



Jeffery Garfield Barrett

July 12, 1955 - November 25, 2020

Jeffery Garfield Barrett, was born July 12, 1955, in Chestertown, Maryland, to the late Lester Barrett, Sr. and Eunice R. Barrett, and departed this life at his residence, on November 25, 2020. He was the fourth youngest of five boys.

Jeffery attended Garnet High and Elementary, Chestertown High, and graduated from Kent County High School, Class of 1973. He was a manager of the basketball team at this school. He also played the saxophone in the band. While in school, Jeffery and his close cousin, Frankie Isaacs, decided to start a business called B & I Grass Cutting Service. You may remember seeing them around town, as they had very good ratings.

Jeffery's parents raised their boys on the Fair-Gale Farm in Fairlee, Maryland, for 15 years before moving to Quaker Neck. Now you know they learned about life and hard work living on the farm with all those different animals and chores to do. He and his brothers had a lot of dogs growing up. They even put glasses on their dogs. They were a close-knit family. They were raised to love one another, help each other, be respectful and taught to say their prayers. Jeffery was considered to be a loner, but when you met up with him there was a big smile, hugs, laughter and wonderful conversation.

Since his parents brought Jeffery and his brothers to church and Sunday School every Sunday, Jeffery received Christ as his Lord and Savior, at an

early age. During this time, he also joined Emmanuel U.M. Church. Through the years, Jeffery became a very faithful and dedicated member of his church. His whole family was gifted in music and just loved singing for the Lord. He also played drums for the choirs. Jeffery participated in the following ministries: Souls of Faith, The Brotherhood, and served as the President of the Trustee Board. After his father passed in 1988, Jeff joined the Pilgrim Travelers of Kent County, where his cousin, Allen Jr. was also a member. He and Allen's voices blended really well. Jeffery LOVED singing with these men. He was so dedicated to this group. You could tell how serious he was just by looking at him, especially when he sang those high notes. The congregants would really enjoy that. His favorite songs were: It's your Season to be Blessed, Hallelujah Choir, and Singing for my Jesus I Feel Good. Good, Good. He also joined the 100 Voice Choir, based in Chestertown.

Another thing we won't forget is how Jeffery loved to dress up in all those different colored suits, with everything matching and looking debonair. Not only did he look good, he smelled good too!

Jeffery's places of employment after high school were Parks and Recreation and Gillespie's Concrete. In 1991, he started with Buffalo/Heritage Concrete and worked there until August of this year.

Jeffery met Vanessa Gland and her son, J.D., whom he helped raise. They've been together as a couple for 29 years.

Jeffery loved looking at all sports, fishing, taking care of that vegetable garden he had behind his home and frying those delicious fish for family and friends. He liked bowling and family gatherings, which started a long time ago with his Mom and Dad, along with his aunts, the Lindsey sisters, and their husbands and all their children. What a grand time it would be.

Jeffery was preceded in death by two brothers, George Copeland and Robert L. Mason, Jr.

Jeffery leaves to cherish his memory, the love of his life, Vanessa Gland; two brothers, Wendell (Suzan) Barrett of Long Beach, CA and Lester Barrett of Chestertown, MD; one adopted son, J.D. Herrington; two adopted grandchildren, JaVir Herrington and Jordyn Tilghman; former sister-in-law, Patricia Mason of Laurel, MD; two nephews, Corey Barrett of California and Jonathan Mason of Laurel, MD; a very special family member, Mary Redmond of Baltimore, MD; a special niece, Algie Marvel; and numerous family members and friends.

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Bennie Smith Funeral Home - April 23, 2021 at 04:00 PM

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“ *I was married to Jeffery\u2019s brother Robert for over 15 years and never in my life have I met a more loving family. It is an honor to be part of this family and I couldn\u2019t have asked for better in-laws. Jeffery will really be missed; May he Rest In Peace in God\u2019s arms.Lovingly submitted,Pat Mason*

Patricia Mason - December 22, 2020 at 05:53 PM

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“ *Vanessa, JD, Lester, and Wendell for you I weep for your separation from Jeffrey who was a quiet, larger than life man who needed few words to express his love and devotion for his family or friends. There are many funny, loving, and unforgettable memories that Jeffrey left behind, as God would have it for you to remember him by and cherish the life he lived. His service to his church, the group he sang with, watching his favorite football game, the backyard cookout fish fry, or his laugh just to name a few of many he shared with you, relatives, and friends.. We have been in shock and sad at Jeff's passing over, but we know that no one knew the day or hour that God would take Jeffrey's hand and reclaim his spirt , which belonged to Him, and though we are missing Jeff, we are thankful that God allowed Jeffrey to be in our lives. Now, he is among those who went before him, Mother Eunice, Father Lester, and brother Robert(Bob) and many others. For us, we can continue to love Jeffrey. God, our Father, sees you at your time of bereavement, and will give you comfort and lift you out of your sorrow as time passes. /with heartfelt love. Mary Redmond, Baltimore, MD*

Mary Redmond - December 22, 2020 at 10:47 AM

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“ *Uncle Jeffrey you will be missed. There was those songs that you sang just like Daddy Lester and would hit that high note. Rest In Peace. This is still unreal.*

Algie - December 10, 2020 at 01:24 PM