



## Herbert Lee Bradley Sr.

October 5, 1944 - August 15, 2019

### Herb's Life Story

Herbert Lee Bradley, Sr. was born October 5, 1944, to the late Ollen and Martha (Polk) Bradley in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. He received his wings on August 15, 2019.

Herb met Joyce Bland, and they were married January 20, 1985. They lived in Philadelphia, relocating to Georgia and finally made Dover, Delaware, their home. Herb, with the help of Joyce continued to help raise four children from previous relationships. Herb joined the United States Army in 1965, and served until his Honorable discharge in 1968. He then became a Corrections Officer at the State Correctional Institution at Graterford, Perkiomen Township, Pennsylvania; where he retired after thirty years.

Herb was raised to the sublime degree of a Master Mason in Corinthians Lodge No. 114, Philadelphia, PA on January 10, 1975. He became Worshipful Master of Corinthian Lodge #114 in 1986. Herb was also part of The Holy Royal Arch Chapter (Red House) Bethel Chapter No. 39, De Molay Consistory No. 1 and Ancient Egypt Arabic Order Noble Mystic Shrine (A.E.A.O.N.M.S) North and South America Incorporated, Pyramid Temple No. 1. Herb loved his oath and took on his role with honor and prestige. Herb was a man's man. So, with his love and care for his family, Masonic duties and his cars, he took on a

mission to handle all, above and beyond his abilities and he stood out making a monumental statement.

He accepted Christ as his personal Savior at an early age. After moving to Delaware, he joined Star Hill A.M.E. Church under the leadership of Reverend Rita Mishoe Paige, Pastor. As a member for seven years, Herb served faithfully with the soup kitchen, as a trustee, a member of the male choir, Men's ministry, the culinary committee and a good steward. Brother Bradley rose to the position of Vice-Chair of the Steward Board after the passing of Brother Nelson Driggus. He served faithfully until his health no longer allowed him to perform the task. Herb really loved his Star Hill church family and truly appreciated the outpouring of love and support during his illness. On August 1, 2019, Herb joined New Beginnings Community A.M.E. Church in Frederica, Delaware, continuing under the leadership of his previous pastor.

Herb was preceded in death by his daughter Vernetta and his grandson, Robert. He leaves to cherish his precious memories, his wife, Joyce; children, Kathryn, Herbert Jr., and William (Janis); grandchildren, Joseph, Herbert III, Cornelius, Shawna, Jeremiah, Thea, Caleb, Taylor and Payton; godsons, Bernard Pratt and Hugh I. Carey; and a host of nieces, nephews, other relatives and friends.

# Tribute Wall

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“ My condolences to the family. Mr. Herb was not only a lodge brother to my father he was a great friend to my dad Robert Adkins and God father to my son Marqus Mckie. He will be missed but my father now has his buddy in heaven. GOD definently has gained another good one in his kingdom.

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**Wanda Adkins-Rideout** - August 21, 2019 at 09:44 PM

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“ Family of Leonard Brinkley,in Philadelphia.Sending Love Blessing.to a Beautiful perso,friend to our brother.God Bless .Peggy Brinkley

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**Margaret Brinkley** - August 20, 2019 at 11:53 AM

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“ Herbert Bradley will remain in our hearts forever as a devoted husband to Joyce and favorite uncle and brother to all of us. We loved him dearly.

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**Joyce and Family** - August 19, 2019 at 11:22 AM