



## Maurice Andrew Pinkett Sr.

May 25, 1945 - February 16, 2021

Maurice Andrew Pinkett, born to the late Mary and Preston Pinkett Sr. on May 25, 1945 in Salisbury MD, took his rest in the arms of the Lord after passing from natural causes at Tidal Health, in Salisbury, MD on February 16, 2021. Maurice received his early education in the public schools of Salisbury, MD and graduated from Wicomico High School in 1963. He graduated from Strayer University with a Bachelor of Science Degree in Computer Science and Information Systems. As a result of his academic achievements, he was recruited soon after graduation to work on a data project for the Washington, DC Metro transit system. He was an expert in the COBOL and Fortran programming languages. Maurice was highly sought after for his experience and expertise with main frame computer systems. Despite many obstacles for African Americans during that period, Maurice was able to make a name for himself in the early years of the computer programming field.

After retiring from his career in information systems, he decided to return to his beloved home on the Eastern Shore. He worked for numerous organizations in the Salisbury area which included the Wicomico County Environmental Health Department, where he worked with pesticides to help maintain the local ecosystem. He also worked on the construction of the Fulton Hall building at Salisbury University. Many remember Maurice in his recent line of work in local transportation. He enjoyed working with his clients, many of whom became friends. He was known to rise early to get his work completed for the day, always saying, "The early bird gets the worm."

Maurice's friends and family enjoyed his deep intellect and conversation on many diverse topics. In his early years, he enjoyed swinging his racket in a good game of tennis. Maurice was a lifelong student of the game of chess and enjoyed reading books on various gambits and strategies. Recently, he rekindled his love for tournaments and participated in the Wicomico County Parks & Recreation Chess Tournament where he proudly won 3rd place. He is preceded in death by his mother and father Mary and Preston Pinkett Sr., brother Preston Pinkett II, and son Maurice Pinkett II.

Maurice leaves behind loving memories with his three children: Denine Jones, Markel Waters (Erica), and Malik Pinkett; five grandchildren: Phalon and Shamia Jones, Juwan and Tori Palmer, and Ariana Pinkett; three great grandchildren: Sophia Jones, Braylen and Janiyah Palmer along with a host of aunts, uncles, cousins, and friends.

LOVINGLY SUBMITTED, THE FAMILY

# Tribute Wall

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“ My deepest condolences to Markel and his family. May God continue to comfort you during this difficult time. Patricia M. Dixon Upper Marlboro, Maryland

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**Patricia M. Dixon** - March 05, 2021 at 03:21 PM

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“ Mr. Maurice Pinkett, Sr. was born in the month of May 1945. His parents were the late Preston Pinkett, Sr. and Mary Black Pinkett both of Salisbury, Maryland. Maurice attended Salisbury High School and was a graduate of the class of 1963. After High School he studied at an institution in Baltimore City, Maryland. Later he moved back to Salisbury and worked at various jobs. In 1963, Maurice was noted for having one of the prettiest and one of the fastest cars in town. He loved drag racing and his 1963 chevrolet was a standout. To mourn his passing would be some nephews, cousins and friends. Farewell old friend and may God receive your soul. Lovingly, Rev. John S. Barckley An Old Buddy Silver Spring, Maryland

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**Rev. John S. Barckley** - February 23, 2021 at 12:06 PM