



Kenneth Baynard

June 22, 1939 - July 24, 2013

Kenneth Baynard, son of Lewis and Ella Baynard, was born June 22, 1939. He passed away peacefully surrounded by his wife and children on July 24, 2013.

Kenneth received his high school diploma at William C. Jason School in 1957 – one of Delaware’s first high schools for black students. He was one of the Milford Eleven that integrated Milford High School in 1954. When asked what impact he felt being one of the Milford Eleven had on his life, he simply stated “Don’t let anybody tell you what you cannot achieve. If you listen to that and believe it, you will never achieve anything”. Kenneth lived his life by this wisdom.

He retired from the State of Delaware in 1991 after 30 years of service as the Director of Maintenance and Operations in Administrative Services. He spent several years as an active member of Temple Lodge #8 in Milford.

Kenneth was a beloved husband and father, and well-respected as a successful musician. His passion for music inspired his family, friends, church members and the community. Kenneth had a great love for music and was in several bands during his lifetime – The Soft Peddlers, Kings of House Rockers, Kings of Soul, Ambassadors, Creative Vibe, Comfort Zone, and Crossroads Gospel Band. He frequently played at the Milford Senior Center.

Kenneth was introduced to music by his four brothers, two of which played the saxophone, one the drums and one the trumpet. He was taught to play the saxophone at an early age by his brother Charles, and was exposed to such musicians as Charlie Parker, Dizzy Gillespie, James Moody and Dexter Gordon. Kenneth started playing with local bands at the age of seventeen, and played up and down the East Coast for fifty years. Kenneth believed that music was the expression of one's soul. Most recently, Kenneth was a faithful participant in the Praise and Worship Team of Milford Church of God, he where thoroughly enjoyed playing the saxophone every Sunday.

He leaves to cherish his memory his wife of 51 years Marilyn Cohen Baynard and children; Rosalind and her spouse Emanuel Hill, Kenneth, Shelly, Darryl Baynard and his spouse Crystal, Roy Cohen and his spouse Stephanie, Denise and Bryan. He is survived by seven grandchildren and seven great-grandchildren. He is survived by one sister, Helen Faulkner. Kenneth was blessed with a large family which includes in-laws Kendall and Louise Magee, Edward and Aletha Hutchins, Stanley and Naomi Friend and an abundance of nieces, nephews, cousins and special friends.

Tribute Wall

MH

“ Dear Keith and Darryl Murray, I'm sorry to hear about the passing of your father. You are

in my thoughts and prayers.

Mr. And Mrs. Hawkins - August 03, 2013 at 12:00 AM

LC

“ I am blessed to have played with you for many years. My final memory of you was on a stage doing music for the Lord. I will miss you but join you one day with Him.

Lionel Caynon - August 01, 2013 at 12:00 AM

JJ

“ My thoughts and prayers are with the family as you try to adjust to this great loss. Kenneth was a wonderful person and I am blessed to have known him - he will be missed, but may he rest in peace.

Jeanette Jenkins - August 01, 2013 at 12:00 AM

HB

“ I HAVE MANY WARM AND PRECIOUS MEMORIES OF KENNETH BAYNARD-- MEMORIES BUILT AROUND SCHOOL DAYS WHERE WE BOTH BECAME INVOLVED IN THE SPORTS AND MUSIC PROGRAMS OF JASON HIGH SCHOOL BEFORE HE LEFT TO GO TO MILFORD.

CHERISHED MEMORIES-- BUT NONE CAN COMPARE TO THE JOY WE FELT WHEN WE SURPRISINGLY MEANT EACH OTHER AT A CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP; HE BLOWING HIS SAX AND ME SINGING IN THE CHOIR--- ALL IN THE NAME OF OUR LORD AND SAVIOR JESUS CHRIST!

AT THE END OF THAT SERVICE WE SHARED OUR LIFE CHANGING EXPERIENCES AND HOW THERE WAS SO MUCH JOY AND CONTENTMENT SINCE OUR TRANSFORMATIONS. TODAY I HAVE JOY IN KNOWING HE IS RESTING IN THE ARMS OF CHRIST!

TO THE FAMILY, MAY YOU FIND COMFORT AND PEACE IN KNOWING GOD KNOWS YOUR PAIN.
DO TRUST IN HIM TO TAKE CARE OF YOU!
BLESSINGS!

HAL BLOCKSOM

HALVIN T. BLOCKSOM - July 27, 2013 at 12:00 AM

MJ

“ While you are grieving the loss of your loved one, if the emotional burden is too hard to handle, turn it over to shoulders stronger and broader than yours, the Heavenly Father, who will sustain and strengthen you to endure this time of sorrow.-Psalms 55:22. May GOD grant you peace and comfort.-Matthew 5:4.

Mattie Jones - July 25, 2013 at 12:00 AM

LS

“ Dear Family,

I would like to send my condolences. It can be extremely difficult to lose a loved one. That is why I wanted to share the hope found in the bible, the hope of the resurrection. Jesus stated at John 5:28,29 "The hour is coming in which all those in the memorial tombs will come out." And at Revelation 21:3,4 it states that there will be a time when "...death will be no more." These scriptures give us hope for the future as respects to our dead loved ones. Those scriptures have brought comfort to me and I hope it does the same for your family.

With Love,

Loren

Loren Stowers - July 25, 2013 at 12:00 AM