



David Aldridge Sr.

August 12, 1944 - January 14, 2022

David “PePaw” Aldridge, Sr., USAF, Ret, MGST (77) of Magnolia, Delaware, passed away on January 14, 2022. David was born on August 12, 1944, to Samuella Turman, in Chicago, Illinois.

He graduated from Covert High School in 1963, and joined the United States Air Force shortly thereafter. In 1964, David married his high school sweetheart, Doris Baber of Covert Michigan. He traveled to many different places during his 26 years in active-duty. After retiring, he was employed and retired from the Delaware Department of Corrections in Smyrna, Delaware.

David enjoyed watching old westerns, Perry Mason and the news. He also enjoyed going to the local Post Office and Dollar General to check on “the girls”, Spence’s Bazaar, and talking to his neighbors, Bud and Kay. He was an avid softball player during his time in the Air Force and enjoyed watching High School basketball and “not” watching his beloved Chicago Bears.

David was preceded in death by his son, Dennis Aldridge; mother, Samuella Turman; mother-in-law, Earline (Dear) Baber Simmons; sister, Lynetta Aldridge; sister-in-law, Rosita Aldridge; brothers-in-law, Harold Baber, William Baber, Wilbert Baber, Sr., John Stewart and Herman Hawkins.

David leaves to cherish his memories; his beloved wife of 57 years, Doris

Aldridge; children, Davina Aldridge of Magnolia, DE, David Aldridge, Jr. (Carla) of Dover DE; Darrell Aldridge (Claudia) of Richmond, VA and Danitra Shuford of Goldsboro, NC; grandchildren, Devona, Jenna (Brandon), Deidre, Takia (honorable grandson-in-law, Pierre), Daquan, Jamal, Destiny, Zahria, Bryon, Alex, Averie, Keith, Kendel, Adrie, Courtney, and Donte; great-grandchildren, Kennadi, Kinsleigh, Brielle, Dominic, Jaylen and Tori Foreman; honorary grandchildren, Quinche, and Quyri Fuller, Amanda Holman and Thomas Pendleton; goddaughter, Adonia Arriola, whom he loved and treasured them with all his heart. He also leaves behind his siblings, Leslie Turman, Starlyn Aldridge, Michael Aldridge, George Aldridge, Samuel Turman, Jimmy Turman and Adam Turman; two loving aunts, Dorothy and Annie; uncle, Lonnie; sisters-in-law, Yvonne Hawkins, Jacqueline Laws (Phillip) and Gwendolyn Stewart; brothers-in-law: Clarence Baber (Harriett), Arnold Watson (Lillie) and Michael Baber (Veronica); and a host of nieces and nephews.

Previous Events

Visitation

JAN 31. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

Dover Christian Church
1738 Forest Avenue
Dover, DE 19904

Funeral Service

JAN 31. 11:00 AM (ET)

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1738 Forest Avenue
Dover, DE 19904

Interment

JAN 31. 2:00 PM (ET)

Delaware Veterans Cemetery (Millsboro)
26669 Patriots Way
Millsboro, DE 19966

Tribute Wall

DT

“ *Dawn Tingle lit a candle in memory of David Aldridge Sr.*



Dawn Tingle - January 30, 2022 at 06:27 PM

KW

“ *Kevin Watson lit a candle in memory of David Aldridge Sr.*



Kevin Watson - January 29, 2022 at 07:43 AM

TA

“ *Tracie Hernandez / Cornerstone AFC purchased the Divine Peace Bouquet for the family of David Aldridge Sr..*



Tracie Hernandez / Cornerstone AFC - January 28, 2022 at 07:55 AM

TT

“ To the Aldridge family. I Am so sorry for your loss . Mr David was a very kind man , who loved everyone he met , but the love for his family was unconditional and you could see it. My heart is hurting right now , because he always treated me so kindly. Im going to miss you Mr David. To Mrs Doris and the rest of the family. I pray that God would give you strength and comfort as you go through this difficult time .im praying for all of you

Tracy Thomas - January 22, 2022 at 11:26 AM

EC

“ My heart is breaking for all of this wonderful family My Sincere love and condolences to you.

Evon Cheatham Carson



Evon Cheatham - January 22, 2022 at 10:39 AM

LT

“ My sincerest condolences to the Aldridge family in the loss of such a strong patriarch. We send prayers of comfort and peace as you navigate the days ahead.



LaTrice Thomas - January 20, 2022 at 03:45 PM

VH

“ Vera Hunter lit a candle in memory of David Aldridge Sr.



Vera Hunter - January 18, 2022 at 08:40 PM