



Nolan Banks Sr.

September 4, 1940 - June 23, 2020

Nolan Banks, Sr., nicknamed “Toby” by his family and close friends, 79, of Millsboro, Delaware, transitioned on June 23, 2020. He was born on September 4, 1940, in Milton, Delaware.

A loving husband, father, grandfather, brother, uncle, cousin and friend, Nolan enjoyed spending hours farming his land, planting soybeans, wheat and corn crops. In his earlier years, he loved to swim in the ocean, hunt and fish. He gained peace each summer vacationing with, his son, grandsons, and sometimes their friends, camping on Assateague Island, Maryland. Nolan was a faithful and active member of Bethel A.M.E. Church, Milton, Delaware, where he served for many years as a Steward, the Pastor’s Steward, Trustee and member of the Finance Team, as well as, sang on several choirs. . In addition, for years he volunteered his free time as group leader, assisting others weekly who were in recovery.

“Toby” graduated from William C. Jason Comprehensive High School in Georgetown, Delaware, Afterward, he served in the US Army in the 52nd Artillery Brigade from February 1965 – February 1968. He was stationed at Ft. Sheridan, in Illinois, as a rifle marksman and sharpshooter for missile launching. He retired from DuPont as an electrical engineer, where he worked full-time for most of his adult life.

Toby was preceded in death by his wife, Christal Worthington-Banks; son, John L. Mumford III of Berlin, MD; parents Elijah Banks and Margaret Harmon-Banks; brothers, Alton Harmon (Mabel) of Milton, DE and Richard Banks of Charleston, SC and sister, Emma Henry of Seaford, DE.

Nolan is survived by his son, Nolan "Lil Toby" Banks, Jr. (Angela) of Middletown, DE; two daughters, Brenda Mumford of Bowie, MD and Marieka Lawrence of Greenville, SC; grandsons, whom he raised like his own, Valdez D. Mumford (Keshia) of Bowie, MD and Cedric Mumford (Lakedia) of Selbyville, DE. He is also survived by 10 additional grandchildren, Dawn, Tanganyika, Frederick III "Jerron" (Chirlanda), Christopher (Kenya), Tierra, Xavier, Ava, Grant, Noah and Julian; 17 great-grandchildren; two great-great grandchildren; one brother, Milton Banks (Lois) of Rochester, NY; three sisters, Pearl Cirwithian and Marie Ealy of Milton, DE and Joyce Jones (James) of Ellendale, DE; two sisters-in-law; and a host of nieces, nephews and cousins.