



Nelson Driggus Sr.

October 25, 1932 - March 13, 2018

Nelson Driggus, Sr., was born October 25, 1932, in Camden, Delaware, to the late John and Florence E. Driggus. He attended Star Hill School, and from there he went to Booker T. Washington School in Dover, Delaware. He then graduated from Delaware State College. He departed this life on March 13, 2018 at the age of 85.

In 1952, Nelson served in the United States Army for two years as a Corporal with an Honorable Discharge. Afterwards, he went to work for Annastic Brothers Construction as a foreman for 30 years. After retiring from Annastic, he attended Star Hill A.M.E. Church and became a member. He has been a faithful member since 1975.

Nelson was instrumental in enlarging the dining room and building new bathrooms for the church. He and his brother, James Driggus, rebuilt the trailer behind the church to house the Black History items. Nelson was president of the Star Hill Community Civic Association, which enabled him to work in his community for 12 years. He was the vice-president of the Kent County Crime Watch Association, with the Delaware State Police for ten years. Also, he was on the Board of First State Community Action for a number of years. He was the current chaplain of the Kent County Crime Watch Association with the Delaware State Police.

At Star Hill A.M.E. Church, Nelson was a past president of the Trustee Board, current Steward Protem of the Steward Board, and president of the Lay Organization. In addition, he was a member of the Men's Choir and the Museum. Nelson was also chaplain of the Delaware Conference Lay Organization. He received many honors from the State of Maryland; AT&T in Basking Ridge, New Jersey; the State of Delaware; and the Labor of Love from Delaware Conference Missionary.

In the early years of 2000, he was on the Board of Directors with Kay Bailey for a number of years. During that time, he was placing prison art in the state and county buildings throughout the State of Delaware.

In addition to his parents, Nelson was preceded in death by his brothers, Walter, James, Harry, and Robert; sisters-in law, Thelma, Grace, and Dorothy; and mother-in-law, Dorothy Stansbury.

Left to cherish his memories are his loving wife, Jean Stansbury, of 58 years; their daughter Sylvia

Driggus-Lawton, Dover, DE; her friend Anthony Hill, Harrington, DE; two sisters, Florence Brown and Harriet Gilmore, Dover, DE; four sisters-in-law, Phyllis Driggus, Lillian Bordley (William), Camden, DE, Julia Goldsborough, Gloria Bordley, Dover, DE; four grandchildren, Neil Driggus, Dover, DE, Nina Driggus-Bivans (Duane), Harrington, DE, Darlise Bordley, PJ Bordley, Dover, DE; eight

great-grandchildren, DyVaunte' Bordley, Frederica, DE, Kia Bivans, Harrington, DE, Nykyia Bordley, Nahjee Bordley, and Marissa Bordley, Dover, DE, TaTyona Bordley, Frederica, DE, Keyeria Williams, Harrington, DE, and Keonia Williams, Dover, DE; and a host of loving nieces, nephews, cousins, and friends.

Nelson's mottos were: "May the work I've done speak for me" and "My living

shall not be in vain.”

Nelson’s favorite scripture is Philippians 4:13 - “I can do all things through Christ which strengthens me.”

Lovingly Submitted,
The Family

To send flowers to the family or plant a tree in memory of Nelson Driggus Sr., please visit our Heartfelt Sympathies Store.

Tribute Wall

JS

“ I met Mr. Driggus at the Kent County Crimewatch meetings. He was very passionate about Star Hill and the folks that live there. He will be greatly missed and Star Hill has lost a huge person. My condolences to the family.
I apologize for not making it to the service as I am in Kansas on family business.

Levy Court Commissioner Jody Sweeney

Jody Sweeney - March 21, 2018 at 12:00 AM

TW

“ Sorry For Your Loss!

Thomas & Libby Widgeon - March 20, 2018 at 12:00 AM

BG

“ On behalf of Victory Faith Worship Center, we extend our deepest condolences. Our thoughts and prayers are with you during this difficult time.

Bishop Matthew and Pastor Cora Brown

Barbara Gumby - March 20, 2018 at 12:00 AM

MS

“ Please accept my sincere condolences for your recent loss. My heart goes out to you and your family. I have always received comfort from the Bible’s word at Philippians 4:7 which reads “and the peace of God that surpasses all understanding will guard your heart and your mental powers by means of Christ Jesus”. I hope you can receive comfort from these words as well. Margo Simmons

MARGUERITE SIMMONS - March 20, 2018 at 12:00 AM

IR

“ Sorry for the passing of your love one. Read Psalms 34:18 for words of comfort and peace.

Irene - March 20, 2018 at 12:00 AM

JO

“ Dear Family,
Grief can be so hard, may your family find strength in God’s promise at (Isaiah 25: 8) that soon “he will swallow up death forever”. You have my deepest sympathy on the loss of Mr. Nelson Driggus.

JoyceA - March 20, 2018 at 12:00 AM