



Sylvester Boston Jr.

May 25, 1930 - April 21, 2023

Obituary

On May 25, 1930, GOD blew the breath of life upon the earth and once again man became a living soul. As GOD exhaled, he gave life to the son of the late Sylvester Boston, Sr. and Sallie Mae Beauchamp. On Friday, April 21, 2023, GOD inhaled and called back to himself, our Brother Sylvester Boston, Jr., also known as “Jack.”

Sylvester Boston, Jr. was born in Dublin, Maryland where he received his education in the Somerset County School System. Due to an unfortunate train accident with him losing his mother at age 4, his older sister Caroline, at age 9, became a mother figure. They were like two peas in a pod. They were close and depended on one another. They loved each other and their bond was unbreakable. In 2017, his sister’s daughter, Carol Hayward Cottman became his caretaker. Carol and her husband, Robert Cottman, Sr. welcomed Uncle Jack with open arms.

He served his country by joining the United States Army on October 5, 1951 to July 9, 1953. He was in the Korean War, where he received the Combat Infantry Badge, Korean Service Medal, two Bronze Stars and the United Nations Service Medal. He received an honorable discharge upon the completion of his duty. Jack is a member of the Veterans of Foreign Wars (VFW) Local 9505 in Princess Anne, Maryland. He made sure his niece paid

his annual dues. After he served his country, he worked in various positions with the State of Maryland and Somerset County.

To know Jack is to know that he loved to read! His passion was playing cards, watching soap operas, westerns, and old detective shows. His favorite game shows were Jeopardy and Wheel of Fortune. Jack enjoyed assisting his niece Carol with her math problems, through high school and college. He was knowledgeable about mostly all topics and subjects, and he was a quiet and gentle man. Jack was known to say what he meant; in other words, he did not have a filter. Mr. Jack would be frank and honest when needed, but also be gentle with a smile.

Jack was very private. He was loved by all his nieces and nephews, and affectionately known to all who met him as Uncle Jack. He would always have a little smirky smile when one of his nieces would introduce him as Uncle Jack and they would call him that as well. He often asked, "Why they call me Uncle Jack," and his Niece Carol would say, because you are our uncle. Confirmed bachelor (LL Cool J) lady love, cool Jack. In the neighborhood, he was the Uber driver for the community. If it were a traffic jam uptown, you could bet it was Mr. Jack holding up traffic. Jack loved his sisters dearly. He would take Caroline to Salisbury for her shopping adventures and assisted her with running errands. Elmira and Laura loved him taking them to their doctor's appointments and running errands. Mae would love cooking wild game for her baby brother. Bertha loved short visits and touched base with his close friend Marvin Landing, who would be patiently waiting. Jack adored his cousin Myrtle, and often spoke of the times in the "good old days."

They were the oldest ones in the Dublin area, she turned 93 in January and Jack would have been 93 this month. Every time they saw each other they would talk and play catchup. Now, Cousin Myrtle will continue to carry the torch, and we will enjoy her stories as she continues the legacy.

Jack is an individual that you could rely on for anything, and he was full of wonderful ideas. In addition, he gave the best advice to deal with many situations. He was always calm and collective with his approach. A man who always kept his promises and managed things with ease and was quite vocal about anything and everything. One of the amusing things about Jack was that he tried to operate a smart phone. Although it was challenging, he tried, even if he had the phone upside down and if the call did go through, the call would drop.

Mr. Sylvester (Jack) Boston, Jr. quietly and peacefully flew into the loving arms of our Lord, and an angel was sent for his safe passage. He leaves to cherish wonderful memories: a devoted and faithful caretaker, niece Carol Hayward Cottman (Robert) of New Castle, Delaware; twelve other nieces, Margaret Owens and Marilyn Ware of Fruitland, MD, Garnet Hearne of New Castle, DE, Ruth Wilcox, Betty Price, Beverly Sanders and Deborah Phillips, all of Philadelphia, PA, Daphne Brabson of Chesapeake, VA and Victoria Elliott (Anthony) of Portsmouth, VA; two nephews, Emerson Cottman of Princess Anne, MD and Robert Brinkley of Chesapeake, VA, one great nephew, Terrence Hayward of Salisbury, MD; godson, Darnell "Diesel" Bryant, Jr. (Arshar). The following family members assisted with his care in the absence of his niece Carol: three great nieces, Malaika, Oni and Leiloni Hayward, all of Washington, DC; niece-in-law, Constance Porter of Capitol Heights, MD; two great great nephews, Melvin Douglas of Washington, DC, and King Faulk of Baltimore, MD; a great great niece, Miracle Hayward of Washington, DC, and a host of great nieces, nephews, cousins and friends.

He was preceded in death by seven siblings, Henry Beauchamp, Laura Corbin, Elmira McBride, Eleanor Cannon, John Boston, Sallie Mae Brinkley, and Bertha Winslow.

Lovingly Submitted — The Family

Previous Events

Visitation

MAY 5. 9:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

Bennie Smith Life Celebration Center
901 West Isabella Street
Salisbury, MD 21801

Funeral Service

MAY 5. 11:00 AM (ET)

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Tribute Wall



“ *View and Download the Funeral Program*

Bennie Smith Funeral Home - May 04, 2023 at 06:34 PM



“ *Carolyn Johnson lit a candle in memory of Sylvester Boston Jr.*



Carolyn Johnson - May 04, 2023 at 03:04 PM



Thank U Uncle Jack for Our Early Years for Me and My Older Son for Care .. 🤝🙏

Happy - October 16, 2023 at 03:26 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Sylvester Boston Jr..*



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