



Herbert Sudler Jr.

March 12, 1937 - September 1, 2021

Herbert Marion Sudler, Jr. was born on March 12, 1937, in Kenton, Delaware to the late Herbert Marion Sudler, Sr. and the late Grace Claire White-Sudler. He was the third of fifteen children and eldest son. He departed this life after a lengthy illness at home with his dear wife, Geneva, near him.

As a young boy Herbert had an ambitious spirit to grow beyond his humble beginnings. He completed high school through the ninth grade and began working on a farm becoming the farm manager in his early twenties. By the age of 25, he had amassed the resources and equipment needed to start his own construction business as a brick mason. This endeavor launched a career and businesses that spanned nearly 50 years until his retirement in 2010 due to health reasons. Throughout his work life, Herbert was the proprietor of Sudler Brothers, Sudler Construction, H & A Construction, and Sudler Enterprises. His firms are credited with erecting several buildings and completing masonry work on structures in Kent County: Wendy's in Smyrna, the Hamlet Housing Community, Green Meadows Housing Community, and Betsy Ross Restaurants. Herbert was also the proprietor of My Favorite Place Restaurant in Smyrna which he operated for many years with members of his family and the Brotherly Love Club in Kenton. He also built new homes including his own home and a home for his parents. Thus, Herbert was a successful entrepreneur and created jobs for many people.

Herbert was a religious man. He met his wife, Geneva Tate, in 1956 in Millington, DE when they were just teens. They were united in marriage for 64

years. Throughout the years he was a faithful member of Blanco Church, Mt. Friendship Church, and Greater Love Temple. Most recently, he was a member of Community Baptist Church in Barclay, Maryland where he also served as deacon. In his earlier years, he founded a singing group called the Holy Israelites. They sang at various churches in Maryland, Delaware, and Virginia. Herbert was passionate about going to church, and he truly loved the Lord. He wanted to pray for anyone that he met. His favorite scripture was Psalm 23. He visited people in the hospital and nursing homes and comforted and prayed for them. He was often heard saying "Thank you Jesus" and "But God." His words were simple but true.

Herbert was affectionately known as Herb, Jinx, Junior and Pop. His wife called him Herbie. He liked to eat good food and spend time with his family. He enjoyed watching westerns and savoring his wife's cooking, especially bread pudding. He followed church with regular visits to his children's homes and his parting words were always "Love Y'all." Herbert also had a special bond that he cherished with his brothers and sisters.

In addition to his parents, Herbert was preceded in death by his sons Ulysses "Lee" Michael Sudler and Herbert Marion Sudler, III; and siblings Evelyn Janet Howard, Donald Isaac Sudler, Sr., Carol Barksdale, Joseph Melvin Sudler, Harvey Allen Sudler, and Corrine Naomi Scott.

Herbert leaves to cherish his memory his beloved wife Geneva Sudler; sons Keith Sudler (Lynette) of Hartly, DE, Stacey Sudler, Sr. (Kimberley) of Smyrna, DE, John Pride (Lorraine) of Jacksonville, FL, and Anthony Sudler of Orlando, FL; daughters Tracy Scott (Wyndham) of Dover, DE, Lisa Williams (James) of Huntingtown, MD, and Nina Winston of Atlanta, GA; sisters Vera Gautiere of Providence, RI, Phyllis Jackson of Orlando, FL, Nancy Coverdale of Dover, DE, Grace Gormley (Kevin) of Greensboro, NC, Eunice Ridgeway of Saint Augustine, FL, and Millicent Dennis of GA; brothers Howard Sudler (Mary) of Northeast, MD, Roger Sudler (Juanita) of Dover, DE, and Seymore Sudler (Shallie) of Felton, DE; sister-in-law, Bessie Diane Sudler of Clayton, DE; brothers-in-law, Frank Scott of Middletown, DE and Wilson Tate Jr. (Jackie) of

Trappe, MD; daughter-in-law Judy Sudler of Middletown, DE; 25 grandchildren; 36 great-grandchildren; nine great-great grandchildren; two god-daughters Ruth Waltz and Milesa Harris; and a host of nieces, nephews, cousins, extended family, and friends. Herbert remained close to cousin Edith throughout the years. Roy Sudler was a special cousin who Herbert checked on regularly, and he also had a close relationship with the Mishoe family. Harry Reeves was a good friend, confidant, and business associate for many years.

His family will remember his loving heart, family pride, easy laugh, and caring and generous spirit. Herbert touched many lives on his journey, and he will be missed.

Previous Events

Visitation

SEP **10**. 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

Bennie Smith Funeral Home - Dover
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Dover, DE 19904
(302) 678-8747
info@benniesmithfuneralhome.com
<https://www.benniesmithfuneralhome.com/>

Visitation

SEP **11**. 9:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

Union Missionary Baptist Church
Lincoln Street
Dover, DE

Funeral Service

SEP **11**. 11:00 AM (ET)

Union Missionary Baptist Church
Lincoln Street
Dover, DE

Interment

SEP **11** (ET)

Community Baptist Church
1422 Barclay Rd
Barclay, MD 21607

Tribute Wall



“ *View and Download the Funeral Program*

Bennie Smith Funeral Home - September 09, 2021 at 02:20 PM

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Hello this is Emma Sudler Imes sending my condolences to the family, I am truly sorry for your loss. Mom I love you always and know I carry dad still in my heart ❤️ I love you always also. I am sorry I couldn't be there but know I have peace with dad I will always remember what he said to me many years ago. Now he is gone God is taking care of him and he is smiling and he is happy know more pain he loves us all. Dad will always have a place in my heart. Bless the family in this time of need 🙏 for us all .Amen

Emma Sudler imes - September 11, 2021 at 10:06 PM

BT

“ *Miss Ginny and family, we are so sorry to hear about the passing of Herb, you all remain in our hearts and prayers. Love to all. Art and Barbara Turner*

barbara turner - September 11, 2021 at 06:19 AM

MH

“ *Thinking of you Mrs. Sudler and praying for comfort during this sad time. We enjoyed seeing Mr. Sudler on his bike out at Pearsons Grove. He was a nice gentleman. Hugs from the Downs Chapel Johnson girls, Midge and Melanie.*

Midge Johnson Hightman - September 10, 2021 at 12:45 PM

FL

“ *RIP Mr. Herb*



Faith & Jeff Lively - September 09, 2021 at 08:27 AM

KC

“ *I have many good memories of waiting on Mr and Mrs Sudler at the tax office. He was sweet. May He Rest In Peace. My deepest sympathy to Mrs Sudler.*

Karen Cooper - September 09, 2021 at 05:12 AM

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“ *Mr. Herb was a good friend of my parents. Such God fearing people. Rest in paradise. God bless Mrs. Geneva and family.*

Tim and Thelma Parker (Bessicks) - September 08, 2021 at 12:33 PM

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“ *Elder Waltz and Sister Ruth purchased the Lovely One Spathiphyllum Plant for the family of Herbert Sudler Jr..*



Elder Waltz and Sister Ruth - September 08, 2021 at 11:37 AM

SG

“ *Mother Sudler. We were so sorry to here about Herb. He was my friend,my best man at my wedding, someone I enjoyed talking and spending time with . Remember Mother that Weeping may Edore for an Evening but Joy comes in the Morning!!*
love Joe and Sherry

Sherry n Joe Glasco - September 04, 2021 at 11:58 AM