



## William Jemal Criner III

January 1, 1976 - November 30, 2019

### The Life of “Jemal”

William Jemal Criner III departed this life peacefully on Saturday, November 30, 2019 at Beebe Healthcare in Lewes, Delaware. He was born on January 1, 1976 to Sharan Purnell and the late William J. Criner, Jr.

He received his formal education in the Worcester County school system. He was a graduate of Stephen Decatur High School in Berlin, Maryland.

William was a chef at many different local restaurants. He spent twenty (20) years working at the Dough Roller in Ocean City, Maryland, as well as Station 7 and Mountaire Farms.

William was united in holy matrimony on June 19, 2010 to Alicia Criner. He was always willing to work to make ends meet and care for his family.

William Jemal, known to many as “Smiley”, was joyous and had a great sense of humor. He enjoyed spending time with his family and friends, playing spades and mastering chess. He had a loving spirit, yet witty and jovial and you could always find him with a smile on his face, making belly-aching jokes. “Smiley” was always concerned about the welfare of those close to him.

Jemal leaves to cherish precious memories: his wife, Alicia Criner and his four beautiful children—Wynesha Brittingham (23), Isaiah Foreman (22), Jemal Criner (20) and Trezhon Criner (18); his mother, Sharan Purnell; his step-pop, Harry (Leon) Dennis; his siblings, Melanda Criner and Jervonta Fooks; his grandmothers, Tessie Criner and Beverly Stanford; his nieces and nephews, Randy DuPont, Jazmyne Dupont, Janiyah Fooks, Kallie Wells, Kenady Wells, Robert Smith and Skylar Showell; sister-in-law, Cora Showell; brothers-in-law, Johnnie Showell and Kytrell Wells; his loving circle which included special people such as the entire Kee's family, his aunts, Annabelle Franklin, Corrine Purnell, Beverly Criner and Louise Purnell; uncles, Norman Purnell, Roy Purnell and George Hepburn as well as a host of cousins, other relatives, god children and extended family.

Jemal was preceded in death by his mother-in-law, Delores M. Showell.

LOVINGLY SUBMITTED,  
THE FAMILY