



Otas Cephias

March 25, 1941 - December 29, 2015

Otas Edward Cephias was born on Tuesday, March 25, 1941 to the late John Cephias and Bertie Cannon Cephias. He peacefully entered into eternal rest on Tuesday, December 29, 2015 at Beebe Medical Center, surrounded by loved ones.

Otas attended William C. Jason Comprehensive High School in Georgetown, Delaware. After graduation he enlisted in the United States Armed Forces. Upon his return from active duty, he attended Delaware Technical and Community College.

For over 39 years, Otas served as a Police Officer in the Seaford and Greenwood communities. He retired as a Sergeant from the Seaford Police Department. He later retired as the Chief of Police from the Greenwood Police Department.

After his retirement, he went to work as a transportation specialist for DART and Hayes Transportation Company in Seaford, Delaware.

Otas was married for 29 years to his wife, Helen Bull. They loved traveling together. His hobbies were race cars, photography and was a self-taught mechanic. In his leisure time, he enjoyed listening to Jimmy Swaggart.

Otas was preceded in death by his parents, John and Bertie Cephias, one sister, Ida Cannon; six brothers: William Cannon, Walter Cannon, Alphonso Cannon, Eldridge Cephias, Harlan W. Cephias, Clarence Cephias and his father-in-law, Linwood "Duke" Wise.

He leaves to cherish his loving memory, his devoted wife and caretaker, Helen Bull Cephas of Seaford, Delaware, four daughters: Otisia (Emory) Howell of Houston, Delaware; Ovon (Aubrey) Jernigan of Seaford, Delaware, Otasia Cephas of Wilmington, Delaware and Tina (Theo) Jones of Smyrna, Delaware; two sons, Otas E. Cephas, Jr. of Seaford, Delaware and Tim (Yvonne) Bull of New Castle, Delaware; 12 grandchildren, 2 great-grandchildren; one sister Alberta Waples of Seaford, Delaware and one brother, John L. Cephas of Tampa, Florida; his special friends Stan and Judy Hardesty; his adopted grandchildren Christopher and Krystal Robinson-Strickland; his mother-in-law, Helen Wise for whom he helped to care for, his spiritual friend, Rev. Annie Custis to whom he referred as Captain Custis; father-in-law Robert Bull; one brother-in-law, Bobby (Sarah) Bull of Dagsboro, Delaware, and a host of nieces, nephews, cousins and friends.

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

Tribute Wall

OJ

“ I love you Daddy and you are truly missed already! You are gone but I will do everything in my power to keep your legacy moving forward. Until I see you again... I love you!

Otas Jr.

Otas Cephas Jr. - January 12, 2016 at 12:00 AM

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“ I KNOW IT A SAD TIME FOR YOU OTAS BUT LOOK AT THE GOOD TIMES WITH YOUR DAD . YES HE GONE BUT YOU SEE HIM WHEN IT'S YOUR TIME TO GO . IF YOU NEED TO TALK OR ANYTHING I HERE .AND GOD BE WITH YOU AND YOUR FAMILY.

willa sprague - January 01, 2016 at 12:00 AM

MJ

“ I am sorry for your loss, please accept my sincere condolences. I hope you will find some comfort and strength in Jesus promise of the earthly resurrection(Acts 24:15)and the renewed Paradise earth, where death will be no more and no family will mourn the death of a loved one.-Revelation 21:3,4;John 5:28,29;Luke 23:43. May GOD(Psalms 83:18)grant you peace and comfort now, during this grievous time.-Matthew 5:4.

M Jones - January 01, 2016 at 12:00 AM