great food and some pool time.

He was a jack of all trades. He was a volunteer team leader for the Christmas in April projects, repairing homes for senior citizens and the physically challenged. He was an excellent furniture upholsterer. He built decks, built a bar with an enclosed aquarium, installed doors... the list goes on. In the words of his neighbors on San Juan Drive, Leroy let his life speak for him.

Leroy leaves to cherish his loving memory: Brother: Kenneth Staton; Nephews: Reginald L Staton, Ricky Staton, Sr. (Tracy), Marvin Baker, Michael Burton, Jr. and Gerald Staton; Niece: Shirley Grant Wiggins; Brother-in-law: Charlie Baker, a bonus son Branden Colbert, close family friends John Bonner and James Carroll, Sr (Stoney) and a host of other great-nephews, great-nieces, cousins, relatives and friends.

Leroy was preceded in death by: Parents: Zelmon and Elizabeth Staton; Sister: Evelyn Baker and Brothers: Kevin Staton, Keith Burton Staton, Jasper (Jay) Staton and Michael Burton.

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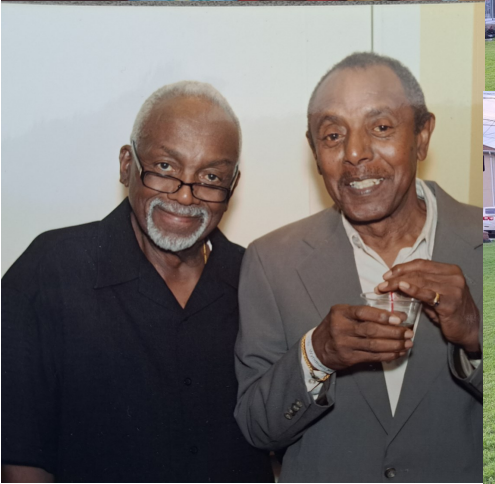


THE MEASURE OF A MAN

The measure of a man is not determined
 By his show of outward strength
 Or the volume of his voice
 Or the thunder of his actions
 Or of his intellect or academic abilities
 It is seen rather in terms of
 the love that he has
 For his family and for everyone
 The strength of his commitments
 The genuineness of his friendships
 The sincerity of his purpose
 The quiet courage of his convictions
 The fun, laughter, joy and
 happiness he gives
 To his family and to others
 His love of life His patience and his honesty
 And his contentment with what he has.



R E M E M B E R I N G L E R O Y



PALLBEARERS - MICHAEL

Larry Queen
Michael Richardson
Sayeed Bello
Dennis Williams
Sylvester Marshall
Giovanni Marshall

PALLBEARERS - LEROY

Bryan Cauthen
Walter L. Debnam, Jr.
Paul Veney
Derrick Johnson
Nathaniel Hawkins
Elijah Skanes

ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

With heartfelt thanks, our family wishes to express our gratitude for your acts of kindness shown during our hours of bereavement. We are appreciative of all the calls, prayers, visits and genuine concern, which has been a source of comfort and strength during these difficult times. May God who is able, bless and keep you. A special Thank you to the staff of Hospice of the Chesapeake for the compassionate care provided to our loved one.

INTERMENT

Fort Lincoln Cemetery
3401 Bladensburg Road
Brentwood, Maryland 20722

Military Interment for Leroy Staton
Cheltenham Veterans Cemetery | April 10, 2023 - 1:00 PM
11301 Crain Hwy
Cheltenham, Maryland 20623

REPAST

The family will receive family and friends at
Annapolis Room | Crowne Plaza – College Park
6400 Ivy Lane Greenbelt, MD 20770

PROFESSIONAL SERVICES ENTRUSTED TO:

Mrs. Shawnn Fayson, Licensed Funeral Director
& The Professionals of:
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