



## Elliott Kersier Neal Jr.

April 8, 1935 - December 11, 2020

On December 11, 2020 Elliott Kersier Neal, Jr., departed this life peacefully at home.

Elliott was born on April 8, 1935 in Charlotte, North Carolina to Elliott “Jack” Neal and Pearl Elizabeth (McCain)Neal. He was the eldest of the couple’s two sons.

At the age of seven (7), Elliott moved to Washington, D.C., where he continued his education in the D.C. public schools. He was an exceptionally bright student in school, and a hard-working young businessman after school. Even as a boy, Elliott understood the importance of hard work. After devoting time to his studies, he would work an entire paper route, then go to the neighborhood grocery store to help transport customers groceries to their homes.

In Junior High and High school, Elliott became involved in various sports activities. One of his favorites was participating as a sprint runner in short-distance running at track meets. Elliott also enjoyed singing, and performed as a tenor in a high school quartet. That quartet won many awards as a result of the members outstanding singing abilities. Shortly after graduation from Dunbar High School in 1953, Elliott joined the U.S. Navy, and for almost nine (9) years, lived a life of excitement and adventure traveling all over the world. He returned to attend D.C. Teachers College (currently the University of the District of Columbia) and various other excellent schools of training.

Elliott began his civilian Federal Government service with Navy Publications

and Printing at the

Washington Navy Yard. In 1994 (after 34 years of service), he retired as a Logistics Management Specialist from the Naval Sea Systems Command in Crystal City, VA. Before and during retirement, Elliott was an active member on the Board of Directors for his community's homeowner's association- serving as vice president and president, respectively.

He was a wonderful cook. Sometimes late at night, or very early in the morning, you would smell the aroma of something scrumptious cooking on the stove. Elliott could whip up a delicious meal in no time! His creativity lead him to prepare numerous tasty dishes. In his leisure time, Elliott enjoyed watching all types of sporting events and wild life programming.

Elliott leaves cherished memories to his wife Valary; his children Tyrone Pierre' Neal, Tonia Neal-Staten and Anthony William Neal; a daughter-in-law Patricia Neal; son-in-law Dewayne Staten, Sr; six (6) grandchildren, LaShaun Thompson, Tyrone Pierre' Neal, II, Jasmine Collins, Deraun Gamble, Anthony Gamble, Aaron Shingler; several great-grandchildren; a great-great grandson and a host of other relatives and friends.