



William P. Briggs Sr.

June 7, 1937 - November 23, 2014

William Percell Briggs, Sr, son of the late Olin W. Briggs, Sr. and Magdalene Johnson Briggs was born in Federalsburg, MD, on June 7, 1937 and departed this life on Sunday, November 23, 2014 in Seaford, DE at Nanticoke Memorial Hospital.

On May 6, 1963, he married the love of his life, Gladys Palmer and to this union they had 6 children; Jacqueline, Darryl, LuAnn, Jean, Kiki, and Stoney. Then they adopted Brenda Hooper, Virginia Gomez-Robinson, Kirby Briggs and Dave Philmore. They were married for 51 years.

Additionally, he was preceded in death by his daughter, Jacqueline Briggs Johnson, his son, Darryl Briggs, brothers, Kirby Briggs and Olin Briggs, Jr, sister, Mary Alverta Briggs, in-laws: Tyronne West, Argen Sample, Jr and friend, Leon Waters.

“Skip”, as he was so fondly called, received his education from Lockerman High School in Denton, MD. Upon leaving high school, he entered the United States Air Force. After returning home, he began working for the DuPont nylon plant in Seaford, DE. He retired from DuPont after 29 years. Then he went to work at Del Tech Community College as transportation specialist. He loved shooting pool, hunting, fishing, playing cards with friends, telling jokes, singing with the Men’s Choir of Mt. Calvary, watching his favorite team the Oakland Raiders, spending time with the grandkids and spending time with mom Cora Washington and Leona.

He leaves to cherish his memories: wife, Gladys Briggs; children, LuAnn

Holden (Sherard), Jean Briggs, Kiamishia "Kiki" Briggs-Dickerson (Dale), William "Stoney" Briggs, Jr (Stephanie), Chanelle Evans (Vince), Brenda Hooper, and Virginia Robinson (Ricky); grandchildren, DeShaun Scott, Devon Briggs, Londrae' Briggs, Michael Briggs, Jeron Johnson, Kyle Kellam, Tahjee Briggs, Sakai Briggs, Shareef Briggs, Jezet Johnson, Javon Johnson, Christopher Kilgoe, Eboni Kilgoe, India Thomas, Terrance Gomez, Cuartney Tingle, and Rik'kel Robinson; adopted son, Dave Philmore; brother, Gordon Briggs; sisters, Beatrice Murphy (William) of Massachusetts, Hazel Cornish (Larry) and Eva Briggs of Cambridge; aunt, Florence Simms (George); uncles, Namon Palmer, and Julius Littlejohn; in-laws, John Johnson, Vernon Roberts (Esther), Orlando Palmer (Gloria), Diane Drayton (Alfred), Martin West (Vanee), Myron West, William West (Maria), Cornelius West (Diane), Correne Ross (Linwood), Forrest West (Timah), Joanne West (Wayne), Josephine Drayton (Layton), Kim West, Drayna West, Eva D. McCoy, Vivian James, Stella Satchell, Gladys James, Rachel Abbott (Calvin), Bishop Catherine Camper (Golden), Henry Palmer (Inez), Joseph Palmer (Virginia), Mildred West, and Margerite White; Nephews and nieces; Keith Allen (Robin), Clarence Allen (Jamie), Lavonne Briggs (Amy), Michael Briggs (Nancy), Elwood Holley, Jr., Gloria Simms (Artie), Tracey Briggs, Olin Bolden, Olindia Bolden, Kirby Briggs, and Michelle Clanton; 21 great-grand children; special cousin, Brenda Briggs; special friends, Tim Duker (Mary), Walt Cannon, Phillip and Evelyn Maddox, Jasper Thomas (Cora), Eddie Pitts (Francis), Kevin Pitts (Renee), Bobby Greene (Carol), Carl Roach, John Oliver (Otelia), Michael Dale (Teena), Gwen Hammond, Bill Batson (Idola), Bill Palmer (Ruth), Kevin Savage (Dara), Doc Semper (Roz), Harold Watson, James Stokes (Dorothy), Alicia Cephas, Daniel Hopkins, Branson Smith, Chuck West (Reba), and William Batson; godchildren, Jvonne Oliver, Joy Hunt (Jason), Jamie Swain (Ken), Nygiem Roberts, Vernon "Telly" Roberts (Shana), Chevella Williams, Andrew Banks, Stephanie Cook, Eric Cook, Ricky Bolden and Christin Gale; a godchild, Calvin Abbott; and a host of nieces, nephews, neighbors, community members and good friends, too many to mention them all.

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Tribute Wall

MS

“ I am so sorry to learn of the death of your dearly loved one. He touched the lives of so many and will be missed greatly by all. May meditating on God's promises of a resurrection (rising up) of many of those asleep in the dust of the earth bring you comfort. (John 5:28,29; Daniel 12:2)

M. Starke - December 02, 2014 at 12:00 AM

PS

“ Mrs. Briggs, our prayers are with you and your family.

Peter H. Singleton - November 30, 2014 at 12:00 AM

LM

“ With my deepest sympathy to all of you on your recent loss. My prayer and thoughts are there with you.

Linda Mischler - November 29, 2014 at 12:00 AM

SH

“ My sincere condolences on the passing of your loved one Mr. Skip, a legend in his own right. May God grant you peace during your hour of bereavement. Prayers for you Ms. Gladys, Jean, LuAnn and your entire family.

Sarah Hammond - November 29, 2014 at 12:00 AM

CN

“ I would like to expend my condolences to the family. I was surprise and lost for words. All can do is think about him at football parties. He sure could keep party going. He's gonna be missed. Praying for you guys. Lots of love, Coretta

coretta neal - November 28, 2014 at 12:00 AM

HF

“ So sorry to hear of the passing of a Seaford Legend at all types of sporting events throughout Sussex County. I will always remember him and Leon holding court at the Concord store most mornings. He always had some words of wisdom for everyone he met, it was up to you if you wanted to use them. Family always remember the great times you shared as a family. Keep your faith in GOD and this too shall pass. God Bless all of you!

Howard Smack & Family - November 28, 2014 at 12:00 AM

DP

“ I am a lost for words with the passing of your husband and my friend and mentor Skip Briggs.
He treated me like a son. I'll never forget him and i hope that you and the family can get through this moment in time with the love that he left us all.
He was an amazing man.

david philmore - November 26, 2014 at 12:00 AM

RO

“ Mom Gladys & Family;
Sharing in your sadness as you remember your loving husband and father "SKIP". There never was anyone quite like him and never will be again. He was a true original.”
My thoughts are with you and your family.
Robbin
Greenwood, DE

Robbin - November 24, 2014 at 12:00 AM