



William C. Jason III

July 13, 1926 - November 3, 2014

William Charles Jason, III was born in Philadelphia, PA on July 13, 1926 to the late William C. Jason, Jr. of Philadelphia, PA and Harriett Olive Cully of Annapolis, MD.

He was the grandson of Rev. Dr. William C. Jason, who served as president of the State College for Colored Students from 1895-1923, which is now called Delaware State University.

At his death, William was a long-term care resident of the Capital Nursing Home on Walker Road in Dover and had been a patient since February of 2009.

He and his wife, Bertha Carol Jackson Jason had no children but had family members and many friends who truly cared about them. The two loved animals and always had cats or a dog in their home.

Billy's education included attendance at the following schools: Elementary and Middle-William Hanna, Judge Wm. Shoemaker; in Philadelphia, High School and College - West Philadelphia High School; Business school, Lincoln University, University of PA; Temple and Hampton University in VA.

During World War II, he worked at the Philadelphia Naval yard as a pipe fitter on the ships. He worked in a number of capacities over the years such as: a probation officer for the county of Philadelphia, PA, a therapeutic group counselor for troubled teens, a supervisor at the youth study center, as a court representative-preparing briefs for probation officers and he worked closely with Judge Juanita Kid Stout.

Also, a special career for Billy was working at the Opportunity Industrialization Center (OIC), created by Dr. Leon Sullivan in Philadelphia. His work led him to help start a training center in Camden, NJ, which provided job skills training for folks to get their G.E.D. and also to receive specialized skills that helped them get jobs in the business and industrial areas. He became a counselor that was part of the O.I.C. program.

He enjoyed tutoring anyone that needed help in the areas of math and writing job resumes, etc. Upon leaving O.I.C, he became a substitute math teacher in the Camden School District and taught math and other subjects as needed.

Billy's other side talent was carpentry work and he did every endeavor with precision such as building closets and repairing items in the home.

At Camper U.M. Church, he sang in the senior choir for years and he enjoyed giving mini sermons whenever asked on Laity Day. He loved sports and played basketball in high school and some in college until he became ill for a period of time. He loved being an active participant in the Omega Psi Phi Fraternity and taking his father to the BMCR (Black Methodists for Church Renewal) Meetings.

His special joy in life was when he became a member of the Full Gospel Businessmen Organization., where people shared their testimonies about how God had changed their lives.

He leaves to cherish and mourn his memory his loving wife, Carol Jason; his godson, Vincent (Kimberly) Jason of PA and his cousins, Evelyn Jason Peters and her three sons, Arthur James, William Dewight and Aaron Lee all of DE; three brothers-in-law, Layton (Mary Ellen) Hope of Newark, DE, James E. (Laura) Hope of Newark, DE and James M. Hope of Philadelphia, PA; two sisters-in-law, Cliffonia (Gary) Gaines and Pensacola Camper both of Seaford, DE; and several nieces, nephews and other family relatives and friends.

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“ *To: Mrs. Jason and Family*

My heartfelt sympathy to you in your time of grief. Mr. Jason was very special to me as we met on several occasions to plan for giving scholarships and the unveiling of his grandfather's portrait at Delaware tech in Georgetown ,for the William C. Jason High School Alumni Association. He was a wonderful person and will always be remembered in Sussex County for his generosity and wisdom. Blessings to you always, Stell Parker Selby

Stell Parker Selby - November 11, 2014 at 12:00 AM