

Pallbearers
(Fraternal Order of Metropolitan Police Department)

Honorary Pallbearers
(Classmates of Armour High School)

Flower Bearers
(Classmates of Armour High School)

Acknowledgement

The family wishes to extend their heartfelt thanks for all expressions of kindness and support shown to us during this difficult time. A special thanks to the doctors and nurses of the Washington Hospital Center. May God continue to bless each of you.

Repast

Family and friends are invited to join the family at Hillcrest Baptist Church,
2200 Iverson Street, Hillcrest Heights, Maryland
immediately following the interment.



Services Entrusted to:

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*A Celebration of Life
In Loving Memory
of
William (Bill) J. Merritt, Sr.*



Thursday, December 22, 2005
Viewing: 11:00 a.m. - Service: 12:25 p.m.

Hillcrest Baptist Church
2200 Iverson St.
Hillcrest Heights, Maryland
Reverend Eric C. Redmond, Pastor



Obituary

William James Merritt, Sr. ("Bill", "Jimmy", "Jamie"), was born on April 4, 1946 to the late James and Beatrice Merritt. He entered into eternal rest on Thursday, December 15, 2005 at 12:25 pm while a patient at the Washington Hospital Center.

Bill grew up in Freeman, NC and was a member of the St. John Missionary Baptist Church. In 1964 he graduated from Armour High School. Bill married his high school sweetheart, Edna Theresa Shaw and they moved to Washington, DC. To this union two sons were born, William (Willie) and Peter. In the year 2000, Bill became a Faithful member of the Hillcrest Baptist Church.

His career as a police officer for the Metropolitan Police Department began in 1967. He received other extensive law enforcement training while employed with the department. He attended American University and studied criminal justice. He rose to the rank of Lieutenant and received numerous awards and accolades during his 21-year career. Prior to his retirement in 1988, he served ten years as Group Supervisor for the Washington, DC field division of the Drug Enforcement Administration.

In August 1989, he became Director of Operations at Trinity University where he remained until his health declined in 2000.

In addition to Bill's various careers he was a published author, construction contractor, a security specialist and a man of many talents. He gave generously of himself to his family, friends and neighbors.

He was preceded in death by his parents and three of his siblings: Bobby, Dorothy and Frank.

Bill is survived by his devoted wife of 41 years, Edna; two loving sons, William Jr. and Peter; daughter-in-law, Rita Merritt; three grandchildren: Monique, Nicole and William III; sister, Elizabeth Hollis of Columbia, SC; mother-in-law, Mary Shaw and father-in-law, George P. Shaw of Riegelwood, NC; three sisters-in-law, Dorothy (Frank - Deceased), Roberta "Dee" Simmons (Henry) and Naomi Cassandra Bullock; three brothers-in-law, Norman Hollis, George Perry Shaw, Jr. (Cynthia) and James H. Shaw (Sonia); eight nieces, Galena Hodge, Jacqui Brown, Crystal Griffin, Nina Bullock, Frankee Bullock, Jamisha Shaw, Angie and Shaunna Hollis; six nephews, Franklin Merritt, Jr., Keith Vaughn, Vince Hollis, Henry Jr. and Michael Simmons and Adam Shaw; three aunts, Gertrude Daniels, Charity Merritt and Mozell Merritt; three special uncles, James Bowen (Pearl - Deceased), Raymond Shaw (Alethia) and Harry Shaw (Bert); Goddaughters, Frankee Bullock and Jasmine Young; special friends, Arif and Brenda Mosrie, Pastor Donald and Louise Smedley, Oakwood Street Talkers, Mr. Matthews, Al, Cortez, Lorraine and John; He also leaves behind a host of other relatives and friends.

*God saw you growing weary,
So He did what He knew best,
He came and stood beside you and whispered,
"Come to Me and rest."*

~ The Family

Order of Celebration

Officiating: Reverend Eric C. Redmond
Pastor, Hillcrest Baptist Church

Processional

Hymn of Comfort Hillcrest Baptist Church Choir

Scripture Reading

Old Testament
New Testament Deacon Henry E. Simmons

Prayer of Comfort Pastor Redmond

Selection Hillcrest Baptist Church Choir

Condolences and Acknowledgments Sis. Gwendolyn H. Brown
Classmate, Armour High School

Reflections

Friend Arif ("Mo") Mosrie
Retired Captain, MPDC

Colleague Isaac Fulwood
Retired Police Chief, MPDC

Solo Sis. Joyce Ann McMillian
Cousin

Family Tribute Naomi Cassandra Bullock (Sister-In-Law)
William J. Merritt, Jr.(Son)
Peter C. Merritt (Son)

Obituary (Read Silently)

Solo Rev. Jamila Wood-Jones

Eulogy Pastor Donald L. Smedley
Mt. Pisgah AME Church, Columbia, Md.

Recessional Hillcrest Baptist Church Choir

Interment

*Resurrection Cemetery
Clinton, Maryland*