



## Otis Henry Poole

November 12, 1931 - January 7, 2023

### OTIS' JOURNEY

Otis was born on November 12, 1931 in Wattsville, Virginia to the late George and Flora Poole, one of seven siblings. On Saturday January 7, 2023 at 6:09 am, heaven dispatched the angel of mercy to accompany home God's child. He was a resident of the Alice B. Tawes Nursing and Rehabilitation Center in Crisfield, Maryland, while absent from his home in New Church, Virginia.

Otis accepted Jesus Christ at an early age. He attended Wattsville United Methodist Church in Wattsville, VA and was one of seven siblings who were led to Christ by their parents. Otis received his education through the Accomack County Public School System.

Otis and Grace joined hands in Holy Matrimony on March 16, 1962 (60 years and 10 months of marriage).

The Ceremony was performed by the late Reverend Benjamin Burton.

During many years of his life, he did farm work, with his father going on to work for Shell Poultry, then Holly Farms in Temperanceville, VA where he started his new job as an Eviscerating Supervisor. Then Holly farms became Tyson Foods and between the three he retired with 60 plus years of service. Otis never missed a day of work and never complained about going to work.

After retiring from the poultry industry, he went to work at the Rest Area at the Maryland/Virginia Line for a few years before giving work up.

There was not a job in the house that he wouldn't do. When the wife awakened in the morning, the breakfast was done. He always tried to help keep the house in order. At the nursing home, he would accompany the nurse while delivering medication, keeping busy. Sunday morning waking up early ready for worship service, Wednesday morning service with Pastor Steve. He would say to us you missed some good singing if we were late.

Otis was known by family and friends for his very particular appearance, keeping a clean vehicle and managing a well-maintained yard. Otis cared especially for plants and flowers. In his younger days, some pleasures were going to the drag race, riding his motor bike and drinking beer, one after another, and never getting a buzz, that we could notice. While living at Tawes Nursing and Rehabilitation Center for one year and three months, the staff and residents shared with us how much they came to love Otis. His roommate said he was just a piece of on the floor when it came to Mr. Otis. When Mr. Otis called the CNA or Nurse, they came to take care of the situation immediately. They would all say, "Grace he calls for you early every morning and sometimes throughout the day; especially the day that you are coming to visit.

He was preceded in death by: his parents, George and Flora Poole; daughter, Barbara Poole; brothers, Reginald and Purcel Poole; sisters, Augusta Holly, Stephanie Robins and Hattie Davis; aunts, Hattie Selby and Bernice Marshall and uncle, John Poole.

Otis leaves to cherish loving memories: wife, Grace E. Poole of New Church, VA; daughters, Brenda (Sylvester) Dale and Janice Bratten, both of Snow Hill, MD; sister, Lenora Seymour of Brooklyn, NY; sisters-in-law, Almeta Smith of

New Church, VA, Phillis Poole of Pocomoke, MD and Reverend Lavenia Fletcher of Horntown, VA; brothers-in-law, Norman (Brenda) Fletcher of New Church, VA and Donald Fletcher of Pocomoke, MD. A host of grandchildren and great-grandchildren, naming a few: Tonia (Antonio) Dale-Johnson, Chenel Lennon, Nisa (Charles) Wallace, John Lennon, Jr., Kelly Taylor, Shayla (Khalih) Goodman, Tyeshia Dale, Nije Ewell, Jakia Taylor, Kelese Brittingham, Jayden Taylor, Colin Goodman, Amir Tingle, Omri Gibbs, Aiden Gibbs, Matthias Phillips, Jarell Lennon, Madisyn Gladman, Charles Wallace, Jr. and Charlotte Wallace; nephews, Duayne Seymour, Bill Davis, Purcel Poole, Jr., Jeffrey Poole, Wendell Poole, Darwin (Wendy) Poole and Marty Poole; nieces, Fayequita (Walter) Poole-Maycock, Cassandra Stevens, Cynthia (Donald) Brown, Leslie (Poarish) Wilson, Tiffany (Terraine) Jackson, Sharon (Timothy) Anderson, Sherri (Steve) Shelton, Lynnell (Tom) Pugh and Garnita (Blew) White; a special cousin, Clarence "Beaver" Marshall and special friends, James and Geraldine Cox and Nathan and Joann Wise.

"Family isn't always blood, it's the people in your life who want you in theirs, the ones who accept you for who you are. The ones who would do anything to see you smile and who love you no matter what." Daily Quotes. Com

### Missing You

You will be greatly missed by your family and friends.

But memories of you will go on the end.

Our lives will cherish the thought of you

By remembering the talks and fun times too.

Things happen in a strange and awkward ways.

Never preparing us for unexpected days.

So we'll keep your face alive in our hearts.

And your spirit will be with us without depart.

Now laid to rest with God by your side-

Being at peace and never alone in a world so wide.

LOVINGLY SUBMITTED ~ THE FAMILY

# Previous Events

## Visitation

JAN **13**. 12:00 PM - 1:00 PM (ET)

Mt. Zion Missionary Baptist Church  
5558 Castle Hill Road  
Snow Hill, MD 21863

## Funeral Service

JAN **13**. 1:00 PM (ET)

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# Tribute Wall

LW

“ Oh boy Otis I miss you so much Pop ☐

Lacey Wagner - January 18, 2023 at 10:51 PM

SS

“ I AM GOING TO MISS SEEING UR SMILE WHEN I COME TO WORK. AND THE CONVERSATIONS WE WOULD HAVE.

Shaunda Snead - January 13, 2023 at 03:20 PM

PE

“ Phyllis Ewell lit a candle in memory of Otis Henry Poole



Phyllis Ewell - January 12, 2023 at 05:18 PM

TW

“ Sorry For Your Loss



Thomas Wideon - January 12, 2023 at 05:13 AM

PC

“ Our sincerest condolences to the family. 🙏🙏

Pamela Coston - January 11, 2023 at 01:53 PM