



## Jural Butler

March 3, 1939 - July 18, 2018

Brother Jural Butler, affectionately known as “JB”, was born on Friday, March 3, 1939, in Lyons, Georgia, to the late George Butler and Lela May Mincey Butler. He passed away on Wednesday, July 18, 2018.

JB attended school in Lyons, Georgia, until he relocated to Bridgeville, Delaware, at the age of 14. While living with his aunt, Ms. Lottie Mae Mincey Mitchell “Mom”, he attended Phillis Wheatley School.

Jural met and married the love of his life, Doris Ann Batson, on Thursday, April 28, 1988. Together they raised five children. He was a faithful member of Mt. Olive Baptist Church in Bridgeville, Delaware. Later, he became a life-long member of Bethel United Methodist Church of the Bridgeville Charge, in Federalsburg, Maryland.

JB’s careers included working at the Seaford Ice Plant in Seaford, Delaware, and driving trucks and buses. While driving the “Big Rig”, he was best known as the “Rambling Rogue”. He made his final career change and worked at the Solo Cup Plant in Federalsburg, Maryland, and retired after 35 years of service. He enjoyed his time at Solo, bossing the bosses and encouraging co-workers. When he saw former co-workers, they always shared stories that began...“you remember when” and exchanged hugs, smiles and laughter.

JB was a unique and extremely-talented man, who had the highest magnitude of love from his family and respect of his friends. He was a man who wore many hats and enjoyed and took pride in wearing them all. His reputation for writing poetry and reciting the speeches of the famous, Reverend Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., is well known throughout the community. Jural had a great love and respect for Dr. King and his accomplishments for the people. As time passed and Jural's illness progressed, he would listen to others recite and if they did not recite correctly, he would go to them and gently share tips, correcting the speech and not the person. JB also enjoyed woodworking. He liked to share his charming smile and tell you "YOU KNOW I'M A JEWEL". His humor was contagious and he got great pleasure from making others laugh. JB loved his children, grandchildren (to whom he gave his personal nicknames), great-grands and great-great grands. Each time one came around you would see him light up, and he would say, "you made my day".

Jural was a long-time member of the Masonic family, serving with a deep love and devotion. He was presently a Past Master of Temple Lodge #8, Milford, Delaware, Free and Accepted Masons, Prince Hall Affiliation, State and Jurisdiction of Delaware, and a member of the G. Oscar Carrington Consistory #93 of Milton, Delaware.

Jural was preceded in death by two sisters; his twin; Julia Nickerson and Lela Pearl Neeley Kirby-Southall; one brother, George Butler and his daughter, Lisa Stanley.

Jural leaves to cherish his loving memory, his wife of thirty years, Doris Ann Butler of Federalsburg, Maryland; one son, Eric Butler (Yvonne) of Federalsburg, Maryland; 3 daughters, Lynne Jones (Vernon) of Silver Spring, Maryland, Vanessa Draine of Federalsburg, Maryland and Wanda Bland (Willie) of Federalsburg, Maryland; one sister; Willie Mae Neeley of Lynwood, California; two brothers-in-law, Louis Batson (Rosalie) of Seaford, Delaware;

George Batson (Vanessa) of Cambridge, Maryland; and one sister-in-law, Shirley Mae Batson of Seaford, Delaware; fifteen grandchildren: Eric Jamar Butler, Erica Butler, SheKeya Butler, Shon Beckett, Garrett Washington, Rydell Washington, Shyesha Church, Jaren Jones, Jourdan Jones, Vincent Stanley, Jr., Jeania Nickerson, SherRose Holmes (Brian), LaKeisha Hammond (Shawn), Ariel Thompson, and William Bland (SayKina); twenty-two great-grandchildren and one great-great-grandchild, one devoted cousin, Betty Jo Holland, along with a host of nieces, nephews, cousins and friends.

Lovingly submitted,  
The Family

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# Tribute Wall

HF

“ My deepest condolences for the loss of your dear loved one. While nothing will completely take away your grief, by meditating on Gods promises found in the Bible, you can find real hope and the strength to keep going. My family and I have found the scripture at Isaiah 25:8 to be especially comforting. Here it promises that God "will swallow up death forever and the Sovereign Lord Jehovah will wipe away the tears from all faces."

H. Fields - July 29, 2018 at 12:00 AM

KH

“ Prayers to you and family.Jural was my buddy at work and always had a smile on his face.He will b missed

Karen Holmes - July 26, 2018 at 12:00 AM

JO

“ Dear Family  
Wishing you peace to bring comfort, courage to face the days ahead and loving memories of Jural Butler to forever hold in our heart. My prayers are with you and your family. JW.Org. Isaiah 25:8.

JoyceA - July 24, 2018 at 12:00 AM

IR

“ Sorry for the passing of your love one. Read Psalms 46:1 for words of comfort and peace.

Irene - July 24, 2018 at 12:00 AM

TW

“ *Sorry For Your Loss  
Jesus Loves Me  
I Am Special*

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**Thomas Widgeon** - July 23, 2018 at 12:00 AM

MW

“ *My God Bless and keep you all under his saving grace and mercy.  
My love and prayers are with you all always.*

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**Malinda Wilcox** - July 23, 2018 at 12:00 AM