



Milton Wingate

July 8, 1937 - August 2, 2019

Reflection of Life

Milton Wingate departed this earthly life on Friday, August 2nd at his home in Trappe, Maryland. He was 82 years old.

Born July 8, 1937, he was the son of the late Louis Wingate, Sr., and Beatrice M. Langford Wingate Vaughn. Milton grew up in Cambridge, Maryland, on High Street, where everybody knew everybody's name. He attended Pine Street Elementary School and enjoyed playing in their Drum and Bugle Corps. He graduated from the former Mace 's Lane High School, in the class of 1955, where he served as class president and played on two championship basketball teams.

After high school, he moved to Baltimore, Maryland, and briefly attended Morgan State University with an interest in studying music. Upon leaving Baltimore, Milton relocated to Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. For four years, he was employed at Schellenberger's Candy Company, shipping candy all over, even to Cambridge, Maryland. Then, he became employed by the City of Philadelphia and worked first, at City Hall helping to manage the Inventory Supply Room, and was later elevated to the Philadelphia Museum of Art. There, he joined the Security Department and attended the University of Pennsylvania, Fells Institute, taking courses in Public Administration and City

Planning, as well as security sessions at the Smithsonian Institute in Washington, DC. Milton loved working at the museum, because he gained so much knowledge about art and met many famous artists, as well as world-wide celebrities. One of his favorite remembrances was being present for the filming of the “ Rocky” movie. He was especially proud of the citation received for overseeing the museum’s safety and security regulations set by “OSHA”, a federal agency, in a year-long project of constructing an air-conditioning system for the 1976 Bi-Centennial Celebration, which helped elevate him to Captain of the entire Security Department.

In 1992, he retired from the museum and returned to Cambridge, where, in 1998, he met and married the former Emmer Delores Gale. They resided in Trappe, Maryland.

Milton was christened at Waugh Chapel United Methodist Church at birth, and later served as president of the Youth Methodist Fellowship at the Old Delaware Conference in Centerville, Maryland. under the pastoral leadership of Rev. Jr. Shockley. Milton was baptized in 1978, while attending Greater St. Matthews Independent Church. For a time, he served as Director of Vacation Bible School, with over 200 participants enrolled. He resumed his membership at Waugh, after returning to Cambridge, and served on the Usher Board, the Building Committee and Men’s Choir. He also sponsored trips with the Older Adult Ministry. Although not officially a member, he shared a love and affection with Scott’s UM Church, where he regularly attended, participated in weekly Bible Study, the Men’s Group, and for a period of time, played the piano.

Milton had a love of boats and the ocean, which prompted him to join the Coast Guard Auxiliary. He enjoyed traveling and sports. He was passionate about music of all kinds, and was a jazz pianist, playing once at the PM Club on North Avenue in Baltimore. He derived great pleasure from good cuisine and just good old fashioned barbecuing, especially ribs. Milton loved to

converse with people and had a great interest in Cambridge and its history. He always looked forward to his August visit with his extended family, the Curtis' from Philadelphia.

In addition to his parents, Milton was preceded in death by his brother, Louis Wingate, Jr. and those whom he shared a close relationship and the same household with growing up: grand-mother Mamie Deshields; aunt, Jennie; and cousins, Robert, Peggy and Faye.

Milton leaves to cherish his memory, his wife, Delores; a daughter, Alethia "Lee Lee" Linthcum and her husband, Charles of Wilmington, DE; two grandchildren, Dominic and Shantel Stubbs, both of Wilmington, DE; three great-grandchildren, Dominique, Julianne and Zion; two step-daughters, Josee Tunnell and her daughter, Kelsey of Philadelphia and Terry Taylor of Baltimore; a brother, Clarence Vaughn and his wife Ruth of Havre de Grace, MD; a sister-in law, Christine Wingate of Cambridge, MD; a special niece, Sheri Wingate of Glen Burnie, MD; two special cousins, Jean Miller, who was like a sister, of Easton, MD and Carol Camper of Baltimore; and many cousins, in-laws and friends.

Lovingly Submitted by Milton Wingate and the Family