



## Rufus Hankerson

April 5, 1952 - April 24, 2019

### Obituary

Rufus “Man” Hankerson was born the son and 7th child of William Hankerson, Sr. and the late Ethel Mae Mincey-Hankerson on April 5, 1952 in Belle Glade, Florida. He entered into eternal rest on Wednesday, April 24, 2019 at Peninsula Regional Medical Center in Salisbury, Maryland.

Rufus, also called “Lil Man”, received his early education in the public schools of Somerset County in Princess Anne, Maryland. He graduated from Washington High School.

Furthering his education, he attended OIC College in Harrisburg, Pennsylvania where he received vocational training in automotive mechanics. He also took up the trade of masonry and loved to draw. Whatever he worked on, he usually never gave up until he accomplished it, putting God first in everything he did.

Rufus was an employee at Purity Bacon in Salisbury, Maryland for twelve (12) years and a dedicated employee of Pepsi Bottling Company for several years.

“Man” was taught that if a man doesn’t work, he doesn’t eat. He believed in what his parents taught him and he believed in the word of God. He was

indeed a hard worker and as tiny as he was, he also loved to cook and eat. He was very talented and while in his youth, he used match boxes to build toy trains. When "Man" was a child, he and his sister Mae, used to sneak around waiting up for their eldest sister, Mozelle to come home from work with snacks for them while the other siblings were asleep. Later, as a young man, Rufus took over farming and planting for his father worked in to cement industry.

"Man" loved the Lord throughout his days. He was a very humble person who believed in doing the will of God. He always had kind words to say to others and had a beautiful smile. Anytime he could help someone, he would take time out to give you a hand or an encouraging word. He loved the Ten Commandments and quoted them all. His favorite verses were Matthew 22:37-39 "Jesus said unto him, thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart and with all thy soul, and with all thy mind. This is the first and great commandment. And the second is like unto it, thou shalt love thy neighbor as thyself; and Matthew 7:12 "Therefore all things whatsoever ye would that men should do to you, do ye even so to them: for this is the law and the prophets." From which he got his favorite saying "do unto others as you would have them do unto you"

Rufus was faithful in and out of church and believed in tithing his 10% unto God. He loved his church family and there at Cathedral of Restoration, he met his sweetheart, Delores Ann. They were married for twenty-nine (29) years until the Lord called her home. Rufus was a dedicated Deacon along side Pastor Green and a faithful co-pastor along with his late wife, Elder Delores Ann Hankerson at their church at New Life Chapel. He then returned to Cathedral of Restoration, channeling his duties as a Deacon there.

Rufus leaves to cherish special memories: his father, William Hankerson Sr., of Eden, MD; one step-daughter, Robany Pittman of Salisbury, MD; four grandchildren, Aaron, Ariel, Jaron and Jadona Pittman; 12 siblings Mozelle

McDowell, Harrisburg, PA; Richard Hankerson, Sr., of Eden, MD; Jake (Phyllis) Hankerson of Fruitland MD; Rosalee (Herschel) of Harrisburg, PA; Ethel Mae Copes of Salisbury, Maryland, Roger (Sharon) Hankerson of Eden, MD; Alfred (Phyllis) Hankerson of Salisbury, MD, Harvey Hankerson of Salisbury, MD; Ernest (Cecilia) Hankerson of Owings Mills, MD; Lorine Hankerson and Lottie Hankerson, of Harrisburg, PA; and Lawrence (Angie) Hankerson of Salisbury, MD; two surviving sisters-in-law Letha Hankerson of Eden, MD; and Joyce Anne Hankerson of Salisbury, MD; and a host of nieces, nephews, cousins, family and friends.

He was preceded in death by: mother Ethel Mae Mincey-Hankerson his wife, Delores Ann Hankerson; two brothers, William Hankerson, Jr. and Louis Hankerson; mother- and father-in-law, Catherine and James Church and one nephew, William Hankerson III.

Lovingly Submitted ~ The Family

# Tribute Wall

BP

“ I am truly sorry about your loss it's hard when we lose a loved one. However, I wanted to let you know that we can be comforted by a future hope. Soon there will be no more pain or sorrow. All the former things have passed away. (Rev 21:3,4)

BP - May 30, 2019 at 01:08 PM

IR

“ Sorry for the passing of your love one. Read Isaiah 61:1,2 for words of comfort and peace.

Irene - May 06, 2019 at 12:45 PM

PW

“ To the family, My sincere condolences in the passing of Rufus. Please find comfort in the words of Revelation 21:4, "And he (God) will wipe out every tear from their eyes, and death will be no more, neither will mourning nor outcry nor pain be anymore. The former things have passed away. \u201d

Phyllis W. - May 06, 2019 at 11:05 AM

AR

“ I like to express my deepest sympathy for your loss. It was never God's intent that death should rule over mankind. - Romans 5:12; 1 Corinthians 15:26, 55; God will do away with death. But for now God has provided hope-as stated at John 5:28, 29. During this most painful time please find comfort from God's word.

Artina - May 04, 2019 at 01:42 PM

JO

“ Dear Family: Please accepted my heartfelt condolences on the loss of your love one. May the wonderful memories of Rufus Hankerson continue to provide a measure of comfort to you until Gods promises are fulfilled at ( Matthew 5:5 ).

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**JoyceA** - May 04, 2019 at 11:37 AM

HS

“ With deepest sympathy,

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**Heartfelt Sympathies Store** - May 01, 2019 at 01:17 PM

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.\u201d

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**H. Fields** - April 30, 2019 at 10:25 PM

TL

“ Sorry For Your Loss Jesus Christ Loves Me We Love You

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**Thomas & Libby** - April 30, 2019 at 08:30 PM