



## Judson Garrison III

January 8, 1947 - July 10, 2020

Judson Garrison III, was born on January 8, 1947, in Northampton County, Virginia, to Judson Garrison and Dorothy Christian-Garrison, as the second of their five children. In total, he had 17 siblings. He attended Northampton County High School, where he met Bertha Johnson, who became his high school sweetheart. In July 1965, “Jimmy”, as he was often called, married his high school sweetheart, Bertha. From this union six children were born, two of which went to heaven in infancy.

He began working for the R&G Construction Company as a lineman. In 1966, the couple moved to Delaware, where he began working at Paramount Poultry. He eventually went into the construction field working for Anderson Stokes and Bethany West. Around 1972-1973, he became self-employed as a General Contractor in the Bethany Beach area, maintaining residential beach area properties. He was partnered with Alton Rogers, and eventually took over the business when Mr. Rogers passed away in the early 80’s. His work ethic allowed him to maintain and grow the business to dozens of steady residential clients, as well as a host of transactional clients.

More important than his work life, Jimmy’s family and spiritual lives were deeply intertwined. He gave his life to the Lord in June 1967, and thus began his long commitment to God and his eventual life’s work. In 1978, he helped to start the fledgling, Missionary Baptist Church, and soon became a Deacon.

While there, he performed his duties with devotion and would periodically deliver sermons as allowed by his pastor and mentor, Henry Bull. In 1991, Judson became an ordained minister and took over leadership of the church after the passing of Minister Bull the year before. He was faithful in his service to the church until recently, due to declining health. His dedication and service to God was evident in that he almost never made plans for the future without saying, "If the Lord is willing".

Judson is survived by his loving wife of 55 years, Bertha Johnson-Garrison; three daughters; Patricia Stull (Clarence "Curt"), Tynice Duffy (Daryl) and Arletria Renee Hickman (Russell); two sons, Michael Garrison (Melanie) and Kevin Garrison (Tracey); former son-in-law, Terry Henry; 10 grandchildren; four great-grandchildren, and a host of siblings, nieces and nephews. Judson was privileged to also have additional 'spiritual' children including, Glenna Garrison (Marcia Whaley), Carla Hull as well as an adopted granddaughter, Adriana "Iani" Harris; and an adopted sister, Madeline Farlow.

# Tribute Wall

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“ *Our thoughts and prayers are with you.*

From the Zugel family - July 17, 2020 at 12:26 PM

CC

“ *Kevin, You and your Family are in our thoughts. Our Prayers for Peace are being sent up during this difficult time. Luv, Your Meck. County Family*

CRU, Denise, McKenzie, Amina & Carletta - July 16, 2020 at 02:59 PM

RB

“ *Although we do not know the Garrison family, Judson was our Bethany Beach house landscaper and \u201chandyman\u201d for over 30 years. He was one of the most kind, trustworthy, dependable persons we have ever known. We always enjoyed talking to him. We miss him and our prayers are with the family. Ron and Jane Brousseau*

Ron & Jane Brousseau - July 16, 2020 at 11:43 AM

RB

“ *With deepest sympathy,*

Ron and Jane Brousseau - July 16, 2020 at 09:58 AM

BT

“ *Please accept our heartfelt condolences. Our thoughts and prayers are with you and your family.*

Boys and Girls Club of Delaware Operations Team - July 15, 2020 at 04:56 PM

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“ *My daddy...I love you and will always cherish being your daughter. I thank you for all that you taught me and the love you gave. I will always remember or talks and all the things we've done together. Rest in Heaven my daddy...Renee*

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**A.Renee Hickman** - July 12, 2020 at 12:45 PM