



Raymond M. Alexander

August 21, 1941 - June 20, 2018

Raymond M. Alexander, was born on August 21, 1941, in Wilmington, Delaware, to Ollie and Reba Alexander. He departed this life on June 20, 2018, peacefully in his home. He was 76 years old.

Raymond was raised in Wilmington, Delaware, where he attended Howard High School. He enlisted in the Army and served 3 years. After his service, he obtained employment with General Motors, where he worked for 30 years before retiring. In 1988, at the age of 47, he met Emma “Rebbie” Baynard. They dated for 15 years then married in 2003. Months prior to his passing, in his home and in the presence of his family, Raymond decided to give his life to Christ.

Raymond was a man that wore a hat of various colors. He was involved in many groups and organizations throughout his life. These groups include Masonic Lodges Star East #1 and Temple Lodge #8 in Milford, Delaware, The Shriners, in which he was the High Priest and Prophet, The Buffalo Soldiers (serving as the photographer for the organization), and The Free Rollers. Raymond proved to be a highly dedicated and dependable member of every organization he was a part of. His loyalty and dedication earned him various certificates and awards as a result of him holding different positions within the organizations. Though Raymond was plenty busy with his involvement and work, he still found time to develop many hobbies of his own and organize

groups in his community. He organized the foot patrol and the community patrol in his neighborhood in Wilmington, Delaware. His hobbies included photography, playing the guitar, harmonica, and keyboard, reading, carpentry, and taking his boat out on the water. He often shared his many talents and hobbies with some of his grandchildren. He has spent time teaching the art of photography and even how to develop pictures in his dark room that he had at home. He also began giving music lessons on the guitar and keyboard. He loved to read and teach them about their history, travel, and current issues of the world. One love that he will always be remembered for is the love that he had for motorcycles. He loved to ride his bike, take pictures of it, and work on it. He could spend days talking to anyone that would listen about his bike and the things he could do to it and the places he could go on it. In his later years, Raymond spent much of his time at home talking to his family about any and everything. He was a loving husband and a great father. His children will always remember the values that he instilled in them starting from a young age and throughout their adult lives. He always made sure to teach them responsibility, integrity, and how to face and overcome fears. He will always be remembered for the jokes that he would tell as well as the jokes that he would play on his family. He had an art for making the family laugh...not because the jokes he told were so funny, but because the jokes he told were so bad that you had to laugh at him for his effort. His step-children will always remember the mess that he made across the stove every time he attempted to cook his "famous" spaghetti dinner, as well as his many requests for a hoagie from the local Pavoliks store. Raymond had a huge impact on many lives, and he will always be remembered and his memories cherished.

Raymond was preceded in death by his parents Ollie and Reba Alexander; his sister, Barbara Blake, and his mother-in-law, Beatrice Nichols.

Raymond leaves to cherish his memories, his loving wife of 15 years, Emma "Rebbie" Alexander of Harrington, DE; his daughter, Sheila Alexander of

Stone Mountain, GA, his son Rodney Alexander of Wilmington, DE, his step-son, Randy Baynard (Julie) of North Carolina, his step-daughters, Tiny Baynard (Nigel) of Harrington, DE, Tammy Baynard (Bryan) of Laurel, DE, Lisa Baynard (Marvin) of Milford, DE, and Linda McDonald (Clarence) of Felton, DE. He also leaves to mourn his absence, 14 grandchildren; 27 great grandchildren and a host of nieces and nephews.

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ES

“ I will miss Raymond immensely!! There are few people I have as much respect for as I do Raymond! He was a true "American"!! Everything from serving in the military to being an intricate member of society and living the American dream. Not to mention helping people like me with my Goldwing on numerous occasions, and spending hours on the phone exchanging opinions on many subjects!!

God will bless Raymond, and I am sure will take him to the promise land, God Bless Raymond and his family!!

CMS Edward B. Stewart USAF, Ret

Ed and Michele Stewart - June 26, 2018 at 12:00 AM

HF

“ My deepest condolences for the loss of your dear loved one. While nothing will completely take away your grief, by meditating on Gods promises found in the Bible, you can find real hope and the strength to keep going. My family and I have found the scripture at Isaiah 25:8 to be especially comforting. Here it promises that God "will swallow up death forever and the Sovereign Lord Jehovah will wipe away the tears from all faces."

H. Fields - June 25, 2018 at 12:00 AM

JO

“ Please accept my heartfelt condolences on the loss of of Raymond Alexander your loved one. May the wonderful memories of your loved one continue to provide a measure of comfort to you until God's promise is fulfilled at Matthews 5: 5.

JoyceA - June 23, 2018 at 12:00 AM

IR

“ *Sorry for the passing of your love one. Read John 5:28 for words of comfort and peace.*

Irene - June 23, 2018 at 12:00 AM

GR

“ My dear wife and I would like to extend our condolences for the loss of your loved one. All of us have experienced the pain of death in some way sad to say. And, so, at difficult times like this we are confronted with the stark reality of how precious and fragile life can surely be (James 4:14). So, my wife and I send this condolence to you with the hope that we can in some small way comfort you as it has comforted us with what the Bible reveals to us about GOOD NEWS from Almighty God. Please be assured that we are in no way trying to impose our faith on you; but we sincerely just want to extend comfort to you during your grief (Proverbs 17:17).

As recorded in the Bible, God's only-begotten son, Jesus promises that one day he is personally going to bring back to life all those who have died, just as he did when he was on earth as a man (John 5:28, 29; 11:43, 44). Just as death is an enemy to us, it is also an enemy to God (1 Corinthians 15:26). For that reason, as well as others, He promises to remove FOREVER all the pain, suffering, wickedness, and DEATH that mankind has had to endure for thousands of years (Revelation 21:3-5; Psalm 37:10, 11, 29). What a glorious and almost unbelievable day that will be! It's a reality and a sure hope we can rely on because it is absolutely impossible for God to lie (Titus 1:2; Isaiah 55:10, 11).

It is our hope that you NOT take our word for what has been written in this condolence; but we encourage you to please take a moment to read and meditate on all these referenced scriptures in your own Bible (1 Timothy 4:15, 16). My wife and I are confident you will be encouraged and comforted by the marvelous hope God has in store for us (Psalm 1:1-3; John 17:3). Our thoughts and prayers are with all of you.

George & Christine Ragusa - June 21, 2018 at 12:00 AM

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“ *Sorry For Your Loss*
Jesus Loves Me
You Are Special

Thomas & Libby Widgeon - June 21, 2018 at 12:00 AM