



## Elwood Washington Byrd

September 1, 1959 - June 24, 2023

### His Journey

On Saturday, June 24, 2023, Brother Elwood Washington Byrd departed his life here on earth and God opened up His Heavenly Gates to receive him.

Elwood was born on Tuesday, September 1, 1959 in Accomack, Virginia to Rev. Elaine Byrd Ayres and Elwood Fisher.

Elwood, known at “Woody” to many family and friends, was educated in Snow Hill, Maryland, after graduating from Snow Hill High School, Class of 1977, he went to Job Corps in Baltimore, Maryland where he was employed as a Cab driver in Washington D.C., for 10 years. Woody returned to the Eastern Shore where he was employed with Perdue Farms and Tyson Foods, for over 20 years, retiring in 2021.

Woody enjoyed reading his Bible and talking to God. Watching football was a beloved pastime; he loved his Washington Redskins, and all kinds of lighthouses and would travel to find them.

Elwood was a member of New Psalmist Nondenominational Church and Oh, how he could say, “Pastor Jones”! He loved singing, Bible study, and his Church Family.

In addition to his father, Elwood Fisher, he was preceded death by his brother, Terry Lee Byrd.

Elwood leaves to cherish his memory, a loving daughter, Jessica Byrd; his mother, Rev. Elaine Ayres; grandchildren, Jordan Graham and Anthony Holloway; stepfather Johnny Ayres, Jr.; one sister, Patricia Byrd; brothers: Gerald Byrd, Ralph Byrd, Lawrence Byrd, and Jerrod Fisher; and a host of nieces, nephews, other relatives and friends.

Lovingly Submitted, The Family

# Previous Events

## Visitation

JUL 7. 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

New Psalmist Nondenominational Church (Westover)  
8925 Old Princess Anne Road  
Westover, MD 21871

## Visitation

JUL 8. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

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## Funeral Service

JUL 8. 11:00 AM (ET)

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# Tribute Wall



“ *View and Download the Funeral Program*

**Bennie Smith Funeral Home** - July 07, 2023 at 05:58 PM



“ *Tammy Waters lit a candle in memory of Elwood Washington Byrd*



**Tammy waters** - July 18, 2023 at 08:32 AM



“ *We were so sadden to hear of Woody's passing. He was a kind soul with a big heart. He always had a kind word to say. Rest easy our friend. Keeping the family in our thoughts and prayers.*



**Matthews Market** - July 11, 2023 at 03:42 PM



“ *Faith Tull-Church lit a candle in memory of Elwood Washington Byrd*



**Faith Tull-Church** - July 10, 2023 at 07:50 AM