



Mr. Marvin James Barber

April 11, 1934 - July 16, 2019

Marvin James Barber was born on April 11, 1934 in Greensboro, North Carolina to the late James P. Barber and Candis Labrad. He grew up in Alexandria, Virginia and attended Alexandria city public schools. After graduation, Marvin enlisted in the United States Air Force and served his country honorably during the Korean War Era for four years. Upon honorable discharge, Marvin had a long and successful career in the federal government where he worked for 33 years as a Film Categorizer, of The National Archives, Washington, DC. It was during this time that he meet the beautiful Peggy E. Ward, who would later become his wife on April 5, 1968 over a span of 28 years. Through their union together as a blended family, they were blessed with eight children. Marvin was preceded in death by his wife Peggy on November 9, 1996, son Corporal Wayne Jordan on March 17, 1967, and daughter, Patricia Jordan-Campbell on October 19, 2017.

Marvin was a faithful member of the American Legion #129, and Elks Lodge #48, two of the most influential organizations aimed at helping in their communities through programs that help children grow up healthy and drug-free, and meeting the needs of today's veterans, and improving the quality of life.

Those who knew Marvin, were touched by his love for people and his family. He was known by many for his loquacious nature and how he never met a

stranger, especially in his later years at Anna B. Rose apartments. His hobbies included billiards, bowling and anything competitive. He was an avid Redskins fan, and a tenacious card and lottery player.

Marvin departed his life on July 16, 2019, in the Dorn Veteran Hospital in Columbia, South Carolina, after an extended hospital stay. His last eight months of life residing in Columbia, were spent surrounded with love from his children, son-in-law, and grandson. He enjoyed each day being pampered by two amazing caregivers (Rosemary and Karen), great conversations and many laughs. He will forever be missed for his quick wit, charm and storytelling about the good ole days.

He leaves to cherish his memories his Sons Marvin Elliott (Valerie), Tracy Barber (Myra), both of Alexandria, Virginia, Gary Jordan (Cheryl), Accokeek, Maryland Daughters, Marva Weinberg-Dixon (Edmund), Columbia, South Carolina, Sandra Porter, Winston Salem, North Carolina, Pamela Boggan, Alexandria, Virginia, 14 grandchildren, 15 great grandchildren, good friend Louise Elliott, and a host of many other family and friends.

Cemetery Details

Bethel Cemetery

Wilkes Street
Alexandria, VA 22314

Previous Events

Viewing

JUL **26**. 10:00 AM - 12:00 PM (ET)

Ebenezer Baptist Church
909 Queen Street
Alexandria, VA 22314

funeral service

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Interment

JUL **26** (ET)

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Tribute Wall

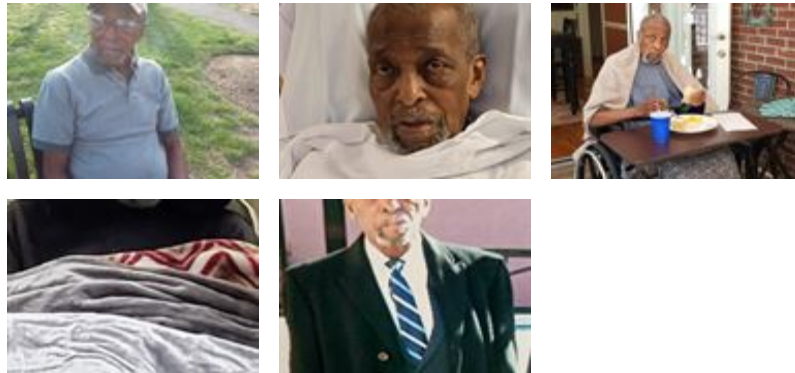
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“ Tracy, i never met your dad but after all you have told me about him i am sure he is was wonderful as you have said many times. So great to here he has made such a positive impact on your life and you intend to work even harder to be the son he would be proud of...no way he could not have been proud of you.... through ups and downs you keep on trucking..... don't short yourself.....when you had surgery the FRC community was on a minute by minute stand-by on how you were doing..... You are a wonderful friend and i am sure your dad had a huge impact on who you are today..... yes, he will be missed. I see it in your eyes but stay strong and know you are loved by many..... I wish i had met your dad..... Valentina Garcia

VALENTINA GARCIA - July 26, 2019 at 07:14 AM



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Phillip Bell Sr. and Winona Morrissette- - July 24, 2019 at 09:42 AM

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So sorry for your loss. Condolence to the family, Marvin was such a good man.

Patricia Peterson - Dixon - July 26, 2019 at 07:45 AM

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The Grigsby family would like to extend our condolences to Tracy and his family. Tracy and I grew up together and he came to my brother's (DOC) funeral and repast I just found out that Mr. Barber went home to glory, just recently losing my mother. I know your pain, because I still have my good days and bad days wishing my mom was still here, but its God good grace that is getting me through, lean on him for comfort.
Theresa Grigsby Morse

Theresa Grigsby Morse - September 19, 2019 at 08:29 PM