

### Word of Thanks

The family of the late Cecil D. Merritt would like to thank each and everyone of you for the many acts of kindness shown them during their hour of great sorrow. May God bless you.

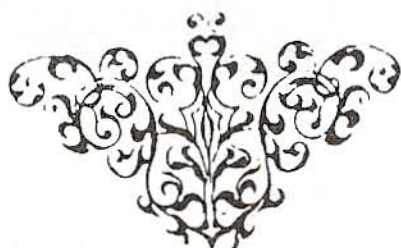
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### Interment

Rolling Green Memorial Park  
Westchester, Pennsylvania

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Pallbearers  
Flowerbearers  
Relatives and Friends



Service of Comfort:  
**KIMBLE FUNERAL HOME**  
*Ivan M. Kimble, Director*  
*Marvin A. Kimble, Assoc. Director*  
S.W. Cor. 53rd and Vine Streets  
Philadelphia, Pa. 19139  
474-6690 if no answer 474-0452

## In Loving Memory

for

**CECIL D. MERRITT**

**October 6, 1923 — August 17, 1988**



### Service

Tuesday, August 23, 1988  
11:00 a.m.

### Bibleway Baptist Church

52nd and Master Streets  
Philadelphia, Pennsylvania 19131

Rev. McKinley Gaither, D.D., Pastor  
Rev. Thaddeus Taylor, Pastor Officiating



## The Obituary

**Cecil D. Merritt** was born on October 6, 1923 in Watha, North Carolina, one of nine children of the late Joseph and Ollie Merritt. He attended the public schools and the Union Chapel Baptist Church in North Carolina. He later came to Philadelphia where he met and married Mary Crosling. He joined the Vine Memorial Baptist Church and was baptized under the pastorate of the late Reverend Leonard Carr.

Cecil was a family man who tried many years to maintain his family. He was loved and admired by numerous relatives and friends for his quiet and easy personality. He earned his living as a butcher and many customers grew to love him as a man who took great pains to satisfy their needs.

Our beloved quietly slept away on Wednesday, August 17, 1988. He will be sadly missed by his wife Mary; his sons, Cecil Jr., Gary and Ronald; his grandchildren, Syreeta Jones, Sheldon, Derrick and Brian Hendricks, Kim, Geneane, Gary Jr. and Byron Merritt; his sister Queen Hinton; his brothers, Rudolph, Ulysses and Norris Merritt; and a host of nieces, nephews, relatives and friends.



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## The Order of Service

Processional

Opening Hymn

Scripture  
Old Testament  
New Testament

Prayer of Comfort

Selection....."Nearer My God To Thee"

Acknowledgement of Cards, Telegrams, Condolences

Selections

Remarks.....Evangelist Leone Calhoun

Obituary

Solo.....Vera Lugosi

Eulogy.....Reverend McKinley Gaither

Viewing

Benediction

Recessional